

Student site reflects unique Tech culture

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Four students, three guys and a girl, created a website for fun and launched it during a group presentation in their Small Talk class. In two days the site had over 9,000 hits. Only at Tech.

Onlyattech.net is a new site on campus, though technically not affiliated. Its popularity stems from the pride Tech students find in complaining. It captures the sentiment that since we suffer more, we are better than everyone else.

The format of the site may look familiar to those who waste their time on FML or Texts From Last Night, the stories however, are totally unique to Tech. For example, #212, "More squirrels than girls. Only at Tech." Or how about #694, "The freshman guys on my floor at Smith figured out that they could keep playing Xbox during a power outage by wiring their television and Xbox directly into the emergency fluorescent lighting. Only at Tech."

The students behind the website are Andrew Ash, third-year CS; Holden Link, third-year CM; Kaliyana Finney, fourth-year CM; and David Turk, third-year CM. The ratio might seem too ironic to be true based on the postings, but she does exist, honestly. The idea came about during lunch one day after their CS 2440 class.

"We created [the site] back in the beginning of Oct.," Turk said, "but we didn't tell anyone or actually launch the site until Nov. 4" Since then, the site has over 5,000 fans on Facebook, and has a visitation the size of a quarter of Tech's campus.

"One of the things that really struck us about how fast it spread was how fast it spread without any kind of advertising...we launched the site was when we were giving a presentation in our Small Talk class, and we just added it on a slide at the end," said Link.

Link provided the graphic design for the website as well as the hosting.

"I have a web server because I run a little video game company so I already had all of the resources we needed to be able to put the website online," Link said, "All we needed to do was buy the name and put it up there."

Finney and Turk moderate the site by approving the stories that Tech students submit, and Ash is a programmer that maintains the

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Onlyattech.net was started by four Tech students and showcases the experiences and stories unique to only Tech students.

