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## BEST &amp; WORST OF

## CAMPUS LIFE

**Best Tech Tradition:  
Budweiser Song**

Student Pick: Budweiser Song

"When you say Budweiser," you get Tech's best tradition and for good reason. There are few traditions that inspire as much unity throughout Tech's campus as the Budweiser song which brings together tens of thousands of screaming Tech fans. The song was first played in 1970 as a tribute to then head coach, Bud Carson. The song is now played after the third quarter of home football games, the second half of Tech basketball games and in baseball games as part of the seventh inning stretch. Whether it's the overt alcohol reference or the simplistic dance maneuvers, all Tech students enjoy this tradition.



Photo by Dean Liao/Student Publications

Students gather in the middle of the Student Center and dance to the Budweiser Song as a part of a flashmob for I <3 GT Week.

**Worst Tech Tradition:  
Studying**

Student Pick: The Ratio

Every student that has stationed his or her toothbrush and other toiletries in the library at this point, according to an Only At Tech source, would agree that studying is the worst Tech tradition. After only one semester of "Intro" Physics, many students' worst nightmares no longer involve monsters and bizarre creatures. Instead they have morphed into even more horrifying things—equations, theorems and stacks of unfinished homework, all of which can be classified as fun-killers.

**Best On-Campus  
Transportation: Walking**

Student Pick: Walking

When you're trying to decide how to get to class in the morning, you should most definitely decide on walking. Not only is it better for your health than sitting on a Stinger, but it is also far less frustrating than waiting on the bus just to have it leave you as you're hurrying to catch it. With the weather as beautiful and pleasant as it has been, and now that the pollen is finally dying down, leave a little early and enjoy the weather as you get your heart pumping by walking to class.

**Worst On-Campus  
Transportation: Unicycle**

Student Pick: Stingers/Trolley

While most people stick to methods of transportation involving no wheels, two wheels, four wheels or however many wheels the Stingers have, some brave souls have been exploring the possibilities offered by one-wheeled transportation. Whether on tiny training unicycles or giant one-wheeled behemoths that tower over some of Tech's more petite population, Tech's new population of unicyclers never cease to provide campus visitors with something to scratch their heads at.

**Best Celebrity Visit: John  
Oliver and Seth Meyers**

Student Pick: General Petraeus

Tech students got two comedic performances for the price of one with the Seth Meyers ("Saturday Night Live") and John Oliver ("The Daily Show with Jon Stewart") fall comedy show in Sept. The news pundits revealed audience members at the First Center with jokes on everything from Ashlee Simpson's infamous lip-syncing performance on SNL to the downfall of American culture with the invention of the Oreo pizza. The night was not complete without a couple jokes at Tech's expense as well, with jabs at the Ratio and the quantity of nerds on campus.

**Worst Weather-Related  
Event: The Flood of 2009**

Student Pick: Pollen

Georgia's drought finally came to an end, as some rain finally came down. No one, however, was prepared for the onslaught of rain that occurred during late September, when nine people were killed and a federal emergency was declared across five counties. The "Great Flood of 2009" submerged roads and bridges across the state, causing over \$250 million worth of damages. On campus, students were left to fend for themselves as they waded through seemingly endless rivers on their journey to class, which remained open despite the poor weather.

**Best Place for an Afternoon  
Nap: Skiles Garden**

Student Pick: Afternoon Classes

With plenty of shade, multiple benches and beautiful landscaping, the garden tucked behind Skiles makes an ideal place for catching up on some much needed sleep. Although the area is located in an ideal location in the center of campus (across from the library and directly under the Mickey Mouse clock), Skiles garden is generally very quiet and serene. The space's winding pathways and overhanging trees almost makes it feel like an enchanted garden. The space is rarely crowded because it is so well hidden, and few students find the garden unless they stumble upon it.

**Best Campus Event:  
CultureFest**

Student Pick: Six Flags Night

Diversity should not just be a lofty administrative-level goal to make campus life more culturally rich; rather, we believe students should take just as much an active role in displaying their cultural background. CultureFest is a long-standing tradition at Tech where students bring the social customs, food, dancing and contemporary life of different countries and cultures to their fellow students. This is why we believe CultureFest 2010 was the best campus event of the year.

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guy in mgmt building... "hey nice skirt" is a really creepy compliment.

All my slivers get down like what??!

Who is your daddy and what does he do?

Waffle House!!! I want you now!

Smh. Tech students dealing monsters, red bull and rock stars like drug dealers

Oh magic 8 ball, tell me the world will end tomorrow so won't study

Burdell told me he won't stand for unfixed tuition.

Conan on TBS!

If tech was based on Harry Potter would Sliveran be one of the dorms?

College Sweetheart when will we meet? I need my room cleaned p.s. i speak wookiee :)

dear shirtless, pillsbury dough boys: EWW.

ahhhh! the jogging speedo parade found me AGAIN. O.O...(nice abs, btw)

did you know that dolphins are just gay sharks?

You're doing great. If your goal is to suck!

why are we paying to have the pollen blown off the sidewalk back into the air?!!?!

MIT stinking it up since 1861

What ever happened to "whatever class (blank)s the most gets a pizza party"

Stop slivering while driving!

Leggings are NOT pants!!!

maybe this time...I'll get lucky...maybe this time he'll stay yay for jimmy!

can't wait for ramblin' on! best party of the year.

the air force girl makes my day

Engineering Economics 1 credit does not validate selling my soul!

There is no whining in sailing.

Guido fist pumping in Miami!!

Congrats to south park on 200 episodes!

Can we have exotic animals come every week?



## BEST &amp; WORST OF

## ACADEMICS

**Best Place to Study: In Class**  
Student Pick: Library

By far, the best place to study is in class. It's not like anything important is happening anyway, so why not be productive? Additionally, everyone is quiet and there are no other unexpected sonic distractions, besides the professor lecturing, so optimum focus can be attained relatively easily. Having a book and notes open in class is not uncommon either, so blending in is pretty easy, unlike studying at a baseball game or a movie theater. Keeping your head down is important in class because the professor may ask an impossibly hard question to anyone who makes eye contact.

**Worst Place to Study: Dorm**  
Student Pick: Dorm

The worst place to study is a dorm. Filled with roughhousing and shenanigans, dorms are not conducive to remembering anything important. Dorms are for fun times and hanging out with friends. A recent study indicated that dorms have the most distractions per square millimeter, more than a toy store! No one lives where they work, so why work where you live? Dorms are good for playing pranks on PL/RAs, having *Rock Band* competitions and generally just being lively. Studying is not being lively. Therefore studying is not for dorms; it's science! And you can't argue with science.

**Best Bet for an "A": Gender Studies**  
Student Pick: GT 1000

While Introduction to Gender Studies certainly does not sound like the class to go for during registrations, it might actually just be that perfect class to help you smooth out your grades. With a class average of 3.76, LCC 2200 is by far one of the surest bets for an A at Tech. The best part? It counts as a humanities credit and you don't even need to learn another language for it! Hurry though, with only 30 seats available, the class is sure to be filled up fast.

**Worst Bet for an "A": Engineering Economy**  
Student Pick: Physics II

For only a one-credit-hour course, you would think that a class like Engineering Economy would be a break from the usual engineering electives. Wrong. Although the class is an hour a week and all of the lectures are available online, the late class times, heavy workloads and mind-numbingly difficult exams make you wonder whether or not you signed up for a 3-hour course like Circuits or Thermodynamics instead. Not to mention, its one-hour credit status makes it a class easy to forget. By the time the first test rolls around, it's no surprise that many students are caught off-guard by the work they forgot about.

**Best Classrooms: Swann**  
Student Pick: Management

The modern languages building is one of the best kept secrets on campus. Home to dozens of small classrooms with projection and computer systems, the building manages to blend all that is great about classic Tech brick architecture and history with modern learning facilities. The building, a renovation from its original life as a residence, is beautiful. Add in the posh students' lounge on the first floor with a fireplace, multiple TVs tuned into foreign language news and soap operas, and you can see why so many students decide to pick up a languages minor.

**Worst Classrooms: Instructional Center (IC)**  
Student Pick: Howey Physics

While there are many old buildings on campus that inspire derision among the student body, none can approach the blandness that is the Instructional Center. Inconveniently located to start with, the confusion continues when you walk amongst the multitude of stairs to the irregularly numbered classrooms, all of which have the stale odor of something that has persisted in a dusty attic for years. This is capped by the persistent mud around the building, giving the impression that all who go inside are sinking into sludge. Avoid at all costs!

**Best Place to Use a Computer: Klaus**  
Student Pick: Library

What can we say, a building serving computer scientists and computer engineers is bound to be computer-friendly. With a half-dozen computer labs scattered across the building, it's a great place to drop in if the library is full, so long as a class hasn't already laid claim to them. If you prefer your own computing tools, ethernet and electrical sockets are scattered throughout the hallways and lounges, and the same sockets built into each individual seat in the lecture halls. It's hard to beat Klaus in terms of laptop-friendliness.

**Worst Place to Use a Computer: Student Center**  
Student Pick: Student Center

The worst place to use a computer is on the second floor of the Student Center. When wanting to finish an assignment, there is a line. A line that may never hold much concern for the chairless desktops, but who would rather stand than sit when they are diligently working? And each day, some computers are locked from some failure of a previous tenant. Not to mention the long lines for printing. Maybe some rearrangement and addition of tall chairs, much as the ones currently outside Burdell's, could be placed at the tall terminals.



Photo by Ben Keyserling/Student Publications

**Klaus is the best place to use a computer on campus, whether in one of the many labs or in the networked classrooms.**

**Worst Place to Use your Laptop: On a Stinger**  
Student Pick: On a Stinger

Never before has the phrase "just because you can, doesn't mean you should" made more sense. Powering up a laptop for any reason, business or leisure, on a Stinger route is an inconvenience for everyone involved. It takes longer to get a computer running and connected to GTwireless than it does for the Stinger to get to your stop. On top of that, most of the buses are crowded enough without laptops out and open. All things considered, it seems a better idea to keep your laptop and your sudden urge for a round of chatroulette packed away. Your fellow riders will appreciate it.

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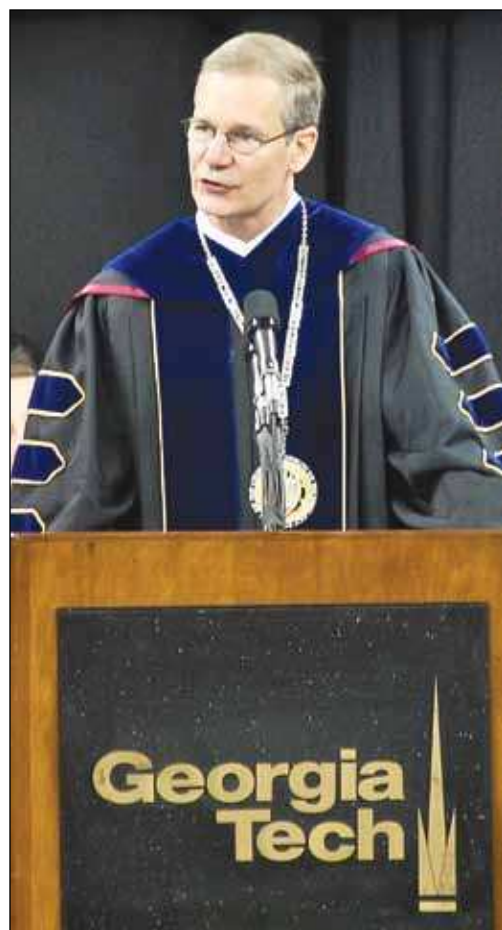


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Above: President Peterson speaks at his Investiture ceremony last fall. Far right: Tech is expanding dining options on campus in many different ways, including the addition of a Waffle House in Tech Square, set to open in the next few months. In March construction began for a Subway, Taco Bell and Chick-fil-a in the Student Center Commons. Right: Tech conducted nationwide searches for the positions of Dean of the College of Computing and the Ivan Allen College. Zvi Galil will serve as new dean of the CoC and Jacqueline Royster will serve as the new IAC dean.



## 1 TECH FOOTBALL

The 2009 football season was the best thing to happen to Tech this season. The Jackets started the season strong by beating Clemson on a Thursday night ESPN televised game. Tech continued their strong play by winning eight straight games during the season including a thrilling 28-23 win over then No. 4 ranked Virginia Tech. Behind stellar performances from quarterback Josh Nesbitt and B-back Jonathan Dwyer, Tech won the ACC-Championship by defeating Clemson for the second time this past season. The Championship earned Tech a spot in the Orange Bowl for the first time since 1990 and although they did not win the game, Tech proved this season that their triple-offense can work.

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## Boone wins SGA run-off

By Vijai Narayanan  
Assistant News Editor

The result of the run-off election for the undergraduate SGA president was announced on Wednesday, April 21 at the Student Center Commons. Corey Boone was elected the Undergraduate Student Body President, garnering a total of 56 percent of the votes.

"This was pretty much the most challenging thing I have ever done in my entire life. I ran against the absolute most qualified person at Tech, and I know without a shadow of a doubt that he would have done an excellent job," said Boone, a third-year MGT major and current Vice President of Communications for SGA.

Jimmy Williams, Boone's opponent in the runoff election, received the remaining 44 percent of the vote.

"I'm just really proud of my team. The guys that volunteer, the girls that volunteered did such a great job. They gave up so much of their time and they did a fantastic job. I feel for them more than anything. Corey's going to do a fantastic job," said Williams, a third-year BMED major and SGA's Vice President of Campus Affairs.

Elections began two weeks ago, with five candidates running for the position of Undergraduate Student Body President. Following the first round of elections, Williams led the field with 41.3 percent, compared to Boone's 38.5 percent.

The elections this year received more votes overall than last year. Over 3423 students voted in the run-off election, lower than the number of students who voted during the general election. Still, approximately 91 percent of the number of students who voted in the general election participated during the runoff.

When asked about his future involvement in SGA, Williams said,

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## Union supporters protest Sodexo



Photo by Sean Kolk/Student Publications

On Skiles walkway, union sympathizers gathered from Atlanta area colleges to protest working conditions under the Sodexo corporation. Protesters rallied against unequal pay at different institutions, and against firings related to workers unionizing.

By Matt Schrichte  
Staff Writer

On the same day that actor Danny Glover was arrested at a protest outside of the U.S. headquarters of Sodexo, a similar, albeit smaller protest was taking place on Tech's campus.

The protest began at Tech around 11 a.m. on Skiles Walkway and consisted of 20-30 current students, former Sodexo employees and protesters unaffiliated with Tech who were there to express their Sodexo employee concerns.

Sodexo is a French multinational corporation that specializes in providing food services and facilities management worldwide. The company is in charge of operating various food services at a number of Atlanta-area colleges, including Tech, Emory and Morehouse.

The protest hosted at Tech was the second Atlanta rally in as many days, partially organized by representatives from the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). The first protest was held at Emory University on Tuesday, April 13. The two events were part of SEIU's "Clean Up Sodexo" national campaign.

"Basically, we're supporting the dining hall workers in their unionization campaign. I think workers should have a living wage and have rights on the job, and that's why we're fighting for their right to unionize," said Keefer Dunn, second year ARCH.

One of the protestors, Phyllis Jackson, is a former Sodexo employee. She worked as a supervisor at the Pizza Hut located in the Student Center. She was suspended and subsequently fired from Pizza Hut in Dec. The officially stated reason on her termination papers state that she was fired for leaving an

extra pizza in the chute, but she believes a recent union arrival back in Oct. 2009 was the reason for her termination.

"I have been in that Pizza Hut for three years supervising. Just because the union came in here and they saw us talking and signing paper[s] to the union, some of [Sodexo's] employees, that's when they started firing. They fired me first," said Jackson.

In response to the allegations made by the protestors, Monica Zimmer, Sodexo director or public relations said "The activity against Sodexo at Georgia Tech on Friday was part of an ongoing SEIU smear campaign that spreads misinformation about the company's labor practices, misrepresents its record on a variety of issues, and attempts to force the company into dealing with the SEIU to the exclusion of UNITE HERE and other

See **Sodexo**, page 7

## GSS, UHR pass \$4.4 million student budget

By Kamna Bohra  
Contributing Writer

On Tuesday, April 20, 2010, the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) and the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) passed a \$4.4 million Student Government Association (SGA) budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. The budget uses profits generated from student activity fees (SAF) to fund Tech organizations.

This year's budget allocates \$3 million to Tier I organizations, which are the Campus Recreation Center (CRC) and the Student Center. The budget allots \$930,000 to Tier II organizations, which include the graduate and undergraduate SGA, the Interfraternity Council (IFC), student

publications, DramaTech, Outdoor Recreation at Georgia Tech (ORGT) and WREK radio. The budget designates \$480,000 for Tier III organizations, which include sports clubs, cultural organizations and other special interest groups. The SGA budget for the fiscal year is approximately \$130,000 up from last year's \$4.27 million budget.

With statewide budget cuts and talk of tuition hikes, the UHR originally wrote a bill for \$4.3 million, while the GSS wrote a bill for \$4.5 million with the expectation of a student activity fee increase.

"The GSS recognized that even without a fee increase, the Tech Budgeting Office projects a \$4.55 million revenue from stu-

dents paying the SAF," said Matt Cauble, third-year IE major and Chair of the Joint Finance Committee (JFC), as an explanation of the GSS reasoning.

However, "There is a great uncertainty as to whether or not the Board of Regents will approve our request for a fee increase given the other fees already imposed on students the past year," Cauble said, explaining why the UHR established a budget with respect to no changes in enrollment or SAF.

The conference committee established to rectify the different budgets originally considered passing two separate bills, and the implementation would be dependent on the state's SAF decision.

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UHR representatives look on as members discuss a proposal to amend the budget for fiscal year to meet financial constraints.



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## From the files of the GTPD... Campus Crime

By Vijai Narayanan  
Assistant News Editor

### Out of the house

Officers responded to a report of an intrusion alarm at the Phi Mu Sorority house. Upon arriving the officer found a male subject sitting in a chair near the front door. The subject identified himself as a student at Tech and that he was waiting for his girlfriend to come meet him. The officer established that his girlfriend was not in the sorority at the time the subject made entry. The subject claimed to have entered the sorority using a door lock pass code which he got from his girlfriend. Upon further questioning the subject became loud and used profane language

towards the officers. The subject was placed under arrest for entering a private residence without the consent of occupants.

