



WREK loses athletics deal

New \$50 million Athletic Association contract cuts WREK radio's budget by 30 percent

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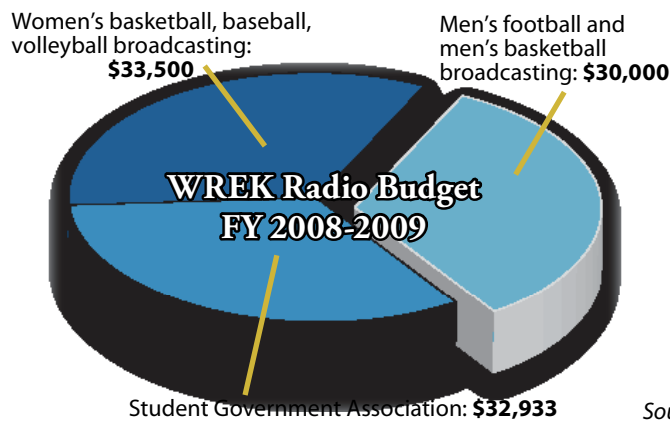


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By Corbin Pon
News Editor

The Athletic Association (AA) and International Sports Properties (ISP), agreed to a new 10-year partnership that will pay Tech nearly \$50 million but cuts in half the revenue WREK receives from ISP for athletic event broadcasts.

As part of the renewed deal, ISP will continue to receive the broadcasting rights to Tech sports. However, it has decided to drop WREK radio as its carrier for evening broadcasts of football and men's basketball. As a consequence, WREK will lose around \$30,000 in yearly revenue, about 30 percent of its annual budget.

According to Owen Shull, ISP vice president and gen-

eral manager for Tech-related operations, four years ago ISP asked WREK to broadcast some of their night games, while informing WREK that ISP would keep looking for a traditional commercial FM station. Broadcasting on a college radio station, ISP would not be able to raise revenue for the AA through on-air ads.

Starting at the beginning of this summer, WYAY (106.7) will replace WREK and become the sole FM carrier for all of Tech's men's basketball, football games and coaches' shows.

"WREK has been a wonderful relationship for us, and one that will continue, as women's basketball and baseball have been on WREK [for a long time]," Shull said. "Ob-

viously we are a big financial part of their operation, and I think it was a good, positive relation....It will change, but I think it will continue to be a good relationship."

However, for Tech's college radio station, this change in the status quo took them by surprise. Trey Rhodes, general manager for WREK, stated that they had no indication that ISP was looking for a new FM carrier. As a student organization, WREK is only able to negotiate one-year broadcasting contracts with ISP and could not secure longer term deals.

"We always knew that it wasn't impossible for [our relationship] to change....[However] no one on the current staff was under the impression that

[broadcasting these games] was a temporary situation. We were looking forward to expanding the relationship [with ISP]," Rhodes said.

WREK's current budget comes in around \$90,000, with one-third of the funding coming from the SGA and the last two-thirds coming from ISP. They also receive a smaller amount of revenue from underwriting and fundraising efforts. Rhodes claimed that the \$30,000 lost from not having the men's basketball and football contract would be impossible to make up through their current funding sources.

According to members of the SGA, they are considering funding at least some of

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Campus MovieFest continues at Tech despite close call

By Vijai Narayanan
Staff Writer

As students have spent the week zipping in and out of class to stay out of the cold, their classmates participating in Campus MovieFest (CMF) have spent that time filming their entries. The annual competition, which challenges teams of students to create short films in the span of one week, almost did not happen this year due to concerns over cost and a lack of communication.

"A lot of the charter members who started CMF at Tech graduated last year, really creating a void in leadership that made it difficult for us to bring the event back," said Qiyu Liu, an ECE



Photo by Blake Israel / Student Publications

Students shoot a film for Campus MovieFest.

graduate student who has been involved with CMF since it first came to Tech in 2003. "We had several students step up to take their place but due to the perceived cost, they weren't as enthusiastic about the event as the charter members."

