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Making ends meet

Students share experiences of working on, off campus

By Ben Keyserling / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Adam Blagg, a second-year Management major, works at the West Side Market, which is just one of many places around campus where students looking to earn some extra cash can find employment. Other on-campus jobs are available to students at the library, Office of Information Technology, Resnet and in various academic departments.

By Christina McMillan
Contributing Writer

The semester has just started and students are already running low on cash. For those looking for some extra pocket money or just trying to make the rent, getting a job is often the best alternative to relying on parents or begging in the streets.

Students who want to stay close to campus can find a host of employment options around Tech.

For the fitness minded, a quick glance at the Campus Recreation Center's website shows several job opportunities. Positions include lifeguard, fitness attendant, climbing wall attendant, intramural official, main issue or equipment worker, personal trainer and wilderness outpost attendant.

Housing also offers many jobs to students. These positions include peer leader, community advisor, community manager and resident manager.

Elizabeth Cox, a fourth-year Industrial Engineering major, has been a peer leader for two and a half years, and spoke about her experiences on the job.

"My purpose was to help to build community and relationships among the freshmen. I was also there if they had any academic-related questions such as registration or campus activities to get involved in," Cox said.

Cox pointed out several benefits

to her job.

For instance, peer leaders are given a discount on housing, which only increases with the number of years that they work for the department. According to Cox other benefits include a free meal plan and some money on your Buzzcard each semester.

The main difficulty Cox said she encountered as a peer leader was "being woken up in the middle of the night to handle [student] issues."

However, Cox said that this simply comes with the job.

According to Cox, one of her best experiences as a peer leader was seeing her girls succeeding in school and really enjoying Tech. "My job [as a PL] is to try and make it feel like home."

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Elizabeth Cox
Fourth-year IE

Other jobs can be found at some uncommon places on campus, such as the Institute of Paper Science and Technology (IPST) Paper Museum.

One student employee, Attila-Giovanni Gabor, a first-year Aerospace Engineering major, spoke about his job at the museum which involves papermaking workshops, setting up and taking down exhibits and secretarial work.

Gabor's job, like all jobs, has its fair share of pros and cons.

Gabor said that his worst ex-

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By Sam Morgan / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students can apply for many positions at the Campus Recreation Center, including lifeguard, fitness attendant, climbing wall attendant, intramural official, equipment worker, personal trainer and more.



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Matthew Postema, a first-year Materials Science and Engineering major, works at Tech Rec in the Student Center. Some other Student Center jobs can be found in Burdell's and the Music Listening Room.

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Housing clarifies student contracts

By Aileen Li
Staff Writer

Figuring out on-campus housing can always be a hassle. Not only do students have to contend with potentially annoying roommates and the never-ending fight to stuff their belongings into the tiniest of spaces, they must also be aware of all the serious policy legalities they enter into when moving in.

When a student decides to live on campus, he is required to sign the Department of Housing Space Contract, which incorporates all the rules and regulations listed in the Technically Speaking: Community and Services Guide and Code of

Student Conduct.

However, confusions arise when students try to break the contract in the middle of the year.

"[Upon transferring to MIT this term], I was shocked to realize that...students who leave the school as mid-semester transfers may not break their housing contract, even though we are not allowed to live on campus if we are not full-time students of Tech," said Katherine Redfield, a second year Applied Mathematics major prior to her transfer.

"Realizing this, I was disappointed, knowing that I had signed the contract and would be expected to honor it," Redfield said.

The Housing contract states that students may be released from their contracts for the following reasons only: graduation, marriage, military, medical, co-op, internship, study abroad or academic suspension.

Students who do not meet these requirements but must leave campus, whether they stay enrolled at Tech or not, must vacate the room and are charged a "contract liquidated damage" fee, which is the full rent for that semester.