Stepping up to the plate against cancer

Local celebrities team up with Rally Kids for cancer research fundraiser

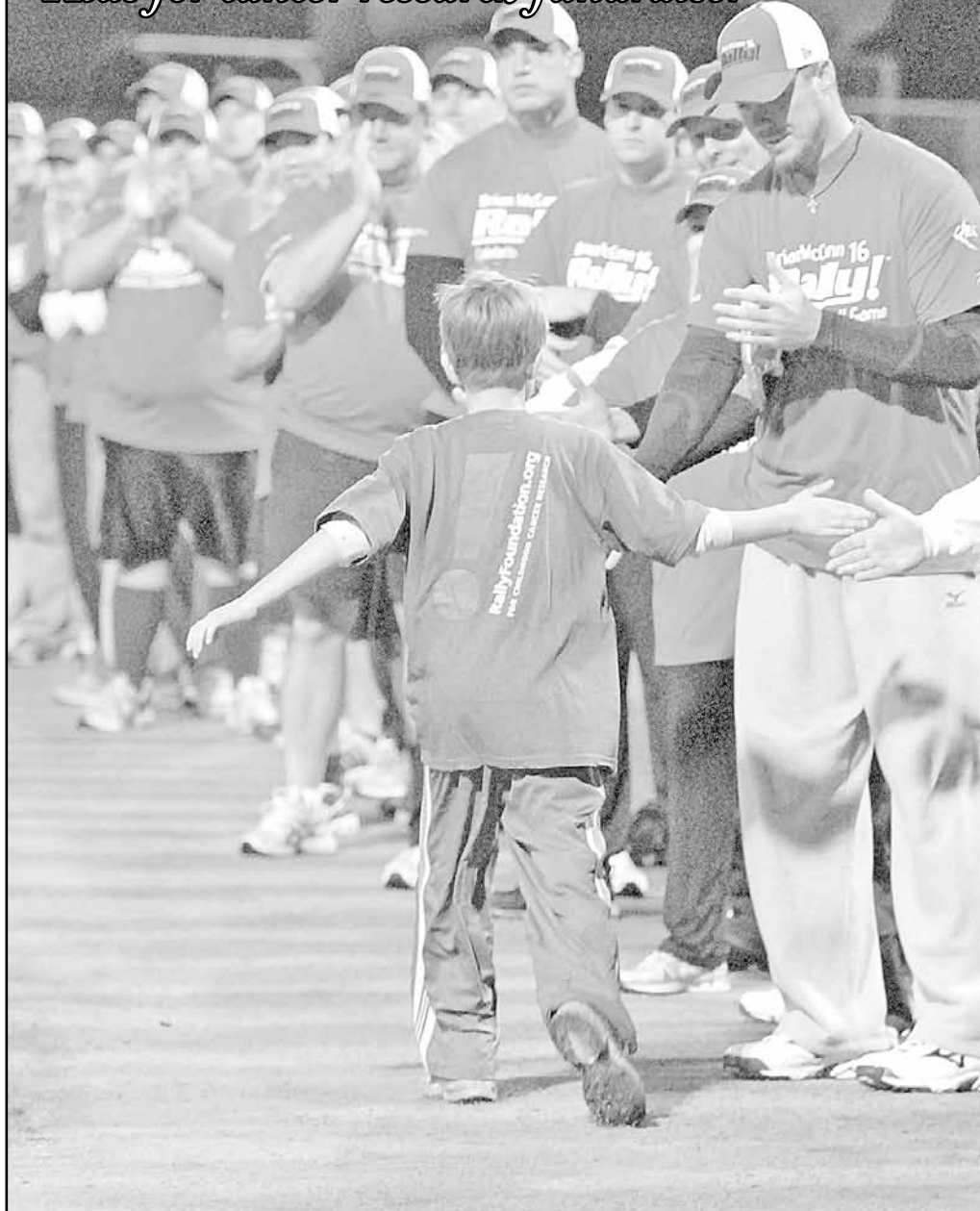


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Children that have recently battled cancer and are part of the "Rally Kids" group participated in a softball game with local celebrities like Braves Brian McCann and Chipper Jones.

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Tech played host to a number of celebrities this past Friday, as the Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research held its first annual Brian McCann Celebrity Softball Game at Russ Chandler Stadium.

The event's host, Atlanta Braves catcher Brian McCann, teamed up with the Rally Foundation and teammate Chipper Jones to put on a softball game to raise awareness of and funds for childhood cancer research.

"When you meet some of these kids, it makes the decision to help them anyway you can an easy one to make," said McCann when asked about the cause.

Also in attendance were a handful of other Braves players, US Senator Johnny Isakson, Tech head baseball coach Danny Hall and a number of

other famous athletes, coaches, radio personalities and news anchors. The stars joined forces with the event's sponsors and the "Rally Kids," children who have battled or are currently battling cancer and broke into teams.

The two teams were captained by McCann and Jones and were coached by Leo Mazzone, a famed Braves pitching coach and Sam Wyche, a former NFL coach who once led the Cincinnati Bengals to the Super Bowl.

At the end of the night, McCann and Wyche led their team to an 11-7 victory over their opponents.

While the big draw of the game was the celebrities, the focus of the night was undeniably the Rally Kids themselves. Officially, the kids filled the positions of bat boys and girls to the players, but through a collection of spontaneous shenanigans and scripted between-inning events, they stole

the show more than once during the night. Whether it was a traditional dizzy-bat race, running the bases in uniforms five sizes too large or chasing Chipper Jones around the infield with a Super Soaker, the kids often attracted more attention than the game itself.

When prompted about his involvement in the water gun incident, McCann admitted to offering the perpetrating Rally Kid \$100 if he managed to soak Jones before the night was over.

Earlier in the evening, McCann taught Andrew Vassil, a 14 year old Rally Kid, a valuable lesson: don't make a bet with a professional baseball player you are not willing to keep. The night before the game, Vassil attended the Rally Foundation's Benefit Bash and bet that if someone donated \$10,000 to the Foundation, he would let McCann shave

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CoC project reboots IT professionals

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Operation Reboot, a project in the College of Computing, will pair laid-off IT professionals with high school teachers to give them a leg up in their career options starting in the spring of 2010. The project is headed by Barbara Ericson, the Computing Outreach Director at the CoC's Institute for Computing Education (ICE).

The goal of Operation Reboot is to pair a high school computer science teacher with an unemployed IT worker for two classes over a year. The teacher would then learn more about computer science from a professional, and the IT professional would learn how to teach the craft.

Su Craddock – the business and computer science director for Walton Career Academy, a school participating in Operation Reboot – will teach Computing in the Modern World alongside an IT professional. Craddock took three summer workshops at Tech to qualify for the project.

"I do believe that the students would be more encouraged to go into a computer science field with a former IT employee in the classroom," Craddock said, "The IT professional can answer questions that I cannot and will therefore provide a new point of view from which the students can base career decisions."

With the multi-billion dollar IT industry feeling the economic hurt, major corporations like IBM and Hewlett-Packard have laid off thousands of employees just in the last year.