In the past, Tech has been well represented at the CMF competition, with teams winning many of the top prizes at the regional and national level. When the competition first began, it was operated informally and

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INAUGURATION DAY



Photo courtesy of Scott Medway

A historic day: Millions of people swarmed the National Mall in Washington, D.C. this Tuesday to observe the inauguration ceremonies for Barack Obama, the forty-fourth president of the United States.

White House honors two professors with awards for early career excellence

By Vijai Narayanan
Staff Writer

Nick Feamster, professor in the College of Computing, and Kim Cobb, professor in the School of Earth and Atmospheric Science, were awarded the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) for their early research efforts.

The PECASE award was established in 1996 by the National Science and Technology Council to award the nation's most promising young scientists. The award is the highest honor given by the U.S. government to outstanding scientists and engineers just beginning in their career pursuits.

Feamster was chosen for his work on network security systems, and Cobb was chosen for her work on paleoclimate and climate change. The pair received their awards at the White House last December, where they had a chance to meet then-President George W. Bush and other young researchers from across the

country.

Nine federal departments annually nominate scientists and engineers for the award, for a total of 65 recipients. Both Feamster and Cobb received their award through the National Science Foundation as part of the Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER), which provided them with funding for the research that won them their PECASE award. Out of the several hundred recipients of the CAREER Award, only 20 of them were chosen to receive PECASE awards.

Both Feamster and Cobb credit their success in some part to the great deal of national interest in their research topics. Feamster noted that the general public is becoming increasingly aware of cyber-crime. Furthermore, the issue is a matter of national defense.

"Just as the government spends money on roads and bridges, it wants to secure the telecommunications network, because without it we would be crippled," Feamster said.

He also noted that the research-friendly nature of OIT helped him a great deal in his research.

Cobb hopes that this award will highlight the importance of paleoclimatology to the study of climate change.

"Paleoclimate research represents a small portion of climate change research and I hope that this selection reflects the fact that we need more paleoclimate data to test our climate models," Cobb said.

David Anderson, professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering and a 2004 PECASE recipient, underscored the importance of this award to a young scientist's career.

"You get a lot of respect for winning this award. It gives you the freedom to have a vision, and take risks in exploring new ideas. Most importantly, it gives you the opportunity to be a leader," Anderson said.

Feamster's research deals with network security and

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From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime

By William Brawley
Assistant News Editor



Clubbing and robbing

At 3:50 a.m. on Jan. 18, the police were called to the construction lot of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity regarding a burglary in progress. The witness was contacted near the scene and stated that she observed two black males in a white truck breaking into a construction trailer on the property.

The two officers converged on both sides of the construction lot and observed two black males crouching down behind the back of a white truck. The two men then ran away in opposite directions.

The police then proceeded with a foot pursuit to the black male that was closest to them. The

other suspect jumped the fence and ran down the hill toward the interstate.

The police apprehended the man after running across Fifth St. into the Perry/Matheson parking lot. The man was handcuffed and charged with obstruction of a law enforcement officer.

The police questioned the suspect who stated that he had borrowed the truck from a friend and went to the club. The man said later that the two of them were driving around looking for household items left outside. The suspect said that he spotted an HVAC unit sitting on the property of the construction site, and they decided to take it. The police arrived on

the scene at the time when they were taking the item. The suspect denied entering the trailer and removing any property.

The site was inspected, and a broken lock was found on the ground next to the trailer. A pair of bolt cutters were found inside the white truck. The truck was later found to be a rental truck upon further inspection. The truck was impounded by the police and the owner of the truck contacted. The two suspects were then transported to jail.

Happy birthday

At around 5:30 a.m. on Jan. 18, the police were dispatched to Smith Residence Hall in reference to a sick student. The police arrived and made contact with the sick person, who was observed with a strong odor of alcoholic beverages on his breath and clothing. The student admitted to drinking alcoholic beverages.

The police officer asked the

student for identification, and the student pulled out his wallet. The police took the wallet and found not the student's identification, but three identification cards from the Dominican Republic, each displaying the same name and a different date of birth.

The student stated that his birth date was one of the three listed, which was labeled 1989. The student admitted that the cards with the different birth dates were fraudulent, and the cards were then confiscated by the police officer.