"Because we have to turn away students for fall semester due to being full, we hold students to the length of the contract because we do not have a ready-made pool of applicants for spring. All students sign a two-term

Students can break contracts for these reasons only:

- Graduation
- Marriage
- Military
- Medical
- Co-op program
- Internship
- Study abroad
- Academic suspension



By Jonathan Agee / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students share a dorm room in Folk Hall. For anyone wishing to transfer rooms, dorms, or schools altogether, there are strict Housing contract rules and regulations that they need to respect and honor.

contract and we honor this," said Daniel Morrison, director of Tech Residence Life.

"There is no 'canceling early enough' unless one of the conditions for no penalty breakage is met. Those students who wanted, but did not get, housing in the fall have all signed leases off campus and they cannot get out of their contracts. Thus, acceptance dates from campuses to which a resident may be trying to transfer does not affect the cancellation penalty," Morrison said.

Morrison stressed that students need to know the full ramifications of signing the Housing contract.

"All students should understand that they are truly obligating themselves to the conditions in the contract, and wanting to move off campus, to a Greek house, dropping out of Tech or transferring to another campus does not break their obligation to the second semester's rent," Morrison said.

In addition, students who wish to switch rooms and halls should file a room change request online as soon

as the decisions are made.

"We use the basic priority system to facilitate moves, whereby students with more earned credits at Tech are placed before those with fewer. Another option for residents is to find a room swap, which is done online. We can do these at any point when a mutual swap is found. In either

the change or swap process, residents having flexible choices will help their cause," Morrison said.

The Housing department has made its database public, so residents can search for their own swaps.

"We have changed and

improved our room selection process the last few years to get as many students with whom they want to live as possible. If for some reason the student is not satisfied with his roommate, we ask those residents to work with their CA [Community Advisor] or PL [Peer Leader] and full-time hall staff to come up with a roommate agreement to everyone's satisfaction. We rarely just remove

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Dan Morrison
Residence Life Director

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Jobs

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perience was "having to collate 150 packets of worksheets for a papermaking workshop. That was very tedious."

Not every aspect of Gabor's job is so dull, however. As an employee of the museum, he gets to assist in paper manufacturing, a unique experience that few can boast of having.

"Making paper [is my favorite part of work]. Some of the different fibers used to make paper make the final product look really cool," Gabor said.

For students thinking of pursuing a similar job, Gabor said that he recommends this job to people

who have an eye for aesthetics and like working with kids.

Other parts of his job that Gabor enjoys include the many experiences created by the mixture of activities he has in his job.

"Some days we'll have middle school kids come in for a papermaking workshop and tour, [and] other days I might be helping set up a new exhibit," Gabor said.

There is also a great variety of jobs for students who are looking for something away from campus. One job that may be especially suited to many Tech students is tutoring.

Alex McCann, a second-year Mechanical Engineering major, tutors children in English and writing for two-hour sessions.

"It's basically easy work since the tutees have to work the hardest to improve, [have] flexible hours and [are] genuinely appreciative people," McCann said.

McCann said that the only downfall of his job is its ever changing demand. "Tutoring is not regular work; people don't need constant tutoring," McCann said.

Tutoring is not always the easiest of jobs, however. McCann has had his fair share of frustration with trying to teach young children.

"I [once] asked a little kid to use the word 'surround' in a sentence, and he said, 'you surround someone before you jump him,'" McCann said.

Other off-campus jobs can be found at nearby restaurants like Wingnuts, a favorite late-night chicken destination for Tech students.

Sara Scruggs, a second-year Management major, works as a cashier there.

"[My job is] really easy and very close to campus with a decently flexible schedule... If I needed to take the night off to study it wouldn't be a problem," Scruggs said.

There are several campus resources available to students to help them get the jobs they want.

One of these is the Career Center, home to a plethora of information on how to obtain employment. There are also several seminars and workshops offered throughout the year that prepare students for work.

A complete listing of seminars and more employment information can be found at www.career.gatech.edu.



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Yehwon Kim, a third-year Architecture major, works at the Architecture library. Many students work in the libraries around campus.



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GTlist moves textbook exchanges online

By Manu Raghavan
Staff Writer

What started as a quick online reference for the brothers at Pi Kappa Phi to buy and sell their textbooks among themselves has now grown into a campus-wide enterprise.

