



Students reflect on Honors Program

After the first year, program proves to be successful among participants

By Ranganath Venkataraman
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One year ago, the first class of 115 students in the Honors Program entered Tech, the first to embark on a journey where no one knew exactly where they would end up. Now in its second year, students enrolled in the program have plenty of praise for it, but with some scattered issues.

First proposed in the fall of 2004, the program aims to enhance the educational experience of select admitted freshmen by introducing smaller classes and allowing closer contact with faculty. There is no separate application; prospective enrollees must only include two of the five optional essays with their standard application. Another goal of the program is to lure highly qualified applicants to Tech who may be thinking of attending other universities.

One of the successes of the program has been its intimacy and the open flow of ideas that it facilitates, according of last year's charter class members.

"[The Honors Program] is an intellectually stimulating environment. Classes are not necessarily more difficult; it just gives everyone the opportunity to freely discuss what is going on," said Will Boyd, a second-year Physics major in the program.

Howell Residence Hall has been designated as the on-campus home of honors students, at least during their freshman year. The building, which was originally used as a traditional Freshman Experience dorm, is now filled with honors students

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Honor students socialize outside of Howell Dormitory. This is the second year that Tech has offered the Honors Program.

By Craig Tabita / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

CRC announces new hours

The CRC is changing its operating hours for the next few weekends to accommodate the upcoming home football season. Starting on Saturday, Sept. 8, and all Saturdays when there are home football games, the CRC will open at 9 a.m. and close at 1 p.m. In addition the facility will open late, at 5 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 9 due to staff training.

Career Fair to be held next week

The 2007 Tech Career Fair will be held September 10-11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Undergraduate, graduate and PhD students are all welcome and must bring their Buzz Card, résumé and wear appropriate business attire.

Researchers find crab invasion

Dime-sized crabs have invaded the Southeast coast of the US. Tech researchers have spent more than three years studying the effects of the crab, and are reporting their findings in the journal *Biological Invasions*.

Ticket policy changes for grads, SWARM

By Emily Chambers
Senior Staff Writer

EFFECTS OF THE NEW POLICY :

Graduate students:

A fixed amount of tickets will be reserved for graduate students and can be picked up starting on Tuesdays before home games.

SWARM:

Tickets may be picked up on Fridays after turning in a member's voucher eight days before game day.

1st and 10:

No changes.

After last season, when students protested being unable to attend popular football games, ticket distribution for graduate students and SWARM members will fall under a new student ticketing policy for the upcoming home football season.

The protests prompted an effort to streamline student ticketing, so the process was revised in an attempt to distribute student tickets fairly throughout the student body. As of this week, various changes are starting to be implemented.

One of those changes is the addition of a new graduate student area within the student section. The graduate student area is not a separate space away from the general seating section, but is simply a percentage of tickets that are originally set aside as graduate student tickets. Any tickets that are not claimed by graduates at the end of their two-day

Students in SWARM cheer on the Jackets at last season's homecoming.

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UHR, GSS pass joint finance bill

By Emily Chambers
Senior Staff Writer

Whether most students at Tech realize it or not, the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) policy is a document with a profound effect on their college experience since it oversees how the Student Government Association (SGA) funds for student organizations. Finally, in the culmination of a several-year long effort, a new edition of the policy was finally able to pass both the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) and the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) on Tuesday.

Both branches of SGA share the responsibilities of allocating the Student Activity Fee. The new JFC policy lays out recommendations for the allocation of the fees.

SGA has been in the process of revising the JFC policy for the past three years in an attempt to clarify their funding process and increase equality and transparency within the organization.

Both houses spent much of last year working on the policy but were unable to reconcile their independently passed versions by the end of the spring.

The bylaws that were passed last spring specifically incorpo-

rate the new JFC policy, and it has been a prerogative of both chambers of Student Government to pass the JFC policy so that the bylaws can become more effective.

The new bylaws included an amendment stating that all financial allocations by SGA must adhere to JFC policy. In order to go against policy, the legislative bodies must go through a separate majority vote to override policy, in addition to passing the bill in question.

The policy itself deals with both joint and non-joint Student Activity Fee allocations. Both the graduate and undergraduates vote on Joint Allocations, and the funds requested can be drawn from two different accounts, the Capital Outlay and the Prior Year account.

Non-Joint allocations are funded by only one legislative branch. These funds are in limited accounts designated for special projects and initiatives of SGA, and are drawn from the Undergraduate Legislative Reserve (ULR) and the Graduate Legislative Reserve (GLR).

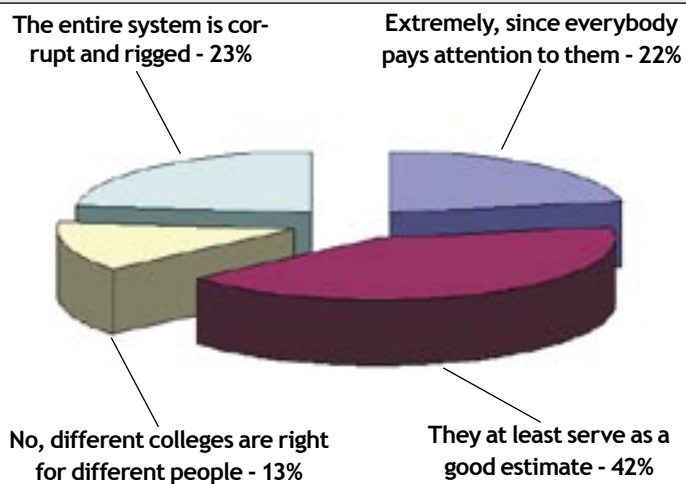
According to the newly passed policy, student organizations

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may receive funding in the forms of an annual budget and/or written requests for funds in the forms of bills. Organizations must submit their budgets for the next fiscal year in October of each year. At this point the Joint Finance Committee Chair, also the Vice President of Finance, begins reviewing the proposed budgets, and the JFC Chair present the budget to the legislative bodies in the seventh week of the spring semester each year.

Based on the initial review of the budget SGA determines the next year's Student Activity Fee and begins the process of budgetary planning. The JFC policy also defines what may and may not be funded by the Student Activity Fees. Events with alcohol present, food, capital expenditures, gifts, FASET materials, and recruitment activities are all prohibited.

During the UHR meeting this past week there was debate over one of the prohibited items. Prohibited allocations include religious activities, which are defined by the JFC policy

as activities which support religious worship and proselytizing.

The debate was centered on the inclusion of anti-religious groups, such as atheist groups, in this definition; while they are not religiously devout, they are similarly focused on religion.

However, the UHR halted the debate on the grounds that it was improper, as Georgia law prohibits the inclusion of atheist groups in the definition of "church" as it is used in its separation of church and state clauses.

The JFC policy was amended

From the files of the GTPD...

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9/2/2007 15:00:00 hrs.

Location: Metered parking between Research Drive and Atlantic Drive

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9/2/2007 4:08:00 hrs.

Location: North Avenue/Burge Apartments

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8/31/2007 15:15:00 hrs.

Location: North Avenue/North Avenue Apartments

Incident: Report of a broken parking gate arm.

Motor Vehicle Theft

9/3/2007 18:00:00 hrs.

Location: First Drive/Campus Recreation Center Parking Deck

Incident: Report of a stolen/recovered vehicle.

9/1/2007 13:20:00 hrs.

Location: First Drive/Clydeck

Incident: Report of a stolen '94 Honda Accord.

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9/1/2007 15:15:00 hrs.

Location: First Drive/Dalney Street

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9/2/2007 8:07:00 hrs.

Location: North Avenue/Burge Apartments

Incident: Offender arrested for burglary and possession of burglary tools, was transported and released to Fulton County Jail.

9/3/2007 2:00:00 hrs.

Location: North Avenue/North Avenue Apartments

Incident: Report of a stolen flat screen television, DVD player, video game and controllers

Traffic Accident

9/2/2007 3:20:00 hrs.

Location: Tech Parkway/Mean Street/North Avenue

Incident: Report of a hit and run vehicle accident (no reported injuries).

chamber divided by the percentage of the student activity fee that each chamber represents. The policy was amended to state "at least .60" for clarification purposes.

In order to amend the JFC policy the minimum .60 enactment ratios must be met, as well as majority approval in each individual chamber.

The recent amendments to the JFC policy will soon be available on the SGA website, sga.gatech.edu, and the full voting record will be available on the new Online Bill System at www.gtsga.com.

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

Undergraduate House of Representatives

UHR approves new JFC policy

By Emily Chambers
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This week's UHR meeting began with an announcement by Ricky Livingston from the Health Promotions Services. The Promotions services, which have been absent from campus for the past year, will be back on campus providing services in stress management, nutrition, sexual and domestic violence, alcohol and drug, fitness and sexuality issues.

Varun Prasad, the vice president of finance, announced that Joint Finance Committee applications are due Friday. Steven Kump announced that executive committee positions are also open.

Anu Parvatiyar, undergraduate student body president, announced that tickets for SGA's night at Six Flags Over Georgia on Sept. 28th will be on sale for \$13 online, and \$15 at the Student Center Ticket booth. Also, OIT will soon be releasing a new email system to replace webmail. The system will come with an integrated calendar.

The first bill brought before the

Bills passed

- Appointment for Council Representatives
- Appointment for Joint Finance Committee Chair
- Appointment of Vice President of Administrative Affairs
- Appointment of Vice President of Campus Organizations
- Approval of members for Executive Committee
- Joint Allocation to Finding Common Ground
- Joint Allocation to Wreck Racing
- Joint Resolution to adopt JFC Policy

house was the affirmation of the appointment of a new Representative, Anna Focks, for management. Focks was approved by unanimous acclamation and was then sworn in.

The second bill brought before the house was the appointment of the Joint Finance Committee Chair, Varun Prasad. The appoint-

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Graduate Student Senate

GSS funds picnic, adopts JFC policy



By Jon Drews / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Varun Prasad, the chair of the Joint Finance Committee, explains the JFC's funding recommendation for an allocation bill. The Graduate Student Senate passed four bills in its meeting Tuesday morning.

By Corbin Pon
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Bills passed

- Allocation for the GSS picnic
- Joint Allocation to Finding Common Ground
- Joint Allocation to Wreck Racing
- Joint Resolution to adopt JFC Policy

The second session of the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) came together as usual last Tuesday. During the session, four bills were discussed as well as information regarding the process of Tech's NCAA certification.

For the first item on the agenda, Susan Paraska, an assistant with the Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Review and Faculty Development, gave an overview on the ongoing NCAA certification for Tech. The NCAA website states that the Division I Athletics Certification is intended to ensure the NCAA's fundamental commitment to integrity in intercollegiate athletics. One part of the certification is a self study by Tech on every organization related to the athletics program. Areas of focus are academic and general support for the students. Another piece of the certification includes a NCAA peer review team

who will be on campus from Sept. 24 to Sept. 26.

Another item brought up before the discussion of bills was the matter of football vouchers for graduate students. The pickup of the vouchers went well, but the final numbers hadn't yet been compiled. If less than 1000 vouchers were handed out then every graduate student who got one would be guaranteed a ticket for each game of the season.

The discussion then moved to the finance policy. Members of the GSS met with Office of Legal Affairs and their consensus was that the policy was fine. One question that was an issue involved the definition of

religious activities. The definition used is the same from the Georgia Constitution and describes religious activities anything that supports the worship or proselytizing of any church, sect, cult, religious denomination or sectarian institution.

The first bill discussed was on the GSS Picnic. The bill was amended to bring the total cost to an even \$3000. This was accomplished by lowering costs from eight dollars to seven dollars and twenty cents per person with support from departments in the Provost's Office and Student Services. There was emphasis on bringing in more students from the College of Computing. The bill passed with no issue.

The second bill brought up involved the joint allocation of funds for the Finding Common Ground (FCG) event. Scott McKee, a representative from the FCG committee, spoke to the GSS. The main points of the bill involved the funding of facilitators who would guide conver-

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both male and female, each floor being one or the other. Howell was selected because it contains ancillary space such as a learning center that is useful for the program.

"I found that conversations that started during class in Honors English would carry over outside of the classroom and become one of the regular midnight debate topics in the Howell study lounge," said Sydney Shaffer, a second-year Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering major.

The director of the Honors Program is Greg Nobles, a professor in the School of History, Technology, and Society. He said he is very pleased with the trajectory of the program during its initial year.

"The students also developed a very strong intellectual and social community in Howell," Nobles said. "In general, the students—and the faculty members, too, I should add—seemed to get it in terms of the underlying goals of the program, and they made the program even better than we had originally imagined."

Having everyone inside the same

dorm gives the students a great opportunity to get to know each other, but overcrowding has forced some of the honors students to reside in the adjacent Smith Hall.

"I'm not mad, just disappointed," said Bobby Geter, a first-year Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering major who said being locked out of activities like study sessions sometimes leaves him and the others who don't have keys to Howell feeling isolated.

On first learning that a subset of incoming freshmen would now belong to an Honors Program, many students expressed concerns of creating such a separated community and how it would benefit the majority of the greater student body who is not directly involved with it. But Nobles pointed to examples of how the Honors Program has already made contributions that non-Honors Program students can appreciate.

"We provided financial and logistical support to a group of very energetic and able Honors Program students who organized GT Trailblazers last year, creating an alternative Spring Break experience that took both Honors Program and non-Honors Program students on a working/hiking trip to the Appalachian Trail," Nobles said.

This alternative break was conceived by four honors program students: Boyd, Shaffer, Jonathan Saethang, a second-year Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering major, and Martha Lesniewski, second-year Materials Science and Engineering major.

"It's an alternative spring break

trip with twelve students to do trail maintenance work on Appalachian Trail and combine it with outdoor activities," Boyd said.

Nobles added that the Honors Program also co-sponsors talks, which are open to the entire campus community. He emphasized a series of talks and small meetings, hosted by Alan Lightman, in 2008. Lightman is a physicist, writer and poet who is currently a professor at MIT.

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Greg Nobles
Honors Program Director,
HTS Professor

Boyd expressed that isolation could still occur in a much more basic sense.

"The gated communities might alienate us from the rest of the Tech community," Boyd said. "If we're going to be living in the same dorm, students must make sure to get out and be connected with the rest of campus."

The role of the Honors Program in a Tech student's career, as a permanent fixture or a transient introduction, will also be considered in the upcoming years.

"You're required to take Honors

courses, two each semester, in first year Seminar courses in each semester of your second year," Boyd said. "A lot of the core courses are offered with the Honors equivalent."

Beyond all the seminars and the activities outside of classes, those Honors sections of core courses have proven to be one of the most prized benefits of the program.

"I love the smaller class sizes," said Beatrice Wan, a first-year Biomedical Engineering major whose course load includes honors introductory computing and biology courses.

As students enter their junior and senior years, there are fewer Honors courses to be taken and thus less to distinguish them from other students.

"If we don't do anything different, what gives us the right to call ourselves Honors students?" Boyd asks.

The seminar courses, called special topics courses, were also points that would need addressing, according to Nobles.

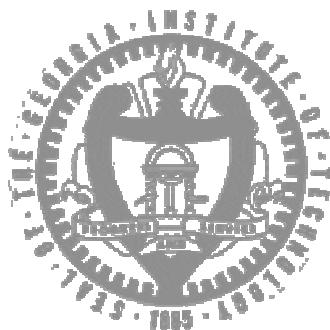
"Probably the biggest challenge we now need to address is making sure that the HP special topics courses, which are innovative and intellectually exciting, can be made to fit better within each student's overall course schedule and, above all, can be used for elective credit in the various curricula at Tech," Nobles said.

"At this point, I think the most important thing to know about the Honors Program is that we've tried to provide our students with both challenges and opportunities, and they've made the most of them," Nobles said.



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HTS professor Greg Nobles speaks to the UHR in 2005 about creating an honors program at Tech. He is currently the program's director.



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SGA unveils new interactive Online Bill System

By Corbin Pon
Assistant News Editor

A brand-new online bill system has been rolled out by the Student Government Association (SGA) making the bill process and voting more accessible and transparent to the students not in SGA.

Students will be able to access the Online Bill System by going to www.gtsga.com. Not only will undergraduate representatives and graduate senators be able to author bills here, students will also be able to access and view bills that are currently under consideration by the SGA.

"This was entirely a student-led initiative," said Anu Parvatiyar, undergraduate student body president.

"The new Online Bill System will make Student Government more transparent by giving all students the

opportunity both to see what bills are before SGA and to give feedback to their elected representatives," said Matt Peebles, Undergraduate Executive vice president.

There was an old billing system, but it was intended only to be used by members of the SGA to access, edit and view bills.

"The need [for the new system] arose because the only online bill system was dysfunctional," Peebles said.

The new site comes with an updated look and will include features that will make it easier for students to interact with and hold accountable their SGA representatives. Students will be able to ask their representatives questions, make comments on the bills being presented and ask for help on an SGA discussion board.