### Pants on the ground

On April 17 an officer observed two black males engaged in sexual activity behind 728 West Peachtree Street, NW, near Tech Square. They both had their pants down, around their ankles and were engaged in sexual activity in a dark corner. As the officer put his patrol vehicle lights on the subjects, one of the subjects pulled up his shorts and began running. The officer pursued him with his

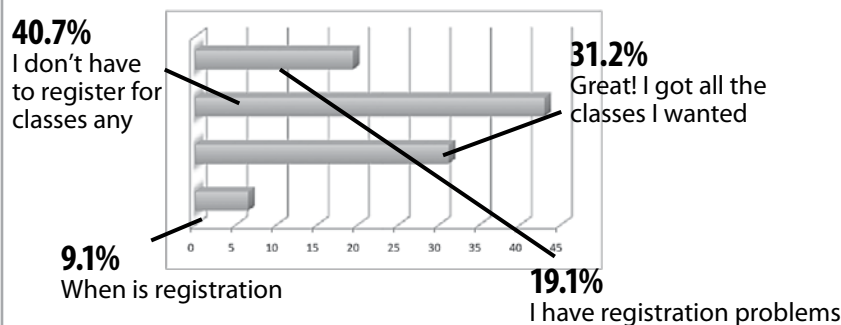
patrol car as the subject ran in a circle around 728 West Peachtree Street. The subject exhausted himself and the officer detained him across the street from the start of the pursuit. He was placed under arrest and transported to Fulton County Jail, for charges of public indecency.

### Frisky football

While conducting a building check of Bobby Dodd Stadium, an officer observed two subjects engaged in sexual intercourse, lying on the south end of the football field. The female student identified herself as a Tech student. The male subject stated that he was visiting the student from Afghanistan, and was not a student at Tech. They stated that they had gained entrance by jumping a fence near gate two. Both subjects were issued a criminal trespassing warning.

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This week in Student Government

Each Tuesday, elected members of the two houses of the Student Government Association, the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) and the Graduate Student Senate (GSS), convene to consider allocation bills and discuss issues facing campus. Here is a summary of those two meetings.

By Vijai Narayanan, Assistant News Editor



Photo by Virginia Lin/Student Publications

**UHR members listen as organizational representatives answer a question regarding a funding bill.**

This edition of *Council Clippings* covers the UHR and GSS meetings from April 20, 2010.

### SCPC

The Student Center Programs Council (SCPC) submitted a bill to SGA requesting funding for costs associated with the homecoming concert in the fall. The bill requested funding to reserve a headlining artist, opening artist, production fees, and venue setup, among other costs. The total amount requested was approximately \$97,340. In order to meet with JFC policy and to meet concerns of representatives about the time gap between the time of funding and the event, the bill was

amended to a total of \$11,000. The amended version passed 33-7-2 in UHR and GSS 11-10-3.

### YJFC

The Yellow Jacket Flying Club requested \$102,300 from SGA to add a Cessna 182S to its current fleet of aircraft. The organization stated that it currently has three Cessna 172 airplanes and one Piper twin apache. According to YJFC, the organization sold one of its airplanes in March 2010 and has since faced a backlog of pilots wanting to fly its planes. Representatives in GSS were alarmed by the cost of the bill and amended the bill down to \$10,000 in order to meet with a new tentative policy before failing the bill 5-14-0.

UHR also failed the bill 5-33-3.

### ORGT

SGA considered a bill put forth by Outdoor Recreation at Georgia Tech (ORGT) to purchase items to conduct cave surveys. Line items included laser distance measurement devices, a compass and clinometer, etc. The bill originally totaled \$1198 and passed UHR 40-0-0, and GSS 18-2-0.

### Tennis

The Tennis Club requested approximately \$1500 for travel and entry fees to compete in the USTA Collegiate Nationals. No organizational representative was present at the UHR or GSS meetings, but the bill passed anyway, GSS 18-2-1 and UHR 37-2-0.

## 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.

### Apple loses iPhone

The details of the new iPhone were recently posted online. Technology blog Gizmodo paid more than \$5000 for the suspected prototype and detailed all the changes from the current model on their site. While many of the software changes were already revealed in a presentation of the iPhone OS 4.0 last month, the new hardware had been kept under wraps. Additions from the last iPhone include a front-facing camera, a flash on the back camera, increased resolution of the screen and a Micro-SIM card slot. The phone was lost at a bar in Redwood City, CA by an engineer working for Apple. Apple requested Gizmodo to return it to them and said the editor Brian Lam was in possession of "a device that belongs to Apple."

### SEC sues Goldman Sachs

Goldman Sachs is being sued

by the Security and Exchange Commissions in a civil lawsuit for creating and selling mortgage investments that they knew would fail. While employing investors whom were betting against the market, the company sold many mortgage-backed investments nationally and internationally. These groups stood to make money if the investment appreciated while Goldman investors would only make money if the investment depreciated. Goldman Sachs countered that they had lost money because of the overall poor state of the economy and not because of the organization of the deal. The SEC has previously not taken any legal action against the companies and the investors who benefitted from the fall of the housing market.

### Roethlisberger suspended by NFL

Commissioner Robert Goodell and the NFL have suspended Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger for six games stemming from the instances of suspected sexual assault. While he has not faced charges in either case, details from the case have painted Roethlisberger in a negative light.

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# GTRI receives innovation award

By Zimu Yang  
Staff Writer

The Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) was recently the recipient of an award from Bennett Aerospace. The hour and a half wine and cheese awards ceremony was on Apr. 14 at the Alumni House and featured guests such as President G.P. "Bud" Peterson, Tom McDermott, the GTRI Deputy Director Research and numerous other professors from Tech.

Also in attendance were several representatives from Bennett Aerospace, most prominently Douglas Bennett, Bennett Aerospace CEO and a former Tech grad. Staff members of the company and staffers of Ga. Senators Isakson and Chambliss attended as well.

"Basically we wanted to honor GTRI and express our gratitude to them and show how much

we value GTRI as a subcontractor and as a partner," said Heidi Collins, a Senior Project Manager with Bennett Aerospace who attended the award ceremony.

The award came as a result of GTRI's partnership with Bennett Aerospace, an advanced research company. Their partnership is a part of Small Business Innovation Research (SPIR), a government research project involved in military and civilian projects designed to spur on small business development within the US.

Their partnership also puts Tech in good company. Bennett Aerospace's other partners include schools like Eastern Carolina University, Notre Dame, N.C. State, Princeton, Virginia and Purdue and corporations such as BAE Systems, iRobot, Applied Research Associates and Orbital Sciences Corporation, among others.

However, it was Tech's win ratio and the scope of its projects

that led to its award; Tech and GTRI won three out of the four proposals they had partnered on with Benett in 2009.

"Last year we won three out of four [proposals]. That's extraordinary, normally the industry market win is 10 to 15 percent, and when we partnered with GTRI we came out with 75 percent," Collins said. "We presented GTRI with the Corporate Partner of the Year [Award] for 2009 and they went up against a number of heavy hitters because we partner with a number of large corporations."

Fruits of the partnership have also resulted in expanded market potential. Estimates place the value to be \$80-\$100 million for work with the navy and \$300-\$700 million for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and are expected to greatly benefit the continued growth of jobs in small

businesses across the country.

"We had two large efforts for last year that are opening up hundreds of millions of dollars hope-fully of incoming revenue. One is with NOAA and it's a LIDAR [Light Detection and ranging] project and it has the potential to revolutionize the way we gather weather data and it has a market potential of hundreds of millions of dollars... and the other one is a Navy Phased Array Radar Project," Collins said.

Work will continue from the previous year as GTRI and Bennett will both look to progress with more opportunities in the impending year.

"I'd like to thank GTRI for helping to support Bennett Aerospace's exponential growth. GTRI helped make 2009 a very successful year, and we are looking forward to partnering on more opportunities during 2010," Bennett said.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Woman robbed on campus at gun point

On the night of April 20, a woman was robbed at gunpoint at Ferst Dr. and Cherry St. on a walk to her car from the library. The male suspect approached the girl, pulled a gun and demanded her belongings. Instead, she gave him cash.

He fled the scene on foot and was last seen on North Avenue. No one was hurt during the incident. The suspect was described as a light skinned black male, around 25 years of age, 5' 8" medium build with a gray t-shirt.

### Home Invasion at Home Park residence

In broad daylight on April 21, several residents of a house in the Home Park neighborhood were robbed at gunpoint. The incident happened around 1:30 p.m. One of the suspects had originally appeared to the residents as an interested tenant responding to the "For Rent" sign posted outside of the house.

The suspect requested a tour of the house. The residents showed the suspect the inside of the house, the suspect left and then returned with two other males in a white vehicle with a partial tag of "ARI." They were armed.

After gathering the house's four residents and forcing them into a room, they took several of their belongings and left in an unknown direction. The first suspect was described as a black male, around 6' tall, bald with a dark complexion. The other two suspects were both described as having similar height and complexion.

# MRDC evacuated after mercury spill

By Andrew Nelson  
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, April 21, at approximately 7:30 p.m., Atlanta and Tech emergency services responded to a reported mercury spill in the Manufacturing and Related Disciplines Complex.

Six fire trucks, two police cars and four emergency response vehicles were on the scene soon after the incident.

"I was sitting and studying on the first floor, and police officers started coming and looking around, and then firefighters came in and put on their respirators and told us all to leave, because there

was a hazardous gas leak," said Seth McKay, fourth-year ME student.

Police officers told Channel 2 news that five ounces of mercury was spilled. David Lai, an ME graduate student, was next door to lab room number 3321 on the third floor when the spill occurred. Lai said that two TAs were in the room at the time of the spill.

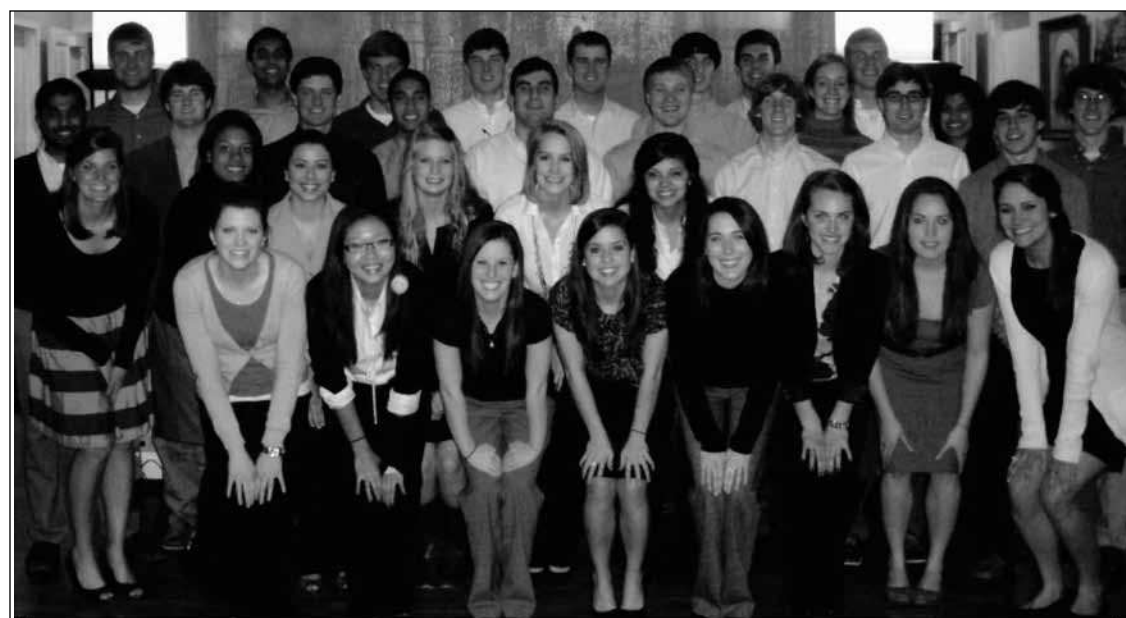
According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the nervous system is very sensitive to all forms of mercury; however, brief exposure to mercury vapor may only cause minor symptoms like

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**Firefighters exit the MRDC after a reported mercury spill. Prolonged exposure to mercury can cause neurological problems.**



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My social life has turned into the people who I see in the library oops I did it again...

I should be doing ym senior design, but im typing slivers instead.

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why the hell isnt anyone fixing sga course critique?

dear klaus, i have chalkboards and whiteboards. blows your mind doesn't it? - skiles



# Tech accepts AAU invite

By Emily Chambers  
Editor-in-Chief

On April 20 Tech received the honor of an invitation to join the historic Association of American Universities. President G.P. "Bud" Peterson accepted the honor on behalf of the Institute.

"I am certain this is something Georgia Tech has aspired to for some time. It's a very elite group with many fine institutions," Peterson said.

The AAU is a consortium of 61 universities from the U.S and two from Canada. According to [aaup.edu](http://aaup.edu), AAU universities stress research in the teaching process. As of 2007, members of the AAU account for 62 percent of a research grants awarded by the National Science Foundation, 54 percent of NASA grants and 48 percent of Department of Defense grants.

Members of the AAU include both private and public universities. The Association was founded in 1900 by the 14 universities who were leading the nation in granting PhD's. Peterson was chancellor at the University of Colorado, a member of the AAU.

"I participated for about three years. The presidents [and other administrators] meet on a regular basis...and they talk about some common issues and problems," Peterson said.

Today the organization pushes initiatives and talk about the major questions facing universities. They discuss stances the AAU can take on certain policy issues even if they are cautious about making an official statement.

"The AAU does not make policy, they collectively discuss the issue and then periodically take a stance. They are very selective about those public statements that they make," Peterson said.

The organization will still come out in favor of a certain idea if its members feel as though it is particularly important.

"When I was participating [in these discussions with other members], we talked about stimulus funds and how they might be helpful for higher education and the research programs we have... How should they be designed? How should they be directed?" Peterson said.

The AAU, in partnership with other universities, had lobbied to be a part of the development and writing of The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 concerning research and education. The schools helped direct more than \$21 billion in funding for scientific research and development.

Tech will be the consortium's 63rd member, the first new member in nine years since the 2001 addition of Stony Brook and Texas A&M. In the AAU's official press release on the invitation AAU President Robert M. Berdahl said "Georgia Tech is an outstanding institution that, like other AAU universities, plays a major role in the nation's research enterprise, as well as in training the next generation of scientists, engineers, and scholars."

The AAU membership process is twofold, beginning with a quantitative assessment of the potential university. Universities are evaluated based on competitively funded federal research support, membership in the National Academies, national research council faculty quality ratings, faculty arts and humanities awards, fellowships and memberships and citations.

"A lot of institutions use those types of metrics to try and improve their program and types of

activities they are involved in," Peterson said.

According to the National Science Foundation's Academic R&D Expenditures: FY 2008, released this month, Tech had \$281,184,000 in competitively funded federal research support, one of the top figures for a university that was not a part of the AAU.

While the honor affects many of the administrators and leaders on campus, the school's admission into the AAU will not necessarily affect students on a day-to-day basis.

"[This changes the perception of Tech more so] with other organizations than to students. I think it's probably not a big issue for students, but faculty are very aware, administrators are very aware, our board of regents, my advisory board are all very cognizant for what this means to Georgia Tech and the benefits that [the institution can] accrue from it," Peterson said.

Still, the students are likely to see a benefit from the increased prestige given to Tech by being a part of the organization.

"I think it certainly adds to the value of your degree. I think it helps us with the programs were involved in, the types of educational programs [and] the types of research programs," Peterson said.

Coming into Tech, this was one of Peterson's plans for the institute's future.

"Being invited to become a member of AAU was yes, a goal. I was asked about it during the interview process...It is not so much to work to get into AAU as it is trying to work to accomplish those things that are important. If you do that and focus on that an invitation to AAU will come," Peterson said.



Photo by Jarrett Skov/Student Publications

Corey Boone talks to GSS member Mitch Keller after winning the runoff election for Undergrad. Executive Student Body President.

## Run-off from page 1

"It's too early to tell. Corey's at the head of the ship now, so he's going to be making the shots and... if he wants me in there somewhere then he and I will talk, and we'll see."

Boone will be sworn into office next Wednesday, along with the new Undergraduate Vice-President, Brenda Morales.

"I have never seen such excitement created around any particular thing, especially when it comes to people who support me, and I just hope that same level of excitement and interest is carried over throughout the year and is channeled through the student body," Boone said.

As Executive Vice-President, Morales will serve as a member of the executive cabinet, preside over meetings of the Undergradu-

ate House of Representatives and oversee legislation passed through the body.

"I am so excited to work with Brenda Morales. She is just the strongest student leader I've ever interacted with in quite some time. I know she is going to keep me on my toes, and I am just so excited to work with someone who is as sharp and committed to making the student experience here at Georgia Tech," Boone said.

Boone hopes to enact elements of his platform over the summer. One of the first things Boone will do is to create an executive cabinet to carry out new initiatives.

"A lot of the initiatives that I have set forth in my platform can be achieved over the summer, so the first steps are to form a team of very qualified individuals who are as committed to this thing as I am," Boone said.

Georgia Tech is conducting a national search for a vice president for Institute Diversity (VPID) and is asking for help from students.

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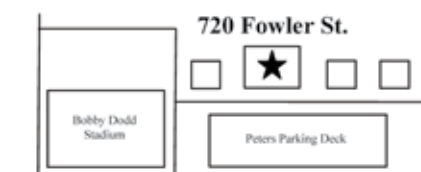
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# Homeless Reck optimistic, though time is short

By Coby Lu  
Contributing Writer

After a semester of searching, the Ramblin' Reck Club is still looking for a new home for the Ramblin' Reck. Last semester, Georgia Tech Capital Planning and Space Management (GT CPSM) and the Athletic Association (AA) asked the Reck Club to vacate its current location by late spring 2011 in order to make room for renovations and construction work for buildings surrounding the Reck's current location. A solid date for when the Reck has to move has yet to be given.

The Ramblin' Reck Club currently cannot fund building its own garage to store and maintain the Reck, nor is there any suitable space on campus that satisfies the Reck's needs. Additionally, Tech is constantly facing space and expansion issues due to Tech's location in the middle of Atlanta. Due to these conditions, the Ramblin' Reck Club has to appeal to departments like GT CPSM to help with locating and creating space for a new garage and possibly aid in the funding for the construction of the new garage.

"The current garage is extremely small—it does not allow for repairs to be done indoors, it's difficult to get in and out of, and is not suitable for the school mascot. I see this situation as an opportunity to house the Reck in a better and proper garage—but it will take a lot of work," said Austin Berry third-year, MGT major and the car's official driver.



Photo by Sierra Schmidt/Student Publications

The Ramblin' Reck Club, which houses and maintains the Reck, has yet to find a new space for the car since being told that it would have to relocate to a new home by Spring 2011 by Institute officials.

Both President G.P. "Bud" Peterson and Dean Stein, Dean of Students, have been made aware of the situation and expressed concern. However, the main group of people working to solve the problem are Howard Wertheimer, the Director of CPSM, Andy Bolling from Space Management and Lance Lunsway the Director of Parking and Transportation (P&T).

Initially GT CPSM suggested that the Reck Club move the Wreck away from campus. That would move the Reck farther off campus than it has lived since it was first made the Tech mascot in 1961.

