



Faculty Senate passes Stu-Fac agreement

By Mike Donohue
SGA Editor

The Faculty Senate approved a measure to add a Student-Faculty Expectations Agreement to the Institute's rules and regulations during its meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 16. Spearheaded by Austen Edwards, the Director of Academic Affairs for undergraduate Student Government and third-year INTA and PUBP major, the agreement will replace the Student Bill of Rights in the Institute catalog.

The Agreement contains many of the same provisions as the Student Bill of Rights but will have more legitimacy with the faculty than the previous document. Unlike the Bill of Rights, the Agreement was approved by the Faculty Senate, which has the authority to add new statutes to the Institute's catalog. This document may be used in grievance hearings by students, and professors may enforce its requirements of students through their grading policies.

The largest difference between the Bill of Rights and the Expectations Agreement is the addition of a Faculty Expectations section. The ten-clause section includes statements that faculty may expect students to show up on time for classes and have read the necessary material, have meaningful discussions and be able to cancel classes in emergency situations.

During talks on the measure, several faculty members expressed concern over a clause in the document about the Honor Code. Faculty discussed the amount of detail regarding academic misconduct necessary in syllabi. Several said they did not wish to be required to spell out the Honor Code and all types of academic misconduct at the beginning of their courses.

The concerns were addressed by Edwards, however, and the measure passed unanimously. SGA has shown support through the Undergraduate House of Representatives, passing a resolution affirming the measure during its Nov. 16 meeting and Graduate Student Body President Anthony Baldrige expressing his ap-

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Students robbed at gunpoint

Incident occurs despite overall decrease in crime



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While on-campus crime has decreased this year in most areas, a spate of incidents occurred last week that have raised concern about the safety of members of the campus community. The Georgia Tech Police Department issued two Clery Act reports regarding the discovery of a deceased person on campus and the armed robbery of two Tech students in nearby Home Park.

Two brothers, both Tech students, were forced to strip down and were

tied and bound before being robbed in their Ethel Street house in Home Park on Monday, Nov. 15. The incident took place around 10 p.m.

Three suspects armed with a single black snub-nosed revolver approached one of the students as he walked toward his house and pushed the students into one of the house's rear bedrooms. One of the students reported seeing the suspects approach from near the intersection of Terrell Street and Ethel Street near the McDonald's on Hemphill Avenue.

The suspects demanded that the students remove all of their clothing and

then bound the two students, face down, tying their legs and arms with a pair of ties and belts.

The suspects stole various electronics from the house before escaping in a dark blue Hyundai Sonata Turbo recently purchased by one of the brothers.

The victims stated that before the suspects left, they had stated "they had been watching them for two weeks" and "when we leave, don't come out because we have someone outside watching the house."

The brothers were able to wriggle themselves free from the bonds after the suspects left and reported

hearing another vehicle that sounded like an "old V-8" shortly after the three males left their home. The brothers then fled to their landlord's house nearby.

The Atlanta Police Department is heading the investigation. The victims described the suspects as three "clean cut" black males, approximately 5-foot-8-inch to 5-foot-11-inch in height.

"The safety and security of our students, faculty and staff remains our top priority. We are supporting Atlanta Police with their investigation of the incident and urge everyone to

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CEISMC receives \$7.5 million from federal program

By Matt Schrichte
Assistant News Editor

Tech has been chosen by the U.S. Department of Education's Race to the Top program and

will receive \$7.5 million in funding to expand its programs for advancing education and professional development for teachers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)

fields. This grant is intended to expand STEM programs through the Institute's outreach center, the Center for Education Integrating Science, Mathematics and Computing (CEISMC).

The state of Georgia has been awarded \$400 million to invest in education reforms at the state level and in 26 districts, including five in the metro area as part of the federal Race to the Top Program. The program was designed to reward radical improvement in schools and to close the achievement gap. Eight other states and the District of Columbia were among the winners of the \$3.4 billion that the Obama administration plans to distribute over four years.

Despite concerns about federal intervention in state-level education, the competition has already sparked a wave of reforms across the country as states have sought to improve their chances of winning the money by improving

standards significantly. According to Dr. Richard Millman, director of CEISMC and professor in the School of Mathematics, the grant Tech received will make further improvements in Georgia possible.

"The mission [of CEISMC] is to work with students and teachers across Georgia," Millman said. "With the grant, all of our efforts can expand. One of the innovations is that we can now offer our programs online so that they would be available to teachers everywhere in Georgia, not just in places that we can conveniently drive to."

CEISMC is a partnership uniting Tech with educational groups, schools, corporations and opinion leaders throughout the state of Georgia. According to Millman, the goal of CEISMC is to ensure that K-12 students in Georgia receive the best possible preparation in STEM fields as they seek their place in the modern world.

Many of the plans for the grant money have already been explored in alternate programs. Future programs will be modeled after the NASA Electronic Professional Development Network model provided through the Institute's Distance Learning and Professional Education (DLPE) unit for teachers pursuing advanced courses. This model will provide a source for data that could predict the success of CEISMC's planned programs.

"We are amassing data from one urban, one suburban and one rural school to determine if this pedagogy is sufficiently encouraging young students of every background to pursue courses in STEM fields," Millman said. "When you have an educational intervention strategy, it's important to know whether it works, how it works and whether it works equally among everybody."

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As a result of the grant, CEISMC will expand its science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs in the state of Georgia.

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From the files of the GTPD... Campus Crime

By Matt Schrichte
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Spit-take

An intoxicated student was transported from the North Ave. Apartments to Grady Hospital around 1:00 a.m. on Nov. 14. The responding officer made contact with the student in the courtyard area between the North and West buildings. The officer reported that the student was speaking, but was uttering incoherent sentences. The student was combative with the responding officers and transporting EMTs and had to be restrained to a stretcher before being taken to the ambulance. After spitting in the faces of both of the EMTs, they further restrained

the student by placing an oxygen mask over his face. He was transported to Grady without incident.

R-rated GChat

Two Tech students reported being intimidated over GChat while in the library. The complainant and her current boyfriend, the victim, reported that while the two were studying in the library on the night of Nov. 14, she began receiving Gmail chat messages from an ex-boyfriend, another Tech student. The complainant stated that during the conversation the ex-boyfriend used threatening language. Both

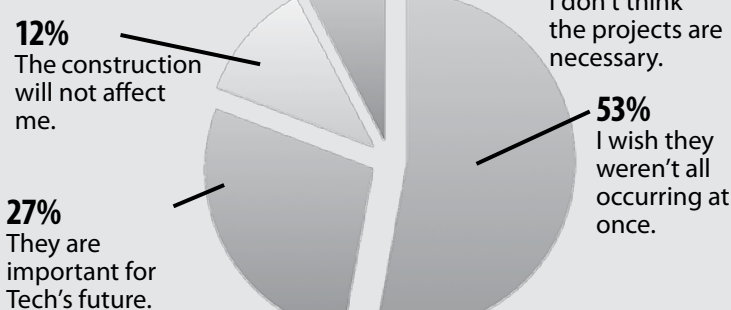
affected students felt that the ex-boyfriend could carry out the mentioned threats. The incident was recorded on file.

Hits and Run

An officer pulled over a white Chevrolet Impala with heavy front-end damage on Ferst Drive two-minutes after a vehicle collision was reported at the intersection of Fifth and Spring Street. The offender stated that the damage to the front of his vehicle was sustained in an earlier accident. After being identified as the driver from the scene of the accident, he was placed under arrest. After being detained and handcuffed, the offender stated he required medical attention but then refused the help of the Grady paramedics. Officers had to restrain the offenders legs and placed a safety mask over his face to prevent him from spitting on any officers.

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One main component of the plans for the grant money is the creation of rigorous but engaging STEM courses in high schools and middle schools.

"Middle school students don't even know what engineering is," Millman said. "Try asking someone what chemical engineering is and how does it differ from chemistry. Very few people could answer that question."

To try and combat the lack of knowledge about STEM fields, CEISMCM is already working on designing courses to introduce younger students to STEM fields and to incite interest in them. Using robots and Legos, CEISMCM and DPLE are creating a program for eighth-graders that will introduce them to topics such as matter, energy, waves and mathematical concepts.

Another significant component of the CEISMCM's mission is to equip teachers with the knowledge necessary to adequately teach STEM subjects. Already constructing an online professional development course for teachers, CEISMCM is focusing on some more difficult subjects such as calculus, modern physics, chemistry and biology.

Subjects that are less accessible to high school students and teachers, such as nanotechnology and mathematics for engineers, are also being considered because of Tech's proficiency with research.

According to Millman, much of the progress being made is because of cooperation with Tech faculty.

"Some members of the [Tech] faculty, whose research work is already so impressive, are working with their own grad students, finding ways to improve education in [STEM fields]. There are some faculty that really enjoy working with K-12 all across campus," Millman said.



Council Clippings

This week in Student Government

By Mike Donohue, SGA Editor

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.

Bylaws amendment

Representatives defeated a bill with a vote of 18-22-6 to bar members of the Undergraduate Executive Branch from serving in the Undergraduate House of Representatives during their meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 16. Authored by ME Rep. Matt Vickers, the bill has been in the works since Sept. of this year.

The bill would have amended the Undergraduate Bylaws to bar those defined as "officers" from serving in the House, starting with the final meeting of the academic year in April 2011. According to Vickers and Rost, this would include the Vice Presidents of Finance, Campus Organizations and Campus Affairs, the Institute Wide Committees Chair and Special Assistants to the President created by executive order.

The debate lasted for an hour and a half and was the last item of business on a meeting which stretched to four and a half hours. Vickers and Rost sought to postpone the bill one week, due to the perceived fatigue of representatives, but their motion did not pass. They then asked representatives to put away any computers and cell phones and began presenting a comprehensive explanation of the bill.

Discussion centered on the operative definition of "officer" and the necessity of the amendment. Vickers and Rost said that "officer" was a term used consistently throughout the constitution and bylaws and referred only to those students serving in the executive

cabinet. Executive Vice President Brenda Morales expressed concern several times throughout the night over the ambiguity of the term and took issue with Rost and Vickers' explanation. Sophomore Rep. and Internal Development Chair Mike Mosgrove, in his capacity as advisor for policy changes for the executive and legislative branches, eventually made a recommendation against passage of the bill based on his belief that the bill was poorly written.

Several representatives spoke against the reasons offered for the bill and the way in which it was presented. ChBE Rep. Zach Dicke said that this bill would reduce the number of qualified candidates for the House, especially for positions that typically only just receive enough candidates to fill the seats. Junior Rep. Alex Walker said that she did not agree with any assertion that members of the executive branch influenced her votes on bills.

Vickers and Rost countered assertions that this was a strike against the current executive branch by saying that this bill was to prevent against future executive cabinets from abusing power. According to them, their main goal throughout the process was to decrease the executive branch's influence in the House.

MATH Rep. David Lowry

concluded debate by pointing out there are many factions within the House split along Greek, major and gender lines. He said that eliminating executive officers from the organization would have little effect. ECON Rep. Julianne Camacho then successfully moved to close debate.

The bill did not receive the support of even a majority of representatives, failing to approach the 2/3 majority needed to pass. All of the executive officers currently serving in the House voted for the amendment.

Rost and Vickers pledged to make another effort at passage of the amendment later in year when the timing is more conducive to passage of such a controversial bill. "We greatly believe in the advantages and importance of this amendment. The support behind the bill from the student body and other representatives leads us to

believe this is a question of when, rather than if the amendment will pass," they said in an e-mail.

PR communications budget

UHR voted 25-22-3 on Tuesday to fund a \$2000 budget for SGA's Public Relations Committee, chaired by Sophomore Rep. Hunter Hammond. Debate was contentious and lasted for 45 minutes. Many representatives expressed concern over the fact that the committee was free to spend the \$2000 as it wished without any oversight or direction from UHR.

After the meeting, Hammond said, "I fully intend to keep that information public....In the end, our goal is to make sure that we can effectively reach out to and communicate with students, and we hope that this budget is a step in the right direction for that."

Bill Summary

Bill	Amount	GSS	UHR
GTLC	\$1469	34-0-0	44-3-5
Magician's Club	\$392.52	32-1-0	49-0-3
Grad Bylaws and Constitution	---	Pass	---
Undergraduate Bylaws	---	---	18-22-6
PR Budget	\$942	24-2-2	25-22-3
FreShGA	\$1815.40	---	44-4-4
Student Faculty Agreement	---	---	42-2-2

Prior Year: \$161,200 Capital Outlay: \$511,389

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CORRECTION

The issue printed on Oct. 29 mistakenly listed the vote total for the Resolution Reaffirming Commitment to the Student Body as 47-5-0. The correct total for the resolution was 47-0-5 (Yay-Nay-Abstain).

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Management MBA rankings improve

By Cathy Heo
Contributing Writer

The College of Management (CoM) was recognized by Bloomberg's BusinessWeek for its full-time MBA programs. Tech was ranked 23rd, a jump from its previous ranking of 29th. Tech ranked ninth among public schools. It was also recognized for a high job placement rate, which ranked second in the nation and first among public schools.

"This climb in the rankings is a reflection of our continuous improvement processes, our remarkable success in faculty hiring and the outstanding MBA students we attract. Our graduates' performance in the job market is truly impressive and is but one indication of the first-rate education

they receive at Georgia Tech," said Steve Salbu, dean of the College of Management.

The criterions that Bloomberg used to rate the program are based on the intellectual capita, career services and student and recruiter satisfaction. The program was most noted for its quality as well as its job placement rate. In the categories of analytical skills and general management skills, Tech received an "A". The Career services received an "A+" and Teaching received a "B".

The program heavily focuses on recruiting qualified students into the program and is the only MBA program where the career services personally interviews its applicants. Factors other than the GMAT scores that would contribute to the students' success such

as recommendations and student attitude are heavily considered in the program.

"We really think students should have at least three years of work experience because it makes them much more valuable in the market. Also, it provides a better experience for the students when they are pursuing their degree because they have the job experience to relate it to the academic part," said Jim Kranzusch, executive director of the College of Management MBA Career Services.

The high selectivity of the program recruits only a small number of students and the small size of the program allows for a great deal of personal attention in classrooms and in different career matters.

Another factor that has con-

tributed to the success of the program is its alumni support through philanthropy to the Institute's MBA program.