The police called for a Grady ambulance, and the student was transported to Crawford Long Hospital.

Is that a gun in your pocket?

While the police were patrolling Fifth St. on Jan. 16 at 4:30 a.m., an officer noticed a car parked in front of Tin Drum Cafe. The officer observed a tan coat moving inside the car, and

he originally suspected that someone was having medical problems, because the person appeared slumped over. The officer walked up to the car, and saw two males engaged in intercourse.

The officer demanded that the men put their clothes on and step out of the vehicle. Later on, after several other police officers had arrived on the scene, one of the men jumped out of the car and ran into the closed-off courtyard near the Global Learning Center and was quickly apprehended.

A loaded 9 mm pistol was found in the car's center console when the police conducted an inventory of the car.

The driver of the car was charged with pandering and having a weapon on school grounds. The other male admitted to prostituting himself for money, and he was charged with that crime. The car was then impounded and the two men transported to Fulton County Jail.

Opportunities still await students at career fair

By William Brawley
Assistant News Editor

The recent downturn in the economy and the growing strain on available jobs has affected many people, including recent college graduates.

However, a large group of companies on the lookout for full-time jobs, internships and co-op positions was represented at the recent

career fair sponsored by the Georgia Tech Society of Black Engineers (GTSBE).

The GTSBE held their thirty-second annual career fair last week on Thursday, Jan. 15 and Friday, Jan. 16 in the Student Center Ballroom.

Split over the two-day event, 82 companies turned out to speak with prospective students looking to take their first step into the job

market.

"We've had a couple of no-shows from companies due to financial reasons," said La-Trice Lambert, a third-year CS major and chair of the GTSBE. "However, there are more smaller companies this time."

Lambert also noted that there were more internships available than co-op positions this year, yet the number of full-time positions

remained the same compared to past years.

The career fair was open to all students, with the majority of companies represented focusing on hiring computer science and engineering majors. However, there were some available positions for management majors.

A variety of companies sent representatives and recruiters, including Fluor, Harris Assured

Communications, Lockheed Martin and Intel.

Concerns over the poor economy have not stopped some companies from trying to fill open positions. Corporate representatives stated that while they may not be hiring as many positions as in years past, they are in fact still hiring.

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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 Corbin Pon, News Editor, and Zimu Yang, Contributing Writer



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Corey Boone, representative from management, addresses the UHR during their debate to fund a bike rental program. The bill was postponed over questions of rider safety and student demand.

This edition of *Council Clippings* covers the UHR and GSS meetings from Jan. 20, 2009.

Bike Rental Program

The UHR and GSS both thoroughly debated a bill that requested capital funding for a new bike rental program being set up by Students Organizing for Sustainability (SOS). SOS originally requested \$2464.50, primarily for the repair of 70 bikes held by Auxiliary Services that would be used as part of the rental program.

The bill amount of the bill was amended to \$1681.50 as the expenditures were considered capital investments, and the SGA will only pay two-thirds the value of a capital expense.

In both the GSS and the UHR, members voiced concerns over the potential safety hazards posed by using repaired bikes. Liability and the safety of the riders were mentioned as the primary concerns.

Some members of the UHR

felt that there was not enough evidence to show adequate student demand for the rental program and called for a quantitative survey.

The GSS also cited a lack of specifics about the program as a point of concern.

However, both bodies indicated an approval of the effort by SOS to provide a sustainable home for the bikes.

In the end, the GSS passed the bill 13-12-2, with the speaker casting the tie-breaking vote.

In the UHR, they decided to postpone the bill for a week so that more information could be gathered.

Bike Rental Program

The GT Racquetball Club requested \$376 for a racquet stringing machine, a speed gun and a racquet string. The Joint Finance Committee recommended that the bill be amended to \$286 to comply with their policy. This

motion was passed.

GT Racquetball Club justified purchasing a stringer by claiming it would allow their members to save money by not having to hire a third party, and said that they would provide the equipment to non-members at a cost much below market price.

When asked if the CRC had a stringer, the organizational representative stated that they did, but that the CRC only strings their own racquets with the machine.

The representative also said that the stringing machine would allow the club to restring their racquets at competitions.