Though national stimulus money may not get their original jobs back, funding programs like Operation Reboot would allow experience and knowledge of the IT industry to be an investment in education instead.

"I see the greatest benefit to be the IT professional's varied knowledge, abilities and skills from the corporate world to integrate real-world applications into the curriculum," Craddock said.

Craddock has worked with corporations and Fortune 500 companies before teaching at Walton Career Academy, though her experience is limited only to certain industries. She looks forward to a fresh perspective in her classroom.

"Personally, I want to pair with an IT professional to fill in the gaps in my own knowledge," Craddock said, "Also, working with an IT professional in class will reinforce

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'Real-life Hitch' visits Tech to give dating advice

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Have you ever wondered what true love really is? Have you questioned what makes a relationship work? Or, maybe, have you ever asked yourself how to approach that guy or girl you saw at a party? If you have ever speculated about any of these questions, there is a man that has all of the answers.

His name is David Coleman, and he is also known as the Dating Doctor. Coleman is widely known as "the real-life Hitch" and is the author of various relationship books, such as 101 Great Dates, Date Smart!, Marking Relationships Matter! and Prescriptions for Life and Relationships.

His blunt, humorous relationship advice have resulted not just in commercial successes, but also critical acclaim. He has been honored 12 times as National Speaker of the year, nine times by Campus Activities Magazine and three times by the National Association for Campus Activities.

According to Coleman though, there's more to his advice than just how to behave in and interpret romantic or sexual relationships. His theories can be applied to personal goals such as leadership development, character, confidence and values. The breadth of his advice's relevance and his unique and engaging presentation style has made him a high commodity, one that Tech students had the lucky opportunity of witnessing this fall.

On Nov. 12, the Dating Doctor made a visit to Tech Student Center to talk about relationships and dating while relating these concepts to college students. From the beginning of the visit, he developed a highly interactive and open environment for Tech students to speak their minds, ac-

tively listen to others and created engaging conversations that many students found relatable.

Also, he explained what makes college students better learners and engagers than others.

"I love talking to college students, first and foremost, because they have the ability to put something into their life tomorrow that they learned today. High school students are just happy to be in an assembly and be out of class, they really don't want to improve their lives. And, sometimes older adults are stuck in their ways, and they'll hear me talk, but they really won't go out and try things out. I really started this because I believe that college students had the capacity to learn it and the ability to do it, and that's why I love the line of work that I do," Coleman said.

Coleman began by defining romance as performing an ordinary act of love or kindness at an unexpected time. However, according to Coleman, romance doesn't just appear out of thin air.

He explains that there is a single question to ask one's significant other, which is to question the difference between being an "option" or a "priority." If someone or something is an option to their partner, romance will be forced, but if someone is a priority, romance will happen more naturally and the relationship will be more fruitful.

Coleman focuses on the idea that relationships are based off of self-esteem, explaining that attraction is only a learnable skill and that one must first become the "right" person for themselves and others before they will find the "right person" to complement their life.

Coleman then proceeded to get into the more comical portion of his speech. Coleman shared with the Tech audience ridiculous pick



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David Coleman, often described as the "real life Hitch," answered Tech students questions about dating and gave advice on relationships when he spoke last Thursday at the Student Center.

up lines he's heard. For example, "if beauty was measured in milk, you'd be a cow," and gave tips on how to be a "fat penguin." That is, you must waddle out and break the ice in order to have a successful relationship.

The Date Doctor then had a question/answer "five minute frenzy" for the Tech audience, where any question about dating and relationships could be answered.

Inquiries ranged from serious to downright funny, as Tech students asked about the "friend

zone and how to tell when you are or aren't in this zone, the varying commitment levels of men and women and even ended on Coleman's explanation of why some women believe that all the men they date or sleep with, neigh, even all men on the face of the planet, are terrible lovers.

To add even more direct interaction to the presentation, Mr. Coleman introduced the Johari window, which proved to be the crowd favorite.

The Johari window is a mini-experiment where one answers a

few questions that can help one define oneself on a personal, emotional and relationship level. You use those answers on a grid of "rooms" along with the answers of our friends.

Those answers then let the user know what he or she thinks about himself both consciously and subconsciously compared to how he or she is consciously and subconsciously perceived by others.

He ended his presentation with his self-proclaimed most impor-

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Taylor wore the same thing to initiation that she did to the Halloween Bash. That's friggin hilarious!

Wake Forest Will Eat My Dust!

John don't you miss having friends?