The new system also provides a Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feed so that students will be able to keep

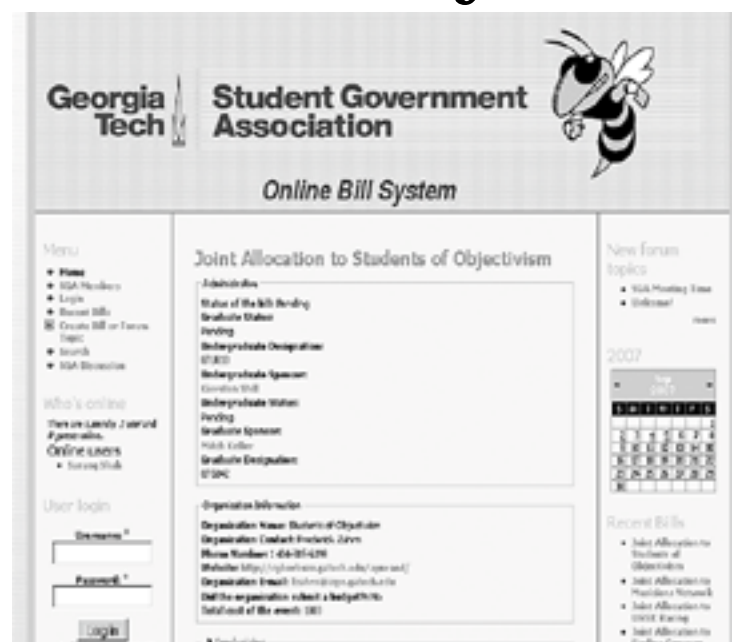
up-to-date on all the changes that will occur.

"Currently there are four bills that are on the system and all are joint allocation bills," Peebles said.

Each bill and topic in the system is selectable. Selecting each subject will present more detail, including budget breakdowns and comments. Users will also be able to download all bills and forum topics in PDF format.

"[The Online Bill System] was a legitimate amount of work during the summer... and was written with Ajax and PHP. It is very dynamic with lots of users being able to read the data. Students now can actively and openly discuss the bills," said Matt Goforth, Chairman of the SGA Information Technology Committee.

SGA legislators see the new system as an opportunity to be more



The new SGA Online Bill System web site adds transparency to student government by giving students total access to SGA voting records.

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Correction

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amnesty period will be placed back in the general pool, and will be available to undergraduates both in blocks and as individual students. Graduates were able to pick up tickets this Tuesday for Saturday's home opener against Samford University.

"We started the graduate ticketing because so many graduates were unhappy about being unable to get down and get in line for tickets on Monday morning, and the extra two-day window helps them come see games that they used to miss. They don't tend to be members of blocks like fraternities... and it was hard for them to get good tickets," said Scott McLaren, assistant athletic director for Ticketing and Sales.

Discussion about the changes to the graduate ticketing policy began in January. The Athletic Association worked with members of the graduate and undergraduate branches of Student Government.

"SGA has a student ticketing committee. There have been several students on it for the past few years, and they look at any changes that are proposed by the Athletic Association to try to come up with compromises between the undergraduates and graduates. They are the ones that have been looking at changing the block procedures, and they will be looking at changing the system next year," said Anu Parvatiyar, undergraduate student body president.

Changes were also made to the distribution of tickets to members of SWARM, the group of yellow-shirted, screaming fans who can be found in the north endzone of football games. In previous years, SWARM members picked up their

tickets in line with other student blocks. According to the new Student Ticket Procedures, SWARM will now be able to pick up their tickets a day earlier, picking up Saturday tickets on Friday.

In order to receive a ticket for SWARM a member's voucher must be turned in with the block 8 days prior to the game. The procedure is the same for non-SWARM members of 1st and 10, an organization of students as well as young alumni whose other activities include fundraising

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Scott McLaren
Assistant Athletic Director
for Ticketing and Sales

for athletics

"We had originally looked at changing how 1st and 10 membership and ticketing as well, but we decided against it. The only changes as far as block ticketing for this year are for SWARM, although we might be looking into changing more in the future," McLaren said.

SWARM membership will continue to be maintained by the Ramblin' Reck Club.

"The SWARM is in charge of keeping a membership registry of

their members, and handing out the t-shirts to the members, so we at the Athletic Association won't be regulating who individually gets those tickets," McLaren said.

SWARM is an offshoot of the 1st and 10 Undergraduate Program. Registration for the club was in August, and members paid a \$15 fee for 1st and 10 membership, as well as \$5 for the SWARM t-shirts.

According to the Student Ticket Procedures, SWARM seats will be in section 117 this year, moving the cheering group in closer proximity to the band as well as the playing field.

"We had looked at changing how SWARM tickets and registration were maintained, but we decided against becoming more actively involved," McLaren said.

"We were looking into expediting the block ticketing pick-up process by trying to add in two lines, but that is not something that has happened yet. That is a change that we are looking at for later in the season, or even next year," Parvatiyar said.

There are no current changes to the overall ticketing system. Blocks of students not affiliated with 1st and 10 may still pick up their tickets the morning of football games, and individual students who are not in blocks may continue to do so as well.

"We really don't foresee any difficulties with the new procedures, and all groups that want block tickets should be able to get them. I would just encourage students to look at the athletic association website if they have any questions," McLaren said.

The ticket office is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the gates to the stadium open one-and-a-half hours before gametime.



By Craig Tabita / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Auto alert: GTPD has issued a warning to owners of Honda Accords. Four Accords have been stolen on campus lots since August 23, including two from North Avenue's South deck.

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responsive to their constituencies.

"Now, if a student organization wants to plan an activity, all they have to do is ask the SGA community online how they can get the most assistance in the shortest amount of time."

"After a request for the funding is filed, everyone can engage in a discussion over whether the bill should be passed, and hopefully,

students will e-mail or contact their representative through the site, and the representative will consider their constituency when they vote at the next legislative council meeting. I believe we have taken the next step forward toward being a more representative democracy," said Sarang Shah, House Committee Chair and Physics Representative.

The site is labeled as "provisional" while the administrators work out issues. The SGA is encouraging all students to register at the site.

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Management creates GPA requirement for major-changes

By James Hite
Contributing Writer

A new policy in the College of Management will require that students with 60 or more credits who want to transfer into the Management major must have a minimum 2.3 cumulative GPA. The policy will go into effect Oct. 1.

However, the new added selectivity of the College of Management may not have a widespread impact. According to Steve Salbu, dean of the College of Management, 88% of students who change their major to Management are in "good standing" academically, and he approximates that 30% of those students have a 3.0 GPA or higher.

"This policy encourages students to consider changing their majors earlier in their academic career so they can quickly transition into the Management curriculum and start building their competitiveness for internships and full-time positions," Salbu said.

Nancy Gimbel, the director of undergraduate programs of the College of Management, emphasized the importance of internships.

"We have probably about 40% of our undergraduate students graduating without internships, and you just can't do that if you're trying to be competitive in the top job market. And we find that students who wait longer to get into our major have a really hard time fitting those in. [The new policy is] aimed at really attracting better students to our program... [and] getting them in here earlier," Gimbel said.



"[The new policy is] aimed at really attracting better students into our program..."

Nancy Gimbel
Director of Undergraduate Programs,
College of Management

Making it more difficult for change-of-major students to get into the College of Management later in their college career provides a greater incentive for students to start with a Management major in their freshman year.

It is not unprecedented for a department at Tech to create a minimum GPA requirement. For instance, the School of Mechanical Engineering enforces a 2.6 minimum GPA for students transferring into

Mechanical Engineering and Nuclear and Radiological Engineering. However, Management has typically carried a reputation of being a lighter workload, and the phenomenon of students switching from a difficult major in which they are struggling to management even has a name: "riding the M-Train."

Gimbel and Salbu downplayed that notion.

"If the concept of the M-Train as a last resort for students once had validity, it no longer reflects reality for today's change-of-major students," Salbu said.

"[The M-Train] is more of a myth, and... it takes a long time for a myth to go away," Gimbel said.

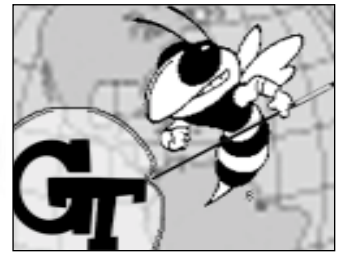
Still, there are those students who may not meet the new standard that are sincerely interested in pursuing a Management major.

"We're not looking to decrease the number of Management majors, just attract more high-achieving students to our major. Students above 60 credits who do not have a 2.3 GPA but would like to join Management

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Breaking the Bubble

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



Adventurous millionaire missing

Investigators are searching western Nevada for Steve Fossett, a 63 year old millionaire aviator who has not been heard from since taking off on Monday, September 3, for a brief recreational flight.

According to the **New York Times**, Fossett flew out of a ranch owned by hotel magnate William Barron Hilton at 9 a.m. and was expected to return by noon.

Major Cynthia Ryan, public information officer of the Civil Air Patrol Nevada wing, reported that the weather that day was clear with only light wind and the plane was in excellent technical condition.

FAA records indicate that the plane, a single-engine Citabria Super Decathlon, was built in 1980 or earlier.

Ryan said the plane also has a tracking device that can be tracked by satellite, but did not know whether searchers had received information from the device.

Fossett is well-known for his daring quests. In 2002 he achieved the first round-the-world flight in a hot-air balloon after five unsuccessful previous tries.

Popcorn butter linked to rare lung disease

A flavoring chemical in popcorn that has been linked to a deadly lung condition at a manufacturing plant is being removed to reassure the concerns of consumers. Four of the nation's largest popcorn manufacturers are removing the butter flavoring diacetyl from their products as a leading research hospital warned that consumers could be in danger, reported the **Associated Press**. Diacetyl has been linked to cases of bronchiolitis obliterans, a rare life-threatening disease often called popcorn lung.

The three companies that sell Orville Redenbacher, Act II, Pop Secret and Jolly Time microwave popcorn said they planned to change the recipes for their butter-flavored microwave popcorn to remove diacetyl.

Consumers can still buy microwave popcorn that does not contain butter flavor. The chemical occurs naturally in foods such as butter, cheese and fruits, and the FDA has approved its use as a flavor ingredient.

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By Michael Schneider / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Stephen Kump, the newly appointed Vice President for Campus Affairs, speaks to the Representatives at last week's House meeting.

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ment was approved by unanimous acclamation.

The third bill presented to the house was the appointments of Vice President of Administrative Affairs Nick Wellkamp and Vice President of Campus Affairs Steven Kump. These appointments were also approved by unanimous affirmation.

The fourth bill approved John Bowen for the position of Vice President of Campus Organizations by unanimous affirmation.

The fifth bill was the approval of members for the Executive Committee. This bill was split into two bills,

based on the nominees' responses to an appointment with Representative Leah McCormick, the Executive nomination's Chair.

The first bill, which consisted of nominees who had met with McCormick, passed, and the second was tabled to be voted on pending interviews.

The sixth bill presented to the house was the Joint Allocation to Finding Common Ground. Scott McKee spoke for the organization, explaining that Finding Common Ground is planning a series of discussions on taboo topics.

"We are trying to get facilitators for the discussions, and we want to include undergraduate, graduate students, and staff," McKee said.

The organization requested \$10,000 for speaker fees for the events, as well as \$300 for banners. The Joint Finance Committee (JFC) recommended that the bill be amended down to \$108 for banners, which passed in a successive motion.

Limited information about who the speakers would be for the various sessions sparked a motion to table the bill.

"Finding Common Ground is an SGA initiative," said Representative Kaitlyn Frazier, "and I think it is important for us to remember that when we are debating funding them."

"The issue here isn't funding Finding Common Ground, it is funding what is basically a \$10,000 miscellaneous. I recommend that we table this for a week so that we can get a more comprehensive breakdown. I would rather fund a larger amount that is more itemized, than a \$10,000 miscellaneous," said Representative George Ray.

The bill passed with a vote of 32 yays and five nays.

The next bill presented was the Joint Allocation to Wreck Racing. The bill was tabled as there was no representative from the organization present.

The final bill presented to the House was the JFC policy. The house amended the policy per the Graduate Student Senate, including a definition for emergency capital expenditures as opposed to non-emergency capital expenditures.

The house then debated amending to prohibit funding for organizations based on protesting religion or religious beliefs.

The policy passed the house with 37 votes in favor and three votes opposed.



By Jon Drews / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Susan Paraska, Assistant to the Vice Provost for Institutional Development, speaks to GSS about the NCAA certification process.

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sation during the FCG discussion events as well as the allocation of money for the number of posters. There are three FCG events during the fall semester and it was decided that each event would get two banners at \$18 per banner, and that a budget of \$10,000 would be spent on facilitators. The bill passed with a vote of ten to two.

The third bill involved the student organization Wreck Racing. The bill involved their annual funding

and passed.

The final bill dealt with the Joint Finance Committee Policy. The main issue involved reinserting language that had been removed from last year's policy involving emergency capital finances—money set aside for student organizations to purchase equipment if an unforeseeable incident occurred.

Normally organizations are expected to save for equipment, and the emergencies would be limited to situations like theft of uniforms or destruction of a boat. The bill was passed.

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are still welcome to take our classes," Salbu said.

Those pursuing Management certificates are also still allowed to take classes as usual, regardless of GPA.

"We open up all of our classes to students after that first phase registration, so if they really want to do it [they can] just come on over and take the classes... If this is the place they're supposed to be they'll do well in the classes, and their GPA will keep going up, and [then] they'll be eligible to join," Gimbel said.

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Quote of the week:

"The average pencil is seven inches long, with just a half-inch eraser—in case you thought optimism was dead."
 —Robert Brault

OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

Policy at last

Both chambers of the Student Government Association (SGA) passed a revised version of the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) policy this week, formally changing some of the requirements student organizations will have to follow to get their bills funded from next week onward. The new policy's adoption was a long time coming, with work commencing nearly three years ago, and it is good to see the graduates and the undergraduates finally reach a compromise and move forward with this issue.

The refreshed JFC policy brings with it a number of changes that will affect the way student organizations interact with SGA. For one, the policy's enactment ratios have been altered to give graduate students more participation in the decision-making process. The previous enactment ratio gave the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) the opportunity to essentially override the votes of the Graduate Student Senate if enough members of the UHR voted either in favor or against a bill.

The latest policy revisions also added language dealing with emergency versus non-emergency expenditures. An organization will no longer be able to request capital goods to be purchased during the year except in case of "emergency." Rather, expected capital expenditures will need to be planned for in an organization's budget.

While the new rules for emergency capital spending may reduce the funding of wasteful requests, the greater emphasis given to the budgeting process as a result must be taken into consideration. Organizations must still submit a budget for the following fiscal year by the Friday of the eighth week of Fall semester, and they may not alter their submissions thereafter.

This early deadline, combined with the inability to request non-emergency capital expenditures during the year, means that student organizations must anticipate the failure of items more than a year in advance. This approach may work for items which are likely to wear out on a fixed schedule, but the failure of other capital goods is harder to predict.

Perhaps the most significant change to the JFC policy was not made to the policy itself, however. The new SGA bylaws, ratified last spring, made it significantly more difficult to pass a bill that violates the JFC policy. The committee's recommendations are no longer just recommendations, and SGA must explicitly vote to suspend the policy before voting on a bill if they wish to go against them. This change could lead to an increase in arguments at the already-lengthy SGA meetings.

At this point it is too early to pass judgement on the policy, however. It is up to the student organizations to determine whether it works well.

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By Tim van de Vall / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students lack financial advice

The last time I flipped through the myriad channels of my television set, I was struck by the proliferation of finance-related content that seems to have popped up over the past few years. It seems that Americans are becoming progressively more interested in the messy business of money and the vagaries of Wall Street.

The popularity of financial information among the layperson has been rising steadily for decades. This is made apparent by the increased prominence of television channels, radio programs, books and websites covering everything from the ups and downs of the New York Stock Exchange to the latest scandals that seem to be increasingly commonplace in the corporate world.

These media sources have succeeded in broadening their audience from the seasoned stock trader to the casual participant by focusing on news that affects individual investors and placing more emphasis on personal finance.

One trend that has accompanied these successes is the rise of personal finance "experts," including Dave Ramsey, Richard Kiyosaki and Suze Orman. These media personalities write books, appear in television programs and run seminar series to teach people everything from the basics of financial planning to the intricacies of working one's way out of a great deal of debt.

These experts have taken advantage of two societal shifts to rise to prominence. First, the downfall of pension programs and the increase in the variety of financial instruments available to workers in the United States as a result has forced employees to pay significantly more attention to their retirement savings. As these employees play a more active role in the management of their nest eggs, the market for helping people through this process has grown by a corresponding amount.



"How do I...manage a budget when my co-op schedule causes my income to arrive at a highly irregular rate?"

Arcadiy Kantor
 Opinions Editor

Second, modern society has seen significant increases in both the percentage of people in debt and the size of the debts the average American carries. The experts and the media have created a vast body of content to teach hapless Americans the not so intricate methods to get out of debt (the Saturday Night Live skit "Don't Buy Stuff You Cannot Afford" comes to mind.)

The net result is that each expert feels the need to capitalize on these two trends, and approximately 95 percent of the literature on financial planning revolves around the following two-step process:

1. Get out of debt.
2. Start saving for retirement.

Personally, however, I am not in debt; I've also yet to start saving for my retirement (any of the experts would no doubt let me know that this is a critical mistake for anyone who has recently turned 22 like I have). As a result of this, the vast majority of financial advice is utterly useless to me, and I suspect I am one of many college students in this predicament.

College students, after all, merit a class of financial advice all our own. I call this the "ramen diet" school of finance—advice given with the assumption that spending more than a dollar per day on food is enough to bust the average college student's budget. The Cup Noodles-eating college student has become such a cliché that it is virtually unavoidable in the advice of any "expert" who

lowers him- or herself to the level of addressing the financial concerns a college student may have.

Personally, I have happily never had to eat ramen more than twice a day in my college career. And even when I do have to resort to ramen, I usually eat the fancy Shin Ramyun kind from the Korean supermarket. Thus this flavor of advice is not applicable to me either.