As for the speed gun, the club said that it would be used to help members train, and serve as a fundraising tool to challenge potential members.

Both the GSS and UHR were satisfied with the club's explanations. The GSS passed the bill 23-2-1. The UHR passed the bill 32-0-1.

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.

New computer wormsits dormant, for now

A new computer worm is spreading out through low security networks, memory sticks and out-of-date PCs, reported the *BBC*. The new virus, discovered in October 2008, goes by a variety of names, including Conficker, Downadup or Kido. No damage from the new worm has been reported yet, such as identity thefts or financial losses, though it appears the hackers are trying to infect as many PCs as possible. The total spread of the worm seems to be leveling off presently, but at 9.5 million infected computers, IT and security professionals are concerned that hackers could easily then take over all of these computers with administrator access.

Microsoft has responded by patching users' systems. However many PCs are vulnerable, especially at businesses which are behind in their system updates. Still, given that the worm can also infect computers using USB memory sticks, Windows patches do not provide full protection and dedicated updated anti-virus software is needed.

The worm works by inserting code into an executable file called "services.exe." It then creates a

random DLL file, and modifies the Windows Registry. Once the virus is up and working, it creates an HTTPS server, resets the System Restore point, and downloads files from the hacker's website. Rather than using one hacker website, the virus randomly changes the URLs.

Obama sworn in, again

President Barack Obama on Wednesday, re-took the Presidential Oath of Office for a second time after Chief Justice John Roberts flubbed his recitation of it during the official inauguration ceremony on Tuesday. Obama paused and then repeated the error mistakenly. According to the *Washington Post*, Roberts traveled to the White House today to re-administer the oath properly.

According to the Constitution, a president is required to recite: "...that I will faithfully execute the office of president of the United States..." However, at the ceremony on Tuesday, Roberts said "...that I will execute the office of president to the United States faithfully."

The flawless recitation at the White House took 25 seconds and was done without a Bible. White House counsel Greg Craig said that they believe that the oath of office was conducted effectively and that the President was sworn in appropriately during the inauguration, but that the new oath was taken "out of an abundance of caution."

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The Student Center lab keeps cutting off my margins! I just want to print my resume. It works fine everywhere else!
this is why I stopped going to bball games. it's so much less painful if you can change the channel

Hey SGA! Wanna know what students are REALLY concerned about? Read the slivers!

Living at tech without a phone is ridiculous and nearly impossible

i think you should take me on a date. or we could hook up again. either one would be fine by me.

YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?!?!?! at least it'll make for a good story.

With enough gazmos and gidgets, Trey could beat up Batman Kid in dynamics at 11, your stupid questions are what office hours are for...don't waste my time.

We're going to steak night, we're gonna eat it right, steak is such a treat, it is the world's BEST MEAT!

fix the pdfs

Hi

Does anyone know what the point of Statics is?

She wore a raspberry beret. The kind you find in a secondhand store. And if it was warm she wouldnt wear much more.

Hg + Ss

You're such a stalker!!!

Spiller stop being a woman and drink mikes hard lemonade you woman while the rest of us will DRINK OUR WHISKEY CLEAR

Hey catgirl! What's with the ears and tail? Is there some reason behind it?

You don't have to wield the sword of truth to make a difference. Good job Perry/Matheson for not setting off the fire alarm so far this semester! Keep up the good work and remember, there is a popcorn button.

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Mold damages WREK archives

By William Brawley
Assistant News Editor

Over this past winter break, WREK radio suffered extensive damage to their storage facility in the annex building to Alexander Memorial Coliseum. A steam pipe that ran through the room burst, filling the locked room with heat and heavy moisture.

For at least three days, since the WREK staff was away on break, the room continued to stay saturated with moisture. This moisture, combined with the warm temperature and darkness, created the perfect growing conditions for mold, which began to thrive and grow on most of the WREK property.

Aside from the moisture damage, mold also poses a serious threat, not only to the condition of the WREK equipment but also to the health of anyone entering the room. According to the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, the mold posed a health hazard.

"A couple of our staff reported headaches and trouble breathing after spending 20 minutes in the room," said Trey Rhodes, WREK general manager.