"It is important to have the Reck on campus because, being the official school mascot, the Ramblin' Reck should represent Georgia Tech in every aspect of

this school," Berry said. "It should be involved with school activities and events. It's included in logos, merchandise, and recruitment materials. It was brought to campus as a way to unify the student body, and now, it not only does that, but unifies alumni and fans as well.... How can it accomplish its duties without that simple physical connection of being in the heart of campus?"

The Reck Club is meeting with organizations in the administration, including CPSM and P&T, to try and find a place to keep the Reck. The Reck Club is hoping to quickly find a suitable location at a reasonable cost so that physical steps can be taken to meet the Reck's needs by the beginning of fall semester at latest.

"Ideally we would like to have a separate building that houses the Reck with ample space for repairs but space is very limited," Berry said. "The main location we're looking at now is centrally located and safe. Both sides of the discussion seem optimistic about this option, but cost and time may make this difficult to achieve."


The administration is also working to find a home for the Reck.

"As part of the criteria, the ideal location would be central to campus, eliminating the requirement of having to drive the car through adjacent neighborhoods to get to campus," Wertheimer said, "We hope in the next few weeks that we will be able to finalize a location and share some good news with the Rambling Reck Club."

"The Reck represents students, alumni, fans, and the school in general—the Reck is everything Georgia Tech," Berry said. "As a school, we can't afford to hesitate in making sure our mascot has what it needs. It's very important that we get the ball rolling on this situation as we don't have much time and there are many other projects CPSM has to deal with."

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However, the JFC instead decided to reach a single compromise of the two bills. "The JFC decided... [to fund] at one level and enjoy any extra funds received from an SAF increase in financial bills next year," Cauble said.

To reach a compromise bill, the JFC began with the \$4.3 million version and worked up from there, "since the UHR had passed such a draconian bill at such a low level," according to Parker Hancock, fourth-year EE major and Executive Vice President.

The bill is established using the projected enrollment from the admissions office, but with no expected increase to student activity fee. The JFC reversed the 10 percent stipend cut, with the exception of some positions in the IFC, and increased funding for student publications. It additionally cut funding for the Leadership Challenge Course personnel and publicity for all organizations, except

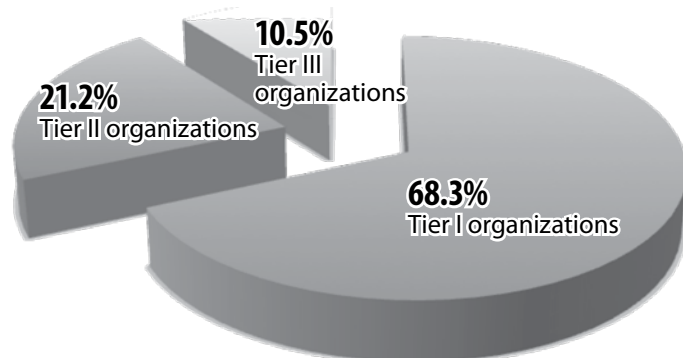
the Student Center Programs Council (SCPC).

"Just because we cut the funding doesn't mean we don't care about the organization. We just have to see it as a bill in the fall," Hancock said.

The budgeting process essentially allocates a minimum projected amount of money. If the actual profits from tuition is greater than the projection, then the UHR allocates this additional money in bills throughout the academic year.

"If SAF increases, we'd get about \$600,000 to allocate in bills, but we're just not really sure if we can bank on it," Hancock said.

To counter potential effects of future tuition hikes, the SGA has implemented a stipend policy that is selective about stipend funding, which is now based on a percentage of the state tuition instead of a set cost. This avoids the issues of fluctuating tuitions and related financial needs.



## Total - \$4.4 million

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Pie chart showing SGA budget allocation amounts. The budget that passed from conference committee totaled \$4.4 million.



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**Firefighters respond to a reported mercury spill at the MRDC. Emergency services arrived on the scene soon after the incident.**

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headache and nausea. Prolonged exposure, however, can manifest itself in profound neurological symptoms or death.

The MRDC houses the offices

and labs of administrators, faculty and graduate students of the School of Mechanical Engineering and the School of Polymer, Textile and Fiber Engineering, as well as provide mechanical engineering classroom and lab space.

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unions... SEIU's allegations that Sodexo interferes with workers' rights to unionize are false. Sodexo will stand by the results of any valid secret ballot election that is monitored by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) and is free of objectionable conduct."

As to the specific allegations of Jackson's wrongful termination, Zimmer said "The union alleged that Phyllis Jackson was terminated because of her union activities. After a thorough investigation and complete cooperation from Sodexo, the NLRB made a determination which resulted in the union withdrawing its charge."

Another Sodexo protester, Martin Gantt, fourth year BCHEM, summed up what motivated him and other students to support Friday's protest.

"What we're doing here today is coming out in support of workers and workers are supporting students. Our organization is workers-student alliance. What we're doing is basically saying is that workers and students need to unite sort of joint struggles, where they're kind of struggling for union representation, they're struggling for fair wages, they're struggling for sanitary recognitions, healthcare," Gantt said. "We're resisting fee hikes, resisting tuition hikes. So we're kind of trying to tell people that, 'Hey, workers and students are in this together and we got to fight together, so that's what we're doing today.'"

After protesting on Skiles the group entered the Student Center, marching into GT Dining offices.

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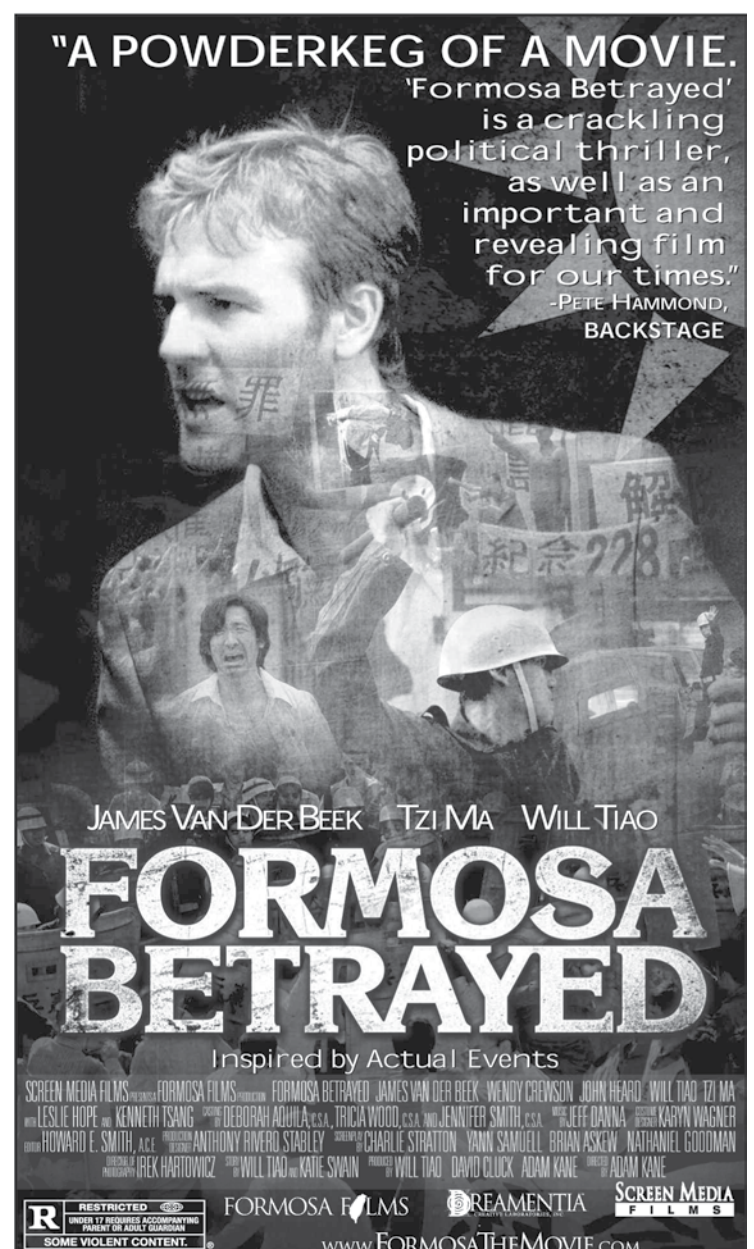
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# Benefits of membership

*Joining the AAU will open many avenues for Tech*

Tech's admission into the Association of American Universities signifies the great progress the Institute has made. Tech's push to broaden the academic offerings paired with a clear focus on the importance of research in education, no doubt helped trigger the move to include Tech in this elite group. Tech must continue to harness this momentum and not rest on the laurels of this honor.

Being invited to be a member of this influential organization should also open up many avenues for Tech in the future. With the AAU acting as a clearinghouse of academic information, Tech students and faculty now have an easier way to share ideas with other top academics and researchers across the nation. A freer flow of ideas in and out of Tech should also help to grow our intellectual community.

This membership will give Tech a stronger voice on the national stage. One of the major purposes of the AAU is lobby on behalf of academia. Tech's already

prestigious and successful federally funded research programs now have a strong ally when issues arise between the Institute and the government. The AAU influence within industry will also pay dividends to Tech, through notoriety on a more national stage with major corporations.

But AAU membership also gives Tech the opportunity to more fully contribute to conversations about the problems facing universities and the nation as a whole. The Tech community must use this opportunity to express ideas on some of the major issues Tech is tackling, such as sustainability and intellectual property as well as student's rights and the decreasing affordability of education. Tech must utilize all potential benefits from this new-found relationship to improve, including marketing the honor when recruiting prospective students and faculty. After all, Tech is the only public university in the state that is a member of this prominent organization.

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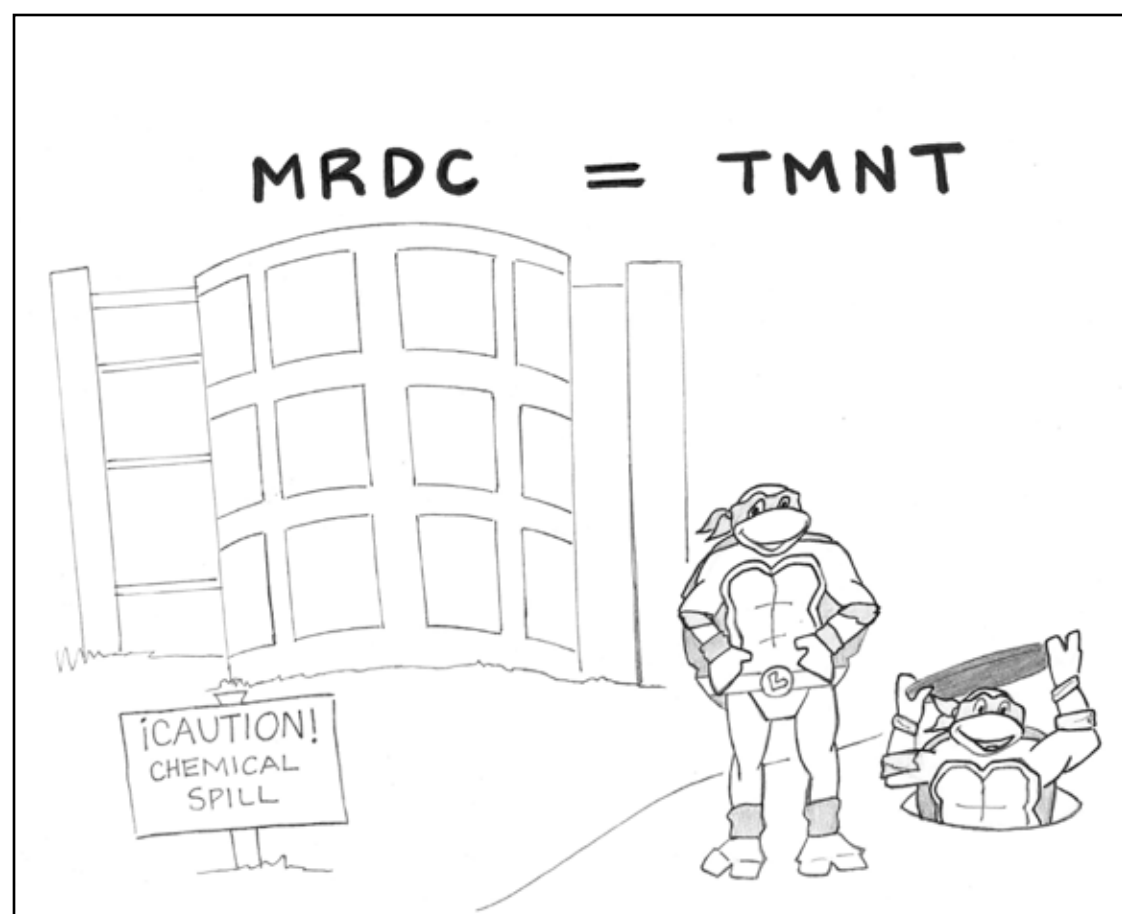
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## YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Proper treatment of grad students needed

About two years ago, I learned that an engineer in my company wanted to return to school to pursue a PhD. He is an excellent engineer—hard working and careful, a solid undergraduate foundation, and well-regarded across our organization. Of course, I encouraged him to consider Tech. After applying, he was invited at Tech's expense to visit. In spite of a more lucrative offer from another reputable school, he chose Tech.

You have embarrassed me. After nine months of personal insults and abuse, discouraging remarks, deception, and presumptions about his sexual orientation from his advisor, he chose to leave after obtaining his Master's degree. Fortunately, he will return to work for us. You have lost an excellent student, and I will never again encourage anyone to consider attending Tech.

Hearing his story over dinner recently opened old wounds of my own. At the outset of my graduate program at Tech, I suffered similar abuses from an advisor (Dr. Nett, who has since left)—insults, hours of berating the lab group over minor mistakes, refusing to allow us to leave the lab for meals because work was not going satisfactorily, a 4 a.m. phone call to come to the lab so he could scream at me about an electric motor. Seared in my memory is the remark he once made while leaving the lab well after midnight: "Magill, your work is shit". I withstood his behavior for nine months, but, unwilling to tolerate it further, I changed major. I completed a Ph.D. in 4 years, and have had nearly 15 years of successful research career.

It is often suggested that a student can choose another advisor when a relationship is untenable. This, I'm sure, happens often. However, as in my case and the recent case of my colleague, faculty who are prone to abusing their students are likewise prone to threatening them. My friend's decision to leave rather than finding another advisor was partly driven by an assurance from his advisor that any other professor would surely ask for a recommendation from the first. Finding a new advisor would be, he promised, more difficult than one might expect.

I am asking you to consider ways to stop this kind of thing from happening. Teaching graduate students is not limited to choosing students you like and getting them to do research. The job is to teach, as best you can, everyone who is admitted. A professor who cannot lead someone of the caliber of my colleague through a graduate program is not qualified to teach at a school of the caliber of Tech, and should not be retained.

Department Chairs: are you monitoring the way students are treated by faculty? Do you have the courage to remove faculty who cannot be trusted to treat

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students appropriately? Or are you comfortable losing high-quality students so that you can avoid the tough choices?

Graduate students: you have a right to quality instruction, a right to be treated with respect, a right not to be abused, belittled, or insulted. Encourage one another, and never let anyone convince you that you deserve to be mistreated. There are plenty of decent, skilled teachers at Tech. Seek them out.

I know there are great faculty; I found them. I was jointly advised by Drs. Dorsey(ECE) and Komerath (AE). I am grateful to them for their kindness and professionalism, encouragement and support, guidance and instruction.

I regret that I needed to write this letter. I hope that it will prompt thoughtful review of faculty mentoring and oversight. I encourage other alumni to add their voices to this issue that is critical to the reputation of our school.

John Magill  
1995 Ph.D. ECE

## Take Social Security off chopping block

Your "Social Security Reform Key To Fiscal Health" (printed April 16) reads like a piece straight out of Wall Street, i.e. as if written by the same self-serving ideologues responsible for our current economic crisis, with its detrimental effects on public higher education, like Tech (tuition increases, furloughs, more fees etc.); as if written by the same elitists who want to privatize everything and turn America into a dog-eat-dog banana republic.

Why are these things happening now? As Dr. Paul C. Roberts, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in the Reagan Administration puts it: "Bernanke's warning to Congress is his way of adding Federal Reserve pressure to that of Wall Street and former Treasury Secretary Paulson for Congress to balance the budget by gutting Social Security and Medicare. In case you haven't noticed, no one in Washington or New York talks about cutting trillion dollar wars



# Opportunities and challenges face Tech

This is my 25 editorial. While I am not 100 percent sure on this, I think that makes me the most prolific editorial writer in *Technique* history.

Through my four years here at Tech I have had the pleasure to write as a still terrified first-year, an ego-centric student abroad, a desperate-for-content third-year columnist, and now an equally ego-centric graduating fourth-year and Editor-in-Chief. I have had the opportunity to voice my opinion on a new Institute President, a new President of the United States, three rounds of Student Body Presidents and countless other trivial things. I have also had dozens of people express their opinions about me. Some, in letters to the editor that you read here, some that were slightly less appropriate that we did not, and in one odd case, in person, at a bar. I guess I really do look like my headshot photos.

This year however, I have tried my best to write about the issues that I feel will shape this Institute. And so, as my "swan song" to you, the Tech student body, I leave a challenge. I love this school, and these issues must be addressed in order for our Institute to earn the national recognition that the faculty and students deserve.

There is a crime problem on campus. Do not listen to admonitions that the two-block



**"to fulfill its mandate of progress and service we must remember that Tech was founded to serve students."**

**Emily Chambers**  
Editor-in-Chief

stretch of Home Park that Tech expects students and employees to travel down between official Tech buildings is not part of campus. Demand that substantial efforts are made to keep you safe. Remember, the two most recent crimes had nothing to do with people making reckless choices, but were everyday students who were targeted and attacked.

Every time you receive an email telling you to walk in groups and take the Stingerette, ask yourself. "Was this victim walking alone, down a road that the Stingerette serves?" Most likely, the answer is no, and as long as those are the only suggestions offered to the countless victims on campus, there is not enough work being done to protect the unarmed, tuition and tax-paying students of this school.

Tech is not an "under-priced education". Education as a national trend is over-priced, forcing students to bargain between education and crippling debt in a way that no previous generation has had to

do. I came to this great school because I knew it was not over-priced like its competitors, something the Tech administration and the Ga. Board of Regents should be proud of.

Education is not an option. I have worked with secretaries with Bachelors degrees from UGA, and while we might joke about our sister-school, the environment where one must have a four-year degree to answer the phone is not an environment where young employees are given opportunities without degrees. If the Institute wants to fulfill its mandate of progress and service we must remember that Tech was founded to serve students.

Affordable education must be made a priority, or Tech's pledges to provide sustainable, progressive and practical education to its students will be hypocritical and useless.

Finally, Tech has a community and a culture. It must change to meet the demands of students, to become more inclusive and participative and to reflect the diverse passions

that our over 19,000 students have. But, in the quest to forge community, the culture that has been here for over 100 years cannot be forgotten.