The site www.GTlist.net is an online forum for campus-based buyers and sellers to list and review each other's wares. Now clocking around 5000 hits a day, GTlist is a fast-growing service that seeks to fill a need currently underserved—the logistical coordination of on-campus buyers and sellers, particularly that of textbooks.

Andrew Talerico, a first-year Chemical Engineering major and the founder of GTlist, sees his venture as unique and best-suited to capture the attention of online traders at Tech.

"We are students for students. There's no shipping costs with our sales. Also, students can sell their books for more than the campus bookstore will buy them back for," Talerico said, comparing his effort to established competitors such as Amazon and eBay.

Having coordinated a pre-semester textbook exchange effort within his fraternity, Talerico said he saw the messiness of the entire approach and sought to create a method to

the madness.

"I saw what happened when people bought and sold books to each other and said 'hey guys, let's have a better spot, let's exchange stuff online.' Then I took the success to other campus users [by starting GTlist] and it's been great ever since," Talerico said.

Talerico hopes that by enabling

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Andrew Talerico
First-year ChemE

students to cut out the middleman and splitting the difference between buyer and seller, students ultimately benefit from lowered costs for college essentials, like textbooks.

It is not a concept that is new to anyone who has bought a book from another student, but an organized medium to sort the availability of general textbook stocks among sellers has been generally lacking.

By cataloging the types of products users sell on his site, Talerico hopes to make it easier for users to access exactly what they need without having to traverse through a list of unrelated posts, as one would have to do if buying from a newsgroup like git.ads.

The site offers a clean, simple user interface that is personalized to Tech users compared to the convoluted look of competing listing sites like www.Craigslist.com and www.CollegeMedium.com.

It offers a more organized approach to coordinating multiple buyers and sellers of the same book than can be achieved through individual newsgroup postings.

Finally, GTlist has some advantage over big names like Amazon because all the participants are local and by avoiding shipping, they can execute transactions much faster and without the associated costs.

While there exists no data on the volume traded on a daily basis, Talerico estimated that the volume of traffic on his site implies a significant number of sales coordinated off his site.

What is more, a range of items from TV's to gaming consoles to motorcycles to cars have been put up for sale on GTlist.

"Books are about 60 percent of all our sales now, but I hope for that



GTlist.net, a new campus-based online forum originally created to facilitate textbook sales, has launched to increasing popularity.

number to change," Talerico said.

GTlist has been designed as a free service to all students at Tech, and Talerico intends for it to remain that way.

Even though the site does not earn a profit by acting as a medium between campus buyers and sellers, it is incorporated as a company and has some aspiration to grow in volume.

"I have nine people working for

me and I just hired one the other day. We're a growing company and I want people to be able to get practical experience by working here," Talerico said.

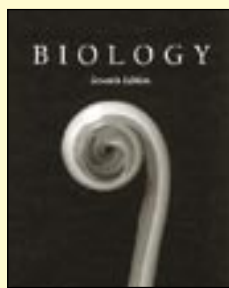
Pressed about future plans for his company, Talerico was coy and demurred over the question.

"I just want to grow [the company]. That's my intention. I plan to make this Tech's place for everything," Talerico said.

PRICE CHECK

Check out how GTlist compares to the lowest (used) prices at Barnes and Noble (B&N), Amazon and half.com for five introductory textbooks.

Note: Prices do not include shipping and handling, which can cost \$3-\$5.



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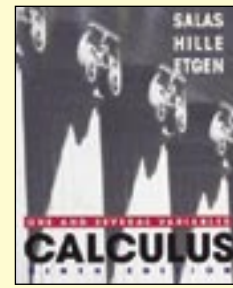
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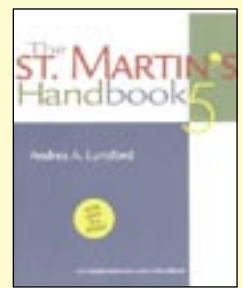
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By Phoebe Rawson
Contributing Writer

Seminar discusses globalization in India



By Sam Morgan / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Martin Kenney, a professor at the University of California-Davis, speaks about the increasing globalization of mental labor in India.