"My role is... [not only] to create an exciting vision for the college, but also generate the resources for the things we need to do. The hiring of new faculties that we've done would not have been possible without the generous donation of our alumni. I think it is very important and should not be overlooked that without the philanthropy that has generously supported this institution over the past years, we would not have seen these results," Salbu said.

Ninety-four percent of Tech's full-time MBA Class of 2010 had accepted full-time employment within 90 days of graduation compared to 84 percent within that window in 2009. The average starting salary for 2010 Tech MBA graduates was \$86,481 (an increase of \$1702 over 2009), compared to \$94,981 for those joining companies with national MBA recruiting programs.

One of the things the program is working to improve is the diversity of its students. The numbers of women and underrepresented minority have gone up significantly this year, but the program still has the lowest numbers in the top 30 MBA programs.

"We are making sure that we have diversified community that reflects community that we operate in. That's something that we have to keep working on," Kranzusch said. "Our students' success is a testimony to their resilience and mental and emotional toughness. They just would not give up. I hope everyone who supports the MBA program feels a sense of pride in the success of our students. This is a team effort in every sense."

NEWS BRIEFS

Tech awarded grant for microneedle patch

The Institute, along with Emory University and PATH, a nonprofit organization, received a \$10 million grant to develop a microneedle vaccine patch to be used for flu and other vaccinations. The patches would provide a painless way for users to self-administer flu vaccinations. Researchers believe that the patches would greatly increase the number of people receiving vaccinations annually, especially among the more susceptible populations of children and the elderly.

Researchers have also learned that administering the vaccines through microneedle patches elicits a slightly different type of immune response, one that they believe may better protect vaccine recipients. Design and development of the microneedle patches will take place at Tech while trials of the vaccinations will be employed at Emory University.

COA releases 3D Campus Environment

The COA's Imagine Lab and Tech's Library and Information Center showcased a demo of an interactive, virtual environment of Tech's campus on Nov. 16. The event gave the Tech community an opportunity to express possibilities for a future virtual Tech.

Organizers of the event envision an interactive, multiplayer virtual world where the Tech community can attend and participate in live or past discussion and navigate through virtual classrooms and labs that show student work and experience real-time research projects.



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be extra diligent when traveling off campus and into the surrounding neighborhoods," said Institute spokesman Matt Nagel.

In a separate incident, the body of a deceased white male was discovered on Tech's campus on Tues. morning at 711 Marietta St. The body was discovered by a Tech employee around 9:50 a.m. under a blanket near some shrubbery.

"Preliminary reports indicate that identification found on the body was that of Jeffrey Lane Hopkins, age 44. There is no indication that Hopkins is or was a member of the Georgia Tech community," Nagel said.

An autopsy was performed on Wednesday to determine Hopkins' cause of death. Initial reports suggest no indications of foul play.

Despite the two incidents that occurred on Mon. and Tues., as of October 2010, crime at Tech has decreased by approximately 20 percent since the beginning of the calendar year. This level of crime decrease is what has been measured within the parameters of

"Zone-5," which is the zone of the City of Atlanta that encompasses the Institute. Crime decreases in areas immediately surrounding Tech are less substantial. Home Park has seen a 13 percent decline while the area along West Peachtree Street has seen only a 10 percent decline. Tech has seen the most reduction (10 percent or better) in the areas of rape, robbery, motor vehicle theft and larceny-thefts. The most significant crime decrease was seen in motor vehicle theft. There have also been large decreases in the categories of rape and robbery, which have declined approximately 50 percent in the calendar year.

However, crime rates have increased in the areas of bicycle and "from building" theft. The former refers to theft that occurs from on-campus buildings. According to Tech police officials, most of these bike thefts can be easily prevented and stem from a lack of student vigilance and caution.

"The best way to prevent bike theft is to first use a U-lock, and secondly register your bike with the Police Department. Most of the bikes that are stolen are stolen

in broad daylight and are bikes with cable locks instead of U-locks," said Robert Connolly, the Tech deputy chief of police.

Many of the "from building" thefts that occur also happen in broad daylight, when suspicious individuals roam around empty office spaces and steal laptops, car keys and other office supplies. According to Tech police, locking office doors and taking valuables when leaving the office can also prevent many of these thefts.

GTPD uses a number of different methods to decrease crime on campus starting with increased awareness on campus. By increasing awareness of campus crimes, GTPD hopes to prevent more simple crimes such as bike theft and theft from buildings.

Tech also attempts to decrease campus crime by increasing visibility of police officers on campus. One of the ways that this is accomplished is to set up safety checks in high crime areas at certain times of the day. The goal of this is to increase visibility of patrols on campus and to actively prevent crimes by checking licenses and vehicle identification.

Student-Faculty Expectations

- As part of the new agreement, students are expected to attend class and provide meaningful focus.
- Students have a right to expect faculty to adhere to Week Preceding Final Exams policy.
- Students and faculty have a right to expect a positive, respectful and engaged academic environment inside and outside the classroom.
- Faculty expect students to follow the Honor Code and communicate their policies regarding academic misconduct to students.
- Faculty can delegate grading, studio and lab instruction, tutoring and other activities to qualified TAs.

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proval in a written statement.

"I think that this is a very good document, and the purpose of it... to create ongoing dialog between students and faculty, is an excellent goal," said HTS Prof. Doug Flamming, chair of the Student Grievance and Appeal Committee.

As chair of the committee, students go to address academic disputes, Flamming saw the Bill of Rights being mentioned at nearly every meeting. "I think the new statement of expectations is a far more balanced and helpful document," Flamming said.

"I'm very pleased," Edwards said. "This has taken six to eight months of work in the background, and it's great to see it come to fruition."

The process began in May 2009 with the release of the Student Experience Survey. SGA noticed that there was a prevailing sentiment among the student body that professors are aloof and uncaring. The Academic Affairs

committee at the time began work on improving the faculty student relationship, focusing on the Student Bill of Rights.

"The Student Bill of Rights was seen by the faculty as overly antagonistic. We began looking for ways to rebuild it as a thing of mutual respect," Edwards said.

Edwards consulted several members of the faculty throughout the process including MGT Prof. Chuck Parsons, chair of the Student Regulation Committee, Reta Pikowsky, Registrar, Dr. Ray Vito, Vice Provost for Graduate and Undergraduate Studies and Dr. Anderson Smith, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs. According to Edwards, SGA conducted several focus groups with students and presented the Agreement to UHR for comment.

SGA will begin advertising the passage of the document over the coming months in preparation of it entering effect in July 2011 with the aim of "ingraining it in Georgia Tech culture." SGA's goal is to have the agreement publicized in GT 1000 classes and campus syllabi next year.



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A Facilities employee discovered a body in the shrubbery near the intersection of Tech Parkway and Wallace Street near the Wells Fargo. The body was discovered to be that of a 44-year old male.

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Stalemate sustained

Student-Faculty Agreement comes up short

While the efforts made by members of SGA to form the Student-Faculty Expectations Agreement are laudable, the overall document lacks the strength it should possess, needs more student input and does little to bridge the large gaps between students and the faculty. Many lines in the document are vague and will allow many different interpretations from the members of the faculty. The language in many cases will shield the faculty as opposed to holding them accountable. In order to give the document true power, the administration must give its full support and pledge to enforce it. Currently a professor who violates the process is not punished; a student's grievance can simply be corrected.

The overall unilateral approach for the drafting of this document left many already disenfranchised students out of the process. The few students involved in this process are for the most part already well heard through their different forums

with the upper level of student leadership. Many students who have legitimate grievances with faculty behavior were never informed about the ongoing process. With an issue that affects so many students, a campus-wide survey would have been appropriate.

Looking forward, a better liaison between students and faculty is needed before any real progress can be made. As it stands now, neither the faculty nor the student body have any reason to compromise and try to improve the situation since a stalemate will cause things to continue functioning as they have for years, and national publications will continue to point to the disconnect between students and faculty as a major detractor for the Institute as they also have for years. The administration must force both sides to sit down for a discussion where they come to a more amicable agreement and the major issues can be addressed and remedied.

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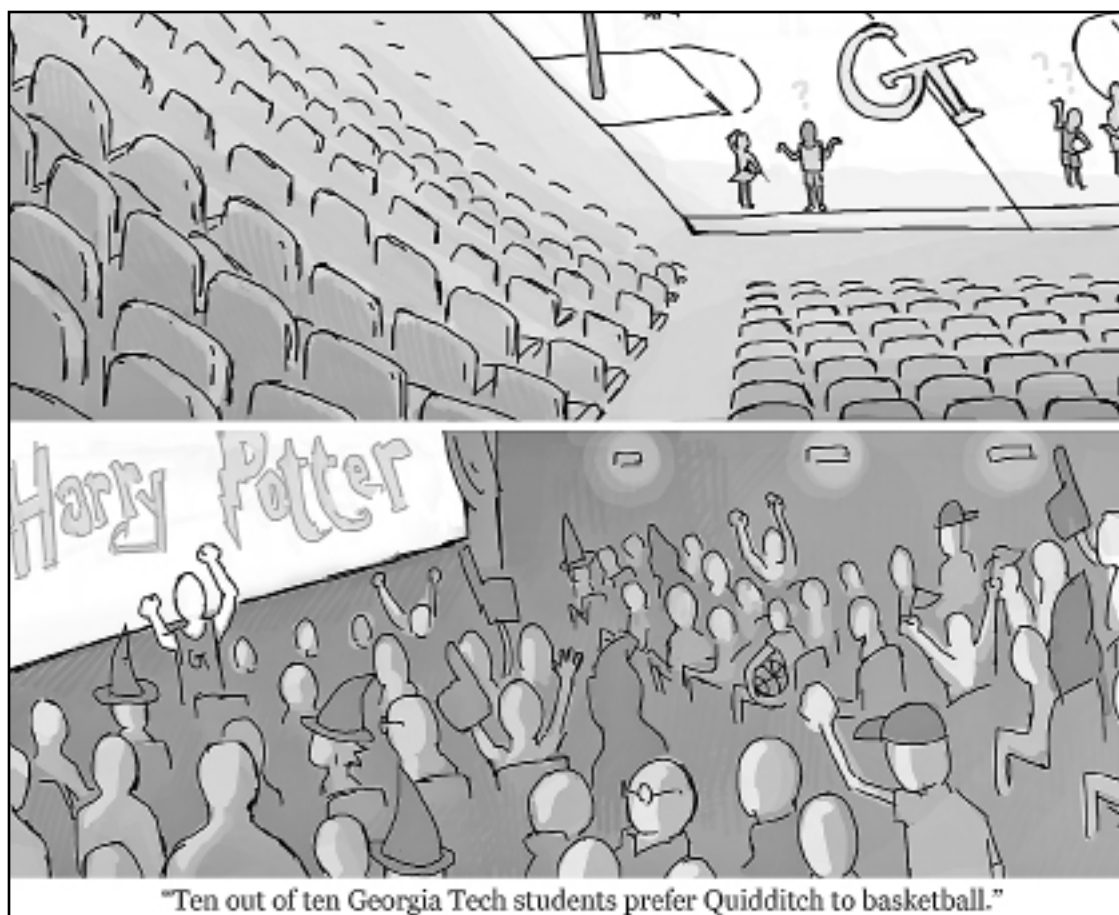
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YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tennis Center lacks accessibility

As a recent graduate of Tech, I cannot agree with the statement, "The Bill Moore Tennis Center is one of the only varsity venues that students have access to" ["Tennis Center demolition," printed Nov. 12] Access is so limited as to be meaningless. On paper, students are allowed to play on the week-ends, but hours are restricted and contingent on a CRC staff member actually being there. If it's "too cold," then the gate will remain padlocked, and the only way to play is to jump a section of the fence that doesn't have barbed wire. During the weekdays, the courts are locked even when no varsity athlete is practicing. In fact, to play at all during the weekdays requires joining (paying) the Tennis Club.

When I asked the CRC if I could borrow the key to unlock the gate, I was told that I could not because I was not a Tennis Club officer. Yet, the CRC does not trust the officers any more than non-officers since they still require the officers to surrender their BuzzCards as collateral for the key. Furthermore, when I repeatedly contacted CRC management asking for increased flexibility regarding access to the Bill Moore Tennis Center, none of my messages ever received a response.

Some may ask whether this is even an issue given that there are courts on Peters Parking Deck. The attitudes of Tennis Club officers and CRC staff members say it all; if you come to Bill Moore without proper tennis shoes, they will redirect you to Peters Parking Deck. Translation: they do not give a crap about how Peters Parking Deck's courts are maintained.

I can only hope that the new tennis center will not be as restrictive as Bill Moore was.

Alex Young
MGT Alum 2010

Football season reveals larger flaws

For a lot of us here at Tech, this football season has been the biggest letdown in our time at the Institute. Coming off the school's first ACC Championship season since the Jackets won the National Title in 1990, we had high hopes in our team's ability to repeat as conference champions and send the Ramblin' Wreck faithful back to Miami for Orange Bowl redemption after last year's lackluster performance. I will admit to you all that I honestly thought we would be sitting pretty at 9-1 overall right now, boasting a solid Top-10 BCS ranking, our only loss having come at the hands of the Hokies.

The 2010 season has become what we must now defend as a rebuilding year (As will be the case in 2011 and 2012), words not even thought about 12 weeks ago when

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we returned from break and began researching the best of Charlotte, N.C. But why did it come to this? You cannot point the finger at just one person, but problems on both sides of the football account for the Yellow Jackets' fall from the grace of the football gods.

Let me start with defense. I was one of the founding fathers of the "Al Groh Must Go" bandwagon, but have slighted my opinion, deflecting most of the blame from the man still on another ACC team's payroll (Conspiracy, anyone?). Undoubtedly, the 3-4 defense is not working at any level even close to what we expected. The stout, pre-2008 Georgia Tech defense of Jon Tenuta is lost and forgotten. We have forgotten how to be aggressive off the ball, creating pressure for the opponent's offense, forcing the mistakes that come along with the poor caliber of play that is synonymous with NCAA football.