In three weeks, once both my parents, my grandfather, my uncle, my cousin and I are all Tech alums, bragging to my brother, a current Tech student, we will discuss "Getting out". We will be proud of the accomplishment of our degree, and we will bond over the common language that we all share thanks to Ma' Tech. We will not discuss graduation, nor commencement, because that is not what Tech students have done for the past 100+ years.

When I do walk across that stage and shake Dr. Peterson's hand, I will smile because his name is Bud. I will go home and drink a Budweiser, even though I don't like them, just because the song makes it appropriate. I will try really hard to get my picture taken with the Reck. And I will then tell every single alumni solicitor that calls my number that until the Reck is given a permanent home on campus, I feel no need to donate. And when I cheer for this school, I will always say "Fight, Win, Drink, Get Naked!"

This school is an amazing place, and I have loved every minute here. Thank you for all that you have given me, and good luck.

## Tech forces students to come full circle

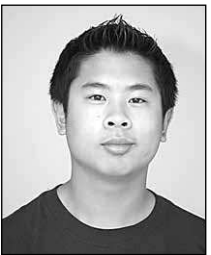
A bit earlier this year I received a mysterious letter in the mail. Taking a second to examine the envelope, I was caught a bit off-guard because the handwriting on the envelope looked suspiciously like my own. After opening and reading the letter I realized that I had written the letter myself actually, as an exercise in my GT1000 class in 2006 at the beginning of my freshman year.

Yes, it was a blast from the past—a letter from my "former self" to the future. I found it both entertaining and interesting to read, as my "former self" described all my fears, hopes and dreams about college life.

Reading the letter was like jumping in a time machine back four years and meeting my former self.

The former self that was terrified of leaving the familiarity of high school and being thrown into a completely new environment. The former self that was filled with unbridled excitement to take the reins on life and get the most out of the present. The former self that had high hopes for the road ahead.

Wait a second. This "former self" doesn't sound very much different than my "current self." I'm pretty much in the same situation. I'm almost at the end of my career at Tech with a long list of familiar experiences. I'm excited yet ter-



**"I'm once again starting over with a blank slate, as I move ahead into a new chapter of my life."**

**Jonathan Saethang**  
Managing Editor

rified of what lies ahead in the working world. I'm once again starting over with a blank slate, as I move ahead into a new chapter of my life that I know nothing about.

The wheels start turning in my head as I wonder, "Am I really back at the same spot that I was four years ago?" Well, yes and no.

While I might be experiencing some of the same feelings that I did coming in as a wee freshman, I know that Tech has left a mark on me, and I hope that I have been able to leave my own mark on Tech as well, as the thousands of alumni of Ma Tech have before me.

People say that college is supposed to be the best four years of your life. People also say that Tech is supposed to be the hardest four, five or six years of your life. These two statements are not mutually exclusive; sure, Tech is tough, but it is also a truly amazing place like no other. There are things that I will always remember—the coffee-fueled

late nights, the bountiful free food, the thrill of screaming my lungs out at a football game, the satisfaction of putting together an awesome event for a student organization and most of all, the new friendships I have built. It is the sum of these experiences that I can honestly say comprise the best four years of my life thus far.

But these experiences are no accident. We, as the students, are collectively responsible for shaping each other's lives, whether intentionally or not. Every little thing that we do has the capability to change the world around us. And in each phase of our lives the scope gets a bit bigger. From the playground to the campus to the world, we have a responsibility to leave our mark.

It's no coincidence that Tech has produced some pretty ballin' people: mayors, U.S. presidents, Nobel laureates, astronauts, CEOs and many more. Something about their Tech experience inspired them to do great things.

None of us should leave Tech, or any phase of our lives for that matter, without making a difference.

We should all be striving to be active members of the Tech community. Yeah, Tech is super hard, but that should be no excuse for us to simply go through the motions and then leave four, five or six years later.

It could be answering a survey about what matters most to students, planning an event for something you're interested in, giving your feedback about where Tech should be in the next 25 years or even something as simple as casting a vote in a student election. These are all examples of opportunities to get involved that a lot of people take for granted.

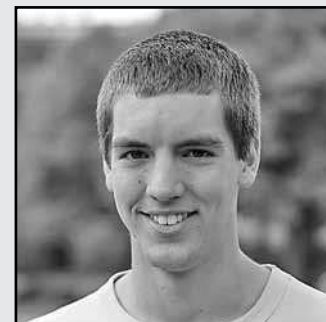
What so many people fail to realize is that a small bit of participation and investment in the Tech community ultimately helps to shape the experience for future generations of Tech students.

We should make a conscious effort to maintain and improve the quality of the student experience, and that means being active in the campus community. To improve the Tech experience for others takes less time and effort than many people realize.

And trust me, the time flies by so quickly, so make the most out of your time at Tech. Even if you don't think you will miss it, you just might.

## BUZZ Around Campus

**What is your favorite memory of the year?**



**Caleb Kirksey**  
First-year CS

***"Rushing the field at the Virginia Tech game."***



**Jacob Dudkowski**  
Second-year MGT

***"Building an army tank out of snow with my brother."***



**Chad Hendley**  
Fourth-year ME

***"Watching our ME 2110 robot actually work."***



**Katie Pierce**  
First-year MGT

***"Rushing a sorority on bid day."***



## OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

HOT<sup>or</sup>-NOT**Power of protest**

The protest on campus last Friday over the way Sodexo treats its workers was a strong reminder the Tech community believes in workers' rights and the importance of maintaining a Tech community that includes students, faculty and staff. We encourage all members of the Tech community to speak of any injustice that is taking place on campus and work to correct such injustices.

**Crime continues**

The home invasion in Home Park and the robbery near the center of campus is again an unsettling reminder of the persistent crime problem that afflicts campus. Sooner or later the small tid-bits from GTPD will not calm the masses, and students will demand, as is our right, stronger and more active crime prevention in and around campus to keep students safe.

**Green week**

This week gave the Tech community a slightly different type of education as Green Week took over the center of campus. Along with teaching students how to recycle and live a more environmentally friendly life, students were showered with freebies that ranged from T-shirts to low-wattage light bulbs, reinforcing the importance of green education.

**Mercy, mercury**

The mercury spill on Wednesday evening in the MRDC gave a bit more of a scare than most students need as finals week approaches. The five oz. spill forced the evacuation of the building and forced the Atlanta Fire Department to respond with gas mask and quite the commotion. In general, chemical spills should be avoided, unless they cancel classes.

# After receiving so much, it is time to give back to *Technique*

Like many others, I will graduate in two weeks. Unlike many others, I will take a one-week break and immediately start up classes again as a graduate student. I am coming back to Tech for another year to pursue a Master's in Electrical Engineering, staying in the comfortable cocoon of academia for just a little bit longer.

I am lucky to be given the opportunity to further my education here, but the additional year (or two) that I will spend at Tech has also allowed me to do something I never thought I would do until very recently: become Editor-in-Chief of the *Technique*. It is scary to think that instead of helping shape the vision of the current Editor-in-Chief, I will be the one guiding my staff to build on the plan I have created. It's a challenge I willingly accept. It certainly was not a challenge I envisioned taking on as a first-year.

Back then, I only thought about all I could get out of the paper. Taking articles would improve my writing ability, passes gave me access to the press box for football games and of course, the meetings and events provided enough free pizza to make my body course with marinara sauce. I'm sure many other freshmen had the same attitude toward new activities, usually joining a club because it could be fun.

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or trillion dollar handouts to rich bankers. They only talk about taking away things from little people. It is not the Bush/Cheney, Obama, neocon wars that are in the cross hairs; it is Social Security and Medicare... today a desperate



"Not only am I asking myself how I can help and improve the paper but how those goals relate to benefiting the Tech community."

**Hahnming Lee**  
Business Manager

As I familiarized myself with the paper and took on more responsibility, I saw there was more to the paper than going to a ton of basketball games and free food; it was an institution that represented the student's voice. I started to shift away from the selfish motivations I may have had when I first joined the *Technique*. The paper had given me a great deal, but what could I do in return? It was the main question I asked myself when I set out goals at the beginning of the year for what I wanted to accomplish for the paper.

But now, on the eve of a new year of the paper under my leadership, I shift my attitude once again. Not only am I asking myself how I can help and improve the paper but how those goals relate to benefitting the Tech community. After all, you, the reader, are the reason why the *Technique* is still here nearly 100 years after the first issue printed.

So I ask readers to tell us what

you want to see in the *Technique*. You can affect change without being a writer or a photographer or an editor. If you see a story happening and developing. What we may have missed, tell us. If you think we provided unfair coverage of a campus event, write us a letter to the editor. Even if you want to voice your displeasure over not getting enough slivers, we want to hear your valid complaint (preferably inside of the sliver box). Even if it seems that we are staying silent, we are always listening to whatever you want to say.

I must thank my predecessors and all they have done to influence me. I have worked under four different Editors-in-Chief, each very different from the others. They have put their stamp on the paper in a way that I have been given the chance to do. I hope this editorial board can continue to produce a paper of the highest quality and live up to the standard that has been set in the past.

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# Success requires partnership between SGA, student body

"With all of the opportunities that Tech has afforded us, there are still significant areas for improvement. That's why I ran for office, and it is why today I ask for your help."

**Corey T. Boone**

Undergraduate Student Body President-elect



At the core of our school's rich history are two words: Progress and Service. Founded in 1885, Tech's purpose was for it to serve as a beacon of hope for a broken South grappling to find its place after the Civil War and rapidly industrializing American economy.

Since then, Tech has taken a very different role and has positioned itself as a global leader in developing the problem solvers of tomorrow. In 1885, we had one degree program. Currently, we have a host of majors that range from Public Policy to Earth and Atmospheric Sciences to Biomedical Engineering. We have an athletics program that is respected throughout the nation and some of the most distinguished faculty members

in the country. That's why I love Tech!

With all of the opportunities that Tech has afforded us, there are still significant areas for improvement. That is why I ran for this office, and it is why today I ask for your help. In order for us to truly enrich our Tech Experience, we need Yellow Jackets from every walk of life to actively participate in Student Government.

This participation could take many forms. It could be in attending a committee meeting, or sitting in on UHR, or applying for the Executive Cabinet. Most importantly, it means engaging in dialogue with us and providing us with feedback so that we know how to best serve you, the students of Tech.

Throughout my cam-

paign, I pledged a Student Government that truly represents the interests of the students. In order for that to happen, we need Representatives who are committed to reaching out to their constituents and to listening to their concerns.

This year, SGA has taken great strides to do just this and it is something that I am very proud of. Nevertheless, we can't stop there. We simply must continue this progress. If we do, I know beyond a shadow of doubt that we can tackle the issues that serve as constant problems for students such as revamping our registration system, finding a solution to our parking woes and providing our students with a safe learning environment to allow

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# New year brings chance for improvements to grads



"I propose the creation of a Board of Regent Graduate Student Committee including all the graduate presidents from Ga. universities and colleges."

**Anthony Baldridge**

Graduate Student Body President-elect

My fellow graduate students, let me say that I am honored to serve as your graduate president for the upcoming academic year. Throughout the course of next year, I have a number of ideas on things that the executive branch and legislative branch of Graduate SGA will tackle. One of the greatest issues that must be addressed is general communication across campus. There are definitely gaps in the way information is conveyed to the graduate student body for significant campus issues and events.

These issues stretch further than the boundaries of Tech and I have a plan to address this key issue. One of my ideas is the creation of the Board of Governors, which is composed of organizational representatives from graduate only organi-

zations. Through this body, communication can be facilitated and our process can achieve transparency providing a more comprehensive view of the graduate activities at Tech.

To help address communication at the state level, I propose the creation of a Board of Regents Graduate Student Committee including all the graduate student presidents from Ga. universities and colleges that will provide a platform for graduate concerns to be voiced to the Board of Regents. The dissemination of information across the campus will prove invaluable as we progress through the upcoming year.

Another initiative I plan to address is graduate student professional development. This is one of the greatest concerns facing

graduate students today. As we continue our tenure at Tech and venture onto our next endeavors, it will become increasingly important that we as graduate students take with us the skills necessary to be competitive in today's challenging job market.

Teaming with the Provost's Office, one of Graduate SGA's greatest events has become gtRIC. This year's conference was truly an accomplishment that showcased some of the best research and efforts of graduate students at Tech. As we continue to develop this program, we in SGA will take the feedback received from the participants and continue to develop gtRIC for this academic year.

Another issue dear to

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## USF Launches School of Global Sustainability

The University of South Florida has launched a School of Global Sustainability with the goal of finding solutions that are both locally relevant and globally significant. The interdisciplinary faculty and students will lead cutting-edge efforts in areas of water resources, global health, renewable energy, climate issues, the built environment, the coastal environment, change policies and more.

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students to thrive.

I look forward to working with the administration to achieve significant progress for the students, but to do so I need for every Yellow Jacket to commit to engaging with the SGA to help change campus for the better and push Tech to achieve more than people ever thought possible.

The coming academic school year will bring us many challenges. We face very uncertain economic and political climates. There are threats of cuts and talks of fee increases still lingering and many other issues that faced students before still remain unresolved and must be tackled.

However, if you the students, commit to actively participating with your SGA we will always commit to representing you. I'm honored to serve as your next Undergraduate Student Body President and look forward to taking this journey with you.

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graduate student's hearts is the student health insurance. Next year will be a significant year for the student health insurance in that Tech will be able to select an insurance provider for the coming years. It will be a significant task and of the utmost importance for the graduate SGA next year to explore all aspects and concerns of this decision and to have a transparent process.

These represent some of the main points that I hope to address during the upcoming academic year. As with anything, there will be things that are unforeseen, but I have recruited a superior executive team to tackle these issues of great importance. I want all graduate students to know that my executive team and I are here to represent them. In closing, I look forward to the coming year and working with undergraduate SGA to continue in the tradition of making Tech a great place to be.

# Practicing what we teach: sustainability

**"Tech is promoting sustainability...through the aesthetics and practices of campus landscaping"**

**Steve Swant**

Ex. V.P. Administration and Finance



Sustainability is more than an avocation at Tech. It's a commitment that we are diligently working to hard-wire into the culture of the Institute, an element so intrinsic that it is part of our mission statement.

In reality, Tech is a living laboratory of sustainability through implementation in education, research and campus operations. We have made inroads and achieved successes in many aspects of sustainability, including recycling, water conservation, building construction and landscape design.

One of our most successful and visible efforts, the Game Day Recycling Program, diverts thousands of plastic, aluminum and glass containers disposed of during football games from landfills into recycling centers.

The program began in 2008 and collected nearly 12 tons of recyclable material during seven home games.

Last year, that number increased 64 percent to nearly 20 tons at only six games, an achievement we highlight with pride and are ambitious to build upon.

While games provide high visibility for our recycling efforts, the less dynamic but perhaps more important work occurs daily on campus. The Office of Solid Waste Management and Recycling is expanding recycling and reuse initiatives in every campus corner, from academic buildings to housing.

These efforts toward a more sustainable campus have been acknowledged with an award from the National Recycling Coalition for Outstanding College or University Program, along with the Recycling Department being honored as the American Forest & Paper Association's University Recycling Program in 2009.

Sustainability begins with infrastructure, a base that exhibits and encourages best

practices. Tech currently boasts four LEED-certified buildings—the College of Management, the Klaus Advanced Computing Building, the Old Civil Engineering Building and Clements Mewborn Softball Stadium—with several additional structures targeting this credit.

Perhaps the most visual and dynamic area in which Tech is promoting sustainability is through the aesthetics and practices of campus landscaping.

Six years ago, the Institute established a Landscape Master Plan in order to tie the campus together physically and functionally in an ecological sense; enhance the living, working and learning environment; and imbues the campus with an identity and sense of place.

This ambitious plan encourages innovation in technology and ecology and designates an 80-acre open space, called the Eco-Commons, for recreation and stormwater management. Sustainable development over time is ensured using ecological performance requirements for the whole campus. An already strong pedestrian culture is encouraged and nurtured at Tech.

Stormwater, specifically, is viewed as a "valuable resource" as opposed to a "prob-

lem," allowing us to create a vital landscape without expending extra energy or subsidizing materials.

The landscape plan allows the campus master plan to meet sustainability goals while potentially adding 3 million square feet of buildings. It is a template for landscape planning that would impress any campus. Each one may be different, but ecological principles remain constant. As gravity governs architecture, ecology governs the landscape.

Our efforts continue to be honored. *Southeast Construction Magazine* announced its Best of 2009 Awards this week and Clements Mewborn Softball Stadium was awarded Best Small Project. Tech was also recently recognized on the *Blue Ridge Outdoor's* Honor Roll of the region's Greenest Colleges and Universities.

As appreciative as we are for these accolades, our hope is that the values and benefits of sustainability are not only evident to our campus population, but also serve as inspiration for the research and work that defines and drives Tech. As proud as we are of the strides we have made in this arena, we hope that these values will be instilled in each of you as you carry the value of sustainability as a living legacy.

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**By Kate Comstock**  
Focus Editor

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## Georgia State art students created installations out of waste material in celebration of Earth Day.

This Friday marks the thirteenth celebration of Earth Day on Tech's campus. With environmental conscientiousness a growing concern nationally and at Tech, green issues are enjoying more visibility and enjoying more practical impacts.

The week features several events that aim to educate and inform the community about ways to become environmentally friendly and week's finale is the Earth Day celebration at the Campanile on Friday, April 23 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

The Earth Day celebration at Tech is one of the largest celebrations in the Southeast and this year the event will be the largest yet. It will include 72 booths that will provide information to students and faculty about including "green" practices in their everyday lives.

"We really wanted to make it interactive and make it a

fun event for students, faculty and staff. We want them to take that information [from Earth Day] and use it in their personal lives," said Cindy Jackson, Manager of Solid Waste Management and Recycling at Tech and the main organizer of the Think Green Week and Earth Day activities.

The aid in the goal of creating an event that is entertaining and informative, the celebration will have two bands performing on Friday. There is also a plethora of events that students can partake in to learn more about green initiatives.

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## RoboJackets extend metallic hand to high schoolers

**By Andrew Nelson**  
Staff Writer

Paper brochures, e-mails from admissions and information sessions may not always persuade prospective students to consider Tech as the college of choice, but what about the opportunity to learn engineering skills while building robots with Tech's engineering students?

The student organization RoboJackets offers a hands-on perspective of engineering as well as a unique view of what high school students would have access to as Tech students. During the fall semester, RoboJackets hosts Technology Enrichment (TE) Sessions, taught by its members—primarily Stefan Posey, fifth-year AE and president of RoboJackets, and Andy Bardagjy, fifth-year EE and project leader of TE Sessions as well as several professors, like Dr. Wayne Book, for high school students.

"In 2001, [RoboJackets] started hosting these seminars called TE Sessions. We meet once a week for about three hours, and we go through basic physics and mathematics to teach [students] how to build one of the smaller robotics kits," said Bardagjy.