According to a recent seminar held at Tech, mental labor—jobs that require higher education and advanced skills (such as those in the fields of engineering and information technology)—is becoming increasingly globalized, i.e. outsourced to less developed foreign countries. At the forefront of this movement is India, which is dominating the international market in mental labor.

The seminar was hosted by the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs and Ivan Allen College Jan. 19 as part of the Globalization, Innovation and Development speaker series.

Martin Kenney, a professor at the University of California-Davis and a senior project director at the Berkeley Roundtable on the International Economy, was the featured speaker.

Kenney gave a presentation titled "Iconic But Not Unique: India and the Globalization of Mental Labor."

According to Kenney, India is moving up in value in the area of mental labor, doing sophisticated data mining, standardizing it and bringing metrics into it.

"This is the cutting edge of the transformation of where intellectual and mental work is around the world. Everybody is now talking about this mental labor," Kenney said.

With the global redistribution of this labor, many nations are entering the market for it, including China, Mexico and the Philippines. According to Kenney, these nations are competing to provide this type of service, but they are only at the beginning of such work.

In spite of these competitors, Kenney said that "India is becoming the dominant location [for outsourcing mental labor]."

Some companies began to depend on off-shoring mental labor in India in the 1970s and later began to establish small labs that succeeded there. According to Kenney, the Indian service provision ecosystem is growing rapidly.

"What is so fascinating about it is how fast it has grown," Kenney said.

Apparently, companies benefit from outsourcing to India because talented, underemployed engineers are available there at extremely low costs and the country is an unregulated sector with tax breaks for exports—factors that are attractive to entrepreneurs.

Kenney emphasized the shift from low-end to high-end engineering among Indian engineers and software firms who are realizing

their potential and taking control of their roles within the global market for mental labor.

Demand is extremely high for this type of work in India and many of these engineers are able to move up the value ladder within their companies quickly.

According to Kenney, companies

technology are coming from India now. Indian software and service industries continue to grow and expand in addition to the offshore operations from the U.S. and other countries that are taking place there.

According to Kenney, the growth of software firms in India is significantly changing the global composition of technological entrepreneurship.

"Indians are coming into the world in a completely different way. India is really unique," Kenney said.

India's developing role as the global center for mental labor has a very real impact on Tech students.

Top U.S. engineers are moving to India to develop their own start-up companies. Clearly, many students will have to be aware of this important shift in the global configuration of mental labor because it will affect job opportunities for them now and in the near future.

"Since we have a large Indian population here, it directly affects Tech students," said Hassan Chaudhri, a graduate student in International Affairs.

"Students will have to start thinking about how to compete globally," Chaudhri said.

Otherwise, the outsourcing of mental labor will continue to drain jobs from the U.S.

"[Despite competition], India is becoming the dominant location [for outsourcing mental labor]."

Martin Kenney
UC-Davis Professor

that are off-shoring in India are now collaborating with the engineers there, asking for input and expert advice on programs rather than dictating the specifications for development and leaving them out of the design process.

In other words, companies around the globe are coming to Indian engineers more and more for their proficiency and skill.

Many successful brand names in

with any student who is having housing difficulties," Morrison said.

Several students have expressed positive views of their interactions with Housing administration.

"The Housing department is very helpful. Obviously things happen, but if you just talk to them, they're usually very helpful," said Chris Lange, a fourth-year Electrical Engineering major and Peer Leader in

Smith Residence Hall.

"My advice to students is to read the contract carefully before signing it, so they know what they're getting into ahead of time," Lange said.

"Have some face-to-face time with the department and maintain a level of professionalism when you contact them. It's surprising how a little kindness can go a long way," Lange said.

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roommates," Morrison said.

Although several misunderstandings in cases such as transferring and room switching have occurred, Housing has expressed its willingness to help students to deal with their problems.

"We are quite prepared to work