Before the health risk from the mold was known, the WREK staff attempted to remove the items from the room and begin cleaning off the mold. Mac Pitts, director of Student Media, also noted that after being in the room he experienced headaches and that his throat closed up.

After the mold was discovered, the Office of Environmental Health and Safety was called in to assess the situation and analyze the health risks caused by the mold growth.

The Office of Risk Management is currently working on the case to find a mold remediation



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The WREK storage facility in the Alexander Memorial Coliseum annex suffered severe mold damage after a steam pipe burst.

company to clean up and dispose of the harmful mold growing on the WREK equipment and record cases.

Currently the room has been cordoned off by Environmental Health and Safety staff. According to Pitts, the locks on the doors have also been changed, preventing any WREK staff from attempting to salvage any of the items in the room.

WREK used the room as a storage facility for old recordings

and backup broadcasting equipment. The estimated value of the damage to WREK's property was not possible to determine at this time, as most of the items were of a historical and archival nature.

"Some of the equipment was custom built and designed by WREK alumni and is irreplaceable," Rhodes said. "It's very hard to place a value on the damages that occurred due to the unique nature of the recordings and equipment."

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helping network operators do their job more easily. As networks become more ubiquitous, making them easier to manage is critical to defending them against attack. One way to approach the problem is trying to make the network design more robust and secure from attack. "We also try to solve the problem by making it easier for a network operator to diagnose and fix problems once they occur by gathering information from devices and presenting them in a format useful for the operator," Feamster said.

Cobb's research involves study-

ing climate change through paleoclimatology, focusing on climate change over the recent geological past to understand climate change today and its future implications.

"We use samples from the Tropical Pacific to figure out the variability of climate in the past and how the ecosystem responded to those changes," She said.

Using stalagmites from a work site in Borneo and corals from a small set of Pacific Islands, Cobb applies geochemical techniques to gather data about the Earth's past climate. Her focus is to gather enough data about the past to test and improve climate change models for the future.

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Other companies, such as Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman, said they are still hiring at normal amounts.

"We're still hiring, looking for various engineers," said a recruiter from Northrop Grumman who requested to remain anonymous. "I'm unsure about the exact volume [of available positions], but I've had approximately over 60 interested students or submitted resumes."

Companies such as Microsoft and Schlumberger are still hiring for positions. However, they have held back on hiring as many entry-level positions.

"We are still hiring, but not so much. We aren't stopping though," said Humberto Larios, a representative from Schlumberger. "[We] still have about 50 internships and 100 engineering full-time positions."

Even with the rumors of layoffs reported by *CNET News*, Microsoft acknowledged that they were still in the process of hiring recent graduates.

"We aren't doing it as fast or aggressively now," said Steven Gray, a Microsoft representative. "We're looking for more interns

in areas like software engineering and program management. Also in core tech areas, such as the core OS division, Windows, high performance computing and security." Gray also stated that last year Microsoft employed more than a dozen summer interns who came from Tech.

Despite the views from the recruiters, the job hunt is proving difficult from the students' perspectives.

"The number of positions [has been] reduced drastically," said Aditya Padival, an ISyE graduate student and international student. "It's bad for international students, and better for U.S. citizens."

However, at least one Tech student was having some luck in the search for employment after being able to set up an interview with an employer.

"At this career fair, the diversity in the companies is better," said Philip Estrada, fourth-year ME. "However [the economy] has affected some more than others, and it makes it more challenging."

Estrada described how some companies aren't hiring as much. Southern Company, according to Estrada, has a hiring freeze for all full-time positions.

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sj and kp sittin in a treeee

Last friday's paper was crap...

a) the piece about the student center vans made no sense

b) never start an opinion piece with "Now I'm no ____ buuut..."

c) why is the sports editor writing about the economy?

... props on the Board of Regents hit piece, though :)

Sometimes I'll walk into my bathroom just to make sure that I flushed the toilet after I pooped last. If only my roommates knew all that I do for them.

Foreign Girl & BB Girl.....verrry niiece

Jeep Brah Lives

To the 3rd floor Folk guy with the Terrible Towel in his window.... GO STEELERS!!!!