The primary goal of TE Sessions are to give students from over 30 high schools an edge as teams in FIRST Robotics—a national non-profit organization that hosts robotics competitions for grade-school students—with college-level education and personal-level contact with engineering students. The majority of participants are high school students, but some exceptional middle school students have attended sessions as well; Posey said there is one group that started in middle school and are still participating.

Each week, teams from over ten high schools pack into a room with several RoboJackets members for about three hours. First, a half-hour lecture by a member covers the day's activities, and then they start a lab-style activity where students build and test with Lego Mindstorms. Since the students are from all four levels of high school, some students may not have experience with physics or higher-level mathematics; thus creating a challenge.

"There this huge range of experience [among students]; some of them are Linux kernel hackers and some come in with algebra one,"

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# New CoC Dean provides experience, accolades

**By Chris Russell**  
Online Editor

Tech is preparing to welcome a new dean for the second time this semester, this time of the College of Computing (CoC). Zvi Galil will be taking over from Jim Foley, who has served for two years as the college's interim dean.

Foley said, "Everyone in the college has been great over the past nearly two years while I have been Interim Dean. We've pulled together to continue to strengthen our programs, so that despite a million dollars in budget cuts over the [year], the college is in excellent shape for our new dean. The quality of our students continues upward, new research awards are up by over a third [versus] last year, and enrollments are climbing."

As dean, Galil will act as the college's leader and main representative on campus.

A statement on the CoC's website, [www.cc.gatech.edu](http://www.cc.gatech.edu) said, "As the chief academic and administrative officer, Galil will report to the provost and provide overall strategic direction for the college, with particular focus on the faculty's aspiration to define a new generation of computing through its three academic units: the School of Computer Science, the School of Interactive Computing and the School of Computational Science and Engineering."

One of Galil's goals for the college is expanding its interdisciplinary programs.

In a talk he gave on-campus in March as part of the selection process, Galil said, "Computers have become cen-

tral to our existence and our well-being. Computing supports science in an essential way, providing an exploratory instrument that accelerates discovery in all branches of science and engineering...The more the College of Computing collaborates, the more central it becomes to institutional success."

"I am confident that Dean Galil will work with all of us to continue [our] strong record of achievement and growth," Foley said.

Most recently, Galil was the president of Tel Aviv University in Ramat Aviv, Israel, a position he has held took in 2007 and stepped down from in 2009.

In 1987, he was named the Julian Clarence Levi Professor of Mathematical Methods and Computer Science at

Columbia University before becoming the Chairman of Columbia's Computer Science programs two years later. In 1995, he became the Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

Galil's resume is stocked with honors and accolades. He has served at the head of half a dozen organizations, ranging from the chairman of SIGACT (Special Interest Group on Algorithms and Computation Theory) in the Association for Computing Machinery to serving as editor-in-chief for the *Journal of Algorithms*.

Galil has authored over 200 papers and articles, and has given 150 talks in over 20 different countries. He is also an ACM Fellow.

Galil received a PhD in Computer Science from Cornell University in 1975.



Photo Courtesy of Georgia Tech Communications and Marketing

**Zvi Galil, who served as president of Tel Aviv University, was named Dean of the CoC.**



**Robot**

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Bardagjy said, "We have to hit somewhere in there to keep everyone engaged."

One of the ways they meet that goal is by offering an advanced track, started three years ago, in addition to their general track of sessions. Students who have no exposure in robotics are encouraged to start with the general sessions, but as they become more experienced they move into the advanced sessions.

"Often when [RoboJackets] gets new members, they really want to do this but they're not too familiar with robotics. We usually steer them into these programs... and both work with high school students and learn how to do basic work in robotics," Bardagjy said.

The advanced track usually consists of college-level material similar to special-topics classes at Tech, like robotics-specific programming and computer vision; college students, especially inexperienced RoboJackets members, have also participated in the advanced sessions alongside high school students.

"We also have a competition at the end of the sessions, which is open to all the teams [who participated in TE Sessions]. It's hosted by [RoboJackets] and the College of Computing, and this past year I had a speaker from General Motors come and give a talk about hybrid engineering," Posey said.

RoboJackets hosted the annual FIRST Robotics Competition kickoff event this January at the First Center, attracting over 40 FIRST teams from the Southeast. Of the teams present, 14 participated in the RoboJackets' workshops to receive mechanical and strategic advice and experience for the competition ahead.

Since moving to the lab format of TE Sessions, RoboJackets have started a project to compile a workbook that, once completed,

will serve as a guideline for the sessions' organization and content. It is expected to include introductory and advanced topical information as well as associated activities for the labs.

Given the price tag on enough hardware to teach students with expensive robotics kits, operate and maintain heavy machinery and to fund RoboJackets' own activities and projects, nearly the entire budget is covered by corporate sponsorships.

RoboJackets also competes in Robocup, Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition and Battlebots. In Robocup, a team builds five coffee can-size robots to play soccer. In Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition, a team designs, builds and programs a fully autonomous robot to navigate an obstacle course; in Battlebots, a team builds a robot that simply destroys and survives the efforts of competitor robots.

A top priority of RoboJackets' officers is recruiting new members, and TE Sessions alumni are a major component of that recruitment of high school students participating in TE Sessions and subsequently attending Tech after graduation. One past member now serves on the FIRST Board for game design. However, with the Tin Building—where RoboJackets bases their operations and host workshops for FIRST teams—facing demolition and relocation off-campus, maintaining the same level of recruitment from high schools and Tech freshmen may be difficult.

"A big problem is our members operate at odd hours, and not having a place on campus is going to make it difficult to recruit people," Bardagjy said. "All the teams are concerned about what's going to happen to the organization if we can't recruit more members. As a freshman, I wouldn't want to walk through Home Park to join a club I'm not sure about."



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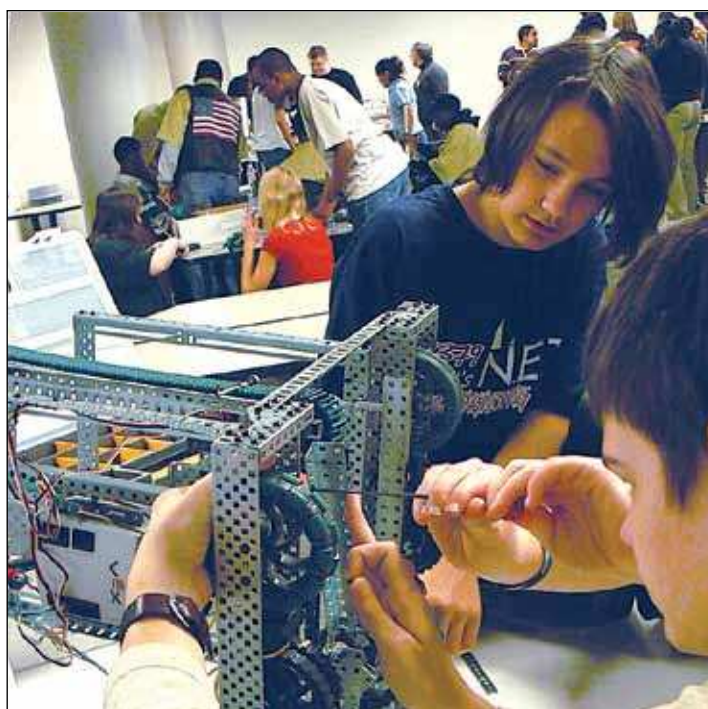


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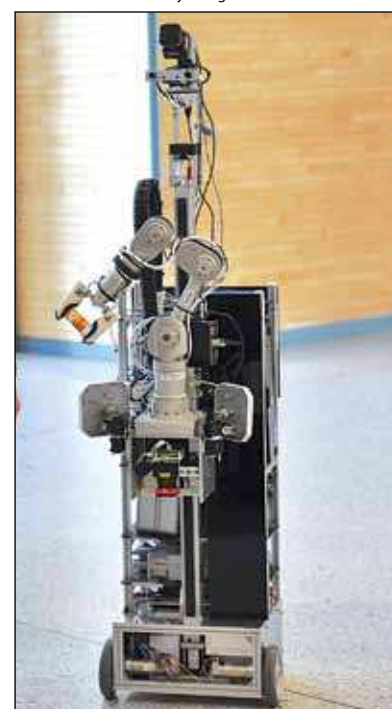


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Students participate in creating robots for the FIRST competition and observe new robotics technology at the CoC during two of RoboJacket's demonstrations for high school students.

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# Erato: celebrating 40 years of student expression

By Reem Mansoura  
Development Editor

*Erato*. The name might make you think of something risqué or erotic. The truth, in fact, might shock you more than your imagination. At a school so heavily focused on engineering and science, *Erato* is Tech's Creative Arts Journal.

*Erato* was founded in 1969 by a student named Richard Sawyer, who wanted a publication dedicated solely to the artistic endeavors of Tech students. In 1979, *Erato* lost funding from the Student Government Association (SGA) but was still able to self-publish an issue. *Erato* remained unpublished for five years before students were able to revive interest in the publication. A new budget was set, and *Erato* published bi-annually and annually, depending on budget constraints.

*Erato* now publishes annually, with submission deadlines set for early in the spring semester. This publication contains pieces of poetry, prose, photography, drawing, painting and digital painting which were submitted by Tech undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and staff.

This past year, *Erato* celebrated its 40th anniversary issue with a launch party on Monday, April 19. The launch party consisted of an *Erato* birthday cake and an exhibit of all past issues.

"We celebrated the 40th Anniversary issue with a year-long history project, an attempt to find out where we came from to decide how to move forward," said Amaris Gutierrez-Ray, fifth-year STAC and Editor-in-Chief of *Erato*.

"There's been a lot of disconnect over the years and not many editors have passed their stories down, so finding out that we lost funding for the last half of the 1970s was a surprise," Gutierrez-Ray said.

"I decided to look for *Erato* in all the *Blueprints* and *Techniques* since we were created in 1969. I ended up working with the Archives and the Alumni Association to fill in the gaps—to find issues we didn't have and names of editors who could tell me more. We put together a brief overview of our history in this year's journal, and we invited all the alumni I spoke with to our launch party," Gutierrez-Ray said.

When asked what impact this 40th anniversary issue has on the Tech community, Gutierrez-Ray said, "I think that kind of campus outreach was monumental for us this year. We've started taking ourselves seriously as a historical publication at Tech, and through extended campus outreach [such as] more events and more distribution racks, people can start to see that for themselves."

"Though the importance of a literary magazine or journal on

the campus of a technology institute may sometimes be forgotten, I believe *Erato* is an essential outlet for the creativity of students on campus as both an impetus and stimulus for creative writing and artwork as well as a way for students to showcase that work," said Julia Turner, second-year STAC and one of next year's co-Editors-in-Chief of *Erato*.

*Erato* not only publishes an annual journal, but also hosts open mic nights where attendees can come and share their poetry or prose. In addition, *Erato* hosts a reading series where poets and prose writers from the community share their work with Tech students. The 40th anniversary issue provides an example of the creative potential of Tech students.

"In the next few years I think we can do amazing things to join disciplines and create a creative commons or campus community of interdisciplinary creativity," Gutierrez-Ray said, "We hope to take our history into the future to reach an even broader readership consisting of cross-college communication and collaborations with the other print publications on campus."

Copies of the anniversary issue can be found in distribution racks across campus in the Instructional Center, the Library Rotunda, the D.M. Smith entrance, the Student Center and the Publications Office in the Flag Building.



Artwork of Cassie Xie



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*Erato* features original work by students, like the photographs shown above, and also includes short stories and poetry.

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**Green**

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Among those activities is "Shoot the Shoes," which allows students to bring in their old sneakers to throw through the basketball hoop set up at the Campanile and then donate the shoes to the Nike Grind project—a project that deconstructs used tennis shoes and then grinds the material to create new athletic surfaces like playgrounds and tracks.

The day will also provide students the opportunity to participate in many recycling activities like a clothing swap and an office supply exchange. Also, all of the food served at the Earth Day celebration will be served in biodegradable materials and all of the extra food will be composted through Sodexo's compost program. The committee of Earth Day aims to create zero waste during the event.

There were also many events that took place over the week to celebrate Think Green Week. This is the third year of the week where green-minded occurrences are scheduled around campus. Think Green Week stretched into a week long event three years ago when many people and sponsors suggested to Jackson that they spend an entire week informing others about environmentally friendly subjects.

The Green Rally, held on Monday, April 19, was the kick-off event for the week and there were several "freebies" for students that took part in pledging to go "green" in 2010. The giveaways included compact fluorescent light bulbs,



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**Above: artwork made out of plastic bottles, Right: students receive energy efficient lightbulbs at the Campanile on Monday.**

totes and reusable water bottles.

An eco-fashion show was held on Tuesday to showcase fashionable outfits that were made using renewable materials or re-used clothing. Most of the re-used clothing was donated from the Salvation Army and designers featured their clothing on a catwalk on the student commons stage.

Institute president G.P. "Bud" Peterson's wife, Val Peterson, even took part in the festivities this week by modeling in the fashion show and wearing the shawl she created from remnants of unused garments. Peterson included special details like a button from her great-grandmother's dress that she wore when she came to America for the first time from Holland.

Wednesday featured a meet and greet with the artists of the

Garden of Growth installations located in the grassy area next to the Campanile. The installations were created by Georgia State art students and were constructed using only recyclable materials.

"[The] whole concept was to take recyclables from Tech and take that waste and create sculptures that stand for the week and then get recycled," said Jackson.

Students were the main initiators of contact between collaboration projects at other schools. Students from Georgia State, Emory and Morehouse are expected to attend the event.

"Another mission of the Earth Day Committee is to reach out into the greater community, so I looked to involve as many groups from inside and outside of Tech as possible. I was fortunate in discov-



Photo by Dean Liao / Student Publications

ering renowned found-object/sustainable artist Pam Longobardi, who is an art professor at Georgia State, for she not only helped me shape the idea but she also offered the support of her "Public Installations" art class. As such, about 20 GSU art students collaborated with GT students to build some truly incredible and beautiful sculptures," said Chris Olson, fourth-year IsyE and member of the Earth Day committee.

Think Green Week even featured a film on Thursday called, *Coal Country*, that highlights

what happened to the environment in Appalachia during the coal mining process in the area.

Think Green Week and the Earth Day celebration had several sponsors, all of which are located on the website, [www.earthday.gatech.edu](http://www.earthday.gatech.edu).

Other than the committee that led the project, the Environmental Alliance at Georgia Tech (EAGT), Student Organization for Sustainability (SOS) and the SGA Sustainability Task Force were instrumental in helping create and organize all of the events.

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## iPad: the giant iPhone

### TECHNOLOGY

#### iPad

**DEVELOPER:** Apple Inc.

**CAPACITY:** 16, 32, 64 GB

**PRICE:** \$499 - \$829

**RELEASED:** April 3, 2010

**OUR TAKE:** ★★★★★☆

By Chris Ernst  
Staff Writer

By now everyone has undoubtedly heard about Apple's latest mobile computing device, the iPad. Appearing on numerous talk shows and sit-coms before its release, every American has almost certainly been exposed to this much-hyped piece of technology. But what is it, and what does it do?

Originally birthed in the eighties, the iPad has been under development for a long time. The concept for a personal computer/assistant/device was first realized in the Newton.

While the Newton was not commercially successful (like many of the stylus-based tablets of the time), Apple has since developed a

new language and the tight hardware/software paradigm which it uses today.

The Newton is completely adequate as an assistant designed to help its user organize and remember. It is a practical device aimed at power breakfast attendees and CEOs. The iPad, on the other hand, brings that same level of utility to everyone, as well as fun. It can be used to stay organized, but it can also do much more.

The iPad does not have a camera, does not display Flash and does not support third party applications not approved by Apple. Despite these shortcomings, 500,000 iPads were still sold in its first week of availability. For many, the iPad sits perfectly between a cell phone and a desktop computer.

Many people who criticize the iPad claim that it is just a big iPod Touch, and they are basically right. It is the size of the device that drastically changes the interaction design for the paradigm used to view its functionality. The iPad screen has over eight times the real estate of an iPhone screen.

Isn't it just like a netbook? Sort of. A netbook really is just a smaller laptop. It runs an operating system

meant for a larger, more powerful computer, but has a smaller (usually cramped) keyboard and mouse. A netbook is not designed to bridge the gap between cell phones and desktops; it takes no design cues from mobile devices and just scales everything in a desktop down to a smaller size.

The (decidedly) mobile space niche the iPad claims is for those who like the utility of their smaller mobile devices as well as the power of their main computer, and are hindered by small memory space and large physical size.

There are many people who do not find themselves in this area. Some people are never far away from a desktop and some people do not need much power on-the-go. However, for the people who do find themselves needing a solution to their problem of having to pick either mobility or power, the iPad is a resoundingly solid solution.