The fact that I'm on acceptable, if not fantastic, financial ground doesn't mean I don't have a significant number of questions about how to best handle my money. I want to know where I can find the savings account that pays the highest interest rates on my money but still leaves me flexible to pay the large sums that make up Tech tuition, for one. Likewise, I'd love to discover a credit card company that both offers a worthwhile rewards program and would actually approve me as a student with limited credit history if I were to apply. Finally, how do I successfully manage a budget when my co-op schedule causes my income to arrive at a highly irregular rate throughout the year?

At the moment, I have to sift through countless articles that are completely impractical for anything I might be interested in just to attempt to discover the answers to these questions. Despite occasionally monitoring websites like bankrate.com I don't have anything resem-

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High gas prices affect students, society

First of all, let me start out by stating the following: I don't own a car. I don't drive. I don't even have a driver's license. I meet all of the legal (and most of the financial) qualifiers to do all of these things, but I choose not to exercise the right.

The reasons for this are varied and numerous, and I shall not get into them.

The price of gas, however, still matters to me. It should matter to everyone, really, as it affects more than just the wallets of those poor, ignorant souls who regularly drive their land-yachts with no other passengers for no other reason than to probably compensate for something I'd prefer not to speculate about.

Anyway, as I was saying, the price of gasoline affects us all—from the effect it has on the prices of goods that must be transported, to the changes in flexible fuel taxes that respond to significant changes in the base price.

Before I get too off-track from my original intent, let me tell you a funny story.

Several years ago, never mind how many exactly, I was taking a summer driver's education course (for the benefit of my parents' insurance premiums) in which we watched a number of instructional videos. Several of these were quite old and were



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Hillary Lipko
Development Editor

shown on a reel-to-reel projector (something, might I add, I had not experienced in use in a classroom in nearly a decade at that point). One had a copy-right date of, I believe, 1963.

It's this particular film that comes to mind every time I experience sticker shock when passing by a gas station. The average price of gas when I was taking that driver's ed class was about \$1.70 per gallon—cheap by today's standards, but at that point it was the highest average price (not adjusted for inflation) that the U.S. had ever seen. (An astute reader could probably, at this point, use this information to discern exactly when I took this class.)

The instructional film was shot from the perspective of a man driving his car through a city while he narrated his actions, referencing various rules of driving. During the course of this film, he passed by a gas sta-

tion with a posted fuel price of 23 cents per gallon. At that point, I could hear a wave of whispers and murmurs throughout the room as my classmates noticed this with a certain level of incredulity. After the film ended, the instructor asked the class what people had noticed about the film. The first response he got: "The price of gas!" The second: "He changed lanes in an intersection."

I got to thinking about all of this again when one of my professors related a story about how the first time he ever filled up the tank of his first car, it was in the midst of a gas price war, and he paid 19 cents per gallon. Even adjusted for inflation (making the assumption that 19 cents has about a fifth of the buying power it did in the mid-1960s), that's 95 cents per gallon. I haven't seen prices that low since late fall of 2001 when gas prices dropped sharply after 9/11.

I remember a friend calling

me from a gas station after she'd gotten gas in preparation for a short road trip we were making to an out-of-town football game, excited that she had filled the tank of her Ford Escort for less than \$10. Those were the days—last time I checked, the gas station down the street from me has regular unleaded for just under \$3 per gallon. Sigh.

Rising gas prices aren't all bad, though. For one, it encourages more research and development in alternative fuels. For another, it means more tax revenue that goes to road improvement. (Few things feel nicer than the ride of a car over freshly laid asphalt.)

Of course, the combination of the two can often spell trouble for do-it-yourself biofuel users. "We're not here to hurt the small guy, we're just trying to make sure that the playing field is level," was the claim made by a government official in response to a \$1,000 fine levied against a North Carolina man for failing to pay fuel taxes he'd avoided by modifying his car to run on soybean oil.

If anyone really believes that statement, I have some beach-front property in Nebraska to sell them. Seriously, though, despite the bureaucratic ass-hattery, rising gas prices, regardless of how

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OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

HOT- or -NOT



St. Jackets Day

Tech's defense put more hurt on the Irish than a potato famine, handing Notre Dame the worst season opener defeat in its storied history. Tashard Choice rushed for 196 yards in the game and established himself as a candidate for the Heisman trophy. While the passing game could have been better, between the Jackets' defensive prowess and Choice's performance our new No. 21 ranking looks rather low.



Welcome no more

The College of Management's new requirement of a 2.3 GPA to become a Management major threatens to wreak havoc on engineer members of the Square Root Club who hoped to ride the M-train to GPA salvation. While this may raise the major's stature on campus, the move may make it more difficult for students who discover too late that engineering is not for them to finish out their careers at the Institute.



Now you know

SGA's new online bill submission website and PRS voting system will allow students to get a better idea of what Student Government, as well as their specific representatives, are up to by actually keeping a voting record for each congressman. It remains to be seen whether anyone pays attention, however.



Tricky tickets

The football ticketing policies were changed yet again this year, reshuffling the priority order for student tickets and changing some policies affecting SWARM. At this point, we care less about what the policies actually are and more about the fact that we'd just like them to stay consistent for a few consecutive years.

Protect your civil liberties

By Dan Nicastro
Massachusetts Daily Collegian

(U-WIRE) U. Massachusetts—Immediately before the August congressional recess, the Democratically-controlled Congress signed legislation granting the National Security Agency the authority to wiretap international conversations without a warrant. As long as the NSA believes a possible terrorist connection exists, regardless of whether or not either party is an American citizen, the law applies. The Bush administration, instead of actually dealing with a recent court ruling that warrants are in fact necessary in this respect, decided to gut the Fourth Amendment of any real meaning by passing new legislation making such measures legal. This is a shot across the bow for civil liberties, and it may be one of the last warnings for the end of personal freedom.

We've reached a crisis point in this country. Since the end of the Revolution, American citizens

have, from time to time, ceded liberties and freedoms guaranteed to us by the Constitution in the name of security. We've all heard that "freedom isn't free," and that sacrifices need to be made in order for us to be truly safe. But we're very quickly reaching a point where we won't have any real Constitutional protections to surrender.

Over the last 200 years, American citizens have been asked time and time again to relinquish more and more of their personal freedoms in order for the government to fully protect them from threats abroad, and evils lurking within our borders. Unfortunately, almost every time it has been asked of us, American citizens have relented and surrendered more of our civil liberties guaranteed by the Constitution.

Because we've been willing to give up these liberties in the past, it becomes clear that there

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What would you rank Tech No. 1 in?



John Manson
Second-year ChemE
"Being nerds."



Whitney Smith
Second-year STaC
"Football. Gotta have school spirit."



David Parker
Third-year ARCH
"Miscommunication."



Whitney Haller
Third-year IE
"Late nights spent procrastinating."

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is no bottom line in terms of what we are willing to give up. The line in the sand keeps getting pushed farther and farther back, and soon, it will disappear forever.

As much as I would love to blame the Bush administration for the destruction of our civil liberties, I can't. They've certainly been complicit in our loss of freedom, but in reality, we as American citizens are the culprits. The reason we keep losing these vital civil liberties is because we have repeatedly shown that we either don't care enough about them—or know enough about them—to fight back.

History is cyclical. The discourses and major events that have shaped this country over the last 200 years can't be written off as mere names and dates. Unfortunately, far too many people in this country regard history as a linear progression. Events in the past hold very little meaning for the present or the future, and this lack of hindsight has led us to the precarious position we are now faced with. We don't look back and see what it took to fight the Alien and Sedition Acts. We don't see the real dangers to our freedom involved in the McCarthy

witch hunts of the 1950s.

Likewise, our moral outrage is misdirected. The personal lives of Lindsay Lohan, Britney Spears and Paris Hilton may be morally bankrupt, but their "lack of morals" affects only those who they come in contact with.

The new wiretapping law, though,

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affects everyone in this country. While the NSA may not be listening to your phone calls in particular, the fact that the Bush administration was able to pass a law like this one through a Democratically-controlled Congress suggests the possibility of a "domino effect."

We're at the point right now where the erosion of 200 years of civil rights and liberties has taken a toll on our way of life. Hallmarks of the American legal system, such as

"innocent until proven guilty," have been tossed aside in favor of phrases like "if you're not doing anything wrong, you shouldn't be afraid."

It's premature to say this could be the end of the representative democracy we have known since our founding, but it's not out of the question. Since American citizens first gave up their freedoms in exchange for governmental protection, there has in fact been a "domino effect." Every administration demands a little more from its citizens, and every time citizens refuse to act and challenge these demands, the Constitution becomes a meaningless document. This domino effect is even taking place as I write this, as the Department of Homeland Security is funneling more and more money to municipalities that is specifically earmarked for comprehensive surveillance systems.

People claim they feel safer with these new "improvements" by the federal government, but I don't think the feeling can really be classified as "safe." When these same people say, "If you're not doing anything wrong, you shouldn't be afraid," they're actually telling you to watch out and don't step out of line. Big Brother is watching you.

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bling a good answer for the latter two questions.

Many college students who haven't taken an interest in figuring out their personal finance issues, however, don't even know the right questions to ask. These students are unaware of the many options they have for managing their money, and this ignorance creates the sort of people who wind up overspending on their first credit card, falling

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much I may lament them, may actually work toward our benefit in the long run. One of these days, prices will hit the point where demand for gasoline shows some actual elasticity and people will finally start driving less. Maybe the U.S. will finally catch up with the rest of the industrialized world in the public transit infrastructure department. Maybe, maybe, maybe....

Or maybe I'm too optimistic. The realist (which many misidentify as the pessimist) in me is presently telling me to shut up about how

into debt, and adding to the U.S. population's staggeringly-high debt load.

Alas, it appears unlikely that an expert will come forth and answer all of my feeble questions about how to manage the few dollars I actually have. Perhaps the solution will be creative software (probably web-based) that allows college students to collaboratively discover the answers to their money management dilemmas. Until then, the only "expert" on my financial situation will remain myself.

high gas prices are so good for us. "If they're so good for us," it says, "why are oil companies netting record profits every quarter, as they tell us there's a shortage or diminished refining capacity or instability in an OPEC nation or whatever the grand excuse of the month is for raising prices?"

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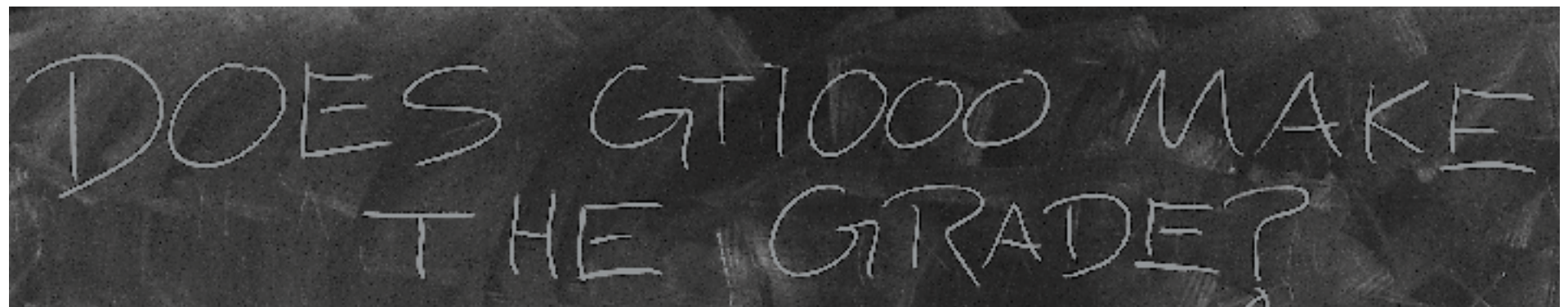
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M.I.A. COMES OUT OF HIDING

M.I.A., a female British MC with Sri Lankan roots, creates a risky unforgettable masterpiece with her sophomore album *Kala*. Page 25

TECH SERVES IT UP

Tech's varsity volleyball team shows promise as the defending champion of the Georgia Tech Classic tournament. Page 37

By Lindsey Hollenbeck
Contributing Writer

Freshmen are easy to spot on campus. Chances are, they are fumbling with fold-out maps, clueless on how to decorate their RAT caps, walking into the wrong classes or simply glancing around nervously and somewhat awkwardly due to the new environment.

Or maybe it is about pushing through a daunting crowd of upperclassmen on Skiles Walkway while being inundated with flyers and sign-up sheets, only to liberate a sigh of relief in reaching the boy at the end of the walkway with the cardboard "Free Hugs" sign.

With a representative from just about each of the hundreds upon hundreds of existing clubs and on-campus opportunities, in addition to the miles of chalky advertisements, how is a R.A.T. (Recently Acquired Tech) student to know what would be the best suited extracurricular activities to join and what classes and internships to take?

It is this whirlwind of experiences that make many incoming freshmen initially feel apprehensive about their first weeks at Tech—sensory overload.

Hence the need for the creation of "GT1000, Adjustment to College Life, the Freshman Seminar." GT1000 is, in short, "a one-hour credit graded course promoting the academic and co-curriculum leadership opportunities available to students in their first year and beyond," as stated on the GT1000 website.

The course, taught by academic and administrative faculty from various academic divisions who have acquired advanced degrees and have previous experience in assisting college students with their transition from high school to college, is driven to help students begin to identify major and career goals.

"I learned to balance my time and [to identify] what classes are good for me," said Chloe Stewart, a second-year STAC major and GT1000 Team Leader.

"[Perhaps] most importantly, [I learned] how to write a resume, a cover letter and the things that you need on a resume to market yourself to companies and the job world," Stewart said.

The classes have about 25 to 30 students who work in small groups directed by upperclassmen team leaders who voluntarily aid in supporting the newest students of Georgia Tech with their transition, both academically and socially, into the college lifestyle.

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By Hanjie Song / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A student hands in work for her GT1000 class. About 65% of freshmen are enrolled in the one-hour freshman seminar classes.

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ORGT promotes outdoor recreation

By Aileen Li
Staff Writer

Numerous organizations on campus strive to relax students. Not only does Tech offer a counseling program, an Olympic sized pool and a giant water slide, the Campus Recreation Center's (CRC) Outdoor Recreation at Georgia Tech (ORGT) is becoming increasingly popular. Despite Tech's location at the heart of Midtown, ORGT aims to take its participants out of the urban jungle and enjoy the outdoor opportunities that Georgia has to offer. Located on the first floor of the CRC, ORGT also runs the indoor climbing wall in the CRC.

"ORGT is a great way to get away from the stresses of school and work. Being outdoors lets you forget about the weekdays, your daily schedules, and society's expectations," said Dean Liao, the General Committee and Mountain Biking Committee Chair of ORGT.

"People at Tech are stuck in the fast-paced nature of city life. Sometimes students should take some time to slow down and enjoy nature," said Andrew McDowell, the Climbing Committee Chair.

To alleviate the stress Tech's course work brings, ORGT offers a number of fun and exciting programs, including whitewater kayaking, sea kayaking, whitewater rafting, backpacking, rock climbing and mountain biking. The whitewa-

ter rafting program, for example, teaches students proper equipments, strokes, maneuvers and techniques used in rafting. The program consists of a classroom session every week and a trip the following week, where students try out the techniques and learn the real stuff.

"The backpackers offer 3 to 5 classes each semester with corresponding trips. We usually go to the north Georgia mountains for beginner level trips and then to the

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Dean Liao
General Committee, ORGT

mountains in western North Carolina for more advanced trips," said Rob Piatkowski, the Backpacking Committee Chair.

"Rock Climbing is a very popular AdventureSport. The climbing world is growing by the minute because it is fun, challenging, and looks cool. It is a great workout and you get an awesome view at the end,"

Liao said.

"We have classes at the climbing wall that will get you started or Free Climbing if you just want to try it out," Liao said.

Being a part of ORGT is not only rewarding in a sense that students get to forget about school for one day and go back to nature, it gives its members a sense of leadership and more importantly, friendship and happiness.

"ORGT offers great leadership opportunities and obviously the chance to get out into nature. Each of the different sports has their own committee with its own leadership as well, so there are many ways to become involved at all levels whether leading the trips or a sport's committee," Piatkowski said.