JAY CUTLER!

My girlfriend has perfect boobs. Ah yeah!

Hey North Ave, you can open your vents back up by sticking a screwdriver in them!

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Has anyone noticed the hot wingnuts delivery dude? I wanna be like "You are hot like this 1/2 lb free deal!"

the time is 3:44 am on wednesday january 21, and I just witnessed a car crash on the highway outside my window! traffic is slowing down now

Humboldt Award honors Landman

By Kaitlin Goodrich
Staff Writer

Uzi Landman, a professor who has been with the physics department for over 20 years, was recently awarded the Humboldt Research Award for Senior U.S. Scientists.

Humboldt awards are given out to researchers whose research has had a significant impact on their own discipline and who are expected to continue producing significant achievements in the future.

"All awards are nice, but this one is an especially nice award to get," Landman said. "It does not mean your work is done like some awards, but that you are expected to keep contributing and making a difference with your research."

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation is based in Germany and strives to foster relations between the scientific community in Germany and those in other countries. The Foundation gives 100 awards annually—some to German scientists to do research abroad and some to scientists internationally to spend time doing research in Germany.

Recipients of Humboldt awards must first be nominated by established German academics in their fields. Landman's award was sponsored by the Technical University of Munich and the Max Planck Institute.

The award includes a grant of €60,000 and a chance to come to

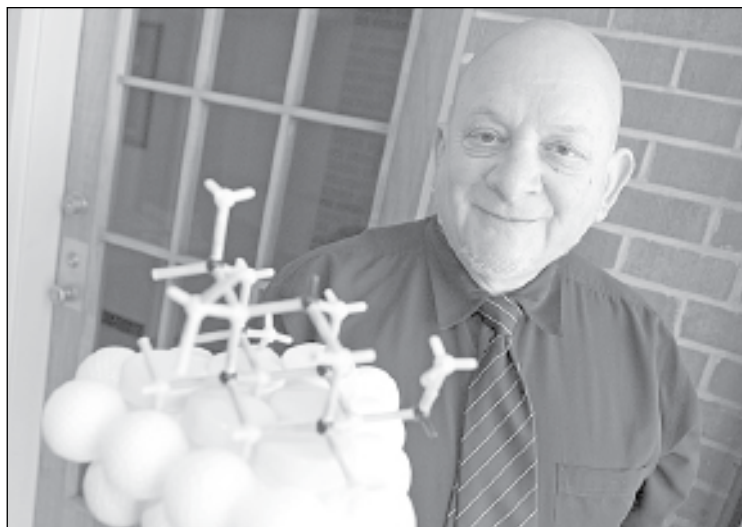


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Uzi Landman, a Physics professor, was awarded the prestigious Humboldt Award, to conduct collaborative research in Germany.

Germany for up to a year (in total, although that time can be divided into blocks) to do collaborative research with German scientists. It is considered a very prestigious award and is only given to internationally recognized scientists.

Landman was given the Humboldt award for his research on physics of microscopic-level interactions of materials. His work is recognized for pioneering the analytical models and computer-based simulations that reveal physical phenomena underlying the properties of matter at nano-scale levels.

In Germany, Landman plans to continue his work researching chemical reactions at nano-scale levels collaborating with

experimentalists who will test his models. Landman said he considers himself a theorist and that he looks forward to "the impact that working with German experimentalists will have on the models."

The prestige of the award not only promises to help Landman's career, but it also has the potential to bring new scientific opportunities to Tech.

"The benefit of this award will not just be prestige for me or publicity for what the faculty here is doing...but most importantly, it gives the opportunity [for myself and other Tech faculty] to large-scale integrate and collaborate with first-class scientists around the world and bring them here," Landman said.

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the revenue WREK expected to receive from ISP and are currently trying to work out a deal to have the AA help the radio station transition out of their current situation.

"We reached out...to let [WREK] know that this [new deal] was forthcoming. In some ways, we're saying that there is a six-month lead window before anything changes," said director of Athletics Dan Radakovich. "We as an athletic association invested \$25,000 a year ago in updating the new antenna....They asked us for that, and we said sure. I look at our relationship with WREK as a positive."