All of the bundled apps (Notes, Maps, YouTube, iTunes, iPod, App Store, Photos, Mail, Safari, Videos, Contacts) have been completely re-tooled to fit into the new, large screen beautifully. While they are different, they are still familiar and

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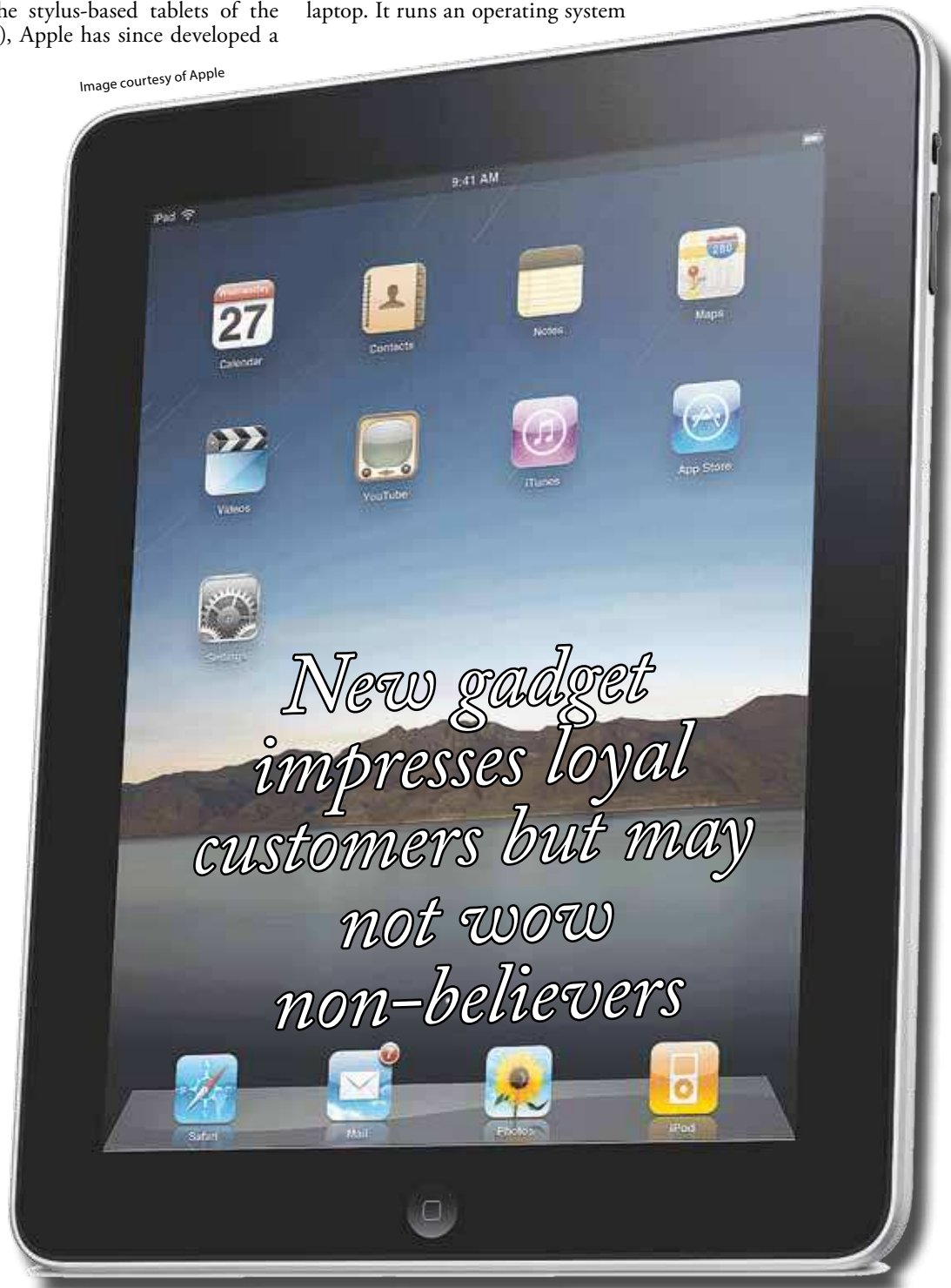


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By Zheng Zheng  
Assistant Entertainment Editor

### Art fuses with machinery

The High Museum is presenting *The Allure of the Automobile* from now to the end of June. Although the event will only exhibit 18 motorcars all together, they will be some of the world's most exclusive automobiles and will help showcase the rich history of a unique side of automobile productions between the '30s and '60s. These beautifully designed masterpieces are from a wide variety of renowned makers such as Bugatti, Ferrari, Duesenberg, Mercedes-Benz, etc. More of an art exhibit than an auto-show, the event should be attractive to a wider audience than those that are solely passionate about automobiles. With a \$15 entrance fee for students, visitors can also enjoy the High's plethora of other artistic expressions as well. For more information, please visit [www.high.org](http://www.high.org).

### Phoenix, Costello at Tabernacle

With recent hits "1901" and "Lisztomania" off their latest album *Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix*, Phoenix is a French alternative rock band that is growing in popularity with the American audience. Their music, winning numerous awards including a Grammy, is becoming more and more mainstream. However, if you cannot handle the fast changing paste of modern day music or would prefer something of a different genre, Elvis Costello might be a great alternative choice. Meeting commercial success since the '70s, Costello is a world famous musician that has stood the test of time. Both artists will grace the stages of the Tabernacle around this weekend. With ticket prices ranging from \$30-40 for both shows, please visit [www.tabernacleatl.com](http://www.tabernacleatl.com) for more information.

### Shakespeare Tavern tames *Shrew*

Stage fanatics rejoice as The New American Shakespeare Tavern presents one of Shakespeare's earlier comedy classics, *The Taming of the Shrew*, until mid May. One of the more popular Shakespearean work in modern media, *Shrew* has been reinterpreted in relatively recent works such as *10 Things I Hate About You*. This particular play should steal the hearts of any audience groups with its humor. The classic story presents a relevant and relatable case of "battle of the sexes" all the while entertaining its audience with farcical jokes. The entire show runs for the course of two hours with ticket pricing set around \$12-20 based on seating. For more information on this unmissable rendition, visit [www.shakespearetavern.com](http://www.shakespearetavern.com).

### Renaissance festival entertains

The Georgia Renaissance Festival is presenting eight weekends of fun and festivity in order to celebrate its 25 anniversary this year. With a variety of entertaining events all the way from medieval comedy to silk and acrobatic stunt shows to jousting tournaments and the coronation of the king, it won't be difficult for the attendees to occupy themselves throughout the entire event. That along with the games and rides presented at the festival makes it an interesting amalgamation between old-time medieval festivals and modern-day theme parks. So take a day out and immerse yourself in a simpler time with your friends or families. More information can be found at [www.garenfest.com](http://www.garenfest.com).



# LaBute's *Funeral* remake improves upon original

**FILM**
**Death at a Funeral**
**GENRE:** Comedy

**STARRING:** Chris Rock, Martin Lawrence and Danny Glover

**DIRECTOR:** Neil LaBute

**RATING:** R

**RELEASED:** April 16, 2010

**OUR TAKE:** ★★★ ☆☆

By Kenneth Phillips  
Senior Staff Writer

As seems to be the norm in Hollywood these days, *Death at a Funeral* is a remake of a movie released with the same title in 2007. This may be a point of contention for potential viewers as it even sticks to the same script by Dean Craig, but the change in cast and director keeps this remake unique. Frankly, *Death at a Funeral* has been much enhanced the second time around, and is definitely worth a night at the movies.

Exactly like the original but with a change of names, the story follows Aaron (Chris Rock) on the day of his father's funeral. His goal is to proceed with the ceremony and survive the company of his brother Ryan (Martin Lawrence), a famous writer. Surrounded by incompetent relations such as buffoon Norman (Tracy Morgan), the accidentally acid-tripping Oscar (James Marsden), a grieving mother and his brother's debt, Aaron is barely holding the reception together.

The universe has somehow cursed the attendee's lives to flirt with ruin, except for Uncle Russell (Danny Glover), whose crotchety attitude is perpetual. Even the deceased is not immune

from misfortune, as the "biggest" reveal may be Frank, his jilted lover, and Frank's blackmail of Aaron for hush money. The plot points of the story are exact to the original, but this film packs in much more comedy. Every memorable scene seems to have at least twice the dialog of its mirror in the predecessor. There may be familial gatherings like this, but I doubt any real situation could be so disastrous or star-studded.

I believe it is the change of cast that adds bold comedy the original lacked. Chris Rock is a great choice for the starring role in comparison to the previous holder Matthew Macfadyen. As a comedian, Rock has an extreme talent for taking Aaron's pressures and channeling them into witty retorts and pointed observations. Macfadyen instead takes a stance of fortitude—a stiff upper lip and all that—enduring each difficulty until things eventually calm. Frankly, there's nothing wrong with either performance, but the addition of more comedic dialog is profound improvement on the script.

The person I enjoyed on screen in the previous *Death at a Funeral* was Alan Tudyk, a more comedic American actor. Luke Wilson makes for a believable prick as Derek, and Tracy Morgan has played the fool so long he makes the role of Norman much more memorable than the original actor. I suppose the opposite could be argued by someone more affiliated with British cinema, but I feel the comedy allows the remake of *Death at a Funeral* to be more vibrant and memorable.

Strangely enough, there is one cast member, Peter Dinklage, who retains his role in both movies as the jilted lover of the deceased. This allowed me to focus on more

cultural differences in discussion about this relationship. Word choice is something that I had not believed to make such an impact to the boldness of the film. In a scene between Rock and Lawrence, the comedy hinges on the phrase "bromantically involved" and it just breeds laughter.

Neil LaBute, the director, also leaves great change on the canvas of *Death at a Funeral*. The cam-

era brings out the scenes as much more crisp and colorful. To be honest, the previous *Death at a Funeral* is strangely muted. I do not approve of taking this as a negative comparison on Frank Oz, the director of the first film and one half of the muppeteering duo with Jim Henson, but the remake is much more entertaining.

This remake makes an attempt to reach an apex of comedy from

the script of a recently released film, and it works.

I understand that this movie should not receive any slack on merit of its lack-of-originality, but this movie is truly funny. Sure, there are a few flaws and a bit of it hits slightly over the top, but it should be given a chance to be enjoyed without reservations. I am sure there is no such need for any decorum at this funeral.

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# KICK-ASS: NEW FILM DELIVERS SUPER LAUGHS AND HEROIC ACTION

## FILM

### Kick-Ass

**GENRE:** Action, Comedy  
**STARRING:** Aaron Johnson, Christopher Mintz-Plasse  
**DIRECTOR:** Matthew Vaughn  
**RATING:** R  
**RELEASED:** April 16, 2010  
**OUR TAKE:** ★★★★★☆

By Daniel Fuller  
 Contributing Writer

"Like every serial killer already knows, eventually fantasizing just doesn't do it anymore." With these words, the titular character Kick-Ass (played by Aaron Johnson) captures both the tone and premise of the movie. In a parody of comic books and action films, *Kick-Ass*

casts "normal" people living out their fantasies of being superheroes. Needless to say, as we see in the film not everybody is cut out for the job.

Adapted from the same-name comic series by Mark Millar, *Kick-Ass* delights in being unconventional. Heroes strike dramatic poses before tripping and falling over. Villains argue for five minutes over whether or not a costume more closely resembles Batman or

Superman. A poorly managed torture scene in the film ends with a man exploding inside of a giant microwave. To list any more of these moments would simply spoil the movie because

they are its greatest strength.

For the most part, the plot is pretty irrelevant. Instead of being plot heavy, *Kick-Ass* relies on moment-to-moment jokes, gags and shocks to keep the energy levels high without giving the audience too much time to think. With the opening scene, *Kick-Ass* picks up momentum (literally) and never loses it thereafter.

While it would have been amusing enough to see the incompetent "superhero" Kick-Ass stumble through his attempts

at vigilantism, the introduction of the lethal, street-smart Hit Girl and her Big Daddy (played by Chloe Moretz and Nicholas Cage, respectively) adds a hilarious contrast. After all, anything with Nick Cage is bound to be excellent.

It's a testament to the absurdity of the movie that an 11-year-old girl repeatedly delivers the best violence. Although the casting of a young girl as a cursing, murdering superhero doesn't seem to be in the best of taste, *Kick-Ass* isn't the kind of movie that cares.

The film isn't for everybody, but anybody who already wants to see the movie based on the title alone won't be disappointed. The movie is exactly what it seems like it should be: violent and over-the-top.

Despite the overall lack of a complex plot, there is surprising depth in a scene halfway through the film that explores the backstory of Hit Girl and Big Daddy, attempting to explain why a father would raise a girl to be as trigger-happy and unaffected by violence as Hit Girl.

One character briefly condemns Big Daddy for his perverse upbringing of his daughter, claiming that "You owe that girl a childhood." However, nothing more is made of this point. The issues it raises are cast aside by the rest of the movie in favor of more bloody action. In doing so, the scene falls just short of having any real significance.

Lack of emotional depth is the biggest weakness of the film. The characters are amusing, but they aren't necessary complex. Even the main character is a fairly standard "clumsy dork" stereotype. His antics as he tries to get closer to the

girl he likes by pretending to be gay are silly, but not very endearing.

While the movie's approach to superheroes is fresh and unique, its characters are not. Instead, it relies on its wit and its action to entertain. This is not necessarily bad, though, as those two aspects are the movie's two greatest strengths.

The original comic version of *Kick-Ass* was actually darker than the movie. While still a parody, it adopted a pessimistic tone, sporting even more gore than the movie. The did well to diverge from these origins and embrace the comedy facet of its nature. Instead of trying to milk drama into melodrama, it spoils some of the twists early on.

In its attempt to be lighthearted and funny, *Kick-Ass* still maintains a slight semblance of believability. After all, much of the humor of the movie comes from the fact that the main character is a normal guy who just might be able to pull off that superhero thing.

However, Hit Girl spoils the illusion, demonstrating strength, accuracy and acrobatics that should be impossible for a girl her age. The climax of the movie is also the climax of believability, introducing a plot device (another change from the source material) that tips the balance from "plausible" to "ridiculous."

In the end, there are only two responses to this film. Some people want emotional depth and maturity, and some people just want to see bad guys blasted out of a window with a bazooka. For those of the latter group, *Kick-Ass* is the perfect movie. The movie is called "Kick-Ass"—you already know what to expect.

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Hello again friends.

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warning to all of you graduating seniors. Stop, take a look around you, and fail now. You do not want to graduate.

Some of you old people on campus, like you fourth-years who are pathetic enough to have pined over my absence for the past two years, or you even older people who couldn't get out before now, might remember that I made a few threats about graduating myself

summer of 2008. I did. It was a bad idea.

Don't get me wrong, Tech is not an ideal place to spend years and years of your life. Coming back after a two-year hiatus, I no longer recognize half of campus. The old guy with the beard who used to run the place has been replaced with a different old guy, this one beardless. They are asking me for more money and there are more liberal arts majors and less first-year girls than when I left. Not a perfect scenario. The real world though, is worse.

I have entered the competitive economy, watched it burn, been left unscathed, and have come back to warn you, my fellow overworked and exhausted engineers and those other people that we let walk around our campus, that this place is not that bad.

They give you free food here.

In the next few weeks it will literally be like taking candy from a smiling, happy administrator trying to help you struggle through finals. There will be breakfast served at times when breakfast should not ever be served, residence halls will overflow with Krispy Kreme doughnuts and boxes of foods your PLs bought from Publix with leftover end-of-the year money. There will be banquets and end-of-year dinners for every club under the sun, and they will all be too uncomfortable to force you out if

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There are no traffic laws here. I kid you not, I saw a man riding a segway up the handicap ramp in the Flag building the other day. Inside. Clearly, if you can stand up and balance on a segway, you are capable of walking, of climbing the maybe eight stairs in this building.

But here at Tech, this man was not odd, was not lazy. He was an amazing example of someone with enough disposable income to buy one of the world's least useful techno gadgets and the stones to drive it inside. I bet he owns an iPad.

And ultimately, there are second chances here. You fail calc 1, you retake calc 1. You can't hack it as an engineer, you switch majors. You can't find your way down the straight sidewalk that is Skiles, you look at the huge color-coded map they put up for you. The shaft sucks, but at least when you fail here you don't lose your job, your apartment and your girlfriend. Not that that happened to me of course.

I am just saying, before you rush down that long stage to shake the hand of this new, beardless president, think twice. Tech really isn't worth leaving.

iPad

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intuitive. They may be new, but they are instantly recognizable and usable.

The hardware of the iPad is really quite unremarkable. Even the "custom silicon" is just a simplified version of well-known, existing designs, tailored exactly to the iPad's needs.

The software in the iPad is really what makes it stand out. The larger form factor brings elements of user interface design and human-computer interaction from both the desktop world and the mobile world.

With all the press and hype surrounding the iPad, there are still some details that were pleasantly surprising.

One of these is spell checking. If a word gets spelled incorrectly, it is underlined in red. When tapped, suggestions pop up to replace the word. Another unexpected feature is a lock screen slide show, which basically allows the iPad to become a digital picture frame that can be passed around or shared with friends.

The iPad is really a fantastic device for the people who are seeking that missing link. An iPad would be great for those who do not want to lug a laptop around, just to take some notes or check e-mail.

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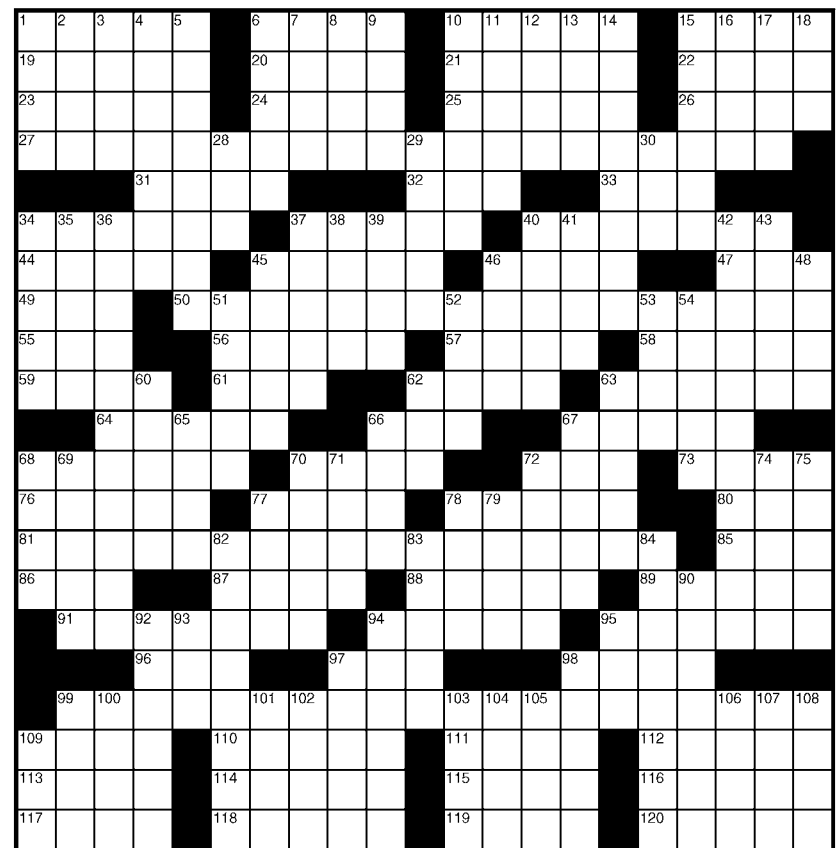
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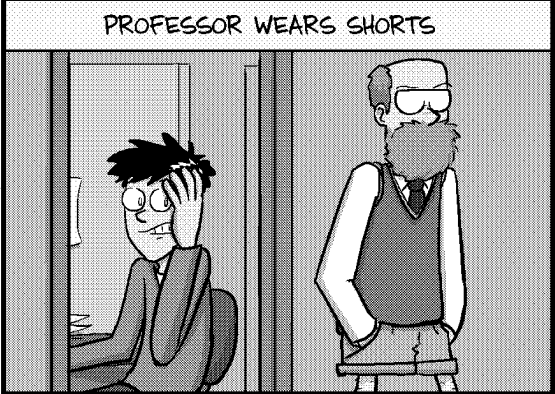
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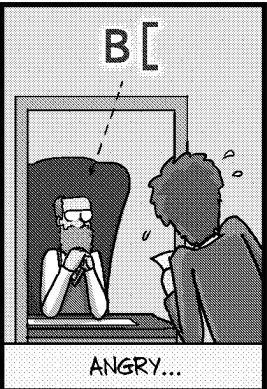
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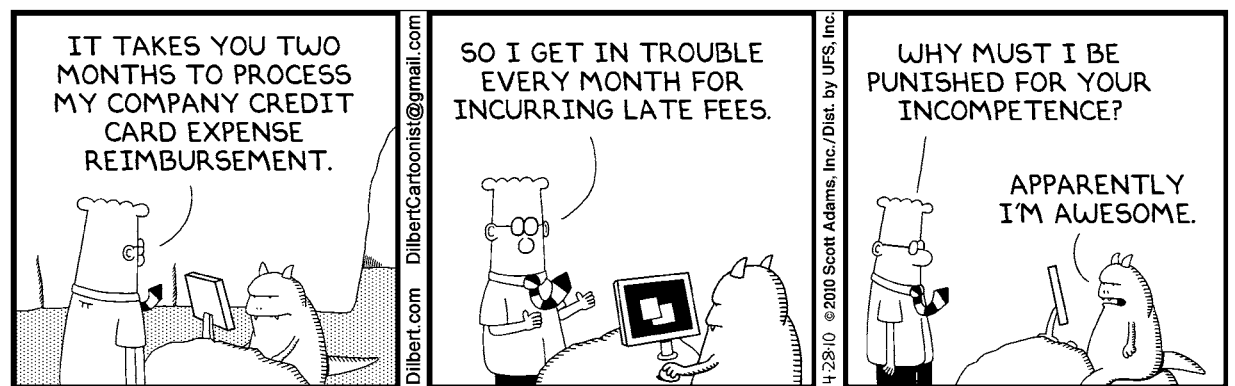
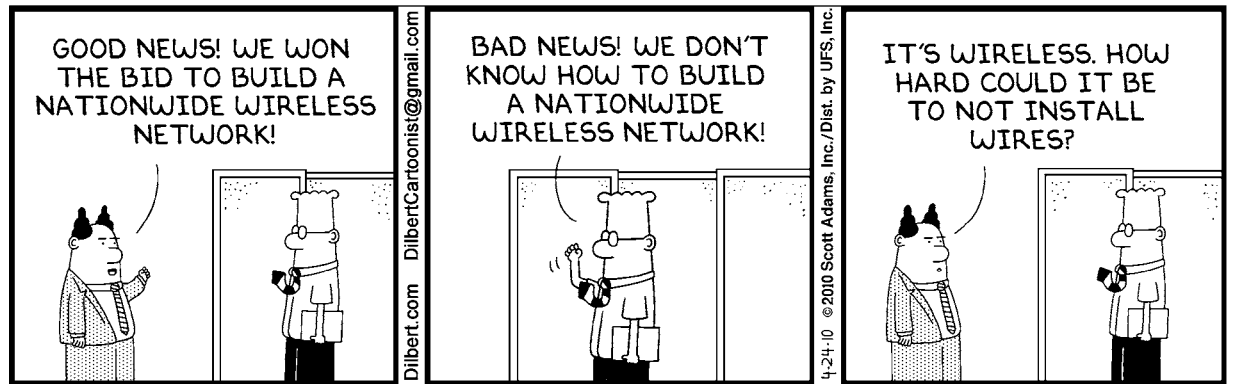
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**Baseball** from page 32