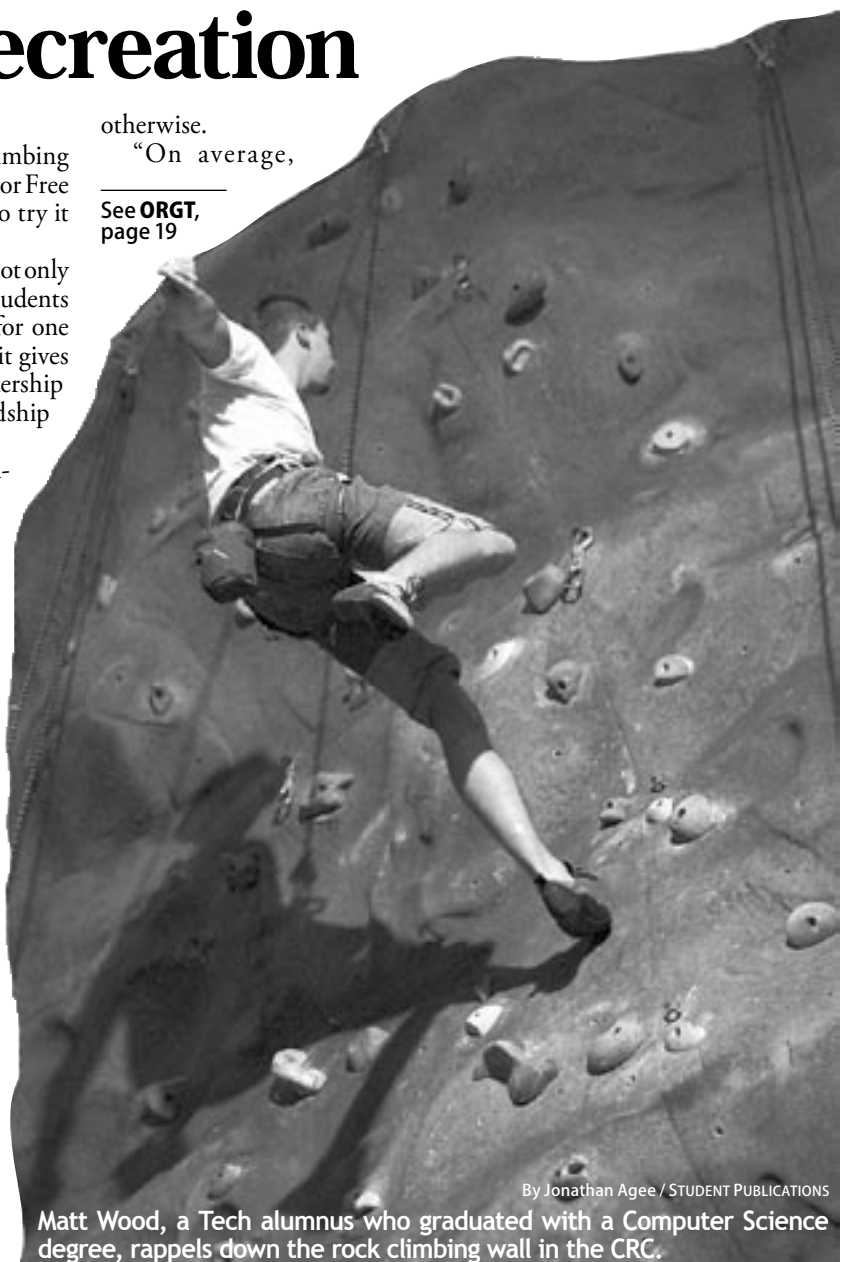
"I am having a great time at college and part of it because I'm involved in ORGT. I've met a lot of friends through ORGT and gained skills in leadership and in the outdoors," Liao said.

However, Tech students are typically kept busy by piles of class work, research duties and organization responsibilities. While ORGT activities seem very time and effort demanding, the committee chairs claim

otherwise.

"On average,

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Students get stung by stress

By Fengning Yu
Contributing Writer

Although Tech is one of the nation's top public schools, some of its undergraduates have yet to mentally leave their nests.

Students have moved into dorms with orderly textbooks, books for understanding the textbooks, notebooks, folders, calculators, rulers and pencils, yet some of their minds crave an idea of where to mentally put the class lectures, homework, reading assignments and outlines which they have received since they have arrived. This mental need of organization causes later what is commonly known as "stress."

Stress is the response to pressure from the outside world. Stress among college freshmen is one of the common types of stress. For those who have just left their accustomed surroundings, this stress could really become a hindrance if not a blockage to the students' learning.

It is Johnny's first time away from home and he realizes that no one is present to keep him from doing what he wants to do. He is now a citizen of Georgia Tech and has the freedom to devour his ice cream before tackling those vegetables.

"Some students handle this stress very well and can even benefit from it by increasing their ability to learn," said Dr. Randy Engle, a professor in the Psychology department.

"Yet this stress becomes harmful when it leaves its normal range," Engle said.

When stress levels increase to more than what the mind can handle, students can develop irregular sleep patterns, obtain unhealthy eating habits and begin to avoid their friends and family.

This negative consequence can impact their learning and their chances of an amazing future. In high school, dragging a lifeless body running on two hours of sleep from class to class was innocuous.

In college, missing one class can really put a student behind. Although most students stress only before and after finals, some students continue to feed their stress to the point that unhealthy activities become habits.

A current Tech student who wishes to remain anonymous remembers what his undergraduate days were like having too many extracurricular activities. It became a struggle to juggle multiple commitments, causing lots of built-up pressure from every direction. Day-to-day activities became far less enjoyable as the stress began to accumulate.

"Sometimes learning in class is like not learning at all. If you are lucky, you understand what

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LeaderShape retreat positively impacts Tech students

By Santiago Hassig
Contributing Writer

In search of self-betterment, personal growth, inter- and intra-personal awareness and overall maturity, innumerable people have resorted to a wide range of self-help books, seminars, and classes that offer to teach a method or guide.

The LeaderShape Institute, however, is a six-day retreat that, despite its focus on leadership, manages to teach its graduates lessons ranging from personal self-improvement, honesty and integrity to strategies for achieving great goals, or "visions" as LeaderShape likes to call them.

In effect, the Institute realizes that creating a great leader is synonymous and must be preceded by the building of a great individual. It is no surprise that LeaderShape's graduates, regardless of their roles as leaders, undergo significant introspection and self-assessment before they assume positions of delegation.

One week before classes began, 36 Tech students headed together in a bus towards Dahlonega, Georgia. Here they would be greeted by the LeaderShape Institute, comprised of four cluster facilitators, two interns (that ran all the behind-the-scenes action), two program leaders and two directors that were responsible for keeping the program alive on campus.

For each day there is a theme that is introduced, developed, connected to other themes and then concluded by means of big and small group meetings accompanied by a potpourri of activities.

The progression and detail covered from one theme to the next is hard to convey summarily. However, the main title of each day is "Building Community," "The Value of One, the Power of All," "Challenging What is, Looking to What Could Be," "Bringing Vision to Reality," "Living and Leading with Integrity" and "Staying in Action." There is also what is eventually introduced to the students as "Day 7."

"[Day 7] is an 'infinite' stretch of time subsequent to the retreat

"[Day 7] is an 'infinite' stretch of time subsequent to the retreat that becomes a continual process of learning..."

Anu Parvatiyar
Undergraduate Student
Body President

that becomes a continual process of learning," said Anu Parvatiyar, undergraduate student body president and LeaderShape alumnus.

Parvatiyar is a prime example of an individual with a great goal in mind, a vision that took more than just six months or one year in the making, who had, as LeaderShape states it, "an unhealthy disregard for the impossible."

She wanted to start an interdisciplinary design course in which the first term would be an on-campus

study of the needs of a particular region. The following semester, students would go on-site to tend to the problems with consideration of the cultural background, understanding of the political environment and a viable strategy.

"In a little more than two years, we have progressed a long way and hopefully by this spring the course will be implemented," Parvatiyar said.

It is not rare to find students who, going into the program, have very little idea of what to expect. It is not uncommon to see several skeptical faces in the crowd as soon as the "LeaderShapers" first disembark the bus at the retreat. But Joshua Silver, another alumnus of the program, offers very good advice based on his own experience.

"Before I attended LeaderShape, someone told me to 'expect the unexpected' and to 'trust the process,' advice which captures the very spirit of LeaderShape," Silver said.

The national LeaderShape Institute reviews its method on a regular basis to ensure that the curriculum is up to date. Thus, it is no surprise that the program has managed to effectively reach students with an immense difference of backgrounds.

"There's this perception on campus that there's these same 50 student leaders. I know these student leaders and yet I don't know most of the people that went on these [LeaderShape] sessions," said Danielle McDonald, assistant dean of students and director of Student Involvement.

A common misconception about

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Photo Courtesy of Danielle McDonald

The 2007 LeaderShape participants pose for a group photo. This year, 36 Tech students went on the retreat in Dahlonega, Georgia.



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LeaderShape participants discuss an activity. Different activities were assigned each day depending on the unique daily theme.

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Students explore opportunities at the Involvement Fair

By Candice Farr
Contributing Writer

This year's Involvement Fair took place on Skiles Walkway on Tuesday, August 28 through Friday, August 31. It showcased various student organizations and nonprofit community service groups in an effort to get students more involved on campus.

Different groups arranged their tables along the walkway to recommend their group to others, attracting some students just walking through to get to class and also others planning to find the perfect activity to join.

On Tuesday, organizations relating to recreation, sports, performance and production were featured. On Wednesday, honor societies, professional organizations, governing boards, student media and Greek life were showcased. Thursday featured the volunteer service organizations while Friday hosted religious and cultural organizations.

The common theme of service-related organizations seemed to catch the attention of some, and it appeared as if many of the individuals demonstrating their table's highlights were eager to inform anyone interested in their particular group.

One organization of particular interest was Jumpstart, which works to promote literacy among young children at preschools in the Atlanta area. According to Courtney Woods, the Jumpstart Program Coordinator on campus, sixty-five universities across the United States host Jumpstart, and the program has been at Tech for four years thus far. A selection process allows 35 recruits for the program to visit two preschools in the Atlanta area to teach four year-olds the importance of reading.

On September 20th, Jumpstart at Tech will be participating in "Read for the Record," a national effort of Jumpstart that will involve selected participants of the group reading *The Story of Ferdinand* by Robert Lawson to young children not only in Atlanta, but as a collective effort across the nation.

Also, an added bonus to working with Jumpstart is that 300 hours of community service results in a \$1000 bonus to diligent recruits or presents an excellent opportunity for a work-study program.

Another such group geared toward community service is Omega Phi Alpha sorority, a national

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Michael Fischer and Cristina del Rosario, members of the Filipino Student Association, hand out free popsicles to students on Skiles.

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There are 23 major and discipline specific sections of GT1000 this fall, representing five of the six colleges.

In addition, there are four sections offered by the College of Engineering for Undecided Engineering majors, and seats in various College of Science sections for Undecided Science majors.

"My TL for GT1000 is a HTS [History, Technology and Society] major, so I have been able to speak to her and learn a lot about the major and the job opportunities available... I have rethought my possible major and have seriously considered HTS," said Christy Gyger, a first-year Undecided Ivan Allen major.

The course was originally created in 1986 by Dr. Lewis "Bill" Osher, who was at the time a counselor in Tech's Counseling Center. He began the program as a proactive initiative to help students succeed at Tech.

Although the course content has been refined over the last 21 years, the purpose and goals of the course have remained essentially the same. The course began as a single section,

"...[I learned] how to write a resume... and the things that you need...to market yourself to companies and the job world..."

Chloe Stewart
GT1000 Team Leader

PSYC 4803 (special topics), which after the first quarter, became an official class, PSYC 1010. When Microsoft, e-mail and the Internet gained prominence, learning how to use technology effectively was a

primary objective of PSYC 1010.

In 1992, the Office of Success Programs was created in order to house the course and other success-related projects. In the fall of 1999, PSYC 1010 became the semester course PSYC 1000. In 2003, upon recommendation of a review committee headed by the Director of Success Programs, John Stein, the current Dean of Students, the course departed the School of Psychology and became a general GT1000 course.

Some freshmen feel that they already know what classes to take and which academic and social activities in which to participate. Then what auxiliary purposes would GT1000 serve?

In actuality, GT1000 has proven to have a positive effect on the grade point average of first term freshmen as well as the retention rate. Students who take GT1000 during their first semester at Georgia Tech have a higher grade point average and are more likely to continue to graduation

than students who do not.

"We believe the familiarization with campus resources, the focus on goal setting and career development and the attention paid to time

"[We] help students on an individual basis to identify academic challenges they are having and help them develop plans for success."

Amy Stalzer
GT1000 Coordinator

management and learning strategies are the reasons the class has those results," said Amy Stalzer, Assistant Director of Success Programs.

Stalzer, as a coordinator for GT1000, is responsible for recruit-

ing, training, supporting and advising the instructors and, along with the Team Leader Advisory Board, the team leaders themselves. She also works on curriculum development and assessment for the course and oversees administrative tasks such as registration.

As a GT1000 academic coach, Stalzer acknowledges that it is her concern to reach out to students.

"[We] help students on an individual basis to identify academic challenges they are having and help them develop plans for success. For example, a student might be having a hard time keeping up with class work because he doesn't manage his time well. We will together identify the challenges to his time management and set a schedule that works, and keep modifying until the student is successful," Stalzer said.

Stalzer encourages students to get involved in what is of interest to them, mainly taking advantage of the programs and speakers offered around campus.

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leaders is that they must have roles typically as heads of organizations.

However, McDonald notes that this might not always be the case.

"It may not be people who are already in positional areas of leadership but [rather those] who have the potential to make a change in our campus," McDonald said.

Andrew DeRussy and Joseph Caubo, both LeaderShape alumni

and the interns for the program's 2007 retreat, feel that the program is different from any other leadership program in that it focuses on building a community rather than building individuals.

"It builds you up, and then tears you down, just to build you back up again as a stronger person," DeRussy said.

LeaderShape has had approximately ten years at Georgia Tech, five of the most recent having been under the supervision and coordination of Danielle McDonald. The

LeaderShape Institute, which had its campus debut in 1992 at the University of Michigan.

Although many lessons were passed on from the leaders, facilitators and interns, there are still questions of action, integrity and the ways of life that remain unanswered.

"I think people don't understand the importance of LeaderShape until long after their week at [the retreat]. Day 7 is not something you understand right afterwards, it takes time to develop it and perceive it," Parvatiyar said.

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each sport has a one hour weekly meeting and there is also a one hour general meeting each week. The trips are one to two days during school," Piatkowski said.

"After you take a class and trip or two, you can generally check-out most of the Adventure Sport gear whenever you want. Some students choose to get more involved and take up leadership roles to help instruct. That doesn't require much more

time and comes with some good incentives," Liao said.

Moreover, most, if not all, of ORGT's activities do not require previous experience. All of the adventure classes start with the beginner's level, progressing to more advanced skill levels.

"ORGT offers many challenges at various levels, so someone with no experience and someone with years are both welcomed. ORGT is a great place at Tech to meet people with those interests and to plan trips together," Piatkowski said.



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service sorority “based on the principles of friendship, leadership, and service.”

“The Georgia Tech community is so big that joining a group makes it much smaller and easier to accumulate friends,” said Diane Basirico, current president of OPA.

On Friday of the Involvement Fair, many students came to obtain more information on cultural student associations, such as the Jewish Student Union.

Ben Mordechi, a mechanical engineering senior and member of the Jewish Student Union, believes that involvement on campus is a beneficial idea.

“It gets a lot of Jewish people together...sure, it helps manage stress, and everyone should go for it. You need a social life, and you do have to branch out,” Mordechi said when questioned about what student involvement does not only for members

of the Jewish Student Union, but for involvement in general.

Yet another organization present at the fair was the Navigators. The Navigators meet once a week for Bible study and just to hang out.

“My PL told me about it...I think it helps with stress and transitioning into a new school. It means a lot to get involved in a group, and I would suggest it to others,” said Joshua Harkey, second-year Civil Engineering major.

A graduate of Tech present at the fair, Cathy Tran, mentioned getting involved with the Women’s Resource Center.

“[I found it] by poking around and looking up lists of good things to get involved with,” Tran said.

“It was helpful for me...it improved my leadership skills, and [student involvement in general] makes Georgia Tech more receptive to improvement and change. You have to learn more than what you learn in class,” Tran said.

Other students, though not

representing a particular organization, came to the Involvement Fair on Skiles to reach out to people in their own way.

Tony Chuang and Brent Vokes maintained their presence on Skiles Walkway not by tabling or passing out fliers but instead by giving out “free hugs,” as their cardboard signs read.

“Sometimes people just need a hug, if they’re having a bad day or feeling stressed...we’re just showing love, even though there’s only two of us,” Chuang said.

The main idea is that involvement with various clubs or organizations on campus can prove to be very beneficial to some.

The Involvement Fair, similar to the FASET fair located on Skiles Walkway, last week, was located in the center of campus to propose fresh ideas to not only newcomers, but also to individuals not yet involved.

Tech has over 300 student organizations that are actively chartered on campus.

Organizations are managed by the Office of Student Involvement, the same office that arranged the logistics for the Involvement Fair.

In certain cases, becoming involved with organizations can open many doors of opportunity

and promote a healthy academic and social balance for the average student at Georgia Tech.

Check out <http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu> to learn more about the different organizations present on campus.



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Janelle Sahutski, a third-year Building Construction major, informs students about her organization at the Involvement Fair on Skiles.

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the professor is saying, and if you are not, then you just sit through another hour in your life," said the anonymous fourth-year Electrical Engineering student.

Studying is obviously an important factor into success at any university, but especially here at Tech.

Too many extracurricular activities and too little studying for those hard-to-comprehend classes are major causes of stress among undergraduates at Tech. Another major cause of stress is the inability to decide on a major.

For most of the freshmen at Tech, college is the first time in their lives when their future consists not only of school, but also a career in which they take what they have learned in school to make a living. College is the time to decide majors toward a career option and to find out if that major is right for them.

"After a while at Tech I began wondering why I was here at all. I lost interest in my old major," said a fourth-year Bioinformatics major (wishing to remain anonymous) who remembers being pulled under the

tide during sophomore year.

After drifting for a while longer to classes, he decided to shut himself up in his dorm, and would only reappear to communicate with his closest friends. He found himself avoiding classes and either staying awake at night or burying his head beneath the covers for elongated hours.

After his repeated attempts at meditation failed to work, this Georgia Tech student actually thought about leaving college. His solution finally came when he switched his major.