It is hard to watch an NFL game and not see one of Jon Tenuta's Jackets making an impact on defense. Tenuta and Chan Gailey were brilliant recruiters, scoring a great recruiting class annually and churning out players into the NFL just as regularly. But Paul Johnson failed to pick up on the concept of the "pro-factory" that was Tech. Yes, he was able to take Gailey and Tenuta's players and coach them to an ACC Championship in only two years, but all those guys are gone now and Paul Johnson's subpar recruiting abilities are overshadowing his coaching excellence. That is why Al Groh is really here. The former NY Jets head coach is here to tell these high school seniors that Tech is the best place to be if they want to make a career out of football. Paul Johnson cannot do that. He runs an offense that is radically different than 96 percent of the NCAA-FBS and 100 percent of the NFL and has never seen the sunrise as a member of an NFL organization.

On the other hand, Groh is a former NFL head coach, running the defense of the best in the NFL. The fact the Groh hasn't had the time to recruit the players he needs to succeed is the reason

UGA Eng. program poses no threat

Armageddon is upon us. The Four Horsemen are riding. The calendar is off; 2012 came early. It's the end of the world as we know it...and I feel fine.

If a passerby were to ask people on campus about the new UGA Engineering program, they would most likely think after talking to people on Cherry Street that UGA was positioning itself to take over the world of engineering and cut off all funding to Tech using the evil, wicked powers of the Board of Regents.

Most of my fellow Techies who I have discussed these recent happenings with are blowing this situation way out of proportion. In doing so, they are not giving their own Institution enough credit while simultaneously giving those people in Athens way too much credit.

UGA is looking to expand its very modest engineering program of obscure (some, including myself, would say useless) degrees into a very modest, slightly more mainstream engineering program. Let me also say that when I use 'modest', I mean subpar and inconsequential.

Tech has a well-established College of Engineering and fights for the top positions for almost every engineering field in national rankings. MIT, Stanford, Berkley, Michigan and Illinois are our peer institutes in the world of engineering. We have around \$500



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Matt Hoffman
Opinions Editor

million in sponsored research every year.

So here is the question I pose to the people wanting to light torches and sharpen pitchforks when it comes to UGA Engineering: who cares? Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn. To even draw some far fetched conclusion that some how they are going to compete with us on any substantive level is ridiculous. UGA is the school that cannot keep its football players out of jail. It is also the same school whose reputation is most closely attached to the fact that it is ranked as the No. 1 party school in the nation. This is the same university whose math and science programs are considered by their own students to be jokes. Does any one really think they are going to compete for the same NSF Grants that Tech receives?

Member of Georgia Assembly are also none-too-pleased about the program. Rep. Earl Ehrhart (R- Powder Springs), chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education, told *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, "As long

as I'm chair of the committee, they [UGA] won't receive a dime for that engineering program." So now they are going to have an under-funded, modest engineering program. In all honesty, UGA President Michael Adams would have a better chance of brokering peace between the Israelis and the Palestinians than building this engineering program up to a nationally prominent level.

And who is going to attend this program? UGA says they are going after our rejects who can't get into Tech, but I think Georgia Southern will probably be more strategically positioned to take that angle. Besides, don't UGA grads and students always try to argue until they are blue in the face about how it is just as hard or even harder to get into UGA as it is to get into Tech? And anyone who gets into Tech and UGA and wants to be an engineer and decides to go to UGA has terrible judgment, and frankly, I would not want that person at Tech anyway or designing a bridge for that matter. So now UGA has an

under-funded, modest engineering program that is only attended by a select few with terrible judgment.

Get the point? This whole stink that has been whipped up by the students around here is pointless.

But I would like to give kudos to the Bud and his buddies on the Hill for whipping up the storm they did over this episode. They are politically savvy and understand that they can use the situation as leverage against the board in the future. If they are looking for suggestions on what they could lobby for, I, selfishly, recommend a new building for the Aerospace Engineering School.

This situation, however, should not be used to radically change Tech into a 'Mega-university.' While I believe there is a need for people who get degrees in French Poetry or Recreation Science, there is not a need to have those sorts of degrees at Tech. There might be some areas where Tech could be a valuable contributor that the Institute is not currently involved in, but any major expansion in academic offering should not be done in haste.

And on one final note, for those of you on campus that think Tech should use this situation to try to become a private school, I just want to say that I have heard some ridiculous ideas in the past, but that suggestion takes the cake.

Lack of trust fuels disrespectful behavior

Respect and trust are key elements of any successful relationship, whether it is between girlfriends and boyfriends, parents and children or, in our most relatable case, professors and students. Tech Provost Dr. Rafael Bras once said that one of the most valuable things one can obtain in life is the guidance of a mentor. However, it seems that the lack of trust in the current state of affairs between Tech faculty and its students makes this desirable mentor-mentee relationship somewhat hard to achieve.

Some of us who have been here for a couple of semesters might simply dismiss this fact by proclaiming that "it's just the way it is. Teaching was never their priority; research is their true passion and main goal." Whether this is true or not, if we keep thinking in this mindset, the current state of the situation will only continue, if not worsen.

I'm not saying I'm a model student, but I do go to all of my classes, even when they are early. I do all of my homework and projects and some more. Therefore, because I'm putting in all this work, I'm sick of being treated like I'm trying to trick the answers out of my professor when I go to office hours with a genuine question. I'm tired of being accused of cheating on a test when I get a good grade because my professor assumed that I was of the slacker and dishonest type.



"[Students] exhibit disrespect when we demand respect without making the effort to earn it."

Zheng Zheng
Entertainment Editor

Why is it okay for my TA to suspiciously question my motive for leaving class early when I indeed have to get across campus to another class, which is in itself more difficult due to the construction all around?

Why is it okay for me to say, "Hi" to a professor who taught me just the semester before and whom I interacted with on several occasions not have any idea of who I am?

Why is it okay that I had to provide an excuse to my professor when accused of missing class and tests, something I have never done either of, before he realized that he mistook me for someone else?

Why is it okay that this happens more often than it should?

I understand that most of the suspicion comes from the professors' attempts to catch cheating and to prevent unfair advantages in the class. However, doing so by taking away the very fundamentals of trust and respect between them and the students is achieving the

opposite. It is almost comparable to the strengthening of protection and security by taking away personal rights. What is the point when you are destroying the very idea you are protecting? There is a difference between being fair and over-paranoid.

I understand that respect must be earned and not demanded, but how is it when the rest of the world starts at a neutral zone, we students begin in the negatives? I feel like most of the time I'm too busy trying to prove to my professor/TA that I'm not a bad person and therefore not focusing on the learning itself.

Of course, not all the blame is on the professors and faculty. On the flipside of the coin, we students aren't all saints when it comes to reserving our judgment. It might be hard to see that sometime, because we are so accustomed to seeing ourselves as the victims, we never consider how disrespectful some of us are sometimes.

Just the other day, when I was teaching my recitation,

three random guys, none of who are in my section or class, just came in and sat down. They were loud and obnoxious and interrupted the entire planned lecture. Have some of our peers stooped so low to the point of randomly barging into a classroom and ridiculing the process of learning itself? Should we not be much more mature at this point in our lives? Those people, making us seem like irresponsible and untrustworthy fools, are the exact reasons why professors and TAs make certain assumptions about us.

We, as students, act the same way when we make assumption about and question the ability of a graduate student or elective faculty to teach their own subject. We exhibit disrespect when we demand respect without making the effort to earn it.

Nothing mentioned above is meant to point blame on anyone. Well, maybe the three interrupters, you know who you are. The points made here obviously do not apply to every single case and every single classroom as well. There are professors and TAs who truly care about their students. Respect is a two way street, and both sides just need to show a bit more enthusiasm and effort. Hopefully one day the relationship between a professor and a student will not have to spur from a mutually suspiciously dark place.

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Around Campus

What do you think of the new UGA Engineering programs?



Brad Vanslyke
Third-year CS

"It's a joke. They are having budget cuts to fund a mediocre program."



Shinjini Das
First-year IE

"It would take a very long time to develop it into a ranked program."



James Guthrie
Fourth-year MSE

"It is a really good idea because the U.S. needs more engineers."



Ivan Tibavinsky
Fourth-year ME

"It will make it harder for programs at Tech."

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OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

HOT^{or}NOT**Managing success**

The College of Management's MBA program recently moved up the rankings of *Bloomberg BusinessWeek* for full-time MBA programs to the 23rd overall spot, up from 29th last year. The program ranked ninth overall for public schools. Fear not Management majors, you will still be hearing plenty of M-Train jokes from students in all the other colleges.

**Crime continues**

The two high-profile incidents around campus this week are yet another reminder of the major disadvantage of city life. While the one incident involving the deceased man is tragic, the other incident in Homepark involving two Tech students is disturbing. Regrettably, it seems people who even take necessary precautions may still fall victim to violent crime.

**Potter party**

The next installment in the Harry Potter movie saga is being released today. Thanks to great planning on behalf of the Student Center Programs Council, many students were able to see the movie last night before the midnight premier. Hopefully the fanatics will get the fix soon so the more normal population can go see the movie in peace without people dressed as Dumbledore.

**K-S-who?**

Losing to the KSU from Manhattan, KS would be expected and reasonable. Losing to the KSU that is generally regarded as nursing and teaching school just up I-75 and that is pretty new to the world of Division I is unacceptable and unreasonable. This will likely be a long season for the men's basketball team as the expected easy wins on the schedule are neither easy nor wins.

Video game case misrepresented

By Jason Krell
Arizona Daily Wildcat

Tucson, Ariz.—It has always been the responsibility of adults to shield children from that which might not be appropriate for them, but in the age of accessible technology it has become increasingly difficult. So then, what happens when one of the most popular forms of technology among children—video games—raises questions about violence? You get a case in the U.S. Supreme Court.

More specifically, you get *Entertainment Merchants Association v. Schwarzenegger*. The case deals with whether it should be illegal to sell violent video games to children, but it's not as simple as it sounds. It highlights First Amendment rights and how to determine what makes a video game "unacceptably" violent.

The hearing took place on Nov. 2, with Supreme Court Justices grilling both California Deputy Attorney General Zackery Morazzini, the attorney arguing against video games, and Paul

Smith, who is representing the video game industry's perspective. The issue with making it illegal to sell video games to children seems hardly debatable. But the reality is that such a ruling would impinge on developers' First Amendment rights, forcing them to self-censor and speculate whether their games might provoke a federal case.

From the looks of everything, it seems pretty clear as to what the big deal is: California is concerned for the psyche of children—a completely noble and understandable aim—and worries that playing violent video games will lead them down a path of degeneracy.

The video game industry, on the other hand, insists that video games are no more damaging than any other form of violent media and that they deserve full protection from the First Amendment, just like any other art form. This battle has been raging for over a decade.

Plain and simple, lawyers who don't play video games are trying to talk about them. And not just talk, but make important deci-

sions about their future. Either way, it's clear in the transcript of the hearing that not only does Morazzini have limited understanding of the real level of violence in video games, but the justices are also not experts.

That's to be expected to some degree, but when your argument is based off of a hypothetical game in which you can torture babies and "Postal 2," a 1997 game that was truly horrid, you don't have much. To be frank, while you can do some pretty twisted things in a small handful of games, it doesn't come close to infanticide. "Postal 2," which seems to be the only name California ever uses in its cases against video games, is nothing like any game made today. Since video games have become a respected medium of art and entertainment, people have formed standards.

The Supreme Court now has the power to change video games forever with one ruling. Here's hoping they see that video games should be protected by the First Amendment.

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why we will see him in the White and Old Gold for the foreseeable future.

Other than a major upset in Athens, I cannot foresee anything positive coming as a result of this season. Al Groh is going to have to make promises he can be sure he can keep to players that probably don't want to join a losing team, while Paul Johnson is going to have to really be a man and admit that the double-wing set triple option is inherently flawed. If changes do not come, expect a new face on the sideline carrying the clipboard (Please give us Bill Cowher). Until then, the best we can do is hope that a new hero

emerges from the locker room and leads the Bad News Bees to some measureable success as a mediocre team in a mediocre conference.

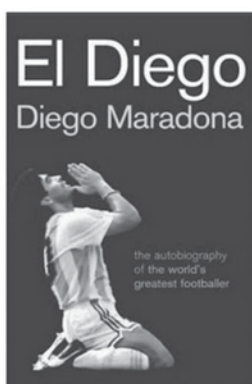
Robert Whelen
Fourth-year MGT

Partisan politics stretches beyond D.C.

The article in last week's paper regarding the Democratic party was enlightening ["Dems. must now regroup," printed Nov. 12], but a stark example of partisan politics. One of the greatest and gravest issues right now is that politicians, like the people they represent, are so focused on their own

parties that issues are ignored. The author calls for Republicans to "pursue a more centrist, bipartisan agenda" and complains about the "polarization of Congress." However, the author also states that the Democrats must regain control of The House in order to "solve the most pressing issues of our time" and move America forward into the 21st century. I don't intend to criticize the ability of the Democratic Party or the author's endorsement of them, but to point out that the very thing that poisons our government's effectiveness is just as much a problem at home as it is in Washington.

John Bartz
Fourth-year CS



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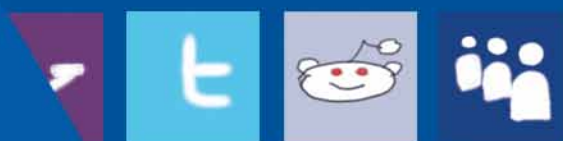


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By Kamna Bohra
Focus Editor

Hundreds of websites. Thousands of homework assignments left unfinished. Millions of people communicating via chat and video conversations. Billions of minutes logged globally. And to what does the world owe these events? Facebook. Twitter. MySpace. Tumblr. Social media.

Beginning in the late 1990s with the now unrecognizable Geocities and Tripod, social networking originally served to create communities where users with similar interests could come from across the world into a single chat room. Because these websites had user-friendly options, people began creating personal web pages and asking anonymous users for their age, sex and location.

After scrolling through the phases of America Online Instant Messaging and Friendster, social networkers progressed to the more personal, and sometimes privacy-invading, MySpace and Facebook, the latter of which is now the largest social networking website in the world.

Blogging websites, such as LiveJournal, Tumblr and BlogSpot, originally began as forums for political and ideological discussion, but they have since changed to more personal, diary-like entries, detailing people's lives moment by moment.

From an entertainment perspective, websites such as YouTube allow its users to post videos of television shows and movies, along with video blogs, which are more commonly referred to as "vlogs." People can communicate via video as well, using interfaces

such as Skype and Oovoo.

On a professional scale, these same social networking websites are used for advertising, especially by offering coupons and deals to users who invite more people to their websites. Some advertisers attract users by creating games whose surface-level purpose is social networking and fun, but their underlying purpose is spreading knowledge about their businesses.