er Kyle Parker, Robinson forced Clemson infielder John Hinson to hit a line drive to junior shortstop Derek Dietrich, ending the inning and the Tigers' rally.

In the bottom half, with Tech sophomore third baseman Matt Skole on base, Burnette connected on his game-winning homer. Every Tech position player had a hit in the win.

"When you have a good year, those things happen," said Tech Head Coach Danny Hall. "We feel like we have a lot of guys that can hit, and we feel like we have a lot of guys that can contribute on the mound and they have been doing a great job. And then Chase Burnette, what can I say. That was special right there."

Tech was able to overcome a rough start by junior right-hander Deck McGuire, who was victimized by two home runs at key moments and allowed six runs in seven innings.

The good feelings persisted on Saturday, with Tech again beating the Clemson Tigers 4-3 in a close game. Dietrich and junior designated hitter Thomas Nichols both hit home runs, giving Tech 14 consecutive games with at least

one home run.

The real turning point of the game occurred when Tech was down 3-2 in the bottom of the seventh. Sophomore second baseman Jacob Esch drove Burnette home to tie the score, and the Jackets took the lead in the same inning when junior center fielder Jeff Rowland singled to center, allowing Esch to score and put Tech ahead 4-3.

The third game of the series was not nearly as close as the first two. Tech scored at least one run in every inning, taking advantage of the struggles of Clemson's pitchers, and the Jackets won 11-3 to complete the sweep.

Junior right-hander Brandon Cumpton had a solid start, allowing three runs (two earned) in seven innings. Robinson pitched the ninth and picked up the save.

After the Jackets opened the scoring with a run on an RBI single by junior catcher Cole Leonida in the bottom of the first, Clemson responded with a Parker home run in the top of the second.

Tech answered with four runs in the bottom of the second. Rowland provided most of the scoring when, with the bases loaded, he hit a drive down the right-field line for a bases-clearing triple.

Even though Clemson put men on base throughout the game, they were unable to translate these into definite runs. Tech picked up its final run on an eighth-inning Esch home run and won 11-3.

"Anytime you can sweep Clemson is huge," Hall said. "The first two games could have gone either way. We put a little distance between ourselves today, but they are a great team and are going to finish high on the side over there. Anytime you can beat Clemson, it is a good day."

Esch, Rowland and senior first baseman Tony Plagman had three hits apiece. Sophomore left-hander Jed Bradley got the win in the Sunday start, going seven innings and allowing three runs while striking out eight.

Following their weekend sweep of the Tigers, the Jackets hosted a two game series against Georgia Southern. Tech swept GSU, and outscored them by a combined score of 24-6.

On Tuesday, April 20, Tech sent freshman pitcher Mark Pope to the mound for the first game of the series. Pope stayed perfect on the season at 6-0 and only gave up two runs in eight innings.

After tying the game at two in the third inning, Tech took the



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**Jacob Esch throws the ball to first base in Saturday's win against Clemson. Esch had a game tying RBI single in the seventh inning.**

lead in the fifth with two homers by Dietrich and Nichols.

Senior pitcher Patrick Long closed out the Eagles in the ninth by recording two key strikeouts.

In Wednesday's game, Tech used a huge day offensively en route to an 18-4 win.

Hall decided to allow four different pitchers to relieve freshman

pitcher Buck Farmer who only recorded three innings of work but did pick up his fourth win of the season.

Nichols led the Jackets with two homers, two doubles and five RBIs. Senior first baseman Plagman helped contribute to the victory by adding four hits, including his 14th homer of the season.

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# Men's Tennis loses to UVA, wins home finale

By Kyle Conarro  
Staff Writer

The No. 26 men's tennis team finished out the regular season this past weekend, hosting Virginia on April 17 and Virginia Tech on April 18. The Jackets fell 5-2 to the top-ranked Cavaliers but rebounded on Sunday to defeat the No. 21 Hokies and finish the season with a win.

In Saturday's match, Tech dropped the doubles point to give Virginia an early 1-0 lead. Juniors Eliot Potvin and Ryan Smith were the only pair to secure a victory for the Jackets in doubles, winning 8-4 in the two spot.

Sophomore Kevin King and freshman Juan Spir, who faced the sixth-ranked doubles team in the nation in Michael Shabaz and Drew Courtney, stayed within reach but ultimately lost 8-6. Juniors Guillermo Gomez and Dean O'Brien, who were at the three spot for the Jackets, also went down 8-6 to Virginia, giving the Cavaliers the doubles point heading into singles play.

In singles play, Gomez and Potvin were able to secure points for the Jackets, each winning their singles match to give Tech its only two points on the day. Gomez, who dropped the first set to Shabaz, recovered to win the match 4-6, 6-2, 6-2. Potvin also lost in the first, falling 2-6 to the Jarmere Jenkins of Virginia, ranked No. 45 in the nation. Potvin came back to win defeat Jen-



Photo by Basheer Tome / Student Publications

**Eliot Potvin makes a return on a shot at the Bill Moore Tennis Center. Potvin defeated No. 1 UVA's Jarmere Jenkins in three sets.**

kins 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Unfortunately for the Jackets, the Cavaliers took the other four singles victories, sealing their 5-2 victory.

"Losing the doubles point was a little bit of a dagger for that match," said head coach Kenny Thorne, courtesy of [ramblinwreck.com](http://ramblinwreck.com). "Winning four singles matches against the No. 1 team in the country was too tough to do today, but hopefully

we'll see them again next week at the ACC Championship."

Against Virginia Tech, the Jackets fared much better. Although they again lost the doubles point, they were able to win four singles matches to top the Hokies 4-3, including a three-set comeback by junior Miguel Muguruza to give them the win.

In doubles, the Jackets notched one win behind King and Spir, who defeated Will Beck and Pat-

rick Daciek 9-7. Potvin and Smith fell 8-4 in their match, while O'Brien and freshman Magan Ortega went down 7-9 in a close match at No. 3.

After again giving up the doubles point to start the match, Tech headed into singles matches. Gomez and King gave Tech its first two points, each downing their opponent in straight sets to open singles play. Gomez defeated Yann Re 6-4, 6-2, while King defeated Luka Somen 6-1, 6-1.

Spir, who also won in straight sets, pushed the Jackets' total to three a short time later when he defeated Sebastien Jacques 6-3, 7-5 at the No. 6 spot.

Potvin and Ortega, who both stayed close, dropped their matches in straight sets to the Hokies, leaving only Muguruza to win the contest for the Jackets.

Muguruza gave up the first set 3-6, but he fought back to win the second 6-3 and force a third set to decide a victor. He rallied from a 4-2 deficit in the third set to defeat Patrick Daciek 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 and capture the win for the Jackets.

"To come back and bounce back today was huge for the team going into the ACC tournament," Head coach Kenny Thorne said after that match.

The Jackets, who get a first-round bye in the ACC Tournament, will play again April 23 in Cary, N.C. Tech will take on the winner of Thursday's matchup between Virginia Tech and Boston College.

## Outdoors from page 32

feet, eight inches.

Sophomore Mary Kate DuBard finished eighth in the 10,000-meter distance run, and junior Kayla McKeirnan placed in the top ten of three of the four heptathlon events in which she participated, taking eighth in the 200-meter dash.

Several Jackets had strong performances on day two of competition. Senior Alphonso Jordan and sophomore Jhanelle McLeod placed in the top five of the men's and women's long jump, respectively. Junior Antonio McKay Jr. took third in the men's 400-meter dash, while freshman Kellie Christian and senior Tiffany Grant each placed in the top 10 on the women's side of the event.

The star of the day for Tech was Marcelle, who set a new personal best with a throw of 62 feet, 5.25 inches in the shot put to win the event. Wagner took sixth in the women's shot put.

Tech received strong performances from Jordan and fellow senior Alana Clooten on the third and final day of competition. Jordan set a competition and school record when he reached 54 feet, 6.5 inches in the triple jump, securing his second straight victory in the event. He also took fifth in the 110-meter hurdles.

Clooten, meanwhile, became the first Tech student-athlete to win the hammer throw with her mark of 188 feet, six inches.

Sophomore Terri Ann Grant added a highlight when she earned All-ACC honors in the high jump.



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# Women's Tennis wins one over weekend

By Nishant Prasad  
Sports Editor

The No. 25 women's tennis team ended its season with a split of its final two ACC games. The Jackets took on Virginia and Virginia Tech, falling 5-2 to the Cavaliers on Saturday, April 17 and sweeping the Hokies 7-0 on Sunday, April 18.

Tech finishes the year 14-9 overall, with a 5-5 mark in ACC play that put them in seventh place in the conference.

After concluding the home schedule the previous weekend, the Jackets traveled north to Charlottesville, Va. to face No. 31 Virginia, which was a spot above Tech in the ACC standings.

The match got off to a rough start for the Jackets, who dropped all three doubles matches. Freshman Elizabeth Kilborn and sophomore Viet Ha Ngo were the first to fall, dropping their match 8-5 against Emily Fraser and Katie Gater. UVA's other two tandems were both ranked; No. 55 Lindsey Hardenbergh and Erin Vierra held off Tech sophomores Lynn Blau and Hillary Davis 8-5, and the No. 38 pair of Jennifer Stevens and Hana Tomljanovic held off sophomore Irina Falconi and junior Sasha Krupina 8-4.

Though the Cavaliers held the early 1-0 advantage, Tech evened the score in singles play behind the effort of Falconi, who remains the No. 1 singles player in the nation. Falconi, facing No. 44 Hardenbergh on court one, cruised to a 6-0, 6-3 victory.

The next three courts to finish, though, were all in UVA's favor, securing the match for the Cavaliers. Fraser took down Krupina in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2, and Tomljanovic defeated Blau 6-4, 6-2.

Kilborn and UVA's Stevens had a well-contested match on



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**Elizabeth Kilborn makes a forehand return at the Bill Moore Tennis Center. Kilborn was edged in a three-set battle versus UVA's Jennifer Stevens, but she beat VT's Courtney Rauscher in straight sets.**

court five, with each of the first two sets going to a tiebreaker, but Stevens eventually pulled away in the third set. Her 6-7 (4), 7-6 (6), 6-2 victory clinched the match for the Cavaliers.

With the outcome set, the teams split the final two matches. Gater and Davis saw their match go to three sets, but Gater took the final two sets to win 7-5, 5-7, 6-4.

Ngo overcame an early deficit on court three to give Tech its second point. The sophomore dropped the first set but came back to defeat Vierra 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Despite the loss, the Jackets looked to bounce back and reach .500 in conference play the following day in Blacksburg, Va. They had a fortunate matchup as their opponent, Virginia Tech, entered the match on an eight-game losing streak.

Doubles play went well for the Jackets, who won two matches to secure the opening point.

On court three, Kilborn and Ngo rolled to an 8-0 sweep against Emily Lauten and Courtney Rauscher. The Hokies evened the score, with Shannon Betts and Martha Blakely topping Blau and Davis 8-2. In the decisive court one match, the No. 25 tandem of Falconi and Krupina rolled to an 8-3 win over Yasmin Hamza and Holly Johnson, securing the doubles point for the Jackets.

Singles play was a clean sweep for the Jackets, who won three matches in straight sets and took the other three via superset tiebreakers.

Falconi managed to take down Hamza 6-3, 6-4 in their first-flight matchup. Blau and Kilborn also won their matches in straight sets; Blau cruised past Lauten

6-2, 6-3, and Kilborn dispatched Rauscher 6-1, 6-4.

In each of the other three matches the Hokie player took the first set, but the Jackets went on to win all three.

Ngo dropped her first set against Blakely, but she won the second set decisively and rolled in the superset tiebreaker. The final tally had Ngo winning 4-6, 6-1, 10-4. Davis won in similar fashion, facing a stiffer challenge in the second set but ultimately defeating Johnson 3-6, 7-5, 10-4.

In the second-flight matchup, Krupina earned the victory when Betts retired due to injury with the score even in their tiebreaker.

As the No. 7 seed in the ACC Tournament, the Jackets earned a rematch against the Hokies in their first-round battle on Thursday. The tournament is being held in Cary, N.C.

## Softball from page 32

Saturday, Coan started Sunday's game for the Jackets and pitched five innings and only gave up three hits. Coan had a career high with 13 strikeouts as the Jackets finished off the sweep with a 4-0 win. Tech used small consistent scoring innings to give Coan the lead early.

Yee led off the first inning with a single and Weseman brought her home with a single, and Adkins homered in the second inning to give the Jackets a 2-0 lead.

Weseman homered in the third and Yee hit her ACC record 24th home run in the fourth to put the Jackets up 4-0, and the score remained that way to the end.

Tech finished the week by traveling to No. 11 Georgia for a mid-week game on Wednesday, April 21. UGA ended Tech's nine game winning streak by defeating the Jackets 6-3, picking up their second win over Tech this year.

Coan started the game for the Jackets and she ran into trouble early in the game. In the bottom of the first inning, UGA leadoff hitter Taylor Schlopy hit a homer to give the Bulldogs the lead. Another RBI later in the inning gave UGA a 2-0 advantage.

Coan got into trouble again in the second inning, but she managed to escape a big inning and only gave up a sac fly RBI.

After leaving runners on base in the third inning, the Jackets finally got onto the scoreboard in the fourth inning. Priebe hit a one-out single, and Rush walked to give Tech a runner in scoring position. Sinclair homered to left, tying the game at three.

Rush relieved Coan in the fourth inning, and the Bulldogs re-took the lead in the fifth. Schlopy walked to lead off the inning and a triple sandwiched between two singles allowed the Bulldogs to score three runs and hang on for the 6-3 win.



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# SPRING FOOTBALL: T-DAY 2010 PREVIEW

*With the Spring Game set for this weekend, keep an eye on players at these three positions*

By Nishant Prasad, Sports Editor



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## 1) Backup QB Battle

Rising senior Joshua Nesbitt—who is sitting out the spring after offseason ankle surgery—is the undisputed starter at quarterback, but with the transfer of former backup Jaybo Shaw, the battle for the No. 2 spot on the depth chart has become a key storyline in spring practice.

“It’s been open competition. We haven’t designated anybody as anything,” said quarterbacks coach Brian Bohannon.

Of the three leading candidates, redshirt sophomore Tevin Washington is the only one with game experience to date, and his experience consists of one drive in Tech’s 2009 season opener against Jacksonville State. Still, Washington has shown a good grasp of the offense as he enters his third year under Head Coach Paul Johnson’s system, and his abilities as a passer and runner make him a good fit for the offense.

Redshirt freshman Jordan Luallen has demonstrated the best pure passing abilities of the three, regularly making strong and accurate throws. Still, he also has a strong tendency to make mistakes through the air and has not been very effective as a runner.

“There’s times that [Luallen] shows some glimpses of what I know he can do, and there’s times he’s all over the place,” said quarterbacks coach Brian Bohannon. “He just has to work on some things fundamentally...but he’s got the ability to throw the ball.”

The last of the candidates, redshirt freshman David Sims, may be the most athletic of the trio. Sims resembles Nesbitt most closely in terms of size and skill set; at 5-foot-11 and 229 pounds, he is better built to handle a heavy workload on the ground. Still, he has struggled in the passing game this spring.



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## 2) B-back Rotation

When two-year B-back starter Jonathan Dwyer declared for the NFL Draft, the Jackets lost one of their most reliable and talented running backs. In the aftermath, though, Tech may actually be stronger overall at the position in 2010 thanks to much greater depth.

Redshirt senior Anthony Allen will start for the first-string offense on Saturday. Allen shifted to A-back last season to accommodate for Dwyer’s presence, but now he will take over the feature role at B-back.

At 230 pounds, Allen has ideal size for the position and has demonstrated plenty of athleticism. He led Tech’s A-back corps in rushing last season, recording 626 yards and six touchdowns while averaging 9.7 yards per carry.

“[Allen] was a B-back when he started...I think it’s more natural for him,” said Bohannon, who also coaches the B-backs.

Senior Lucas Cox should see plenty of carries. The 232-pound bruiser has had a strong spring at his more natural position and will be a key reserve behind Allen. Redshirt sophomore Richard Watson will also be in the mix for carries.