Some students have a good temperament for tackling stress and do not let the stress impact their lives at Tech, yet most students still allow stress to take over.

Solving stress for undergrads at Georgia Tech is not simply avoiding it. It is tackling it for its underlying reasons. Whether the cause is from not spending enough time on the harder classes or taking the wrong classes, Tech students when confronted with a significant amount of stress should try to get down to its root as soon as possible.

To get some tips for dealing with stress, visit http://www.successprograms.gatech.edu/php/academic_support/stress.php.

Co-ops and internships generate, alleviate stress for many Tech students

By Nick Johnson
Contributing Writer

Coming to Tech, every student will undoubtedly hear about the co-op program from administrators, deans, and members of the Division of Professional Practice (DoPP).

With more than 3,000 students currently participating in co-ops or internships through the DoPP, there is no argument as to the merit of their programs as real-world teaching tools.

But how do the stress levels of co-op students and interns compare to those of regular students?

For many students, accepting a co-op or internship can be a source of stress, especially if the job is far away from home. Students may begin to miss the familiarities and creature comforts of their home environs.

Moreover, frustration at work

can carry over into a student's personal life. The pressure experienced on the job could be just as or even more intense than that of academics at Tech.

Co-op students often find themselves working in small groups, helping to build confidence and to feel like an integral part of the company.

On the other hand, faculty in the DoPP exalt the post-collegiate advantages of the program, and current co-op students reveal that one of the program's most beneficial and unexpected effects may be its ability to cut down on

the stress experienced by Tech students.

Many co-op students work in Atlanta, and remarked that it is nice to have a break from classes while still being able to live close to campus.

Additionally, students that co-op in different states and abroad find the change of scenery gratifying and less stressful.

In both cases, co-op students often find themselves working in small groups, helping to build confidence and to feel like an integral part of the company.

Because co-op students work while not taking classes they do not have to come home after work to worry about homework.

Besides simply providing a reprieve to stressed Tech students, the co-op program encourages students to stay on track with classes because their work in the actual industry gives a glimpse of life beyond college.



By John Guthrie /STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Left to right: Chris Bolen, a third-year Biology major, stresses out while studying for a test. Often remaining fixated on one frustrating or hard-to-understand concept becomes a stressful endeavor. When working diligently on an assignment for an extended period of time, it is important to take frequent breaks to prevent a fit of anger.

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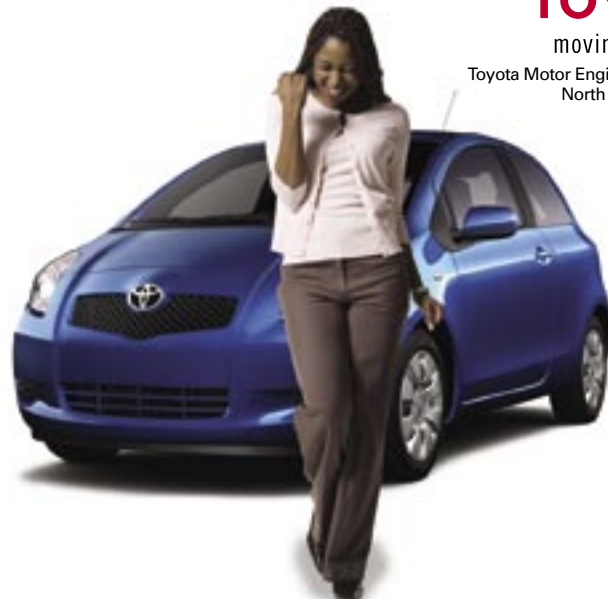
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Dragon*Con 2007

Thousands turn out for weekend of fantasy

By Andrew Ho
Contributing Writer

This year has been an interesting one for anniversaries in pop culture. *Star Wars* has been around for 30 years, the first *Zelda* video game was released 20 years ago and *Harry Potter* was first published a decade ago. This Labor Day weekend, over 30,000 fans arrived to celebrate these milestones in pop culture when Dragon*Con 2007 overtook downtown Atlanta, spanning four days and three hotels to host numerous events and guests.

Founded in 1987 as a project of a local sci-fi and gaming group, Dragon*Con is now the largest convention and trade show of its kind in the U.S. Dragon*Con focuses mainly on fantasy and science fiction in all media, but the convention also caters to various other interests such as anime, gaming, comics, science fact and so on.

Dragon*Con was hosted in the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, the Atlanta Marriott Marquis and the Atlanta Hilton hotels, with attendees moving in droves between each

hotel.

As a semi-frequent visitor to conventions, I'm certain there are few other events or places where so many people of such diverse interests can gather to enjoy their lifestyles and hobbies. Klingons mingled freely with Jedi Knights, students from Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry chatted with hobbits while a filker band played close by (for those who don't know, 'filking' is a fan-based music genre within sci-fi and fantasy), costumes ranging from the amusing to the outlandish were on display and people from all walks of life joined the crowds to partake in the frenzied rush of merriment and wonder.

Outside of the hotel meeting rooms and ballrooms where fans could gather to talk among themselves and the numerous VIP guests in attendance this year, there were dealers set up throughout the convention to sell anything from limited-edition comics and celebrity autographs to swords and blades true to history buffs and fantasy designs. Various gaming companies were also on hand to demo their games, from smaller board

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Among the myriad events that took place over the weekend, the Dawn Look-alike Contest was one of the most popular.



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A trio of fans pose as characters from the *Star Wars* universe.



Two parade-marchers bring characters from *Katamari* games to life.



Grown-ups and children alike participated in the costume contest.



Potter fans dress as their favorite personas.

Maestro succeeds

By Nathan Garcia
Staff Writer

Senior International Affairs and Modern Languages major Bill Shillito, an undergraduate at Tech and a brother at Phi Kappa Theta, recently released an album of techno music. Going by the name DM Ashura, his first album, *Digital Maestro*, spans a few subgenres but mostly focuses on the trance style. Despite Shillito's being an amateur, his music is passable for professional quality, and despite the repetitive nature of the music, it is still very interesting to hear. His music has been featured in a few video games, some of which are included in this album.

The album opens with "Psychosis," a nice sort of warm-up song to get the listener into the album. It is trance with a fairly standard form, not too complicated, but a good indicator of things to come. Ambient and energetic themes mix and play off each other, a quality which almost all the songs in the album seem to share.

Shillito then explores several variations and intensities of the trance genre. "Astral" is a beautiful, uplifting trance song with a long build-up. "Snowblind" similarly uses an energizing build-up and also features some very cool instrumental effects.

The more aggressive nature of the music slowly comes into play with "Nautilus," mixing a foreboding drum n' bass rhythm with ambient trance synths; then, "Z" brings it to a rolling boil with hard and fast techno rhythms with a few trance-influenced parts in between.

Songs like "Go!" "Obelisk" and "Anubis (Black Land Remix)" demonstrate Shillito's appreciation for ethnic music in his own unique style. "Go!" is a Japanese-inspired song that uses an unusual but effective 5/4 time. There is also a shorter edit with rearranged percussion that was featured in the Xbox and Xbox 360 versions of Dance Dance

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Lórien rocked into lead as headlining Cassette fell short

By Sam Lawrence
Contributing Writer

If you were at a frat party last Friday night, you were at the wrong place. You should have been at Under The Couch for the Cassette and Lórien show.

Lórien was a stunning opening act for the headliner Cassette.

The band hails from Nashville, but they truly embody what an indie band should sound like. They range from gentle melodies driven by keyboardist Cara's classical piano work to soaring, at times almost epic tunes, that haunt of the post-rock giant, MUSE. In 2006, Lórien performed alongside me without you, Copeland, and Anberlin, but there's something to this energetic group that defies comparison to even names

like those.

They all are truly talented, and work together as a tight-knit unit, such that the energy and attention is enjoyed by all, rather than just directed at the lead guitar/vocals, as in many groups.

And energy! There wasn't a person in the house that wasn't toe-tapping away to drummer Thomas' aggressive beats or humming along with the strains of lead singer Kaleb's high but balanced vocals.

Their music is cheerful and bright but also intensely professional. There are no wasted breaths, and no repetitive hooks to their sound. Every note sounds intentional and pure.

Lórien is a band to keep your eye on, for sure. They are almost certainly headed for recognition, and probably soon, but until then

consider yourself an insider on one of the best bands floating around in the indie rock scene.

I know, everyone only heard about Cassette, the headlining band, but honestly they weren't that great.

Maybe if you were into nerd-indie, borderline trance sort of stuff, then you might be interested. On their MySpace page, Cassette calls themselves progressive (read: untalented), but their best moments are their most traditional. It's when they get experimental that they start to mess things up with the possible exception of "Canard Digeratur," a mash of a somewhat catchy hook paired with completely irrational keyboard work. It's amusing to listen to at best.

End sum, Lórien was brilliant, but Cassette was a miss.



Photo courtesy of Chris Hilton

Band members of the up-and-coming Nashville-based indie band Lórien bring energy and cheerful lyrics to the music scene.

Interpol's *Our Love to Admire* stands solid

By Hanjie Song
Contributing Writer

After three years of waiting, Interpol fans were finally able to rejoice as they basketed copies of *Our Love to Admire*. Unlike the band's previous two albums, *Our Love to Admire* was produced by a major label company, which inspired doubts in some of the band's indie-rooted fans.

Most of the expensive three-piece-suit-wearing members of Interpol spawn from the privileged creative haven of NYU, but aside from their "haute couture" image, the band also creates a distinguished music style, deviating significantly from the guitar smashing, cheap beer-drinking New York City rock norm.

Interpol's debut album *Turn On The Bright Lights* gained much momentum after its release in 2002; the band received national coverage on MTV for their track "Slow Hands." Many deemed the band to be the flagship for the new post-punk revival genre, which bears lineage to the original post-punk movement. With rigidly constructed compositions and somber lyricism in similarity, what sets the revival genre apart is a twist of more refined musical continuation.

The strong connection with the genres aroused many comparisons between Interpol to a band that coined much of the original post-punk movement: Joy Division.

Despite the disappointment of many of the band's fans, when

Interpol's contract with the independent label Matador expired, the band decided to sign on with Capitol Records, a music industry powerhouse.

Since major labels often restrict the creative control on artists to ensure marketability, the fans' worst nightmares are not completely without grounding. Luckily, the fans' concerns were dispelled as the band unveiled its third album on Jul. 10, 2007.

Our Love to Admire hardly digresses from the original, musical qualities Interpol is celebrated for, though with some changes in their musical direction. The first single from the album, *The Heinrich Maneuver*, presents itself to be a vintage Interpol track, with brilliant guitar riffs accompanying rhythmically orientated drum line and bass. However, its

avant-garde music video puzzled many of its audiences.

All of the tracks are still guitar-driven, minimalist pieces similar to the band's earlier records. One of the

of coyness and uncertainty.

While the loyalty to the musical style may be praised, the lack of innovation is slightly disappointing. Many of the tracks have similarly

structured melody and the same tempo; the less devoted listeners may find the uniformity tiring.

Aside from the minor hindrances, *Our Love to Admire* well deserves its place in the contemporary album chart.

The band's solid musicianship served its merit on their third album, while igniting new faith in old fans and converting new ones. If

one should grow curious to attend one of Interpol's live performances, the tastefully attired members will make an appearance at The Tabernacle on Sept. 21.



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Revolution. Egyptian-style droning and melodies throughout "Obelisk" coupled with Shillito's trance makes for a very nice track, and "Anubis," a remix of the original found in the game *In The Groove*, features his take on the song.

Shillito also has an appreciation for more traditional, orchestra-style music. "Euphorium" sounds like what a piano concerto would perform in Ibiza, with beautiful, sweeping melodies and a very catchy piano part.

However, since this was also written for a music game, it is painfully short, and leaves you wanting more.

Fortunately, Shillito's friend, Ren, has made a remix, "Euphorium (Ren's Ethereal Mix)," which revisits the original with many different musical styles expanding upon and transitioning through the song's orchestral nature. Ren also lends his talent for "Return of Neon," a reinterpretation of the original, with a fast drum n' bass track with trance influences.

Overall, this is an excellent album, showcasing a lot of talent despite being confined to a genre known for its repetitiveness. Anyone who has an appreciation for synthesized music in general should check out this album.

It is also fairly accessible to those unfamiliar to this style of music and is a good entry point into the genre. The album is only available through the website www.mydjsobad.com or through Bill Shillito himself.



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M.I.A. releases a risky, unforgettable masterpiece

By Jennifer Aldoretta
Contributing Writer

When many of us think of the rap genre, female or British rappers are not often the first things that come to mind, especially not female British rappers with Sri Lankan roots. Maya Arulpragasam, also known to the music industry as M.I.A., recently released her second album, *Kala*, in the United States on Aug. 21, 2007. It was released in her native United Kingdom on the Aug. 20 and has thus far been hailed as fresh and creative by her critics.

Interscope Records is the music label behind her new album and also has contracts with such artists as the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Gwen Stefani and Timbaland.

Kala was recorded in five different countries and has quite the eclectic and infectious sound. With influences from the US, Australia, India, London and Trinidad, M.I.A.'s newest album showcases Maya's bold personality and her courage to cross into new and different genres.

Although M.I.A. is known to be an artist of electronica, *Kala* has a very earthy feel. Her electronica still shines through in tracks such

as "Jimmy," "20 Dollar" and "Paper Planes," though even these have very natural, culturally driven qualities. She makes use of many animal-like sounds and heavy, tribal drums to deliver a diverse sound that is full of uniqueness; it is obvious that she was heavily affected by the culture and music of the countries in which the album was recorded.

Diversity is the very thing that makes certain artists better than others. In my opinion, if a musician is able to branch out and explore his or her musical creativity the way M.I.A. has done, then that artist might just end up being the one who sets the pace and raises the bar for future artists, albums and sounds.

Arulpragasam's first album *Arular*, released on Mar. 22, 2005, was

extremely well received by critics and listeners alike. This acclaimed album, with song topics such as prostitu-

tion, war and poverty, was named number one of 2005 by many publications. Although I do respect and un-

derstand the hype behind the first album, I must say that the second is far more enjoyable to listen to. After listening to a few of Arular's songs, they all start to run together and sound extremely similar. This is not to say that the lyrics are not outstanding; I simply think that the lyrics of a song are not the only important aspect—just like well-written lines in a movie are not the only things needed to make a great movie.

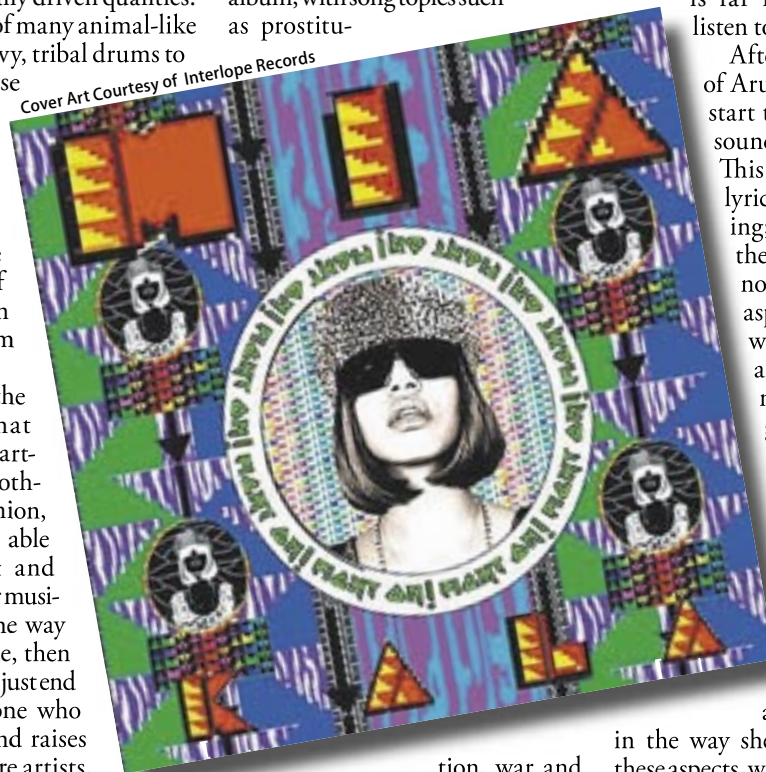
Kala's instrumentation, its sound, its rhythm and its lyrics are small aspects of the album that all contribute to it as a whole. Arulpragasam makes a very bold statement in the way she experiments with these aspects, which is one thing that makes this album more listenable and possibly better than her first. There are few actual instruments

that are used in the album; much of the sound and rhythm comes from war-like drums and voice distortions created to emulate drums.

"Bird Flu," the second track on the album, utilizes voice recordings of children to create the song's unique drive. The track as a whole sounds extremely ritualistic, especially with a bird squawking and children singing and speaking in rhythm as though a ceremony of some sort were being performed. These things put together with Maya's lyrics and the way in which they are delivered makes for one heck of a track on one hell of an album.

Kala still delivers everything that people loved about Arular, just with a bit of a twist and a different flare. I admire an artist who follows her feelings regarding which direction to go with an album, even if that direction is a risky one.

In my opinion, the risks taken by M.I.A. in *Kala* have resulted in quite an unforgettable record. When it comes to writing and producing her albums, M.I.A. has proven to us that she is certainly not missing in action. *Kala* therefore receives from me an 8 out of 10 as M.I.A.'s fierce yet risky masterpiece.