According to emails obtained by the *Technique*, Radakovich sent a message to William Schafer, vice president for Student Affairs, last Monday about the AA's new deal with ISP. On Tuesday, Mac Pitts, director of Student Media, was notified about the contents of the email, and he soon contacted WREK explaining the impact it would have on their organization.

"It was troubling to learn that ISP Sports and the AA had moved toward another FM station in the area when WREK...had been providing sports coverage for them for the past several years," Pitts said. "As an advocate for student media, it's easy for me to feel that little or no warning of this relationship being dissolved was afforded the students who depend upon the ISP Sports contract dollars to operate the station. While it is a tough blow for WREK, I

can understand how the athletic program needs to make certain all of their obligations are being met as well."

When asked if WREK radio could have been contacted more directly, Radakovich said that in his position, it would be difficult to know the correct individual to contact as members of student organizations change every year. He said that in his email, he asked Schafer to contact the appropriate parties.

According to Rhodes, WREK radio has direct connections with both ISP and the AA, and yet, they were not contacted directly. "The whole situation struck us as odd and backhanded," he said.

Jason Boral, sports director for WREK, said that last year, ISP had allowed the radio station to broadcast all of Tech's ACC games, instead of just the evening games that they usually covered. Boral indicated that he thought this move by ISP was a step to a more permanent partnership.

The items in WREK's budget include personnel costs, the costs for broadcasting material, equipment maintenance, FCC requirements and electronic equipment.

The \$50 million that Tech is receiving through its new deal with ISP will come through a revenue-sharing model that will see Tech's yearly royalty grow from just under \$4 million to more than \$5.5 million at the end of the tenth year. Tech's previous deal with ISP was in its last years, and over that period of time it paid out around \$22 million, according to Radakovich.

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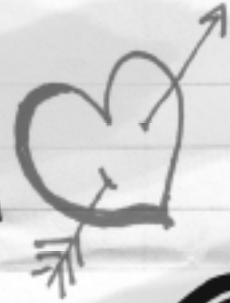
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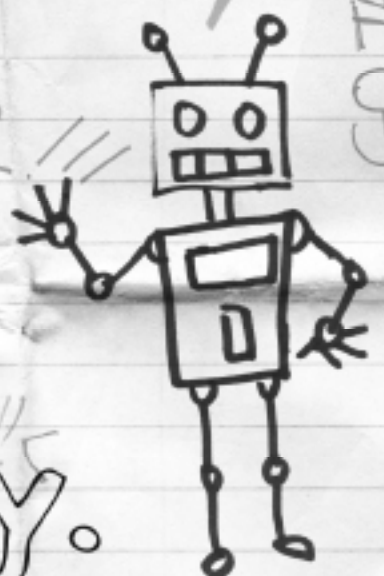
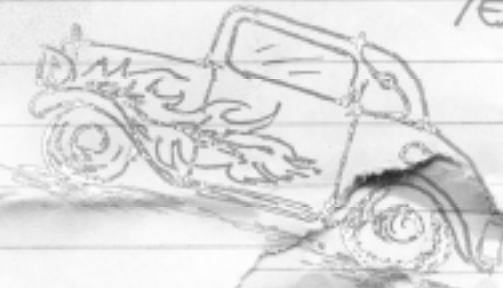


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Record numbers turn out for Spring Rush

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Tech students interested in participating in the Greek system had a chance to get to know Spring Rush and tour the various fraternities on Tech campus from Monday Jan. 12 to Thursday Jan. 15.

David Fendig, chair of Spring Rush and vice president of recruitment, said that while not every fraternity participates 28 of the 31 fraternities were involved in the activities.

While some campus sororities have their own recruiting drive, most sororities recruit in the fall only. The Interfraternity Council (IFC) operates Spring Rush so the term refers exclusively to fraternity recruitment.

The number of fraternities participating is an increase from eight years ago when only half the fraternities were involved. This year, more students attended Rush compared to last year.

"[We broke] last year's number," Fendig said. "[We had] a high volume of traffic than from past years."