After years of sudden events to which journalists could not travel, major news sources, such as CNN and FOX, created the iReport and the uReport, respectively, to allow non-journalists to report breaking news with quick video, photo and text updates.

Social networking has also expanded to include online dating, family tree creation and advertising,

along with online bullying, identity theft and pornography.

Despite the multitude of uses for social networking websites, Tech students use social networking sites largely for their original purpose: communication.

"I have deactivated [Facebook] a couple of times, but I come back because it's pretty much my primary way of reaching some people for group projects," said Sravya Kotte, a second-year CS major.

Tech students also network with former classmates and friends to maintain relationships.

"The websites are really great to stay up to speed with events going on and pictures, but [it] can be a source of gossip as well," said Andy Barrenechea, a second-year BME major,

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Citizens discuss science policy

By Andrew Nelson
Staff Writer

Tech students and faculty brought the state's major movers and changers together at the fifth annual Legislative Roundtable this Tuesday, Nov. 16, to make headway in science and technology's incorporation into state and local public policy.

The Office of Policy Analysis and Research (OPAR) of the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) coordinated the event with the Technology Association of Georgia (TAG), drawing together 150 industry representatives, state policy makers, students and faculty to tackle contemporary issues in technology and public policy.

Each roundtable focuses on developing a state strategic plan that incorporates science and technology in legislation.

"Collaboration between higher institutions, schools, legislators and researchers is important to strengthen this connection," said Yujia He, a Ph.D. student in International Affairs, Science and Technology. "Tech and GTRI can play a very important role in creating new technologies to meet Georgia's local demand, evaluating the use of technologies and stimulating interest of students and researchers to participate in policy-related projects, debates and careers."

While OPAR identified state legislators active in the science and technology community, TAG attracted local industrial leaders. They then formed these leaders into four panels to discuss the four main points of emerging policy topics: transportation and logistics, health information technology, energy and education.

"You have information from both sides: the government and industry," said Lindsey Hankins, policy analyst intern at OPAR and a fifth-year BME major. "With industry representatives, you get to hear about needs in the field and about the latest trends—for example, new technologies used. With government representatives, you get to hear about how policy is addressing the needs of industry and how policy

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Policymakers, faculty and students collaborate to talk about technology policy.

Buzzar teaches Middle Eastern culture

By Chris Russell
Online Editor

Hosted by the Iranian Student Association (ISA), the Lebanese Club, GT Hillel and the Turkish Student Organization, the Middle East Buzzar aimed to teach the student body about the cultures of the Middle East.

"Essentially, the Buzzar is a chance for Middle Eastern organizations and people from Middle Eastern countries to get to know each other. It's also a chance for Tech students to get to know our cultures and for us to break stereotypes," said Melissa Parham, ISA President and a third-year BCHM major.

According to Parham, given the current political climate, people are often surprised by what they learn about Middle Eastern culture.

"Recently, Middle Eastern coun-

tries haven't had the best image in the media, so it's nice for people to see what Middle Eastern people actually are. It seems like a lot of the time it's exactly the opposite of what people think [we are]," Parham said.

Aytac Yaraneri, culture chair for the Turkish Student Organization and a third-year ECE major, agreed.

"We don't ride to school on camels, we don't live in tents, we actually live a life that's quite similar to [other cultures]," Yaraneri said.

However, Yaraneri said that the event is just as much about reaching out to other Middle Eastern students.

"Another reason [for the Buzzar] is that we've heard stories from other colleges about how a lot of the people involved in the Buzzar—Israelis, Palestinians, Iranians, and Lebanese—

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Students of both Middle East countries and other nations participated in the Buzzar.

Owens owes success to difficult decisions, risks



Photo by Olivia Pan / Student Publications

IMPACT Speaker and IronPlanet Chairman and CEO Gregory Owens discussed strategic decision-making in career selection.

By Yameen Huq
Contributing Writer

For those looking for career advice, this past Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010, the College of Management's IMPACT series hosted Gregory Owens, Chairman and CEO of IronPlanet. A Tech alum who is also on the Board for the College of Management, Owens provided students with an array of advice on how to survive and prosper in the working world. Owens began his presentation with three basic questions. These questions involved dealing with the recession, choosing a large or small company and choosing between product-based companies or consulting.

His biggest advice to people just entering the labor force was to work hard and put in the extra effort. Owens emphasized the presentation aspect of both finding the job and being successful with customers. "I think it was refreshing, just to really hear where he was coming from and how he achieved his goals, [especially] the real world advice and just how people can go about being successful after they graduate," said Richard Mokuolu, a fourth-year ME major. He conveyed this advice using examples from his own working experience. After his own graduation, Owens answered the three questions by immediately working for a small consulting firm

that was not his top choice. However, due to the recession, he chose to play it safe and to build experience overtime, something that he recommended to the audience. "I liked how much I could relate to the speaker, [especially] the feasibility of his career choices, where he came from and where he got to be who he is," said Charley Crosson, a third-year MGT major. Eventually, he felt that he had become too successful to remain in a small company. This was his reasoning for transferring to the supply chain team at Accenture. Throughout the lecture, Owens emphasized following pas-

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don't get along, but we wanted to show that as Tech students, we do get along and can actually work together," Yaraneri said. According to Parham, the week was originally just supposed to last from Wednesday to Friday, but it instead expanded to fill the entire week in conjunction with International Education week, which is being hosted by the Office of International Education (OIE). The Buzzar's events started out with traditional Turkish coffee at OIE's International Coffee Hour on Monday, Nov. 12. Belly-dancing lessons were given on Tuesday, Nov. 13, and drew a sizable crowd. Parham estimated 30 to 35 people attended, the majority of whom were not of Middle Eastern descent. The next two days played host to cultural exhibits on Skiles Walkway and in the Student Center, as well as one more event

apiece. One night was Buzzgammon, an annual backgammon tournament—a game that has strong ties to Middle Eastern countries. Thursday was the Buzzar's Hookah Night. The week wraps up with the annual Plaka Party, held at Taverna Plaka on Friday, Nov. 19 at 9 p.m. A big part of the week has been bringing together existing traditions that the organizations involved had already established individually. Buzzgammon, Hookah Night and the Plaka Party are all events that have a history on campus, so a big part of the Buzzar was just bringing them together into one collective event. According to Yaraneri, many of the events were focused on students who otherwise had very little exposure to Middle Eastern cultures. Using food, dance and social events, Buzzar's attendees included a wide variety of students.



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Although it was organized by students of Middle Eastern descent, the Buzzar focused on teaching students of other nationalities about the culture through food, dance and other cultural exhibits.

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Dance competition awards A-Town Crown

By Mary Ann Hanke
Contributing Writer

Crowds gather around TV sets to watch "America's Best Dance Crew," "Dancing with the Stars" and "So You Think You Can Dance." Needless to say, dance competitions are inspiring, compelling and exciting to watch. Now is another annual dance competition, this time brought by the United Indian Student Alliance (UISA), that is the first of its kind: ATL Tamasha.

The United Indian Student Alliance is a collaboration of Indian students from campuses around the southeastern region, including Tech, Georgia State University, Emory, UGA, Kennesaw State University, Georgia Perimeter College and Southern Polytechnic State University.

UISA serves as an over-arching

student organization for the different Indian student groups on college campuses. It unifies and supports the efforts of the individual groups and strives to increase the awareness of Indian culture in the area.

Each year, UISA hosts a dance show in honor of Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights. However, UISA took a different route this year.

"Normally, [UISA] holds the annual Diwali Show, and this year, we decided to kick it up a notch and turn it into a competition known as ATL Tamasha 2010," said Kishan Bhula, the VP of Finance for UISA and a third-year PTFE major.

The first ATL Tamasha show is unique in several ways. The competition was bigger than previous

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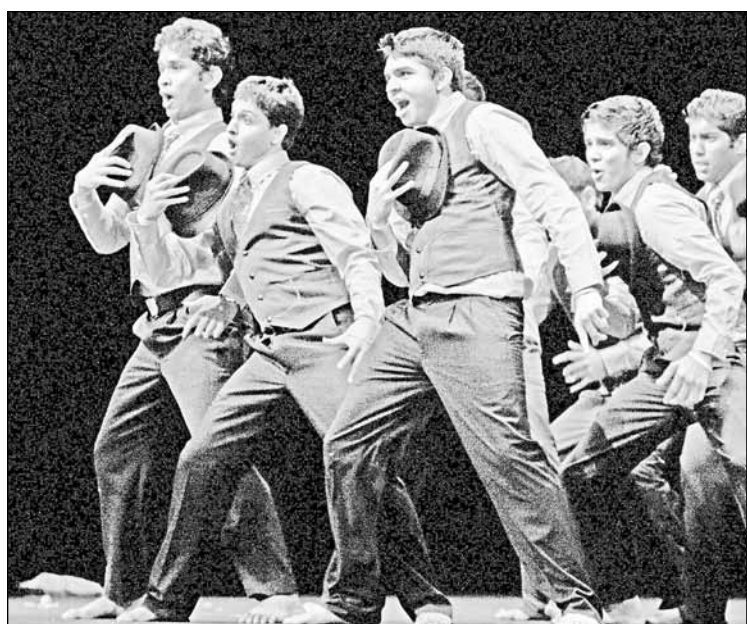


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Indian dance teams from as close as Georgia State University and as far away as UNC-Chapel Hill competed in the new ATL Tamasha.

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is being used to progress trends."

Moderators from Tech faculty and the state of Georgia help direct the panels, each including legislators—such as Georgia Senator Cecil Stanton—and industry representatives—such as Glenn Pearson, the executive vice president of the Georgia Hospital Association.

"One of the important points was that for both education and energy, Georgia has the resources to make a difference, but the question is how to use them, how expensive it will be for the state and the general public and also what incentives can be implemented to engage the community to take part in making these changes a reality," said Hillary Alberta, policy analyst intern at OPAR and a PUBP grad student.

The roundtable included major student involvement on the coordination side, with student ambassadors like Hankins writing detailed reports for panelists.

"One of our most important functions was to prepare policy memos which contained information about national and Georgia-specific legislative progress relevant to the main topics of the roundtable," Hankins said. "The purpose of the policy memos was to deliver the present and future in legislation while at the same time pinpoint where the legislation is lacking. The policy memos were written in hopes of presenting facts that opened discussion between the panelists."

The students also helped with organization, escorting participants and panelists, providing refreshments and collecting evaluation forms. The student ambassadors all remarked on how the conversations seemed to heat up by the end of each panel's discussion and wish they could be longer next time.

"I left with a sense of optimism



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The Legislative Roundtable hosted panels on a variety of topics including transportation, energy, health care and technology.

and excitement. The panelists in each discussion all showed true passion for their fields, and both panelists and the audience have ideas on how to overcome the various challenges the state of Georgia currently faces," Alberta said.

The roundtable lasted four hours and culminated in a summary session where all participants gathered in the auditorium for final commentary.

"Major results from this year's event include stronger understanding of the role of science and technology in economic development, increased visibility for Tech and GTRI with state legislators and ongoing discussion around the need of a statewide science and technology roadmap," said Marlit Hayslett, director of OPAR.

Altogether, there were nine industry panelists and 10 legislator panelists.

"The roundtable is a great place to see government and industry working together to benefit society. Open discussions like the ones this roundtable enabled are essential to real progress," Hankins said. "Policy cannot be made with a blind eye to industry, but it's hard to hear what industry has to say without outlets like this roundtable."

OPAR and TAG also collaborated with the School of Public Policy, Georgia's Center of Innovation for Logistics, the MIT Enterprise Forum of Atlanta and the Business and Technology Alliance to make the 2010 Legislative Roundtable possible.

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competitions, with a larger number of teams competing and bigger prize values.

UISA broke its participants into four categories: Fusion, Female Fusion, Bhangra and Raas/Garba; the latter two are regional Indian dance styles.

This means that each team is not competing against all the teams, but only the teams within its respective category of dance.

Participating teams included Azaadi, GSU/UGA Bhangra, Emory Karma, Ramblin' Raas, Southern Raaspathality, TarHeel Raas, Asura, Qurbani, Tufaan, Champa and Chameli, Nazaaqat and Paheli.

"The show itself was a blast to put on and raked in hundreds of spectators to the GT Ferst Center that evening," Bhula said, who is also a member of Qurbani and Ramblin' Raas.

"It was a marvelous experience to watch people of different teams from different schools perform in different categories," said Pushkara Chaganti, a member of the

Nazaaqat and Ramblin' Raas, and a second-year CS major.

"I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of Nazaaqat and ATL Tamasha, and I'm eagerly looking forward to the next one," Changanti said.

Each category winner was also the recipient of a \$1000 cash prize, and ultimately every team was competing for the overall prize, the "A-Town Crown."

The winners of each category are as follows: Fusion—Qurbani, Female Fusion—Paheli, Bhangra—Karma, Raas/Garba—Tar Heel Raas. UISA awarded the "A-Town Crown" to Karma.

"The six-hour practices and endless frustration of the efficiencies of an amateur team pay off big when you hear the crowd roar at a piece you helped create or at how you interpret music through your body," said Ryan Yan, a member of Qurbani and a second-year MGT major. "The rush is incredible and can never be duplicated in any way."

There are big plans for UISA's first dance competition, which include expanding its reach to out-

side the Southeast.

"This was much more organized than any other Georgia Indian dance competition I have been to," said Janushi Pandya, a member of Tufaan and a second-year BME major.

"We hope to see ATL Tamasha turn into not just a competition for the Southeast but a competition for teams from around the nation to come and compete," Bhula said.

All this falls within the UISA's goal of working together and networking.

Students can get involved in the organization to meet similar people in various schools and with different backgrounds. It serves as a base point for Indian students to reach out to one another and get to know the community.

"I joined and decided to take on a more active role as VP of Finance to retain my own sense of culture as I continued my college career through Tech," Bhula said. "It's something that's pretty important to me and it's also a great way to network with different individuals from around the state."



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While some dance teams mixed modern hip-hop with Bollywood styles, others performed purely classical and folk dance pieces.

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sions over rules, noting that the financial aspect of one's career will eventually take care of itself.

Accreditations, such as degrees, while important, are only necessary if one needs them for a specific career.

"You don't have to get an MBA. But it's a great game-changer," Owens said.