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Soon I Will Be Invincible portrays heroes, villains

By Sarah Gilbreath
Contributing Writer

In summary, *Invincible* might not sound all that stellar: a super-villain battles a team of superheroes as he again tries to take over the world. In fact, it might sound kind of... well, routine.

However, with its wonderfully developed cast of characters, sharp-witted humor, 90-degree plot twists and yes, even the bright cover and

catchy title, this book is anything but ordinary.

Seemingly following the superhero trend, *Invincible* is set in a world of magic, aliens and meta- and super-humans. Though the book divides its time equally between two characters, the story seems to focus more on super-villain Doctor Impossible, delving deep into his history and helping the reader connect with him (call it the *Wicked* effect).

Tech students especially will have

no trouble relating to the genius who was never popular in school, was terminally geeky and never had a girlfriend—heck, there's even a passage about long hours of CS coding.

It's all too easy to see yourself in him, and so you really do want him to break out of the high-security prison in which he begins the book and go conquer the world. Conquer it for all of nerdkind!

There is, however, another main

character: Fatale, a cyborg. Because she is in different places at different times than Doctor Impossible, she is necessary to flush out the story. She is also a hero, letting the reader view every event from both the good side and the bad, seeing the justification for every action.

Overall, it is a great idea, and one that helps the story. The only problem is that Fatale is surrounded by so many strong characters that her weaker personality has a tendency

to get lost.

When reading a Doctor Impossible chapter, you focus on Doctor Impossible. When reading a Fatale chapter, you focus on everyone else.

However, that may have been intentional: by drawing your attention away from the narrator, the author forces you to focus on small plot details that might otherwise have

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and traditional game companies to Funcom, with the upcoming MMORPG *Age of Conan: Hyborian Adventures*. An assortment of artists and craftsmen were also present to display, commission and sell artwork and other wares. In the case of handcrafted corsets and leather gear, they cater to more peculiar fashion tastes.

The celebrities attending this year were of the incredible diversity as they have been in previous years. Regular guests include Peter Mayhew and David Prowse, having respectively played Chewbacca and Darth Vader in the *Star Wars* movies; Kevin Sorbo of *Hercules: The Legendary Adventures* fame; and the voices and creative leaders behind Adult Swim shows like *Aqua Team Hunger Force* and *Space Ghost: Coast to Coast*. With stars from *Battlestar Galactica*, *Farscape* and a wide range of other shows, it was almost dizzying to

try and decide which autographs I wanted the most.

Notable newcomers to Dragon*Con whom I became particularly enthused over were Vanessa Angel, who played the stunning woman of any nerd's dreams in the *Weird Science* TV series, and the final three contestants on Sci-Fi Channel's *Who Wants to Be a Superhero?* reality TV show: Fat Momma, Major Victory and Feedback. Fans arrived with their best foot forward as well, with many dressed to impress in costumes that were anything from amusing to intricately detailed.

Everything ranging from Imperial Stormtroopers, Gothic vampires, medieval garb, comic book characters and so on were visible, many of which posed and were constantly photographed in the lobbies and hallways of all the hotels, creating some amazing and entertaining moments. It isn't every day the Spartans of *300* run into super-powered zombies from Marvel Comics' *Marvel Zombies*, with both sides walking away with a few good laughs.

Other than the multitude of panels and programming tracks, some of the biggest draws had to be the costume contests held throughout the weekend.

Crowds witnessed art pieces of painstaking labor and imagination as contestants walked across the stage for the Dragon*Con Costume Contest, Miss Klingon Beauty Pageant 2007 and the 10th Dawn Look-alike contest, with the first consisting of costumes from varying origins and the latter being a contest to find the contestant who most closely resembled a striking red-haired goddess figure in a comic series by Joseph M. Linsner. All of this came to a peak on Saturday morning when the 6th Annual Dragon*Con Parade marched down Peachtree Street to show all of downtown Atlanta their pride and work.

Meeting actors, authors and artists who help create the fantasy and sci-fi worlds we enjoy is an intimidating experience, but I found that the celebrities I met were generally quite friendly and seemed to enjoy

the attention of their fans.

The over 1,000 volunteer staffers working throughout the convention were equally sociable for the most part, but they could become forceful when things hit the ground with rowdy con-goers and the constant plague of congested traffic flow throughout the convention.

Both problems seemed to lighten up when nighttime arrived, with signature bands such as The Last Dance, Crüxshadows and the highly-amusing solo artist Voltaire playing to vast crowds, and the late-night parties held by Dragon*Con and con-goers alike allowed attendees to revel in the moment.

Covering the entire convention or writing about every exciting experience, person and sight is an impossible task, yet there is no doubt that Dragon*Con is a must-see event. Even if you're "not into that stuff," you'll enjoy finding other worlds and ideas to explore. I'm certain about where I will spend my Labor Day weekends in Atlanta for years to come.



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Spartans from *300* marched alongside other con-goers.

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Halloween proves more trick than treat

By Daniel Spiller
Contributing Writer

If someone asked, I would be the first to admit that I am an enormous fan of John Carpenter's original *Halloween*. That five-star film had a unique style, competent acting and expert directing. Oh, and it was scary. Really, really scary. *Halloween* is still widely considered the original "slasher" movie, and it is likely to be blamed as the cause for most of the gory schlock that shows up in theaters these days.

Given that I am an admirer of Carpenter's original, I naturally got nervous when I heard that it was being remade. As far as horror movies go, Carpenter's version is almost flawless and is in no need of a remake.

But when I heard it was not just being remade, but instead re-imagined, focusing more on Michael Myers' childhood, I was definitely intrigued to see how it would turn out. So Aug. 31 rolled around, and I decided to satisfy that intrigue.

I probably should have just stayed at home; Rob Zombie's *Halloween* is borderline terrible. It missteps on so many occasions that when it does do something right, it is all the more disappointing.

The story itself is divided into two distinct segments: young Michael and old Michael. Most of the new material comes in the young Michael segment, giving a history of his troubled childhood and his obsession with masks. The old Michael segment is concerned with his escape from the mental institution and the subsequent slayings that result from it.

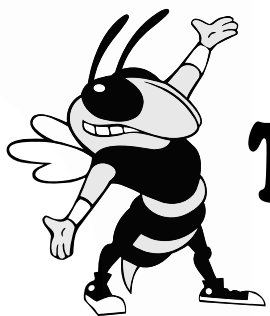
I know this is a re-imagining, so I like that it is trying something new. Delving into Michael's childhood could definitely bring interesting ideas to the table. The problem is it does not feel new. Even though we get to see Michael do things we have never seen him do before, it never feels like we are learning anything.

The problems start with the script. It is going to sound old-fashioned of me, but the expletives were far too excessive.

Believe me, I have nothing against strong language in movies, but the way

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Two Bits Man advises awkward students on the game of love

For most people college is the appropriate time to knock off all that puppy love crap and to start experimenting with meaningful relationships. Unfortunately, like most things here, dating can be a difficult challenge. I'm here to guide you through it.

Guys, the first thing you need to know about is the one week window where girls break up with their high school sweethearts and find a college boyfriend. If you fail to get a girlfriend during this time you'll be single for at least another year.

The numbers are against you. Tech has such a lack of females that the Germans even have a word for it, *frauenmangel*.

My simple suggestion is this: hook up with UGA chicks. I know they are our mortal enemy, but what better way to strike at an enemy than by sleeping with his woman?

Any decent male PL should have already taught you about Tech Goggles and their consequences. Heed their advice.

If you only look on campus for relationships, eventually that weird chick in the front row of physics class with the crooked teeth and funky body odor will start to look tempting, which brings me to my next piece of advice: do not date that weird chick in the front of physics class with the crooked teeth and funky body odor.

Sadly, this is how I met my now ex-girlfriend, Pam, who slept with my now ex-roommate George.

For all entering Tech women, congratulations, you've just been awarded a three-point advantage for the

next four years. All ones are now fours, all fours are now sevens, all sevens are now tens and all tens are probably not enrolled here in the first place.

once you graduate, so in the real world you will be back



Use your new status wisely. Anyone who originally rated in the one to three range should find a boyfriend and get knocked up immediately. The three point advantage expires

down to that one to three range where you will only be able to get guys that majored in computer science who will dress you up as the Tomb Raider and show you off to all his friends at Dragon*Con.

Advice for computer science majors both male and female: please do not breed.

The three-point advantage comes with a negative side effect, TBS (Tech bitch syndrome for the uninitiated). TBS is the unavoidable transformation from nice innocent girl like Pam on *The Office* to crazed woman like my same-named ex (you're a dirty slut Pam). This condition is a result of unsavory Tech male types constantly surrounding every female.

First there are the fratheads that think there is a magical combination of Axe and layered clothing that will seduce any woman. (Some more advice for the boys: Don't use Axe or any other male perfume product whose commercials have you believe you'll be swimming in a tub of horny females. In reality you'll be known around campus as "that tool that wears Axe Essence.")

Next, Tech has an abundant amount of awkward shy guys that stutter in the presence of cleavage. (It's college guys, time to try new things like actually talking to a female.) Lastly, there are the creeps that invite you back to their dorms or some party where, in their words, "there's like gonna be a ton of booze."

Any guy you'd only sleep with while drunk is a guy you'd normally

pepper spray while sober. If you have some patience and don't simply say yes to the first male that gives you some attention besides your father, then you can find some perfectly great guys on this campus, just make sure they don't have some asshole girlfriend-stealing roommate named George.

If two of you freshmen do manage to hookup then the next freshman dating obstacle to hurdle is the freshman dorms. That enchanting night you had envisioned probably does not involve spraining your ankle trying to climb into a tiny bed lofted five inches from the ceiling while directly beneath you a group of guys shout at the *Mario Kart* video game.

Part of college is figuring out how to get some needed privacy. I recommend keeping Waffle House gift certificates on hand that can be given away to your roommates on the condition that they go use them whenever you bring a date back to the room.

And finally, attention freshmen women: do not date seedy fifth-year seniors. Dating a 23-year-old does not reflect upon your level of maturity. You are not mature.

Being an 18-year-old female only means that you are legally stupid enough to be on *Girls Gone Wild*, like my trappy previous girlfriend Pam was (I mailed the DVD to your parents, skank). However, if you happen to meet an upperclassman that has a weekly humor column in the *Technique* and you want to spend the night with a real man that will satisfy all your sexual needs, then go for it.

Feel free to bring along your roommate. After all, it's college.

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gone unnoticed—sneaky.

In addition to the Doctor and Fatale, Tech professors may also find a character they can relate to: one villain's biography is given as "thwarted in his bid for tenure, a bitter astronomy lecturer turns his talents to evil."

But the best thing about this book is how much it makes you think. I had never thought about it before, but after reading this I have come to the conclusion that the greatest books are not the ones you can't put down, but the ones you have to — those that inspire you to think, rather than merely lapping up someone else's thoughts.

Undoubtedly, Doctor Impossible's internal struggle throughout this

life will evoke different reactions from different readers, but what I got from it was this: if you managed to achieve superpowers, would you be a superhero, or a super-villain?

Ultimately, the powers don't change who you are, but magnify it, so saying "I'd be different if I had powers" is really just admitting to yourself that you aren't good enough already.

Regardless of their affiliation, hero or villain, *Invincible's* characters all seem to share a certain resilience.

"Overall, this book is everything you could ask for from fiction: fast, funny, well-developed, action-packed and thought-provoking."

No matter how many times they get the snot beaten out of them, no matter how embarrassing their defeat is on public television, no matter how many times they get run over by a dump truck or thrown in prison, they always come back kicking.

It's inspiring, really. And all the while, the Doctor questions the reader, "What really is the best way to take over the world? And once you get it, how do you keep it?"

The only real flaw in this book is the vast number of references it

makes to so many other elements of pop culture.

Throughout the course of the story, two sisters and two brothers travel to "Elfland" (a thinly disguised Narnia), an oh-so-slightly scrambled Pinky and the Brain quote makes an appearance. The Bionic Woman with a different name narrates half the work, and two characters in Doctor Impossible's past are nearly clones of James Potter and a young Severus Snape.

It's unclear if these were meant as homages that have just gone awry or

if they really were just coincidences (unlikely).

Still, the familiarity is a nice trick: whenever the reader gets lulled into a false sense of security, the plot takes a sharp new turn.

Overall, this book is everything you could ask for from fiction: fast, funny, well-developed, action-packed and thought-provoking. It's enough to make you wish you had

superpowers...or at least want to try to take over the world.



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the characters talk to each other is almost nonsensical. It is hard to think back on the dialogue without wanting to say, "But nobody talks like that." Zombie is already known for his characters having foul mouths (see: *The Devil's Rejects*), but this time it only seems to detract from the film.

Even more problematic than the lines themselves, though, are the people who deliver them. I would almost completely disregard my qualms with the dialogue if the actors involved were believable in their roles.

Sheri Moon plays Michael's mother, and she is constantly distracting every time she is on screen. She is not strong enough an actress to carry a role as important as hers, which demands a lot for the first half of the movie.

Daeg Faerch is wholly unlikely as young Michael Myers, but this is fine considering Michael is a wholly unlikely character.

Although the audience receives more of the back story on Michael this time around, he still is difficult to sympathize with, so Faerch does the best he can with what he is given.

The surprise in the cast is Malcolm McDowell, a respected English actor who is most well-known for his role as the menacing Alex de Large in Stanley Kubrick's *A Clockwork Orange*. Here McDowell plays Dr. Loomis, Michael's psychologist.

At first McDowell seemed convincing in his role as a positive, yet concerned doctor, but by the end, it

volved does give him a genuinely creepy feel. Unfortunately, the story is too focused on setting up gruesome kill after gruesome kill, and the effect of the direction, especially towards the end, is almost lost.

One of the highlights of the film is the inclusion of the Halloween theme; the simple 5/4 piano loop is still just as chilling as it has always been. The theme is at its most effective in Zombie's version exactly when it was in Carpenter's: at the very end.

It may sound cynical, and I don't mean for it to, but the closing credits might be the best part.

A quick flash of home video dispersed between white credits on a black background is the correct way to close a *Halloween* movie about the origin of Michael Myers. It is as though the credits understood what should have been happening for the two hours preceding them.

So the results are disappointing. Terrible lines mixed with terrible delivery will leave viewers only being able to focus on a high body count.

What could have been an interesting retelling of an iconic character's story unfortunately just becomes a sub-par example from a genre that gets little respect as is.

“What could have been an interesting retelling of an iconic character’s story unfortunately just becomes a sub-part example....”

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Is it just me or has the Red Jesus slowed down?
Umm, so his first name is "Sir", right?
Does being admitted to Tech, mean you're assigned 5 facebook stalkers? or is it just luck?
Just take a story....
Bandito train robbers took the front page
im too old to be in love with freshmen
i had an amazing weekend...away from tech
i see jarz is back to her sexual predation.
i </3 stinky indians...
Dragon*Con babes are hot
i hate d-rad
Hit Shift 5 times and see your computer die!
nique.net: see gay frat-boys jumping up and down!
RHA Prez == bad pirate
Why did I think grad school was a good idea?
Abraham, Isaac and Jacob ... patriarch of the Hot House
That means Andy's name should be Abraham
I'm looking for mrs right, not mrs right now

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By Robert Zimmermann
United Features Syndicate