While the IFC does not provide definitive records of the total number of people who pass through each fraternity during the week, there were 140 new pledges this spring, compared to only 100 pledges last year. Also for the first time in four years, two fraternities managed to bring in double-digit pledges.

The biggest discrepancy between rushing in the fall and spring is the number of students involved. During Fall Rush, the number of students going through each fraternity house averages anywhere from two hundred to three

hundred per night, and the average pledge class sizes are around sixteen members.

Spring Rush sees a much smaller number however, with ten to twenty people visiting per night and pledges classes coming in at around four members.

Recruitment numbers fluctuate and there does not appear to be any identifiable trend. The recent economic problems facing our country did not affect the number of attendees either as evidenced by the larger turnout this year. Additionally, the rain that sprouted up during the past four years did not hamper this year's Spring Rush.

Another reason given by Fendig for the amount of people who decided to rush in the spring and not the fall was the uncertainty of rushing so early.

"[Students] were unsure about school and so they wanted to see if they can handle the work loads at Tech before pledging," Fendig said.

He said that fraternities provide tutoring and teach time management skills for students who are unsure about the time commitment demand by Greek life.

The Rush activities in the spring are informal like their fall counterparts. Students tour fraternities, sample foods and meet brothers. Fendig said that one advantage of rushing in the spring is that due to the lower volume of traffic.

According to Fendig, fraternity members and touring students are better able to "make a connection and get to know each other" in the Spring Rush environment.

"During fall brothers might not be able to meet everyone who goes through, but in spring they will be able to," Fendig said.



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Students set up camera equipment to shoot a scene for their movie. Students are given a camera, a laptop and other accessories for free to make a 5-minute short film for the competition.

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did not charge the participating universities, but as the event became more high profile, the company running CMF, Ideas United, took steps to raise the competition's visibility. These actions, which included renting out the Ferst Center, contributed to the increase in cost.

On the whole, CMF costs \$36,000, most of which is covered by corporate sponsors. Tech's CMF committee was left with the responsibility for finding an additional \$10,000 in funding.

In November, Liu, Daniel Fuller, a third-year CM major, Wryen Meek, a fifth-year PUBP major, Melissa Pitcher, a third-year BIO major, Sharad Gopal, a first-year EE major, and Sidarth Kantamneni, a third-year STAC major, organized an emergency meeting to save CMF. They set themselves up as the CMF organizing committee and began lobbying SGA and other student organizations for funding.

"The organization was very hard for those couple of days and met with me and they were very proactive in pushing the event,"

said Kristie Champlin, second-year PUBP major and chair of the SGA Institute Wide Committees. "There was some confusion in SGA because they didn't have the precise line items necessary to get SGA funding, but we decided in the end that the event is important to Tech's campus and we expedited the bill through SGA."

Tech's CMF committee tapped several sources, including SGA, FAB, RHA and Buzzfunds, to keep the event at Tech. SGA alone funded over \$12,500 for the event. "We were able to get the funds in time for the event and do some advertising and it looks like we'll have a pretty decent turnout this year, around what we usually have," Liu said.

"If you look at the size and the number of teams involved in the event, including the friends they pull in for filming and those who come to watch the movies, it probably brings together about 30 percent of Tech's student body," Liu said.

In the past, clips from CMF entries have appeared on ABC News, Times Square, and this year the top films will be showcased at Paramount Studios in

Los Angeles.

"It's really a great opportunity for people to get together with their friends and do something fun for a whole week," said Daniel Fuller, third-year CM major. "During CMF you can produce something that is really complete, from start to finish, whereas if I was making my own movie, I might never get through the editing process."

Created by a group of students at Emory University in 2001, CMF provides each team, free of charge, with a digital HD camcorder, boom microphone, MacBook Pro and two AT&T camera phones to make their movies. The Apple laptops are loaded with editing software such as iMovie and Final Cut Pro. The competition gives the participants only one week to film their movie, and requires the movies to be less than five minutes long.

"CMF gives you an opportunity to exercise your right brain. Sometimes at Tech you forget how to do that," said Bryan Chang, third-year AE major. The CMF at Tech Finale will be held Jan. 29 in the Ferst Center and will be open to all students.

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