Owens then discussed the importance of Tech and how it influenced the successes of his career.

"Surround yourself with smart people. Smart people make you smarter," Owens said.

Owens' career took many sharp turns. Even though he started out in a small firm, he eventually found greater success at Accenture.

While he was there, Accenture went from one billion dollars in sales to 10 billion dollars in nine years.

After this he eventually started and sold a packaged software company and also worked in private equity for a year and a half.

"My long-term goal was to run a company. I got an opportunity to run a software company at 39. I resigned from Accenture, and they thought I was crazy because the [software] company might not make it," Owens said.

He eventually moved on to running IronPlanet, an online company that auctions heavy equipment and vehicles.

Recently, they have also become involved in selling motors, motorcycles and boats. He attri-

butes the success of this business to his flexibility and adaptability.

"Look at the business model and see if it's changing. Ask yourself, are you changing too?" Owens said.

This style of changing the business model to meet the environment is what Owens says helped his company overcome the recession.

Owens noted near the end of his lecture that the most important part of his decision-making was being able to make choices that did not seem easy.

As an example, Owens once took a 75 percent pay cut to start a new company.

According to Owens, hard work and tough decisions were the keys to his success.

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who noted that he visits Facebook once daily and LinkedIn, a professional networking website, once monthly.

However, some students describe a level of difficulty with balancing the use of social networking websites and school work.

"[It is] bad for productivity, but not to a great degree. I just log off when I should be studying. It is more of a benefit to my social life than it is a detriment to my productivity. It helps me keep in contact with people [whom] I left [at home]," said Sebastian Monroy, a second-year ECE major.

"It honestly improves my productivity. It keeps me alert. It may detract from my focus a bit, but it keeps me awake. My social life

definitely improves. It allows me to keep in contact with people that I don't see on a daily basis. It provides a form of instantaneous communication with those online," said Joey Slater, a second-year CM major.

On the flip side to their promotion of unproductivity, social networking initiatives offer a wide variety of job opportunities by employing a wide range of skills and majors from MGT to ECE.

On the whole, students find social networking websites to be useful for social and academic lives in terms of gathering information they need, but strongly believe they have restraint when it comes to stereotypically spending all 24 hours of the day on a social networking site.

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HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS: *the beginning of the end*

this film. Otherwise, be prepared for confusion and hushed explaining whispers from a loved one.

What the uninitiated can enjoy is the scenery. As fans know, the first half of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* is a road trip of sorts.

Harry, Ron and Hermonie travel the countryside and are always on the move.

The places they go and the environments around them are breathtaking. The scenery is beautifully captured, almost to the point of distraction.

This sets the atmosphere of magic and wonder with a little bit of menace which grows as the film progresses.

For anyone who remembers the finale of *Order of the Phoenix*, the first real wand-action of the series, *The Deathly Hallows* is for you.

There is not as much action as the second part will probably have, but there are still lots of awesome wand-waving and whizz-bangs. The promise of magic-based action has grown with each movie since *The Order of the Phoenix*, and *The Deathly Hallows* is no exception. It makes good on the promise because it has the most action yet. However, it teases the imagination for what the second part will be like.

Part one ends right when all the major action is about to start. It is a huge cliffhanger, but it is a very logical place to stop.

Some resolution is attained, but everything is about to kick into a high gear of desperation, which is set up well because the movie ends on a downer. The final scene will leave everyone wanting much more.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows might be the best adaptation yet. It is solidly aimed at the die-hard fans, not the casual ones. Without prior knowledge, this film is a waste. The movie a pleasure to watch. Prepare to leave the theater wanting much more. *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* promises an epic end to a saga and an era many have grown up with.

just a visual summary.

While many events were shortened, nothing is outright skipped. However, fans can fill in the blanks themselves, something they must do often but it always happens with prompts. Nearly everyone who will see this film has read the book and wants to see the events that took place in the book.

This technique of a cursory inclusion of everything should please fans the most.

This gives the filmmakers the unique opportunity to skim over the explanations of every scene and get to what fans want to see. This is the first time one of the movies has been directly made for the enjoyment of the fans.

This stance is why this movie is absolutely fantastic. Finally, the filmmakers catered to the core fan base instead of just the mainstream audiences.

This refocus started in *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* but solidifies here.

Reading all the books or at least seeing all the movies is the key to enjoying

and a half hours, the movie is beefy and a much more literal translation of the book than previous adaptations.

While this is the worst time for those who are uninitiated to enter the saga, big fans will appreciate the completeness and assumptions of the film. Furthermore, the action and scenery please even those who would be totally lost by the story.

It is finally time that the higher-ups to realize *Harry Potter* can no longer be succinctly condensed into one two-hour movie. Of all the books to have a two-part film adaptation, *The Deathly Hallows* deserves more than a single film to satisfy its fans.

As the franchise grows, and it has grown, more and more people want to see on screen what they have read, not

FILM Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

STARRING: Daniel Radcliffe,
Emma Watson & Rupert Grint

RATING: PG-13

RELEASE DATE: Nov. 19

OUR TAKE: ★★★★★

By Christ Ernst
Staff Writer

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, the seventh film in the *Harry Potter* franchise, covers only the first half of J. K. Rowling's final novel in the series of the same name. Running two

Unstoppable speeds past typical character development

FILM Unstoppable

GENRE: Action Drama

STARRING: Chris Pine &
Denzel Washington

DIRECTOR: Tony Scott

RATING: PG-13

RELEASE DATE: Nov. 12

OUR TAKE: ★★★★★

By Robert Solomon
Staff Writer

To describe *Unstoppable* on paper is to be underwhelmed by the plot: A train pulling a load of dangerous chemicals gets out of

control, with only two lone men having the courage to try to stop it. It is the manner in which the plot is executed that matters.

Denzel Washington and Chris Pine star as a typical pair, one an old pro and another a new hire by the railroad.

Pine, who starred as Captain Kirk in the recent *Star Trek* reboot, does a fine job holding his own with Washington. Sticking to his wheelhouse role, Washington once again plays the expert do-gooder.

The real star of this movie is the train, spewing smoke and plowing through any number of obstacles as it gains speed. There is something refreshing about seeing a film in which a real machine

plays such a central part, with explosions and destruction instead of computer generated effects. If nothing else, this film is grounded in reality.

This is why, in spite of the clichéd elements, *Unstoppable* manages to entertain. One knows every plot point, but the execution of the action makes even the most predictable elements entertaining.

When the movie stays centered on the tension of the train's approach to a deadly curve, the film excels. There are a few attempts at deepening the conflict between the characters, but these elements are picked up and discarded as needed in the story.

The act that sets the plot in motion is alarming in its every-



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day nature. Every act of cutting corners, whether to save time or money for the company, results in further disaster. It is only the actions of two men who place the safety of others over a bottom line that results in success.

This is why it is disappointing to see elements that are clearly added to make the action more

exciting. The near climactic sequence where the train approaches a deadly curve nearly derailed by obvious CG enhancement.

At any rate, this is a perfectly entertaining movie for the whole family, so if you are forced into the cinema over Thanksgiving break, this will probably be your best bet.

Points provides refreshing insight

BOOKS

Decision Points
George W. Bush

GENRE: Autobiography

PUBLISHER: Crown Publishers

RELEASE DATE: Nov. 9

OUR TAKE: ★★★★★☆

By Yameen Huq
Contributing Writer

George Bush summarizes his own life journey as “one interesting ride.” The man was at the forefront in the decade of most Tech students’ formative years. His autobiography *Decision Points* provides a front-row perspective into some of the most controversial and crucial parts of his presidency.

This is not a policy report. After all, as the key decider in most of his administration’s policies, it is only natural for him to unhesitatingly defend all of his achievements and alleged shortcomings. What one can expect instead is a

look into the human side of these decisions and the factors that gave rise to them in the first place.

The earlier part of the book focuses on his life before politics. He comes off as a likeable child and teenager; someone who means well yet has a desire for excitement. He’s an outsider from a rich Eastern political family who just wants to fit in with his friends.

By far the most interesting part of this book is his view on the individuals who worked under him. One really gains a sense of the camaraderie between the individuals of the White House. The controversial Dick Cheney comes off as a sort of blood brother to his president. The strength of their bond is one of the most enduring parts of Bush’s two terms.

Bush also attempts to bust the notion that Cheney was some kind of puppet master in the White House, stating that the man even tried to tender his resignation before the second election until Bush convinced him otherwise. One of the most trying times of their partnership is the Scooter Libby trial in which Bush refuses to fully pardon Libby, Cheney’s Chief of Staff.

The book also shows the closeness of his relationships with other members of his administration. Particularly noteworthy is the rivalry between the diplomats of the State Department and the officials of the Defense Department.

These types of social circumstances, however silly they may seem, are often key factors in the problems and successes of the executive branch.

One will not find much criticism of White House officials in this book, though. Figures like Donald Rumsfeld, Condoleezza Rice and Colin Powell are all portrayed as honorable statesmen,

and any of their potential lapses in judgment are defended or not mentioned. His admiration for the “mad-scientist” genius of Karl Rove is especially entertaining.

Bush attempts to give a balanced portrait of the key policy decisions of his day. He does a good job at portraying himself as a moderate trying to build consensus. He casts many of his decisions as compromises between the left and the harder conservative factions of his own party.

Obviously as with any autobiography there’s no alternate side in this book, so how much truth-value one gains from this ought to be taken with slight skepticism. His major foreign-policy decisions and national security moves after 9/11 are portrayed with one simple metric: defend American lives. His most steadfast defense of all the criticisms, and his best one, is that he had to make a split-decision.

Indeed, the focus of this book is that the President makes these decisions with very little certainty and the fate of the nation and world at stake. Many of these decisions also focus on partisanship and gridlock as well as Bush’s occasionally adversarial relationship with the media.

This book will not change your opinion on how much you love or hate the Bush administration. It will, however, give you a greater appreciation for the trials and tribulations faced by any President.

Bush encapsulates his presidency in the book with a quote: “After the nightmare of 9/11, America went seven and a half years without another successful terrorist attack on our soil. If I had to summarize my most meaningful accomplishment as president in one sentence, that would be it.”

Miracle captures spirit of Atlanta in improv

EVENTS

Second City: Miracle on 1280 Peachtree Street

PERFORMER: The Second City

LOCATION: Alliance Theatre

DATE: Nov. 5 - Dec. 12

OUR TAKE: ★★★★★☆

By Christ Ernst
Staff Writer

The Second City, an improv comedy troupe of six performers from Chicago, has once again put on their hilarious holiday-inspired show, *Miracle on 1280 Peachtree Street*, at the Alliance Theatre.

The show expertly mixes both improvisational and rehearsed songs and comedy sketches based on Atlanta and the unique comedy opportunities it presents. The specific mix of hilarious comedy and timely politics packs a punch Atlantans will find particularly potent.

The structure of the show would feel familiar to anyone who has seen a sketch comedy show like SNL or Mad TV. Nothing specific weaves the disjointed sketches into

a greater work; each section of the show stands by itself as a self-contained giggle factory. The audience does not have to keep track of complicated plots and murky motivations. Anyone looking for a deep meaning or serious treatise should look elsewhere.

The show opened with a “Twelve Days of Christmas” inspired song, celebrating some of Atlanta’s shortcomings and quirks. Dressed all in black and sporting few props, the troupe executed sketch after sketch of gently scathing humor with timing and sometimes pitch.

No one and nothing was safe from their crosshairs. Mayors (previous and current), councilwomen, governor, the Falcons, Coca-Cola and race are just some of the light fare served to the audience.

One of the best sketches was “Tyler Perry’s Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol,” followed closely by “Mrs. Chamblee-Dekalb-Peachtree-Dunwoody and her grandchild visit Santa at Phipps.”

Some of these things may not make sense without a cursory background of Atlanta politics

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GEORGE W. BUSH

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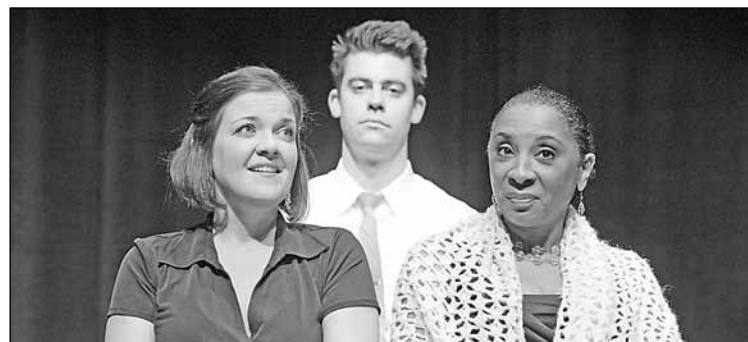


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Black Ops multiplayer excels, falls short on innovation

GAMES

Call of Duty: Black Ops

CONSOLE: Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, PC

GENRE: First-person shooter

DEVELOPER: Treyarch

RATING: M

RELEASED: Nov. 9

OUR TAKE: ★★★★★

By Hank Whitson
Contributing Writer

Call of Duty: Black Ops is not an innovative title by any stretch of the imagination, but there are signs of genuine playfulness here which is always a welcome presence in game design. You can see it in the little things.

The best example is in one map of the game's Zombies mode where players can play as JFK, Richard Nixon, Robert McNamara or Fidel Castro, who spout humorous, if predictable, quotes between acts of undead-ocide.

The interface is another thing that was done quite intelligently. Save for the multiplayer and pause menus, all of the set-up for the game is built around the premise that players are strapped to a chair in a secret government interrogation facility.

Aside from a couple of wonky physics issues, the single player campaign was also bug-free. In a perfect world, that would simply be par for the course, but seeing how most developers are adopting "we'll patch it later" policies, a bug-free launch is an increasingly rare hallmark of care.

Overall, *Black Ops* is better than the lackluster *World at War* and the laughable *Modern Warfare 2*, but it is not nearly as



Image courtesy of Treyarch

mature or as striking as the first *Modern Warfare*.

The single player campaign has players playing as Alex Mason, a CIA agent with all the depth and personality of the crosshair you guide across the screen, ever-so-fittingly voiced by Sam Worthington.

You start the game strapped to a chair where you are being interrogated. Over the course of that interrogation, memories of various skirmishes throughout the Cold War and Vietnam are relived.

While an interesting premise, the story falls prey to a painfully predictable split-personality and brainwashing one-two punch, finishing with a weak twist ending.