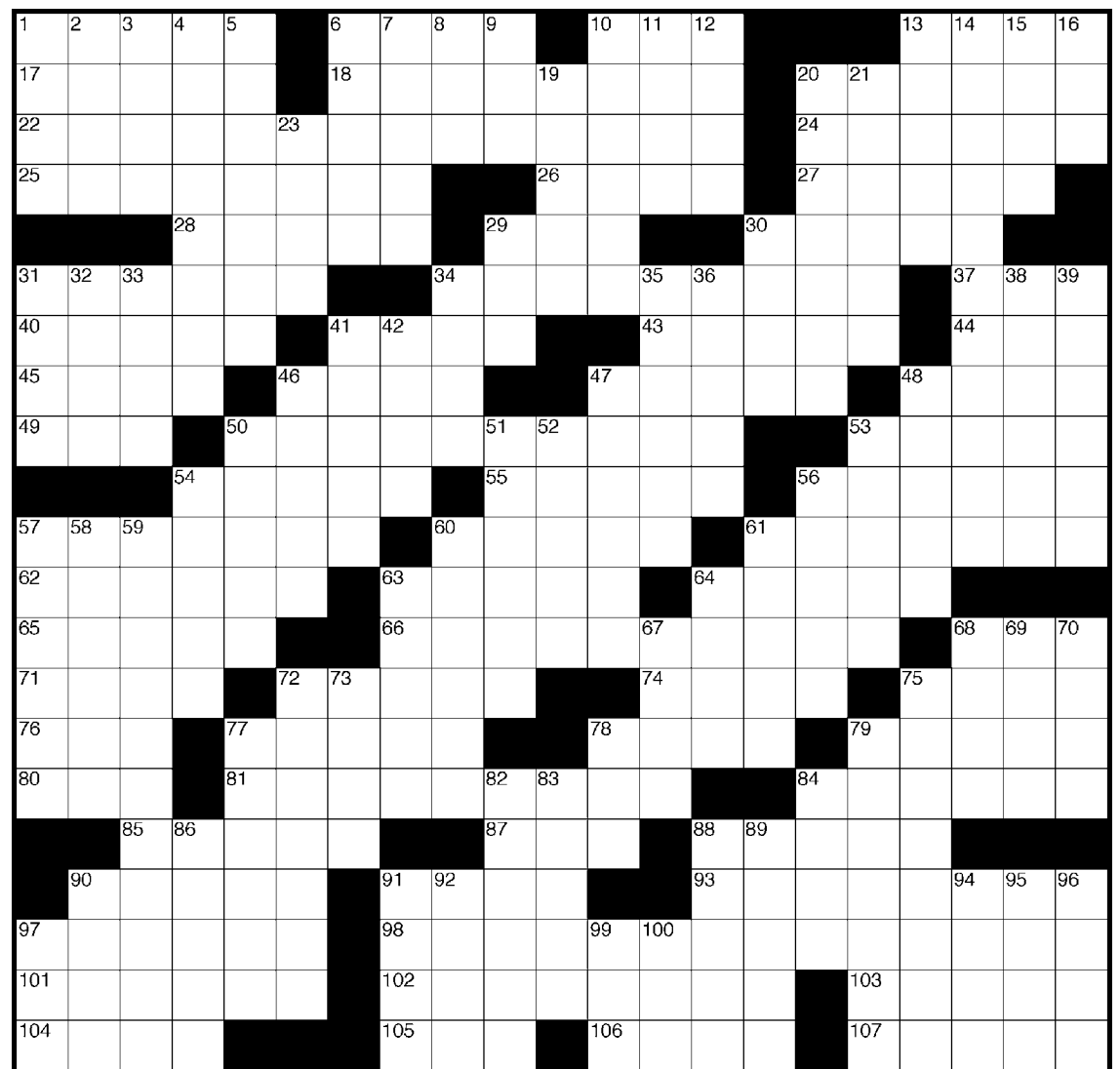
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1. Songwriters' org.
6. Yard-sale marking; 2 wds.
10. Bankroll
13. Battle memento
17. Floor connection
18. Foolishly
20. Reach
22. Gramp used this to fix his errors: 2 wds.
24. Scottish landowners
25. Furniture material
26. Inits. on old map
27. Tulips, eventually
28. Employee request
29. Simian
30. "Me too"
31. Off to a new start
34. Gramp called with it: 2 wds.
37. Collar
40. Early afternoon: 2 wds.
41. Surfer's quest
43. Continue without pause: 2 wds.
44. Expert
45. Mines
46. Peel
47. Grouches are out of these
48. Site of Mt. Agung
49. Harris and Ames
50. Gramp wrote letters with it
53. Place for a corsage
54. Divided Asian land
55. Foe
56. Unruffled
57. Made a bid
60. Food thickeners
61. Netted
62. Fills up, and then some
63. Put in a row
64. Junk
65. Boors
66. Gramp printed flyers with it
68. Recipe abbr.
71. Beards of grass
72. Charm-school subject
74. Mom's sister

75. Way out
76. Holiday in Hanoi
77. Release: 2 wds.
78. Winter white
79. Donkey
80. Women's rights issue: abbr.
81. Thin paper
84. Dionysus follower
85. Early Peruvians
87. Over the hill
88. Growl
90. Whip
91. Rajah's wife
93. Manhattan ballroom
97. Rest
98. Gramp used it to send mail: 2 wds.
101. Heraldry symbols
102. Morally upright
103. Valuable stuff
104. Miss Heche
105. Scoreboard nos.
106. Uh-uh
107. Very much so, in music

DOWN

1. Author Sholem
2. Greek colonnade
3. Songstress Vikki
4. Emergency deliveries
5. Kitchen strategy
6. They carry plates
7. Sarcastic
8. -- Jima
9. Break a commandment
10. Skirt the issue
11. Obstacle for Hannibal
12. Hairdresser, at times
13. Long-legged bird
14. Gramp typed copies with it: 2 wds.
15. Succors
16. ER figures
19. Buddhist shrine
20. Colorless creatures
21. Pull tight
23. Gold eagle, e.g.
29. Be under the weather
30. Terse command
31. Lasso



32. Oklahoma city
33. "All -- are off!"
34. Sketched
35. Literary lead-ins
36. Make tracks
38. Dahl or Francis
39. Seethed
41. Like a famous "crusader"
42. Fertilizer compound
46. Funeral fires
47. Sound effect
48. Israel's Ehud
50. Grounds for suits
51. Group in power
52. Mindless

53. Parasite
54. "Beauty is truth ..." poet
56. Nodded off
57. Flattened, as a sphere
58. Power of the '60s: 2 wds.
59. Gramp signed his name with it
60. Krauss of Bluegrass
61. Stretch one's neck
63. Pablo's pal
64. Oil container
67. Investor's hope
68. Riven
69. Carolina rail
70. Nudge
72. Roman household gods
73. Los Angeles art school
75. Burr and Hamilton, e.g.
77. Cicada

78. Dispel
79. Blake TV role
82. Undersea "ears"
83. "The Kiss" painter
84. Service at St. Pat's
86. Slipknot
88. Assemblage
89. Racket
90. "Make Believe" composer
91. Host's request
92. Fighting: 2 wds.
94. Long time in Laredo
95. St. Petersburg's river
96. Half of sech's
97. -- Victor
99. Wordplay
100. Cow's comment

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Dwyer adds to a talented mix of backs



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Jonathan Dwyer holds off a tackle in the season opener against the Irish. Dwyer added a touchdown, Tech's third rushing score in the game.

By Akshay Amaraneni
Staff Writer

Jonathan Dwyer's most memorable moment may not have happened yet, but last Saturday's performance was a good place to start. Dwyer carried the ball five times for 27 yards and his first touchdown.

"He played well, Jonathan is an outstanding talent. We think he has a chance to be special if he works hard and continues to develop his skills...When he has the ball, he's

dynamite," said John Bond, offensive coordinator for the Jackets.

Recruited by Tech out of Kell High School, Dwyer came in during summer practices and immediately impressed the coaches. They knew he would play this fall whether it was in the kick return game or as a back. With the depth Tech has at the position, it will be tough for him to consistently see playing time. Both Rashaun Grant and Tashard Choice are seniors at the position and Jamaal Evans, a sophomore, has game

experience from last season.

But Dwyer has his own strong points. He is blessed with great speed as well as the ability to run between the tackles.

"He's strong. The guy's a big strong back that can get to the edge better than you think he can. I was impressed with the way he ran the football [against Notre Dame]," said Head Coach Chan Gailey.

Dwyer is still a freshman and has many years ahead of him, but has already started to improve on his play. Whether it is route running or pass blocking, the non-ball carrying aspects are where he is looking to improve.

"There's no doubt about his running ability. The thing right now with Jonathan is he has to continue to learn pass protection and route running. The thing that he does without the ball are the things that need the most attention from him," Bond said.

But being a freshman has its advantages. He's able to play alongside one of the more talented running backs in the country and plays behind one of the most experienced lines with a very talented fullback in front of him.

On Saturday Dwyer lined up opposite Jamaal Evans for kickoffs, but

did not have the ball kicked to him. With ten minutes left in the fourth quarter, the Jackets recovered an Evan Sharpley fumble on the Notre Dame 17 yard line. Dwyer started Tech's drive with a nine yard rush up the middle. Bennett sneaked for the first down and Dwyer took the ensuing snap seven yards to the right for the touchdown.

"It was shocking. At one point, I scored and saw the referee putting his hands up and then I just got ecstatic and got excited. It was something I've always dreamed about doing. It's something you always want to do when you're little," Dwyer said.

"I'm doing extra work after practice. Coach [Curtis] Modkins is helping me out. Taylor Bennett and Tashard Choice, the veterans, are helping me out in an effort to help me get better to prepare myself once the other guys leave," Dwyer said.

He will see more playing time this season, whether it is this Saturday against Samford, or throughout the season in the rushing and kickoff return games. He looks to become an integral part of the running game that has already become loaded with talent.

"[Dwyer] is a strong back.... I was impressed with the way he ran the football against Notre Dame."

Chan Gailey
Head Coach

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As much support we can get, we look forward to it...We feed off our crowd; they feed us off so well, including our die-hard fans with team jerseys. We look forward to playing for our fans. We love going all out for our ACC games and especially the fans," Gray said.

The Jackets most experienced players bring valuable experience and teaching to the newest members of the team. There are high expectations for the Jackets to post big this weekend against some tough competitors.

Western Carolina, Arizona, Georgia and Kentucky are the other teams participating in the tournament.

The Western Carolina squad is coming off of being crowned tournament champions of the UNC Asheville classics. Georgia has won seven matches in a row and have yet to drop a single game this entire season. Kentucky is also on a hot streak of their own, having won six straight matches coming into the Georgia Tech classic.

All the teams look to provide a sufficient challenge for the team and will provide a good measuring stick for what they need to do before traveling to Michigan for the Nike Invitational next week.

All games will be held at the O'Keefe Gymnasium. The first match-up is against Western Carolina at 10 a.m. Friday followed by a night game against Georgia at 8 p.m. They then face Arizona and Kentucky the next day.

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coach," Lester said.

After returning home to Atlanta, Lester found success in teaching the game of football to high school athletes.

After his first four years at Redan as a position coach, Lester moved on to Morris Brown College as a wide receivers coach for one year, followed by another stint at Redan as an assistant head coach.

After that, he moved on to Decatur High School as an assistant head coach when his friend, Davenport, was hired as the new head coach after taking a year hiatus. Last year, Lester became the head coach at Lakeside High School, his alma mater.

Whether it is requiring his players to meet every morning at 6:30 a.m. or coaching fundamentals on the field, Lester's approach has been to apply the same principles to his students today that he learned in his days as a Tech student-athlete.

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work to become a great quarterback," Gailey said.

Bond's philosophy of spreading the ball showed in the box score. Six receivers had catches including Choice, Cox, and the tight end Colin Peek. Peek caught one pass for nine yards, but it showed Bennett's ability to pass over the middle and Bond's willingness to use the tight end position to Tech's advantage. Coach Bonds ability to pass right, left and over the middle opens up many avenues for the Jackets to use in the future.

Bennett's timing was a little off during the game, he tried to pass before the receivers got to the spot and ended up overthrowing or underthrowing the particular receiver. This is easily fixable and is something the offense has worked on for the next game. The running game was ever present. Choice and the offensive line racked up 196 before

freshman Johnathan Dwyer got in on the action to add 27 yards on five carries and a touchdown.

The Jackets have great depth at running back and that will slowly show once Rashaun Grant returns to the lineup. Behind one of the

"The great thing is, he didn't have to play great [at ND]. He can learn and continue to get better."

Chan Gailey
Head Coach

best offensive lines in the nation, the Jackets look to rack up a lot of yards this year.

"I think we went out there and I think we ran the ball pretty good early. [We then] went out there one

series and threw it every snap for three straight downs. Somewhere, I want to say start of the second quarter, and I told John, 'John, let's just keep pounding them a little bit.' And we had enough weapons and enough ammunition to be able to do that," Gailey said.

Josh Nesbitt took snaps during the end of the game and showed great poise. Coach Gailey likes a quarterback to be mentally tough and Nesbitt showed his toughness during the game. He ran three times for just seven yards but did not have a give up attitude coming off the field and knows his opportunity will come.

Gailey did not expect a performance as dominating as Saturday's in the run game, but probably will not be surprised with a similar result down the road.

Tech will try to work out some of the offensive kinks this weekend at Samford before taking on Boston College, Virginia, and Clemson in their conference schedule

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GolfWorld magazine has ranked Tech's golf squad at No. 8. The team returns three of five starters from last season's successful season. Coach Bruce Hepler also brings back four other players who played in at least two events last year. Cameron Tringale, an All-American from last season, is listed as a top 10 player to watch at No. 9. His teammate Chesson Hadley is listed as a top 50 player.

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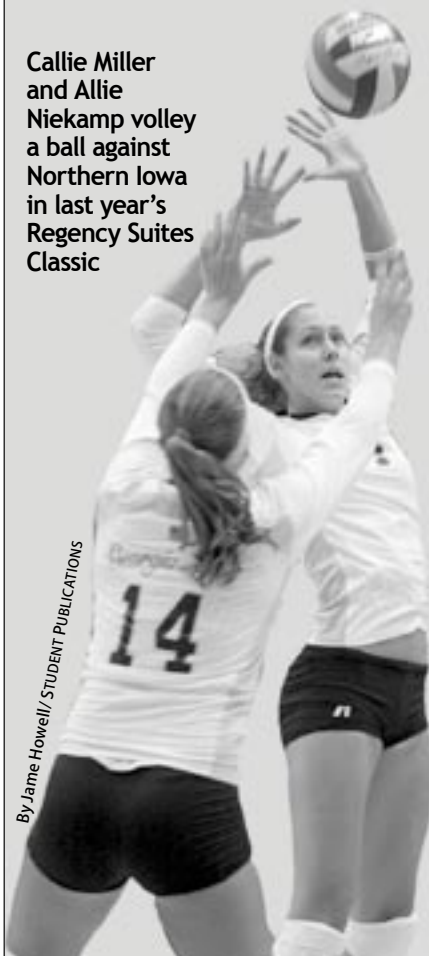
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AS DEFENDING CHAMPIONS, THE JACKETS HAVE THE NUMBERS TO BACK THEIR BID FOR VICTORY AT THE UPCOMING REGENCY SUITES/GEORGIA TECH CLASSIC. BUT CAN THEY WIN AGAIN?



By Robert Combier/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Callie Miller and Allie Niekamp volley a ball against Northern Iowa in last year's Regency Suites Classic



By Jame Howell/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

TECH CLASSIC PREVIEW

By Randy Darnowsky
Staff Writer

The Jackets host the Regency Suites-Georgia Tech classic this weekend. The games against Western Carolina, Georgia, Arizona and Kentucky are highly expected to fall in the Jackets' favor. The Jackets are the defending champions of the tournament and will have to play up to expectations if they intend to keep their title.

There are high hopes for the Jackets to score big during the tournament. The Jackets were the second-highest ranked team in the conference prior to the season opener, only behind reigning ACC champion Duke. Furthermore, the Jackets return with three key seniors and exceptional playing from all sides of the court.

Ulrike Stegemann spikes the ball in play enough times to confuse the opponent. She also adds crucial help to the defense, helping to anchor it for the squad. In the match last weekend against Arkansas at the Arkansas Invitational, Stegemann nailed the ball to record 16 kills and three digs.

Nikki Kaminskas defends the court at any means. When Kaminskas performs block-

ing plays, she makes opponents struggle to score against the Jackets. Last weekend, she recorded three solo blocks and seven block assists during play.

"Everything this year [that we will work on] will be blocking, then defense. Defense wins games, by far," Kaminskas said.

Lindsey Gray brings backs experience and exceptional leadership to the team. Gray posted at least nine kills in every game in the Arkansas Clarion Inn Invitational. As an outside hitter, she shows how set up great plays to put points on the scoreboard and build on Tech's lead. While in Arkansas, she recorded her first instance of recording at least ten digs and ten kills apiece. This weekend, Gray hopes to be able to easily maneuver the ball into play for multiple digs, kills and assists to help lead her team to a successful title defense.

After an impressive start in Arkansas, Talisa Kellogg is just getting warmed up. She posted at least 11 kills in every match last weekend, including a personal match-high record of 17 against Pittsburgh. Moving to the back-row side of the court will improve her ability to assist the defense in addition to putting the ball in play as a hitter. Also

noteworthy is the fact that Kellogg returns from an impressive outing in last season's Regency Suites tournament. She won MVP honors in last year's tournament and received high marks from conference coaches before the start of this season. The team's successful title defense may also yield another MVP award for the junior.

"We are going to definitely see [great plays in the 2007 Regency tournament] again and again. We love playing at home; that's one of the greatest things about O'Keefe. The fans are so dedicated and the atmosphere [is great]; we're pumped to play at home, and we're going to bring even more than what we brought last year," Kellogg says.

The home court advantage for the Jackets speaks for itself. In a home volleyball game in Atlanta, the Jackets receive outstanding support from the student body, family and local fans. The Tech pep band and the group of loyal fans bring incredible excitement to cheer on the Jackets.

"We love to have fans come to home games, because we feed off the crowd. That'll be awesome and great to look forward."

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and Sharpley was sacked seven times by a swarming Tech defense.

The leaders on defense for the Jackets were seniors Jamal Lewis and Daryl Robertson. Lewis had eight tackles total with one forced fumble and one sack. Lewis was seen blitzing from several angles out of the secondary all game long.

Robertson had six tackles, with half of them going for a loss. He also recovered a fumble late in the game, and picked up 1.5 sacks.

On special teams, Jackets' kicker Travis Bell hit four of five field goals. All of them were attempted

within 40 yards. Early on, Tech struggled to punch the ball into the end zone which led to four first quarter field goals attempts. Punter Durant Brooks saw limited action in the game, but performed well in averaging 46 yards. Two of his punts were inside of the 20 yard line.

On another note, freshman kickoff specialist Scott Blair was able to help the special teams in a big way. Last season, the Jackets struggled on kickoffs, allowing opponents to get good starting field position often. Against Notre Dame, the Irish never started one drive past the 31 yard line on kicks that he booted deep even with the tee moving back from the 35 to the 30 yard line this season.

"We wanted to challenge [Notre Dame] to throw the football. The challenge was to stop the run game."

Chan Gailey
Head Coach



Courtesy of GTAAI

Tashard Choice celebrates in the endzone after scoring one of his two touchdowns. He gained more yards than the entire Irish offense.



Photo Courtesy of GTAAI

Djay Jones and the Jackets recover one of the three forced fumbles. The Tech defense held Notre Dame to just 122 yards of total offense.