Glad you untagged all those photos of your cellulite.

dear gary a. you and your alumni can suck it

There's a creeper in Howey L2. I hope he doesn't choose me!

The big dipper will guide home

Devi loves her baby sister!!!

What's with all the three hour bio classes? Boy I'm glad there's no lab.

Happy TCD day!!!

Happy CDJ Day!!!

Alexis Morrison is a beast at life.

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BRITAIN'S MILKSHAKE BRINGS ALL THE BOYS TO THE YARD.

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Dear sliver overlord, I demand that you stop [you have been censored]

Everyday...wtf am I doing here?

why can't I find a spot in my parking deck even with my 800 bucks permit, wtf tech

GT CHOIR CONCERT!!!!!! Tuesday, 11/17 at 7:30pm at All Saints' Episcopal Church (about a block away from North Ave Apts)!!!!!!

The nickname for the webmaster of Chorale's cyberbuzz page is "Badcock." How is that not enough reason to at least go check the website out?



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Operation Reboot gives IT professionals the chance to earn a teaching certificate and gain real life experience in teaching.

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the concepts with real-world knowledge.”

Ramona Calvey, an IT professional who will join the program, has over 25 years of experience working as the senior programmer at Coca-Cola Company and instructional technology specialist at Clark-Atlanta University, among many other top positions.

“I think that the greatest benefit of co-teaching is the teaching experience that can be gained from working with and being mentored by an experienced teacher,” Calvey said, “I would like to provide the students with current IT industry standard knowledge, examples, and projects to solve. I would also like to assist with expanding the existing computing classes that are being taught and to help to increase the number of computing courses being offered.”

The IT professionals will earn a stipend of \$3,410 per month for 11 months and ultimately earn an initial teaching certificate with a computer science endorsement.

“There are some computer science teachers who were IT workers who either retired or decided they didn’t want to do IT anymore and they were interested in teaching,

so I knew that there was this path that people had been taking,” Ericson said.

Ericson applied this idea when she met a National Science Foundation (NSF) program director who offered a funding opportunity for computer science educators. The NSF’s Broadening Participation in Computing program, which has funded past CoC projects under its mission to improve computing education, then decided to fund Operation Reboot with funds recently acquired after February’s national stimulus package.

Since funding is already set by the allotted stimulus money, Ericson does not expect the state or Tech to fund Operation Reboot for an expansion or continue it past its three-year period. She does expect, however, that other states will realize the potential for this program and possibly start other similar ones.

Operation Reboot has garnered national attention, including a feature article in Computer World.

So far 15 schools in northern and central Georgia have applied for the program; the classes include AP Computer Science, Intermediate Programming, Computing in the Modern World and Introduction to Programming.

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his head. A handful of sponsors put up the money and, true to his word, Vassil sat himself on a stool mid-field while McCann learned how to use a pair of electric shears.

A few innings later, a freshly-shorn Vassil stepped up to bat and drove a teammate in for a run and scored one himself before making his way back to the dugout.

As for the charity side of the event, when all was said and done, according to a press release, the Rally Foundation raised a grand total of \$280,000. According to Tech officials involved with the event, over 1,500 fans were present to show their support for the cause.

As stated on the Rally Foundation’s website, www.rallyforkids.com, the organization’s mission is to, “[raise] awareness and funds specifically for childhood cancer research to find better treatments and cures for childhood cancers.” Ninety-three percent of all funds raised by the Foundation go to-

wards funding research grants, awards and fellowships in the area of childhood cancer research.

The Rally Foundation was started when Dean Crowe, its founder and CEO, visited a neighbor’s son in the hospital as his brain cancer lapsed into remission. After asking how she could help, Crowe learned that less research has been done into the area of childhood cancer than the adult varieties, meaning that there are often fewer options for available treatments.

Though the original patient has made an excellent recovery and is now completing his studies at Auburn University, the Rally Foundation still continues to raise money for the cause, largely through grassroots fundraising movements.

According to the Rally Foundation’s website, one in every 330 Americans will develop some form of cancer before the age of 21, and childhood cancers are responsible for more deaths for children under 20 than any other disease.

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site. Keeping the site clean doesn’t take too much time according to Turk, who says that he does his post monitoring work mostly when he’s bored in class or has nothing to do.

“The point of the site is for people to tell their stories...things that happen in their dorms or when they’re walking to class,” said Turk.

In the two and a half weeks since the site was launched the stories have come in to their own consistent style. Ash said that when the site first launched people had stories from their past four, five or six years at Tech to tell.