Worse than the story, though, is the fact that the campaign is so relentlessly scripted that it feels like the player's presence is almost an intrusion in the game.

Almost every firefight has a pre-rendered kill animation or explosive micro cut-scene waiting

to be triggered, and every mission in the entire game has a sequence that must be played in certain way to satisfy some arbitrary criteria.

If that sounds incredible, *Black Ops* may be right for you. To me, it was stifling and grating.

The worst part is the way the game will force the player to obey its orders.

If spotted during the mandatory stealth sequence, every enemy in the place will be summoned to the player's exact location and kill instantly, but when the game allows the player to start shooting twenty seconds later, everybody goes back to being deaf.

To be fair, there were a couple of scripted moments that were really cool, like firing a zipline via crossbow and sliding through a window with guns blazing to rescue a hostage.

But there are not enough clever, unique moments like that to justify the game's dictatorial structure.

Of course, many players will not even touch the campaign. For them, multiplayer is the main course, and they will eat heartily as gameplay has been dramatically improved over *Modern Warfare 2*.

All the series staples are present and accounted for, from Kill Streaks to challenges to customizable perks and equipment load outs. However, things have been tweaked to restore balance and sanity.

Gone are the game-ending tactical nukes. Gone are the indestructible riot shields and dual shotguns. Gone are the familiar stopping power, juggernaut and one man army perks. In their place, you have explosive RC cars, crossbows and napalm air-strikes. The result is a game that feels harder to grief and easier to learn.

This is not to say that experienced players will go wanting for challenges. The new Wager Mode system will allow experienced players to test themselves and

climb the rankings faster in the process.

By betting COD points, players can select one of four gameplay variants that will either limit ammunition or force the use of different weapons.

There is also a daily contract system that is similar to *Halo Reach's* challenges in addition to the standard *Call of Duty* challenges. To top it all off, the game is launching with a generous 14 maps.

There are also three different zombie games. This essentially plays like similar modes from other shooters, but with infernal enemies, power-ups and a limited selection of firearms.

The first scenario is set in a German cinema while the second level takes place in The Pentagon, starring the historical figures mentioned earlier, though both maps share identical mechanics.

The last zombie game is a top-down shooter that plays like an old school arcade game.

Despite all these innovations, there is still very little new here. In fact, everything you can do in *Black Ops* you have likely done in other games.

These familiar systems have been streamlined and polished. Even *Halo Reach's* fairly conservative addition of Armor Abilities seems bold and adventurous by comparison.

If you are the type of player who has enjoyed previous *Call of Duty* games and has yet to tire of shooting the same people with the same guns, go ahead and give an extra star.

Black Ops will not let you down. But if you were hoping for an intelligent single player experience and something that changes the rules, you can keep waiting and let this one pass.

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Eating Atlanta Chinatown Square

students explore the vast cuisine Atlanta has to offer

By Andrew Nelson
Staff Writer

Driving through Chamblee area Atlanta in the rain around 9 p.m. looking for an allegedly delicious-as-it-is-dingy Chinese cafeteria may not sound like a prime Monday night excursion. However, we found that if the Atlanta Chinatown Square were to transplant itself to someplace like the Varsity, no Tech student would be spared from its slew of tastes and dishes, intriguing character and easily agreeable prices.

When we finally made it, we easily spotted the brightly-lit facade of the square. From the outside it almost looks like the typical highway-side strip mall, although like much of the Chamblee food scene, it is undoubtedly East Asian. The entrance to the inner courtyard is flanked by two stone lions and several stores like an herbal shop and Chinese bookstore populate the road side of the square.

Passing the lion statues, we found ourselves in a courtyard certainly not shared by most other dinky shopping centers. The main feature here is the small Chinese garden with a bridge over a pond with a few fish. The walls are covered with two elaborate murals from China. All this was added during a major makeover in 2000; before that there were just a couple of pots with fish that kids tended to poke a little too often.

Our friend Xie, who grew up in the area, has frequently come to the square with her family, and she still finds the same people cooking the same things since she was



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a kid. She was also the only member of our party who speaks Chinese, a huge help in this excursion where almost all of the text was in Chinese. We entered the slightly dingy-looking food court, lit by a few dim and blinking fluorescent lights overhead. Tables and floors showed their many years of heavy traffic. The seating area seems to seat about 100 and is surrounded by the restaurants' counters on one side and windows to the courtyard on the other.

There were only a handful of people there at the time, likely because it was a weekday night. A few older men were playing Xiangqi, a Chinese chess-type board game, at a table. However, the photo galleries on their website and the popularity we have noticed among North Atlanta residents strongly suggests the op-

posite during high-traffic hours.

The price range for all the restaurants had a average price of about \$6 and a short range. We made a meal for the four of us by sharing dishes costing less than \$7.50 each from three of the nine restaurants: China Kitchen, Hong Kong BBQ and Yanmi Yanmi. Fortunately for us, the large boards behind the counter written entirely in Chinese were accompanied by English paper menus.

From China Kitchen we ordered sliced fish in hot chili oil and a plate of chicken and mushrooms; from Hong Kong BBQ, we ordered barbeque pork over rice with bok choy; and from Yanmi Yanmi, we ordered udon. All the restaurants offer free black tea, which we happily accepted, as well as extra rice.

China Kitchen's sliced fish in

hot chili oil was a masterpiece and easily our favorite of all our dishes. It was served as a deep bowl of cabbage submerged in dark red oil and broth with bits of chilies and green onions floating under slices of fish. The spicy oil and broth even worked well with rice served with other dishes. It also won in presentation, whereas the other dishes were not too spectacular-looking. However, their plate of chicken and mushrooms fell flat, simply being a typical take-out dish.

At Hong Kong BBQ, with several very barbequed birds hanging in the window, we opted for a plate of two-way barbeque pork over rice with bok choy. The thickly sliced chunks of pork were moist and a little sweet, and the shredded pork was crispier and saltier.

Both would have been nice on a snack platter rather than a main dish, and it was a rather boring dish overall. Yanmi Yanmi offered the only Japanese cuisine in the food court, and we decided on the udon. The noodles were cooked perfectly and soaked up the broth's nice mild flavor well. This also nicely complimented China Kitchen's sliced fish.

Overall, we have never encountered such a place before, and it is certainly more than meets the eye. Comparing it to a mall food court would be disgraceful, but no single restaurant carries the whole place. This food court is one of many singularities Atlanta has to offer, and it is perhaps one of the best places to hang out and eat on a shoestring budget. Just be sure to bring cash, or be prepared to use the ATM outside.

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and traditions. However, it is not necessary to have extensive knowledge concerning the political goings-on in Atlanta. The comedy still comes through even with only knowledge of the headlines of the past year and recognizing names.

After taking suggestions from the crowd, the ensemble took the show in new directions. The audience trying to come up with ludicrous suggestions to stump the performers and seeing if the performers can handle them was a hoot.

The audience seemed to be in cahoots to try and get the ensemble stuck or get one of them to laugh. The cast did wonderfully taking the terms of the performance and turning it into something unforgettable.

The theater is not a gargantuan hall but rather is small and cozy. As if the audience needs to feel more a part of the show, the venue is small enough that the show frequently engulfs the audience.

In fact, several times several members of the audience were directly interacting with the actors. One sketch even had an unsuspecting man as the star, narrated along the path of a noir mystery.

This is a show anyone who has been in Atlanta should see. It is up close and personal, physically and comically.

The performers do an array of impressions and characters, some specific to Atlanta and some not.

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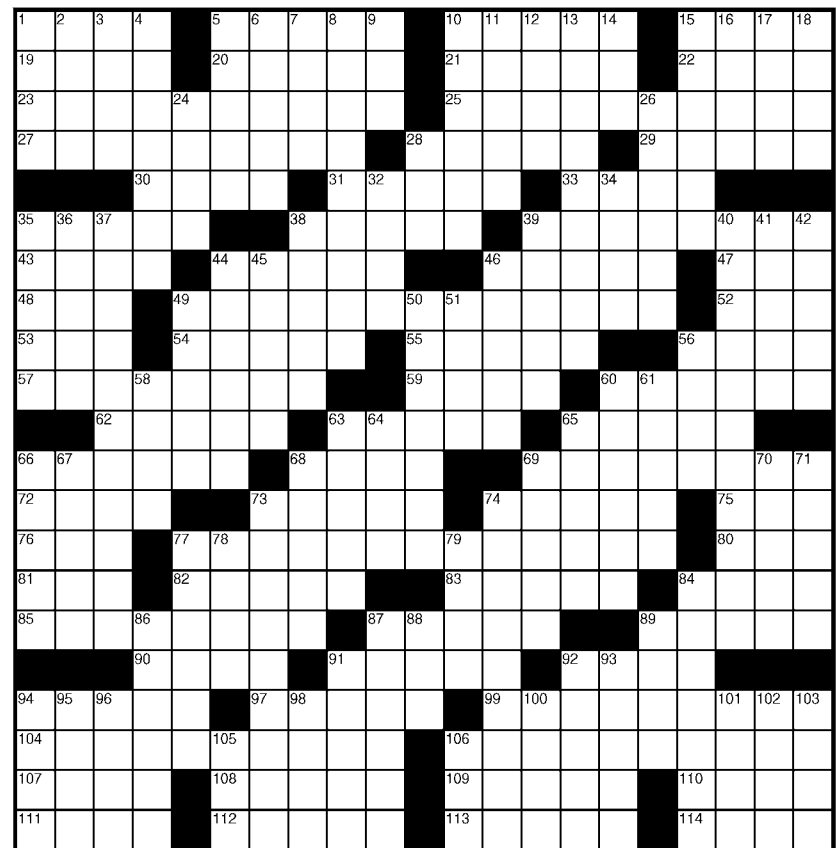
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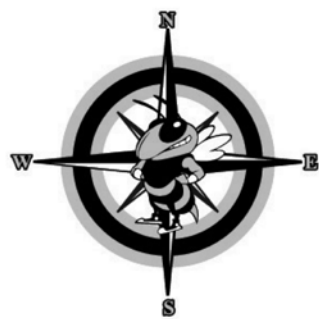
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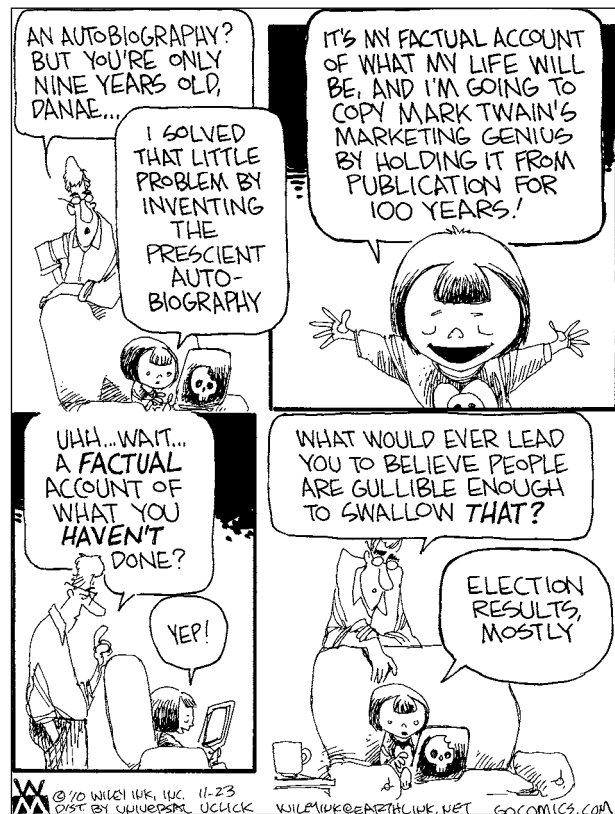
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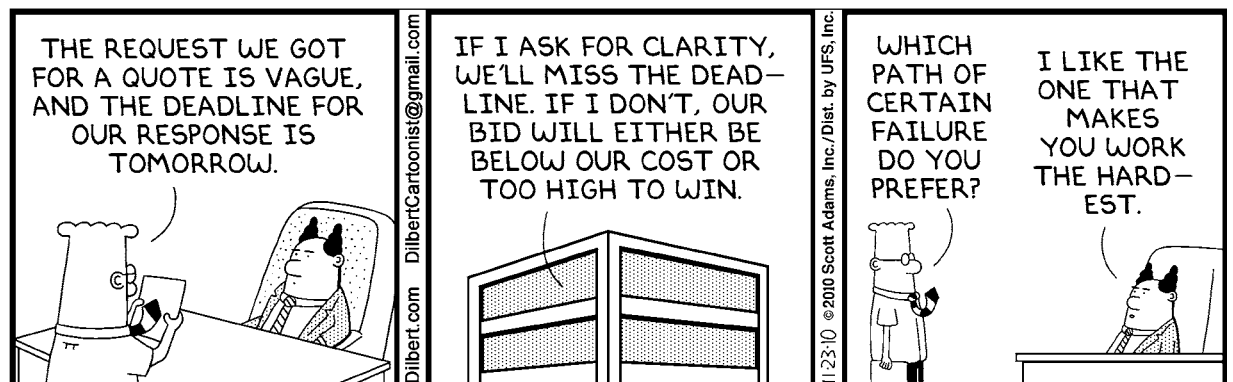
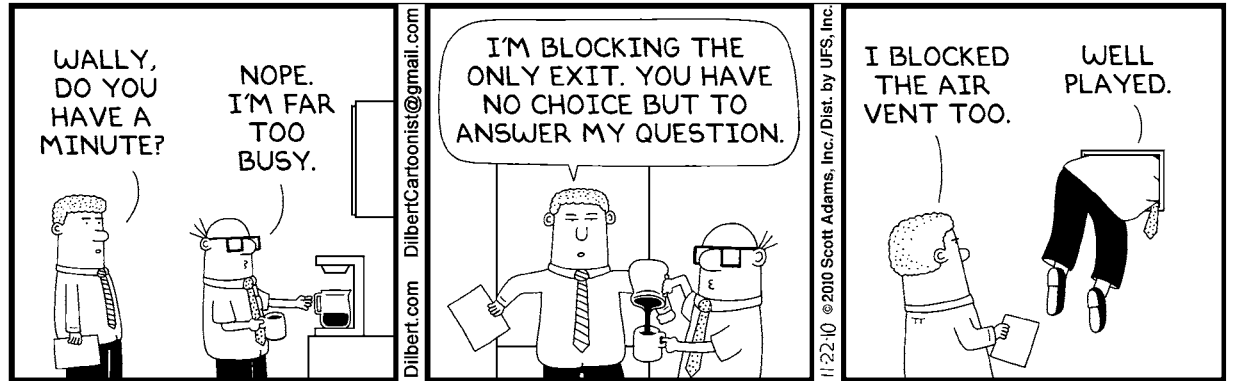
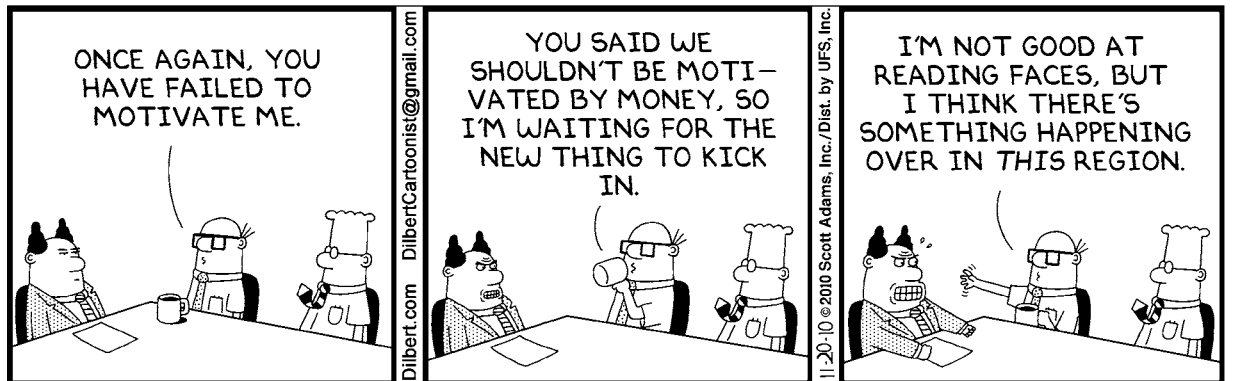
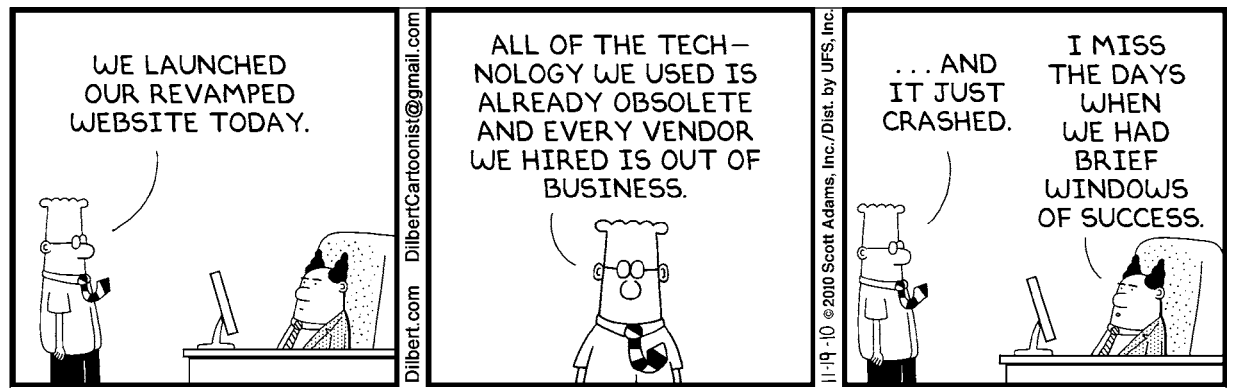
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Just like the first half, Tech gained some momentum and went on a run early in the second half. After only making one-of-13 three-pointers in the opening half, Tech capitalized on its early three-point attempts. Sophomore forward Brian Oliver hit two quick threes, and sophomore guard Mfon Udofia scored on a fast-break lay-up to make the score 31-13 after only a minute and a half of play.