Prior to the game, Weis and the team had yet to announce a starter at quarterback. The team had decided to withhold the information from the general public until game time. The competition fell to junior Demetrius Jones, sophomore Evan Sharpley and freshman Jimmy Clausen. The game time announcement about the quarterback was to possibly confuse the defense and to give the Notre Dame team some advantage before the game against Tech and its coaches.

"We didn't know who it was going to be. We had practiced for whoever it was going to be," Gailey said.

Weis had to start all three quarterbacks because of an offense that was

never able to start anything.

"It was three different plans. The plan we had was the plan with [Demetrius Jones]. ... [Evan Sharpley] was more of our two-minute plan and [he would] throw the ball down the field if we needed to get into that situation. We were hoping not to get into a game where we had to throw it a whole bunch of times," Weis said.

"It was three different plans.... We were hoping not to get into a game where we had throw it a whole bunch."

Charlie Weis
Head Coach - Notre Dame

Clausen was eventually brought in at the end of the game, completing four of six passes for 34 yards. He was eventually named the starter for their next game.

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First Quarter

GT - T. Bell 32-yd field goal, 11:15
GT - T. Bell 29-yd field goal, 6:47

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GT - T. Bell 40-yd field goal, 9:44
GT - T. Choice 22-yd run (Bell kick), 2:44

Third Quarter

GT - T. Bell 39-yd field goal, 10:22
ND - B. Walker 24-yd field goal, 4:38

Fourth Quarter

GT - T. Choice 7-yd run (Bell kick), 13:06
GT - J. Dwyer 7-yd (Ball pass failed), 8:52

Individual Leaders

GT	Rushing			TD
	Car.	Yds		
T. Choice	26	196		2
J. Dwyer	5	27		1
Totals	43	265		3

ND	Rushing			TD
	Car.	Yds		
D. Jones	12	28		0
Totals	41	-8		0

GT	Receiving			TD
	Rec.	Yds		
J. Johnson	2	42		0
Totals	11	121		0

ND	Receiving			TD
	Rec.	Yds		
R. Parris	3	30		0
Totals	15	130		0

GT	Passing			TD	INT
	Comp	Att	Yds		
T. Bennet	11	23	121	0	0
Totals	11	24	121	0	0

ND	Passing			TD	INT
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E. Sharpley	10	13	92	0	0
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Former wide receiver reflects on time at Tech

By William Bretherton
Senior Staff Writer

It's been over 17 years since the Jackets were able to win the National championship, but there is one member of that 1990 team that is still a very key member of the Tech and Atlanta community at large. Former wide receiver Greg Lester amassed 1,633 yards receiving in his four years on the Flats, including his 1991 season where he led the Jackets in receiving with 676 yards and five touchdowns and was an integral part of their run to the National title in 1990 as well as a victory in the Aloha Bowl the next season.

"My first couple of years at Tech, we were in a rebuilding mode. It got to the point where head coach Bobby Ross was considering resigning... I think the turning point was probably the Duke game my freshman year.

Steve Spurrier was the head coach, and the final score 48-14. Coach Ross was so distraught that he didn't even take the team place back with us to Atlanta. We saw how hurt he was and we had a team meeting to make a point that we were going to get the team headed in the right direction," Lester said.

Like Tech's struggles early on,

Lester's career saw an early roller coaster as well.

As a freshman, Lester started immediately as he played in 11 games and caught 33 passes for 593 yards. In 1988, his role dropped considerably as he only caught nine passes. The next season, Lester took a medical redshirt due to injury.

However, he came back strong over the next two seasons amassing 8 touchdowns and 912 yards receiving to become one of the best receivers to wear the white and gold.

While 1990 was one of the most successful campaigns in Tech history, it was more remarkable due to the sharp turnaround that the program had faced.

When Lester first arrived in 1987, the Jackets had just hired a new coach in Bobby Ross, after Bill Curry

left for Alabama. Over the next two seasons, the Jackets had a record of just 2-8 in Lester's first season, and 3-8 the next season.

However, the Jackets did have some success even in the down years. In Tech's turnaround during the 1988 and 1989 seasons, the Jackets were able to defeat teams like No. 8 ranked South Carolina in 1988 and No. 14 ranked Clemson in 1989 proving that Tech was on its way.

They shut out the Gamecocks



Courtesy of GTAA

Greg Lester makes a play for the Jackets. The wide receiver became one of the most celebrated receivers in Tech history during his time on the Flats, playing an integral role both on and off the field.

34-0 and stopped the Tigers 30-14, both impressive outings on offense and ones that showed flashes of what was to come.

"Initially, [Ross] wasn't really a hands-on coach. He was more of an on the field guy, and that was it. After a year or two, the entire coaching staff started taking more of an interest in us off the field. Once they started doing that, we started playing hard for them and trusting them," Lester said.

It culminated in a national championship run which saw Tech go

11-0-1 and defeating several ranked opponents, including then-No. 1 Virginia on the road, 41-38. They won the title against Nebraska in the Florida Citrus Bowl, defeating the Cornhuskers 45-21.

After Lester's playing days in college, he went on to pro ranks of the NFL with the Denver Broncos took a chance on him by signing him to a free agent contract. Unfortunately, a strained ligament in his knee suffered in the Aloha Bowl hindered Lester, forcing him into the Canadian Football League where he

played for one year in Saskatchewan. While there, he made a key realization about what he needed to do with the rest of his life.

"I went up there and we had a lot of down time between games, and it just hit me that it was time to move on and do something else. One of my best friends at Tech was Steve Davenport, who was the head coach at Redan High School. He offered me a position on his staff, and ever since then I have been a

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SAMFORD (1-0) VS. NO. 21 GEORGIA TECH (1-0)

By Hahnming Lee



Samford won its home opener against West Alabama, squeaking out a 23-21 victory. The Bulldogs now travel to The Flats for the Jackets' home opener and their second game in two years at Bobby Dodd stadium. The team has never had success against the Jackets, losing all seven of their past meetings. The team finished with a 3-8 record, with a four game losing streak to end the year. They hired new coach Pat Sullivan at the conclusion of the season and he helped guide the Bulldogs to turn in a win last week, but he and his team will face their toughest challenge of the season against Tech, the only ranked team on their schedule.



"I thought that the offensive line played extremely well. The four guys who have been starting played very well in the game."

Chan Gailey
Tech Head Coach

Four Key Questions

• Can Bennett improve from the first game?

Bennett struggled early on, underthrowing some passes while Tech was in Notre Dame territory. There were some impressive throws, like when he hit James Johnson for a 29 yard pass that helped set up another field goal for Tech, but there were few of them. The junior ended the game with 121 yards and 11 of 23 passing. One look at his numbers may make some Tech fans forget his breakout performance at the Gator Bowl. While he did play well enough to confuse the Irish defense and keep the running game effective, Bennett will have to contribute more to the offense. Bennett will have an easier time against a Samford defense, but will have to find consistency sooner than later if Tech wants to stay ranked.

• Is Samford going to be the next Appalachia State?

After Michigan's loss last Saturday, every team is reevaluating their opponents which were once considered to be the "easy win." Samford is considered one of the worst teams in their division and a team Tech thought it could use some of its backups and bench players against. Tech will have less to worry about than other major players in the nation. The Jackets easily defeated Samford last year, winning 38-6 and leading 35-6 after the first half. Their prior experience with the team will be just another advantage Tech holds come Saturday. The Bulldogs are 0-7 against the Jackets all time.

• Where can the Tech's defense go from here?

The defense destroyed Notre Dame's offense, holding them to negative yards rushing and significantly less total offense than Choice's running total. They pressured the quarterback and forced turnovers all day. The team amassed nine sacks, had three forced fumbles and had 19 negative yard plays. While the Irish were experimenting with their offense for much of the game, but those numbers display a dominant defensive force. Coming to play against Samford's offense, a team without the offensive knowledge of Charlie Weis and the All-American recruits, Tech looks to have little trouble with Samford's offensive showcase.

• How will John Bond use the offense against Samford?

John Bond is starting his second game as Tech's offensive coordinator. After the Samford game, he will have to face numerous ACC opponents, with Boston College and Clemson at home and Virginia on the road. Bond found success with direct snaps to his running backs and a spread out offense against the Irish, keeping their defense confused throughout the game. While the Bulldogs could not be considered a tune-up, it will provide a good opportunity for the Jackets to try out some different formations before the start of the ACC schedule weekend.

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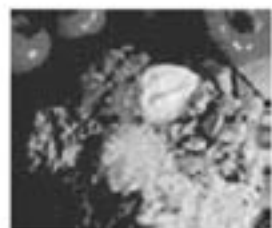
Tech started off the season in a completely different fashion from the last, soundly defeating Notre Dame 33-3 on the road, pushing itself into the top 25. Georgia Tech and Virginia Tech are the only ACC teams in both top 25 polls. Almost all aspects of the Jackets' play was superb, with a blocked field goal marring an otherwise impressive special teams performance and a passing game that got off to a slow start and never fully recovered. Tech will certainly not gather any more votes to help in the rankings with a win over Samford, but it will need the momentum for the ACC season.



"I would like to see eight or nine guys in the box score. You want your full backs, running backs and tight ends to have catches so that you spreading the field."

John Bond
Tech Offensive Coordinator

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alumni were involved with doing some of the hands-on repairs for the Wreck and many former drivers had taken a part in the process of restoring the car.

"There wasn't too much the Alumni Association really could have done. We didn't need money

as much as we needed time. It's been more [about] time than the fight to get money. People have been very willing to donate to us. What [the AA] has been doing is directing people for how to help us in a non-financial ways like finding parts we need," Bird said.

In all, the costs of the repairs to the car may total more than \$40,000. The group involved with its repaired only paid around \$22,000 and the

rest came through donations paying for parts, labor and paint jobs. The money has helped in the repairs of the car, especially since insurance was not able to help in any part of the job.

Tech fans have been trying to contribute any way that they can, offering financial help as well as anything else that they could do. In one case, a whole other car was offered to replace the Wreck.

"An alumni and his son, a student at Tech, offered their entire car to substitute the [Wreck]. They wanted to just paint it gold and leave it gold after we had restored the car properly. I told them that it was pretty gracious. I was amazed when I saw that," Bird said.

The outpour and support for the Wreck has allowed the Ramblin' Reck club and Bird to allow for full restoration of the Wreck.

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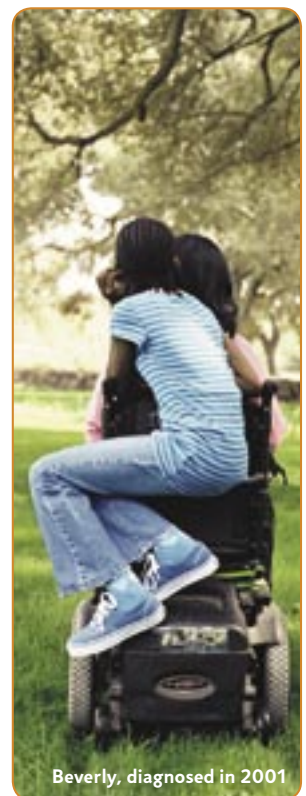
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Ramblin' Wreck set to return for first home game



By Ariel Bravy/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Ramblin' Wreck parks in front of Junior's and the French Building. The Wreck returns after extensive repairs. It should lead out the Tech team for the home opener against Samford at Grant Field tomorrow.

By Hahnming Lee
Sports Editor

As Tech kicks off another football season at home, the Ramblin' Wreck is being prepared around the clock so that it can lead the Jackets on to the field once again for yet another home opener. The car has led the team out on to Grant Field for nearly 300 football games and regularly

makes appearances at other Tech sports games.

The Wreck is a 1930 Ford Model A Sports coupe. It was originally a 1914 Ford Model T. The model in its current form was donated by Ted Johnson. It made its first appearance in a football game on Sept. 30, 1961 when it came out to a crowd of more than 40,000 people. The team defeated Rice University

that day, 24-0, and the Wreck has led the team out on to the football field ever since.

This summer, the Wreck was involved in an accident while being transported off campus that could have endangered the streak. The damage was extensive, requiring a considerable amount of work to repair it to its original condition. It has been a race against time with

the repairs and has required multiple parties to become involved.

"The body work was pretty extensive. They put in about 500 hours of work at a professional body shop that specializes in race cars because they were the only people who said that they could do it. Our original goal was to save as much as we could, but they basically saved the whole car," said John Bird, driver of the Wreck and the driver transporting the Wreck during the accident.

On June 22, Bird and his brother were on Interstate 75 at the time when the trailer had some sort of failure and caused the truck and Wreck to become disconnected. There were no other cars involved and no one was seriously injured.

Since the work done at the body shop, the Wreck was transported to an upholstery shop. The shop is doing some of the final touchups on the Wreck before it makes its return to campus where it will undergo even more work.

While it has been confirmed that it will take the field for the game against the Bulldogs, the Wreck may or may not serve at its full capacity. The car will certainly make an ap-

pearance with the team and come out on to the field.

"It will probably be 100% by game time. We've pulled all nighters for four straight nights now. The body shop guys worked on it nine-to-five for a week when they got it with about four or five guys. It's just one of those things where if you want to do it properly, you have to have a lot of time. So that's what we're doing,

we're putting a lot of time into it," Bird said.

The Wreck has undergone some changes have been made to its interior and some parts that could not be salvaged have been replaced with a different look. Tech fans who were expecting the

old Wreck may be in for another surprise when they first see it on game day.

"It will be ready. It's a matter of when and what it will look like. It's not on campus yet. It's been over a 100 days since it's been on campus, it's not back yet. Once it gets back we still have to work on it," Bird said.

The work has been done primarily through donations and the help of the Alumni Association. Numerous

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John Bird
Ramblin' Wreck driver

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Jackets avenge loss to Irish

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Tashard Choice ran for a career-high 196 yards on Saturday against the Irish while rushing for two touchdowns.

By William Bretherton
Senior Staff Writer

The opening weekend of the season gave the Jackets a good opportunity to introduce everyone to the new offensive coordinator John Bond. Tech's new coach added many new facets to the Jackets' offense in compiling 386 total yards on their way to a 33-3 victory over Notre Dame in South Bend, IN.

"We wanted to challenge [Notre Dame] to throw the football. We're going to blitz you, and I don't care

who you are. We felt like the challenge was to stop the run game, and force [Notre Dame] to throw the ball well enough to beat us," said Head Coach Chan Gailey.

Senior running back Tashard Choice began his Heisman campaign in a big way on the national stage by running for 196 yards on 26 carries with two touchdowns. Choice was successful running out of the shotgun all game long, including a 22 yard touchdown run at the end of the first half.

"As long as the offensive line and

Mike Cox [block], I'll be able to [have a big game] every week. They work their tails off to allow me to do what I do best," Choice said.

Defensive coordinator Jon Tenuta confused all three of Notre Dame's quarterbacks all day long with blitz schemes that kept Tech defenders in the Irish backfield seemingly all day long. The Jackets held Notre Dame to just 122 yards total, and -9 yards rushing. The Jackets also picked up a total of nine sacks, and forced three turnovers, all fumbles coming off of quarterback sacks.

"You never want anybody to run the ball on you. Once we established the line of scrimmage, it opened up our blitz packages and allowed guys to come through and make big plays," Tenuta said.

Early on, the Irish tried to exploit Tech's defense using their speedy quarterback Demetrious Jones with an offensive scheme similar to the one that West Virginia used to gash the Jackets defense for over 442 yards of total offense. While Jones was able to pick up a few yards mostly on sweeps to the left, it was clear that

the tandem of Demetrious Jones and Travis Thomas was not comparable to that of West Virginia's Pat White and Steve Slaton.

After replacing Jones with junior Evan Sharpley, Irish head coach Charlie Weis fell back on his more traditional offense that had given him success the past two years and with the Patriots. While Sharpley was more accurate as a passer in completing 10 of 13 passes, the Irish only picked up 92 yards through the air,

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Offensive line pushes forward

By Akshay Amaraneni
Staff Writer

John Bond's excitement over the summer showed itself last week when Tech scored 33 points against Notre Dame's young defense. Bond was excited about the opportunity to work with a veteran talented offense and it showed last weekend. Tech had their way with Notre Dame's defensive line by using Choice in a very diverse package. He lined up at quarterback for numerous plays while Bennett lined up as a wideout to try to fool the defense.

"John Bond did a great job of innovating, putting some things in like the direct snap to Choice," said Head Coach Chan Gailey.

But the story of the game wasn't necessarily Choice; the offensive line and Mike Cox didn't miss a step

from their excellent performance last season. Four of five starters returned and showed how important

"Bond did a great job of innovating [the offense], putting some things in like the direct snap to Choice."

Chan Gailey
Head Coach

an offensive line could be and how valuable experience is. Choice racked up 196 yards on 26 carries and scored twice, both on direct snaps to the

running back. Bond used the direct snap liberally to keep the defense off balance and keep the speed of the game fast—something that greatly favored Tech's running game.

Tech racked up 265 yards rushing total, but only 121 yards passing. Taylor Bennett was on and off resulting in an average passing day for the starting quarterback. Bennett completed 11 of 23 passes, three of which were screen passes to Choice.

"[Bennett] did some really good things, and he missed some throws that I have seen him make 50 times in practice. The great thing is, he didn't have to play great today. He can play good and we can still win, and he can learn and get his feet on the ground and continue to get better and

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By Matt Bishop / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The offensive line blocks against Troy last season. The veteran line allowed one sack and pushed Tashard Choice to nearly 200 yards rushing Saturday.