The wild card will be true freshman Charles Perkins, who enrolled at Tech this spring. Perkins has shown promise and could see time at A-back or B-back.

“I think Charles has got a great future here. He’s just learning how things work right now,” Bohannon said.

Redshirt junior Preston Lyons, the primary backup to Dwyer last season, is sitting out the spring with an injury. Still, all five have shown the ability to play and play well, and all should be factors in Tech’s backfield this season.

“Competitiveness is the best driver, so it’s definitely helping us all get better,” Cox said.



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## 3) Outside Linebackers

If spring practice is any indication, the Jackets’ defensive players have taken well to the 3-4 scheme introduced by new defensive coordinator Al Groh. The front seven has had a strong showing, causing plenty of disruption during contact drills and forcing mistakes and turnovers.

Surprisingly, one of the strongest units has been the outside linebackers. Most of Tech’s often-used linebackers from last season are inside linebackers now, leaving backups and converted defensive ends to handle the primary pass rush positions. As a result, the performance of the new OLBs has been a pleasant surprise for Tech.

Redshirt senior A.T. Barnes says the transition has gone well for the defense.

“There’s nothing hard about [the 3-4]...The biggest thing is that we have to talk more and communicate with each other. We’re doing that better, so the defense is [getting] better each day,” Barnes said.

Barnes—a reserve for the past three years—has earned most of the first-team reps at weakside linebacker and has had a stellar spring, doing well both at stopping the run and rushing the passer.

“I’m a big linebacker, so this fits me perfectly...I feel like I’ll be able to help the defense out a lot,” Barnes said.

The leader at strongside linebacker is fellow redshirt senior Anthony Egbuniwe, who spent much of last season starting at defensive end. Like Barnes, Egbuniwe’s size likely makes him a better fit at 3-4 outside linebacker than at his previous position.

The second-stringers at each OLB position are in the same mold. Redshirt sophomore Malcolm Munroe will play the weakside position, while redshirt senior Osahon Tongo will man the strongside spot.

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## Baseball extends win streak to six



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Cole Leonida slides into third base during Tuesday's game at Russ Chandler Stadium. Leonida and Matt Skole hit back-to-back homers in the second inning of Friday's game against Clemson, keying a five-run inning as Tech went on to win 8-6.

**By Alex Buchanan**  
Contributing Writer

This weekend saw the No. 5 Jackets sweep Clemson at Russ Chandler Stadium. Tech wrapped up three consecutive wins against the No. 16 Tigers, giving the Jackets a 15-3 record this season in the ACC. Tech went on to defeat Georgia Southern in a pair of midweek games to improve to 33-5 this season.

The first of the three weekend games saw Tech edge out

Clemson in an 8-6 win over the Tigers in a tight game. Tech clinched the win in the bottom of the tenth when junior outfielder Chase Burnette hit a two-out, walk-off home run over the wall in the right center field against Clemson pitcher David Haselden led the Jackets to victory late Friday night.

"It's a great feeling," Burnette said. "It is one of those things you think about as a kid at the park tossing the ball up and hitting it. You are dream-

ing about hitting a walk-off home run. That is what everybody would love to do, and it is a really good feeling."

The game started off with Clemson scoring two early runs against junior pitcher Deck McGuire. The Jackets did not answer these runs until scoring a string of six runs at the bottom of the second. The Tigers did not respond until the top of the fifth, when they scored four runs, but these would be the last runs the Tigers would get for the rest

of the game. Tech, down one run in the bottom of the sixth, pulled even with the Tigers when junior designated hitter Thomas Nichols scored Tech's sixth run. Following this, a defensive battle ensued between the Tigers and the Jackets that grew tense in the late innings.

In the top of the tenth, senior pitcher Andrew Robinson entered the game after Clemson had loaded the bases. After striking out Clemson outfield-

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## Track & Field places 7th at ACC Outdoors



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Jhanelle McLeod competes in the long jump. McLeod took fourth this weekend.

**By Nishant Prasad**  
Sports Editor

Sophomore Bailey Wagner's victory in the discus throw and senior Steve Marcelle's triumph in the shot put were the highlights of the weekend for the track and field teams, as Tech's men's and women's squads each took seventh at the ACC Outdoor Championships at Clemson, S.C. from April 16-18.

Wagner's victory came on the first day of competition, as her throw of 169 feet, 11 inches on her third attempt easily cleared the competition and gave the women's team its first win. Marcelle nearly did the same for the men's side in the men's discus throw, but he came up just short as Virginia Tech's Igor Misljenovic took the event. Still, Marcelle earned All-ACC honors for his throw of 180

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## Softball cruises past BC at home but stumbles at UGA



Photo by Basheer Tome / Student Publications

Kelsi Weseman throws the ball to the infield in Sunday's game at Mewborn Field. Weseman had two RBI on Sunday.

**By Alex Mitchell**  
Assistant Sports Editor

On April 17-18 the Tech softball team hosted a series against ACC-rival Boston College in the final home series for redshirt senior second baseman Jen Yee and senior outfielder Kelly Eppinger. The Jackets clipped the Eagles in all three games, but Tech traveled to UGA later that week and lost 6-3 on Wednesday.

Prior to Saturday's game, the Jackets held a ceremony honoring Yee and Eppinger. Freshman pitcher Hope Rush then started her 24th game of the season. Rush pitched five scoreless innings and only allowed two hits in leading the Jackets to a 9-0 win.

Rush started the game by retiring the first three Eagle batters in order, including a strikeout to end the first inning.

Tech wasted little time in rewarding Rush for her strong first inning by scoring two runs in the first inning. Yee led off the inning with a single to right field and followed that up by stealing second base. Sophomore catcher Kate Kuzma intended

to sacrifice bunt in order to move Yee to third. However, BC was unable to get Kuzma out at first and the Jackets had runners on the corners with nobody out. Sophomore shortstop Kelsi Weseman brought in Yee from third on a sac fly and junior first baseman Kristine Priebe singled to score Tech's second run, but a pair of strikeouts ended the inning.

Rush retired the Eagles in the second without much trouble and the Jackets added to their lead in the bottom of the frame. Priebe and Rush hit back-to-back homers, and sophomore third baseman Danielle Dike added a two-run homer of her own as Tech went up 9-0, a lead they would never relinquish. The game was called after five innings, and the Jackets picked up the victory.

In the later game on Saturday, Tech scored 11 runs on nine hits and won the game 11-3.

Junior pitcher Kristen Adkins started the game for the Jackets and got into a bit of trouble in the first inning. Adkins allowed the leadoff hitter to reach base on a bunt single and BC took advantage, getting an RBI single to pull ahead 1-0.

Yee countered with a leadoff homer for Tech to tie the game at one, and BC got a solo homer in the top of the second as the momentum shifted back and forth.

Tech re-took the lead in the bottom of the third inning with a nine-run rally. After the leadoff hitter grounded out, Priebe was hit by a pitch to bring the tying to the plate. Rush walked to move Priebe into scoring position and Sinclair singled to score Tech's first run of the inning. After an error, a walk, and another hit batter, Priebe came up for the second time in the inning and hit another three-run homer.

Trailing 10-3 in the top of the fifth inning, BC tried to get something going as a sophomore pitcher Jessica Coan gave up a leadoff walk. The Eagles followed her mistake with a double to put two runners into scoring position with no outs. Coan managed to get out of the inning unscathed by getting two strikeouts and a fly out to end the inning and the game.

After picking up the win on

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# THE WORST OF TECH

## 1 BUDGET CUTS



The legacy of the past school year may well be defined by proposed budget cuts to the University System of Georgia (USG). Falling tax revenues prompted state officials to propose cutting over \$300 million from the USG's annual budget. This would impact schools across the entire state, cutting numerous programs and personnel and possibly leading to a significant increase in tuition. In response, students from universities across the state rallied against the proposed tuition hikes at the Capitol on March 16. As we head into the final days of the school year, the fate of the Institute's finances remains uncertain as Ga. lawmakers have yet to vote on a final proposal to amend the University System's budget.

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Far left: At any given point in time, there is some sort of construction occurring on Tech's campus. The noise and detours tend to be a nuisance to Tech students. Left: President Peterson and other students and administrators participated in the campus safety walk. Crime over the past year has been a persistent problem facing the Tech community. Above: Last fall the Ramblin' Reck lost its home on campus and members of the Ramblin' Reck Club were given a deadline to find a new home for the almost fifty-year-old mascot. A new location still has not yet been found for the classic icon.

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# BEST & WORST OF FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Best On-Campus Eatery:

### Junior's

Student Pick: Junior's

Founded in 1948 and located in the more historical part of campus, Junior's Grill takes its visitors to a simpler time in history. Junior's Grill is an old-school diner, home to scrumptious food, a caring staff and a wide fan base of students, faculty, staff and visitors to Tech's campus. While enjoying a delicious homestyle meal of the early morning French Toast Special or the late afternoon burgers, gyros and chicken fingers, students can travel through the history of Tech and enjoy its rich traditions with aerial photographs of the campus and portraits of important members of Tech's past.



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Junior's has been around since 1948. The blue neon sign in the window of Junior's Grill is an icon known to many on campus.

## Worst On-Campus Eatery:

### Brittain

Student Pick: Brittain

For many students, Brittain Dining Hall is the bane of Tech eating experiences. It is not necessarily the quality of the food that is so bad, it is the lack of diversity. With only one line that actually switches on a day-to-day basis, students are relegated to eating the same salad, burger, burrito or pasta. And it's not just the food; the entire experience is rather subpar. Brittain is not conducive to midnight snacking, the lines are long and the tables are super crowded during peak hours. In fact, the one redeeming quality of Brittain Dining Hall is their incredibly nice staff. Sadly, you can't eat niceness.

## Best Local Eatery: Flip Burger

Student Pick: Taco Mac

This new addition to the Atlanta dining scene from *Top Chef's* Richard Blais did not go unnoticed by the Tech community. The innovative burger bistro provides a lighter option than the classic Varsity fare found on the other side of the connector. Especially addictive are the milkshakes made with non-traditional ingredients like marshmallows and nutella or Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. These liquid-nitrogen frozen drinks satisfy not only a Tech diner's sweet tooth, but their nerdy, science obsessed-need to experiment with their food. Another menu highlight is the vodka soaked onion rings with beer honey mustard.

## Best Late-Night Food: Burger Joe's

Student Pick: Wingnuts

Burger Joe's has been delighting the campus with its late-night greasy delights for years. With the recent expansion of the 14th Street Bridge, the eatery had to change locations to Marietta Street. However, the new location is still close enough to provide students with the flavorful late-night grub they are craving. There is truly no better brain food than a juicy hamburger (they also offer great veggie burgers) and fries. For those too busy to leave their study location, they also deliver.

## Best Coffee: Dunkin Donuts

Student Pick: Starbucks

The new coffee spot in the Student Center opened strong, providing yet another refueling zone for the sleep-deprived student in need of a fix. On top of the classic doughnuts the expanded stand offers breakfast and lunch sandwiches plus an array of fancy coffee-like drinks for those of us who can't quite down a hot, black coffee at 2 p.m. on an 80 degree day. The convenience of a full-service coffee stand in the center of campus cannot be beat, and the rich aroma has tempted many a student to add a caffeinated dessert to his/her lunch menu.

## Best Local Club/Bar:

### Moondogs

Student Pick: Moondogs

For a combination of well-priced beverages, unique ambiance and pretty people, there is no better place to spend a Thursday, Friday or Saturday than Moondogs in Buckhead. Moondogs has several atmospheres which is a real plus for people looking to watch the game, dance a little and chillax with friends all in one night. The dart boards and ping-pong tables let people show off their overdeveloped skills in non-athletic competitions. But the greatest part about this Atlanta establishment is that you will always run into your friend overindulging in the great joys of life.

## Best Local Concert Venue:

### The Tabernacle

Student Pick: The Tabernacle

Located in the heart of downtown Atlanta, the Tabernacle is by far the best venue in the city for concerts. The building got its start as a medical center and nursing school in 1910 and after the 1996 Olympics, it was converted into a music venue. After jumping from owner to owner since the conversion, the building is currently operated by LiveNation, the largest concert promoters in the world. The rich history of the Tabernacle, along with its prime location and perfect atmosphere, makes it the best place to experience your favorite artists.

## Best On-Campus Party: GT GameFest

Student Pick: DX's Wreck the Deck

Caffeine, sugar, loud explosions and the faint blue glow of a computer screen; what's not to like? GT Gamefest is the place to be if you're into any aspect of gaming. Whether you're a professional gamer or just interested in playing a few rounds of *Brawl*, this all-night gaming-centered fiesta has something for you. Wii tournaments, *Counter Strike* on powerful computers and games of *Starcraft* involving the best players on campus draw students from all over campus, regardless of major or involvement.

## Strong Meat

What is the biblical meaning of forgiveness?

The key lies in understanding the concept of remission. The term appears numerous times in the New Testament in the King James Version (Matt. 26:28, Luke 24:47, Acts 2:38, Romans 3:25). Both "remission" and "forgiveness" are translated from the same Greek word. Therefore, a conceptual understanding of Jesus' sacrifice is necessary to answer this question.

In Old Testament times, the sacrifice of an animal provided forgiveness for the believer according to Leviticus 4:35 and 17:11. The priest would perform the necessary ritual with the required animal and the believer would receive atonement for their sins.

Jesus offers something very different. Because we are all descended from Adam, God saw us all in Adam when he disobeyed, and so we all disobeyed with him. Thus, Adam's disobedient "headship" plunged all mankind into a fallen status apart from God. By identifying all who accept Jesus into His death and resurrection (by marriage – Ephesians 5:31-32), God sees them in Jesus' headship and identity, and they become children of God (John 1:12-13, Romans 8:14-16). Thus, their identity with Adam is "forgiven."

Now enters the concept of remission. When one's cancer is in remission, the symptoms are abated and the cancer has no effect on the person's lifestyle. Likewise, when a person becomes a Christian and disobeys God, his spiritual relationship towards God remains intact—only their fellowship suffers. However, a Christian is still held accountable for his actions. God promises to discipline his children (Hebrews 12:6-8), which means they will suffer the consequences of their choices in an effort to improve their behavior that they may experience the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23 – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control).

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## SPORTS

**Best Female Athlete: Irina Falconi and Jen Yee**

Student Pick: Mary Ashley Tippins

Both candidates were highly deserving—too much so to deny either one. Falconi has held the No. 1 ranking in women's singles play for the majority of the season and ended the regular season on a 16-match winning streak. Yee, meanwhile, leads the ACC with a whopping .587 average, a .727 on-base percentage, a 1.306 slugging percentage and a conference record-tying 24 home runs. Her strong sense of patience at the plate—along with opponents' reluctance to pitch to her—have resulted in 60 walks against just three strikeouts.

**Rookie of the Year: Derrick Favors**

Student Pick: Derrick Favors

Freshman forward Derrick Favors is Tech's rookie of the year. The 6-10 Atlanta born basketball player was named ACC Freshman of the Year after averaging 12.4 points and 8.4 rebounds per game. Favors was the top recruit coming out of South Atlanta High School, but most Tech fans will remember Favors' exciting dunks and alley-oops for years to come. Favors announced that he would leave Tech to enter the NBA draft and most professional scouts believe that Favors will be a top five draft pick in June's NBA Draft.

**Best Male Athlete: Joshua Nesbitt**

Student Pick: Joshua Nesbitt

Junior quarterback Joshua Nesbitt is Tech's best male athlete. He was the driving force behind Tech's ACC Football Championship after running for 1037 yards. Nesbitt also led the team in total touchdowns with 28. Nesbitt's most memorable moments in his junior season were his game-winning touchdown in OT against Wake Forest and his game-saving forced fumble against Florida State. After four of his fellow juniors announced they would forgo their senior seasons and enter the NFL draft, Nesbitt elected to stay in school and continue to play quarterback on the flats.

**Most Memorable Game: Beating VT**

Student Pick: Beating VT

The football team's 28-23 victory against rival Virginia Tech was the most memorable sporting event of the year. The winner of the game would likely represent the Coastal Division in the ACC Championship and have a shot at the National Championship. The game was the debut of Tech's version of "All The Way Turnt Up." It set fans into a frenzy on third-down conversions. When the game ended, the students rushed the field and tore down the goalposts in one of Tech's biggest home victories in recent history.



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Far left: Derrick Favors is this year's Rookie of the Year. Top right: Irina Falconi is one of the top female athletes of the year. Left: Joshua Nesbitt leads the team to victory at the ACC Championship game. Above: Students tear down the goalpost in celebration of Tech's victory over Virginia Tech.

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My sociology class just turned into a history class...

Best/Worst of Tech --- Best Bet for an "A": Wishful Thinking 1001

my roommate has no idea how bad he smells

I think we have come to a consensus as a nerd community: we like "the G-spot" as a nickname for the culc

Guy playing the bagpipe on Monday, I happen to think kilts are hot

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If only graduating was as easy as getting in here. Tech, I promise I will give you 3,000 in fees if you will just let me get out!

Guy playing the bagpipe on Monday, I happen to think kilts are hot

Symptoms of finals week include a feeling of impending doom Dear people in the library late at night. I am so glad you have friends. However, if you want to hang out with them, please DONT DO IT where I study.

I just remembered my chicken goes bad on Tuesday.

that ipad makes you look cool, lol jk

After coming to Tech, it's become harder to differentiate between butch girls and guys with pony tails

The pollen covers everything in Tech colors

beware if you switch to IE... we may be imaginary engineers but our senior design will bend you over and rip you a new one

SGA Actually updated Course Critique? It's a festus miracle

Dear Techies: Please start smiling or saying hello to people you pass by. It will make tech more bearable.

when you type in "parking" in the search box on GT Parking's website, it returns zero results

Fail!

Come to hoops and hogs this Sunday on top of Peter's

<p><b>Enjoy a FREE</b> bruschetta and crespella. Present your student ID when you purchase an entrée.</p>		<p><b>Homemade Fresh Pasta</b> Salads Panini</p>	
	<p>Check our weekly ad for different offerings.</p>	<p>Dine in or take out available.</p>	
<p>7 Locations in the Atlanta Area.</p>	<p>Be Yourself. <b>Be FIGO.</b></p>	<p>FigosPasta.com</p>	



# ANAK

Established in 1908

The ANAK Society would like to congratulate and thank the following members who are graduating in Spring 2010

**Robert Gregory McEntyre**

**Melissa Minneci**

**Melissa Spring Pitcher**

**Jonathan Vincent Saethang**

**Alina Danute Staskevicius**

**Brian DeVaughn Tyson**

in recognition of our honorary members

**Andrew John deRussy**

**Sally Hammock**

and in loving memory of our alumni

**Alvin Ferst**

**Cecil Johnson**

*Founded in 1908, The ANAK Society recognizes Junior and Senior students for their outstanding leadership ability, personal achievement, strong character, and true love for Georgia Tech. Membership is considered by many to be the highest honor a Tech student can receive.*