Even with continued poor shooting, Tech was able to maintain a 15 to 20 point lead for the majority of the second half. Freshman forward Jason Morris threw down an alley-oop in the middle of the half that elicited an excited reaction from the fans. Several minutes later, Miller came up with another key block that kept the momentum in Tech's favor.

With about five minutes left in the game, Charleston South-

ern came back in the game due to Tech's sloppy play. The team missed several open lay-ups and threw up some wild alley-oop attempts that resulted in turnovers.

With three and a half minutes left in the half, Charleston Southern cut the lead down to nine and pressed Tech after every made basket. Then, with just under a minute left, junior guard Iman Shumpert gave a great dish to Miller to bring the score to 50-39 and seal the win.

On Nov. 15, the Jackets traveled to Kennesaw State for their second game of the season.

Tech continued to show the same weaknesses that hurt them in the Charleston Southern game. KSU built a 20-point lead in the first half, and Tech could never quite recover from this deficit.

Tech committed two turnovers in the first minute, and KSU was able to jump out to an early 7-0 lead. This quick start allowed the KSU fans to get into the game as the momentum was overwhelm-

ingly in KSU's favor.

Three-point shooting turned out to be key throughout the first half. Tech missed all six of its attempts while the Owls knocked down six of their 14 attempts. To compensate for its cold shooting, Tech looked to drive to the basket and made eight out of 10 free throws.

With six minutes left in the half, KSU went on an 11-0 run to give the team a 36-16 lead with four and a half minutes left in the half. During this stretch, Tech committed three crucial turnovers that all led to made lay-ups by KSU. After a timeout, Tech started to settle down and went into halftime down 41-26.

Tech started the second half on a roll and cut the lead to 41-31 in only 52 seconds after two free throws by Shumpert and a three-pointer by Oliver. Tech improved its three-point shooting in the second half and made four of eight attempts. For most of the first 10 minutes of the half, Tech kept the lead at or below 10 points.

Besides three-pointers, for the most part, Tech still shot poorly from the field. Just as in the first half, the team had to rely on getting points at the foul line.

In the last four minutes of the half, Tech reverted back to its play in the first half. Tech missed many close shots, committed turnovers, and did not box out well. KSU's Markeith Cummings made some acrobatic lay-ups to excite the crowd, but KSU's player of the game was Spencer Dixon, who finished with 27 points on eight for 17 shooting. KSU completed the win with a score of 80-63, which was KSU's first ever win against a major conference team.

On Wednesday, Nov. 17, Tech came back home to face off against Albany and won the game in a rout, 78-51.

Oliver made a mid-range jump shot in the first 20 seconds of the game to give the Jackets an early

2-0 lead.

The next few minutes were dominated by Miller. Tech's center made one of two free throws, blocked a shot, got a steal and then made a short-range jump shot to give Tech a 5-2 lead.

Later in the half and up seven points, freshman forward Kammeon Holsey stole the ball and dished it to Shumpert who promptly drained a three-pointer. That prompted a timeout from Albany, but the stoppage in the game did not stop the Jackets. Freshman forward Jason Morris made a shot to give Tech the lead at 21-9.

Shumpert made four straight shots later in the first half, including a dunk and three-pointer, to give Tech a 22-point cushion. The Jackets extended the lead to 30 by halftime.

Shumpert made back-to-back jump shots to open the second half, but Albany responded with two three-pointers.

With 14:38 left in the game, Shumpert had another dunk, and on the next defensive possession, he pulled down a rebound. Next time up the court, Shumpert found an open Oliver outside of the three-point line. Oliver knocked down the shot and gave Tech a sizable lead at 60-27.

As the game winded down, Miller and Morris exchanged shots to further extend Tech's lead. Shumpert finished the game with a team-high 24 points and pulled down 10 rebounds for his first double-double of the season.

Udofia and Miller also helped carry the scoring load for the game as both players had 10 points.

A big key for the Jackets was the lack of turnovers compared to their two previous game. Tech only had 10 turnovers, but forced and created turnovers, making Albany commit 25.

Tech next hosts Niagara on Friday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Alexander Memorial Coliseum.

SPORTS

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Rugby player to play for U.S. team

On Sunday, Nov. 28 Tech men's rugby player Cian Coakley will compete against some of the other top rugby players in the world when he participates in an international competition for the U.S.

Coakley, a junior flanker from Ireland, will travel with the Rugby South Panthers U-20 team. The Panthers will play against the New South Wales Junior Rugby Union U-18's who come to the U.S. from Australia. The game starts at 1 p.m. at Kennesaw State on the school's rugby field.

Women's tennis lands top recruit

The women's tennis squad received a commitment from highly touted prospect Jasmine Minor of Mundelein, Ill., who signed a national letter of intent on Nov. 16, 2010.

Minor is ranked 25th nationally, and recently won the Illinois high school state title. Throughout her latest 37-0 title season, she only dropped three sets, and she only dropped one set in the seven state tournament games.

Minor has also been in national competitions, earning four USTA national tournament titles, eight sectional titles and 15 district titles. Minor hopes to continue her recent success in tennis at Tech under Head Coach Bryan Shelton.



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Iman Shumpert defends Charleston Southern's guard in Friday's game. Shumpert had five points but only scored two baskets.

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Football preview: Tech v. Duke

By Kyle Gifford, Contributing Writer

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On Saturday, Nov. 20, the Jackets will take the field for the second straight home game, this time against the Duke Blue Devils. After suffering a difficult loss at the hands of the Miami Hurricanes last Saturday, Head Coach Paul Johnson and the Jackets look to rebound against a Duke team that has struggled this season, putting together a 3-7 (1-5 ACC) record. With a win on Saturday, Tech will reach the six-win mark, making the team bowl eligible. If Tech wants to stay above .500 and get a chance to play in the post-season bowls, they have to excel in three key areas. All of these three keys fall to one player: sophomore quarterback Tevin Washington. Tech will need Washington to make the right decisions in the running game, take advantage of Duke's weak passing defense and manage the game without making mistakes.

The first key will be for Washington to continue to improve as the starting quarterback. In senior quarterback Joshua Nesbitt's absence, Washington has to spread the ball around to all of the weapons in his arsenal, and do it at the right time. The team's mistakes last week against the Hurricanes will have to be corrected in order for the squad to win. Washington also needs to know when to pitch, when to keep and when to go down on a bad play. Washington has many talented players around him and must be the field general that Tech's offense requires.

The second key will be for Washington to make the right reads and throws in the passing game against the Blue Devil's 106th ranked pass defense. Duke gives up an average of 254 yards per game through the air, making it crucial for Washington to make the most of his pass attempts when called upon.

The final key will be for Washington to limit his mistakes so as not to give the Blue Devils any chance of winning. In the run game, Washington needs to make accurate pitches and avoid fumbles at all costs. Fumbles especially hurt Tech last week against Miami as sophomore A-back Orwin Smith fumbled in the red zone after a lengthy Jacket drive. In addition to the run game, Washington must know when to throw and when to tuck it and run. It is very important to not try to force the ball down the field into coverage.

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For Duke to win, they must play one of the team's best games of the season against the No. 1 rushing offense in the country. The three keys for the Blue Devils to pull off the upset will be to take advantage of their own 26th ranked passing game, cause turnovers and maximize yardage in special teams.

The first key will be for Duke to improve on its 266 yards per game through the air. Tech's pass defense is ranked 27th in the country, giving up 190 yards per game. Sophomore quarterback Sean Renfree will have to work efficiently and effectively and choose his spots, especially against ball-hawking junior safety Jerrard Tarrant, who leads the Jackets with three interceptions. Renfree has completed passes to 13 different receivers this season, and he will need to continue to spread the ball around to keep the Jacket's defense off balance. Renfree will look for the open man, but when in doubt, he could throw a deep-ball to sophomore receiver Conner Vernon who has 61 receptions for 851 yards so far this season.

The second key for the Blue Devils will be to hurry the Jackets' offense and force mistakes in both the running and passing games. Tech is 105th in the nation in lost fumbles, coughing the ball up 12 times. Meanwhile, Duke's defense has forced 20 fumbles this season, but they have only recovered seven of them. This will need to change if the Blue Devils want to get their defense off of the field. It will be important for Duke to win the turnover battle and control the ball if they want to have any chance of staying in the game.

The last key will be for the Blue Devils to execute well on special teams, where a good kick or punt return could change course of the game in Duke's favor. Duke will have to rely on junior kicker Will Snyderwine if its offense stumbles in Tech territory. Counting on Snyderwine has not been a problem thus far this season as he has made 18 of his 19 attempted field goals. It is up to junior punter Alex King to pin Tech deep in its own zone and force the Jackets to go three-and-out near their own goal line.



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Durham reflects on his history, details weekly routine

By Alex Mitchell
Sports Editor

In 1995, Wes Durham came to The Flats from Vanderbilt to be the play-by-play announcer for Tech's men's basketball team and football team. Since then, he has announced games during the basketball team's run to the NCAA Championship game in 2004 to the football team's ACC Championship season in 2009 and every game in between. He has been there for the good and bad times, and as anyone listening to a Tech football on a Saturday afternoon will tell you, Durham is always the professional. He speaks with emotion, but he keeps a level head, a skill that has earned him the title "voice of the Yellow Jackets."

"You don't take it for granted. You never take this job for granted...The people here, coaches, fans, players, have been unbelievably supportive. It still feels like the first year sometimes, and I love what I do. It's a blessing," Durham said.

However, Durham's career as an announcer would never come to fruition was it not for one day at basketball camp.

"I was six-feet-tall and 185 pounds at 12, and I thought I was going to be a basketball player. I went to a basketball camp when I was 14, and a really good player who went to Virginia dunked on me. I came away from the camp thinking this isn't going to work the way I thought it was going to work," Durham said.

Durham looked to his father for guidance. Durham's father, Woody, was (and still is) the announcer for the North Carolina football team. Durham used his love of sports and the experience from watching his dad to fuel his announcing career.



Photo courtesy of Georgia Tech Athletic Department

Wes Durham interviews former football player Derrick Morgan after Tech's 24-14 loss in the Fed Ex Orange Bowl last season.

"I was always fascinated by the radio. Back then the games weren't on TV, so it changed the dynamic of what you did. When I was a younger kid, I was always fascinated by what he did. He had the good fortune to realize he wasn't going to make it [as a professional athlete] too, and I was able to realize that there is something else out there," Durham said.