“Even alumni would come along and say ‘you know back in my day...’ But now we’re starting to get stories that happen on a day to day basis. We’re also starting to see the style has changed a lot. If something happens at noon it will be on the site by 3 p.m.,” said Ash.

The lone female on the Only at Tech team is feeling the fame. “Apparently I don’t exist...people have submitted stories asking if I’m single,” Finney said.

The site isn’t perfect. According to the team there are more ideas coming in than there is ability to make happen, creating a bottleneck.

The solution, more time working on the site so that we can spend more time on the site not doing our work.

The speed at which this site has become part of the Tech culture truly shows how closely connected the Tech campus is, for better or worse.

A website spreads quicker and more easily than the swine flu, Only at Tech.

So next time you wish you did have the swine flu so that you would have an excuse to skip Lab, check out the site at onlyattech.net. Because sometimes, saying FML just isn’t strong enough, Only at Tech.

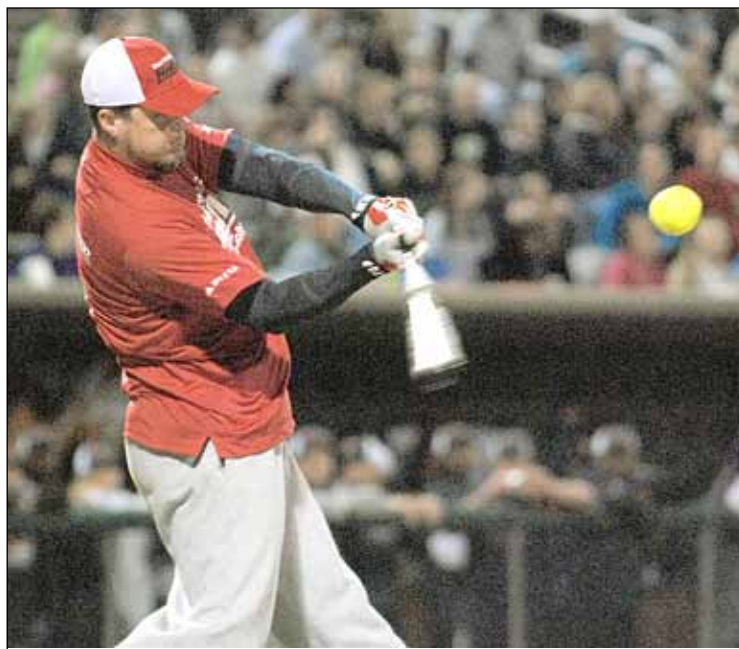


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Chipper Jones was on campus Friday night to participate in a softball tournament benefitting the Rally for kids with cancer.

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tant advice.

"Never mistaken infatuation for love. People meet each other and go, 'Oh, in love', and three months later, their mind sets completely change. So there are facets of love and stages of relationships and people must think very carefully what they say and things they do," Coleman said.

"The light that burns brightest burns shortest. When you first light a candle, the wick goes very quickly, but then it slows down to

a normal pace. When people take that first beginning of the wick in their relationships and they burn through stuff too fast, then they either have to break up or say to the other person that they don't feel the same way they did, because they didn't let it happen naturally. Sometimes it's a facet of time or how fast you burn through these stages," Coleman said.

Not only did the Date Doctor engage Tech students on serious issues of dating, self confidence and the humorous side of when things go wrong, he also spurred

genuine and personal questions from the audience.

"It was a good learning experience. It's something that we don't get to see in India, which is the country where I am from. I got to learn many new things from him, as I am a pretty shy person myself and it will definitely help me to mix along with more people socially and emotionally. My favorite part was when he talked about what women are attracted to! Overall, it was a great event, fantastic," said Siddharth Gaur, Grad ECE.

Many other students also felt that Mr. Coleman's presentation was a success.

"I thought the event was good and that he was accurate on some things. And I liked that he called the girls and guys out on stuff that they do [in a relationship]," said David Attias, Grad ECE.

Others saw Mr. Coleman's lecture as inspiring and provided many life lessons for college students who are just finding their sea-legs in the adult dating world.

"I definitely thought it was very interesting and you really

learned a lot about yourself. My favorite part was the Johari window, because it was crazy accurate on some things," said Heather Aquilino, fourth-year INTA.

If you're interested in learning about Mr. Coleman or more about his relationship/life advice, check out his website at www.datingdoctor.com where you can see his long list of bad kissers (some examples include "the sloth" and "the deer in the headlights"), clever comebacks and ways to purchase his critically acclaimed books.

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