Durham looked up to his father, but he did not want to follow his father's path in the exact same way. Durham did not want to work for UNC all his life, but Durham was certainly not dreaming of Tech. Rather, Durham found out that Tech was dreaming of him. A close friend who worked at Tech told Durham that Tech was interested in him and a few months later, Durham found himself on The Flats.

"I was all ears. The thought of being in Atlanta, working the

ACC and doing it at a place like Georgia Tech was very appealing to me.... My goal is to finish here," Durham said.

Durham started doing football games at Tech along with basketball games. Durham even did about 40 baseball games a year until 2004, when the Atlanta Falcons came looking for him.

"The Falcons and [the radio station] asked me to do radio for the preseason games. That was my first introduction into the NFL. Then, in 2004, in the span of literally 72 hours, we had a deal done. The support I get for the people in that organization and the people here is unbelievable. If I didn't have the support from both sides, then I couldn't do it," Durham said.

This year, Durham also started doing a radio show with fellow sports analyst Tony Barnhart.

"It's a totally different deal. I

love doing games and the radio show is fine. We get to listen to fans, and I think college football is all about opinion... It's fun but is it what drives me? No, not really, but it's fun to do. Tony and I are such good friends...[and] to be honest with you, what we talk about on the show is what we talk about on the phone," Durham said.

With all of his duties to both organizations, one would assume that Durham is always busy. However, Durham's experience in his field allows him to juggle his time between his jobs and his family.

Every Monday, Durham goes to work on his radio show with Barnhart from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Then he goes to his office to prepare for upcoming games for a couple of hours. He then goes to Flowery Branch to do the Falcons radio show from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday starts with the Paul Johnson radio show, and Durham focuses on preparing his notes for the upcoming games. On Tuesday night, he spends time with his children.

On Wednesday, it is back to the radio show with Barnhart,

and he comes back to his office and finishes his preparation for the Tech game. Later in the day, Durham receives information from the NFL about the upcoming game.

Thursday is another morning at his radio show, and then it is time to really start what Durham calls "the grind day". He makes sure his interviews are ready for the Tech game, and he starts digesting the large amount of material the NFL sends him. Friday is either a travel day with Tech or a day that Durham spends with his family, and the weekends are when Durham's preparation comes into play. All you have to do is listen to hear how all the work comes through. In fact, Durham said that he has never accidentally called a professional player by a collegiate player's name.

"[That] hasn't happened to me yet [knocks on desk]. Now you're jinxing me. It's two different models, two different vibes. Going into the Falcons booth is totally different than walking into the Tech booth," Durham said.

Tech fans hope that Durham continues to prepare for every Jackets game for a long time.

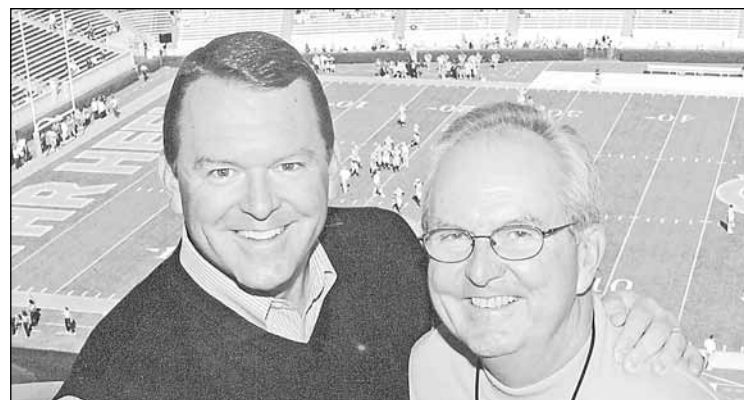


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Wes Durham (left) poses with his father, Woody Durham (right), at a Tech versus North Carolina game. Both are radio announcers.



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	Lee (65-48)	Hoffman (59-54)	Cappetta (58-55)	Mitchell (64-49)	Prasadh (64-49)	Staff (65-48)
#4 Boise St. (-30) v. Fresno State	Boise	Boise	Boise	Boise	Boise	Boise
#5 LSU (-21) v. Ole Miss.	LSU	Miss.	Miss.	Miss.	Miss.	LSU
#6 Stanford (-8) @ California	Cal	Cal	Stan.	Cal	Stan	Cal
#7 Wisconsin (-7) @ Michigan	Wisc.	Wisc.	Wisc.	Wisc.	Wisc.	Wisc.
#8 Nebraska (-2.5) @ #19 Texas A&M	Neb.	Neb.	Neb.	Neb.	Neb.	Neb.
#9 Ohio St. (-3.5) @ #20 Iowa	tOSU	Iowa	Iowa	tOSU	Iowa	tOSU
#10 Oklahoma St. (-18) @ Kansas	OKST	OKST	OKST	OKST	OKST	OKST
#12 Michigan St. (-26) v. Purdue	MSU	Purdue	MSU	MSU	MSU	Purdue
#13 Arkansas (-5.5) @ Mississippi St.	Ark.	MSST	Ark.	Ark.	MSST	MSST
#14 Oklahoma (-9) @ Baylor	Baylor	OK	OK	OK	OK	Baylor

BAYLOR

Oklahoma was considered the favorite to win in the last season of the Big 12 in its current iteration. The Sooners are not even in first place in their division, trailing their in-state rivals, Oklahoma St. Looking at the schedule, Bob Stoops probably did not peg the game against Baylor as a make-or-break game, but here they are.

Any Baylor victory for the rest of the season just adds to the already successful season. The Oklahoma teams of recent have not been able to rise to the occasion in these type of pressure situations, and against a Baylor team with nothing to lose, the Sooners may be in for a let down.

PURDUE

The Boilermakers are making a fair case as the worst team in the Big Ten, an honor it has been in contention for every season the past few years. After starting the season 2-0 in conference play, they have lost every game by double digits and could very likely lose the last two games to finish the year with a six-game losing streak.

Still, they always have a signature upset during conference play. Last year, I correctly called the Ohio State victory, the only person on staff to do so. This year, with no more opportunities to rise to the occasion, look for Purdue to upset the Spartans to help salvage yet another bowl-less season.

CALIFORNIA

California is a completely different team depending on if they are at home or on the road. The Golden Bears have only allowed 9.4 points a game at home, while scoring 40.8 points per game at home.

Cal proved it has a serious defense after facing off against Oregon's No. 1 scoring offense in the nation. They only allowed 15 points to a team that was averaging 53 points before the game.

While Stanford is a solid team, they struggled last week against Arizona State, winning the game at the very end. Cal may not be able to win the game against Stanford, but they will keep it close.

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day, there are a lot of positives that I can build off of, I just have to do a better job of keeping the team in position to win the game next week," Washington said.

Miami, however, would respond. Miami quarterback Stephen Morris completed a pass to wide receiver Leonard Hankerson for 79 yards and a quick touchdown.

"I'm not going to call anybody out, but we had a guy bust his coverage. That still doesn't mean it's got to go 75 yards. We were in two-deep, nobody shielded two and we bit on the run fake, but you still have got to get the guy down," said Head Coach Paul Johnson.

The Jackets began another drive in their own territory, and Washington highlighted the drive with a 22-yard rush, shedding off a few defenders. The drive eventually got into the red zone, and after getting to the six-yard line, Smith fumbled the football. Amid the confusion, Tech did not recover it.

The Hurricanes drove down the field, converting three third downs along the way. Morris connected with receiver Travis Benjamin twice for gains of 30 and 18

yards, using the play-action to his advantage. The drive was capped off with a seven-yard touchdown by Mike James, extending the Miami lead, 28-10.

After a punt by Tech, Miami fumbled the ball, and it was recovered by redshirt junior safety Jerrard Tarrant. Tech couldn't capitalize, immediately forcing a fourth down that redshirt junior A-back Roddy Jones could not convert. Miami gained possession with just over eight minutes in the game with great field position.

Miami rushed the ball ten times on their next drive, eating up almost six minutes of clock. In order to seal the win, Miami went for the score on fourth and goal from the three yard line, with Craig Cooper running the ball in for the score. The game was at 35-10, essentially leaving no chance for the Jackets.

The end of the game resulted in a long drive by the Jackets, ending in a fumble right in front of the goal line. Miami recovered with 15 seconds left and ran out the clock.

"You keep playing. You don't quit. What are you going to do? You don't have any other alternatives. You either keep playing or you quit. We aren't going to quit. I can promise you that I'm not going to quit," Johnson said.



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Embry Peeples attempts to stiff-arm a defender in last Saturday's game against Miami. Peeples had 18 yards on only six carries.

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Men's basketball wins two of three

By Chad Christopher
Contributing Writer

On Nov. 12, Tech defeated the Charleston Southern Buccaneers 52-39 to kick off the season, but in its next game, Tech went on the road and got upset by the Kennesaw State Owls, 80-63. Tech rebounded in its third game of the season on Nov. 17 to beat Albany, 78-51.

The game against Charleston Southern turned out to be much closer than expected as Tech had to hold off a late run by the Buccaneers to come out with the victory. While the game may have been close at times, fans had to watch a low-scoring game that featured poor shooting by both squads as the Buccaneers shot 27 percent from the field and the Jackets shot 29 percent.

Tech opened the game strong as they cruised to a 10-0 lead after four minutes of play. During this run, Tech was able to capitalize on some steals from its full-court press and quickly move the ball up the court in its up-tempo offense. Freshman center Daniel Miller got the fans cheering in the game with a highlight block on a Charleston Southern dunk attempt.

In the next few minutes Tech started to struggle shooting the ball and misfired on many close jumpers and open three-pointers. Charleston Southern was able to take advantage of Tech's poor shooting and cut the deficit to 16-9 with 11 minutes to play in the half.

For the remainder of the half, Tech maintained a six to 10 point lead as they continued to try to push the ball up the court whenever possible. The team was successful in moving the ball up the court, but most of the time it failed to score points on its fast-break opportunities. On many possessions, Tech slowed down the offense and ended up forcing a long three-pointer at the end of the shot clock, and Tech went into the half up 23-13.

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Maurice Miller attempts a fade-away jump shot against Charelston Southern.

Football blown out by Miami, 35-10



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Tevin Washington keeps the ball on a quarterback sneak in Saturday's game versus Miami. Making his first collegiate start, Washington had 122 rushing yards and 101 passing yards.

By Alex Sohani
Contributing Writer

On Saturday, Nov. 13, the Miami Hurricanes came to Bobby Dodd Stadium for a key Coastal division matchup. Miami defeated Tech 35-10 in a poor effort by the Jackets.

The Jackets won the coin

toss and chose to defer to the second half, putting the ball immediately into the Hurricanes hands. It looked to be a bad start for Miami after kick returner and running back Craig Cooper dropped the ball and was tackled after a short return on the 12-yard line. Miami showed its dominance

early, however, rushing the ball eight times in a 10 play, 88-yard drive for a touchdown.

Tech could not respond after redshirt sophomore quarterback Tevin Washington converted a third down. The drive was immediately stopped, and a Tech punt forced Miami onto their own

12-yard line. Miami drove the ball well to the Tech 24 yard line, until it appeared they were stopped and forced to kick a field goal. However, on fourth down, redshirt junior defensive end Jason Peters crept offside and gave the Hurricanes a first down. Miami capitalized immediately, scoring a touchdown just two plays later, giving the Hurricanes a 14-point advantage.

After a few plays for little gain to start the drive, Washington was forced to throw long on third down. Washington hit sophomore A-back Orwin Smith for a 32-yard gain. The drive, however, was cut short immediately afterwards, forcing Tech to kick a 38-yard field goal by senior kicker Scott Blair.

The half ended with the score at 14-3 in Miami's favor.

The second half began with a solid drive by the Jackets, with Washington leading the option offense. Washington accounted for the first 50 yards of the drive, completing two passes for 22 yards and scrambling for 28 yards. Facing a third down at the Miami 22-yard line, Washington completed a strike to redshirt senior wide receiver Kevin Cone for a touchdown. The Jackets were suddenly within just one score of the Hurricanes.

"I think that I tried to come out and execute the offense as best as I could. I just tried to put us in a position to win the game. I think I did alright to-

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Volleyball loses to VT, sweeps UVA

By Alex Mitchell
Sports Editor

On Nov. 12 and 13, the Georgia Tech volleyball team hosted two conference foes from Virginia. Sitting at 9-6 in ACC play, this pivotal series could have moved the Jackets solely into third place in the conference or drop them into a tie for seventh. Instead, the Jackets split the games, losing to Virginia Tech 3-0 and beating Virginia 3-0, to move into a tie for third with four other teams.

The Jackets first hosted the Hokies of Virginia Tech on Friday, Nov. 12 at O'Keefe Gym.

The first set started well for the Jackets. After Virginia Tech jumped out to a 12-9 lead, the Jackets responded with a 6-1 run that put the score in their favor at 15-10. The set went back and forth and was eventually tied at 26 until the Hokies scored the winning two points to seal the set at 28-26.

The second set started much like the first as the Jack-

ets started out down by a few points at 9-7, but eventually tied the match at 10. The Hokies would win the next point and would never relinquish their lead, winning the second set, 25-22. The front line was the problem for the Jackets in the second set, as they had zero blocks.

Like the first two, the third set started with the teams trading blows early in the set. The set was tied at nine, but neither team was able to pull away until the end of the game when the final horn sounded. Virginia Tech came away with a 25-22 set victory and a 3-0 match win.

Sophomore rightside hitter Monique Mead led the Jackets in the loss with a match-high 15 kills on .231 hitting.

Looking to avoid falling one game closer to a .500 record, the Jackets hosted Virginia on the following night. The Jackets continued their back-and-forth season, defeating the Cavaliers, 3-0.

The first set of the game started slowly for the Jackets as the Cavaliers raced out to



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Nicki Meyer attempts to dig the ball in Friday's game versus Virginia Tech. Meyer had six digs, but Tech was swept, 3-0.

an early 3-0 lead. Then the Jackets went on a 7-2 run to give them the lead at 7-5. The Jackets added to their lead and used another 7-2 run to wrap up the set with a win, 25-16.

Virginia held a narrow lead late in the second at 22-20, but the Jackets fought hard down the stretch to win the set by

two points, 25-23.

Continuing their recent trend, Tech was involved in another close set in the third. When the teams were tied at 11, the Jackets broke off a 7-1 run to jump out to a large lead. However, the Cavaliers fought back to tie the set at 23, but the Jackets prevailed, 25-23.