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AA ticket sales outsourced

By Ariel Bravy / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students camp out in tents in front of the ticket office before game day. Now the Athletic Association has hired an outside group to manage ticket sales while students can use an online system to reserve their tickets during game week.

By Vijai Narayanan
Senior Staff Writer

In an effort to boost sales revenue, the Athletic Association recently decided to outsource ticket sales to a local marketing agency, the Aspire Group. Despite a recent increase in season ticket sales for the upcoming football season, sales have followed a declining trend for several years now. Last fall, the AA only sold approximately 24,000 out of the 36,000 season tickets available to the public.

The Aspire Group, which has managed a similar program at Arizona State University, is expected to lead efforts to boost ticket sales for both the football and basketball teams. They are expected to maintain call centers and communication lists to solicit recently graduated students, alumni and Atlanta citizens to become a part of the Tech community by supporting athletics. The deal is expected to bring in over $2.2 million in the next three years.

The company is headed by Bernie Mullin, former president of the Atlanta Hawks and Thrashers and a prominent figure in the field of sports marketing. Dan Radakovitch, Director of Athletics, explained the reasoning behind the decision.

"We decided to go with Aspire because of the different methodologies and ideas they have to boost ticket sales. Plus, to do this on our own would be very difficult since we're in a recession, and hiring staff and taking care of the logistics would be very difficult financially," Radakovitch said.

Radakovitch noted that having a company that dedicates full time to selling Tech products should improve ticket sales significantly. However, Tech is expected to retain control over ticket plans and the pricing model. The deal is expected to be a commission-based venture for both parties,

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Regents modify faculty contracts

By Sijia Cai
News Editor

In another move to cut university budgets across the state, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia decided on May 12 to approve the modification of all employee contracts.

The altered contracts give university presidents the authority to furlough any employees, including faculty members. In this context, furloughing means asking an employee to take one or more days off without pay.

"This gives our presidents the flexibility to make furlough decisions for their respective institutions, if the state revenue situation continues to worsen," said Erroll Davis, Chancellor of the USG.

Originally, about one-fourth of the University System's 40,000 employees were protected by their contracts from being furloughed, but these employees accounted for more than one-half of all personnel costs. After this contract modification, all employees, regardless of tenure or position, can be furloughed in accordance with statewide guidelines should the need arise.

"What the Board of Regents wanted to do was provide each university president with all of the tools available to manage the current fiscal crisis, and furloughs are one of those tools," said Gary Schuster, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs.

University System officials stated that no contract employees will be furloughed within the current fiscal year, which ends on June 30. According to Schuster, President Peterson also has no current plans to furlough Tech employees, although that is one of the expenditure-reducing measures in the administration's discussion of next fiscal year's budget.

"There are many ways in which employees can be furloughed – maybe they'll be asked to take one day a month off or during certain holiday periods

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Tech presents at 2009 Bio International Convention

By Vijai Narayanan
Senior Staff Writer

Atlanta played host to the 2009 Bio International Conference from May 18-21 at the Georgia World Congress Center. The multinational event had over 15,000 attendees and was aimed primarily at industry leaders and small businesses from the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. Representatives from these business sectors showcased their innovations and forged business partnerships. The event included many luminaries such as Sir Elton John, Tom Daschle, Karl Rove, Bill Frist, and Howard Dean. They spoke at length about global health challenges and the importance of healthcare reform in today's world.

While the conference was primarily targeted towards businesses, Tech played multiple important roles by hosting various educational outreach programs on campus and meeting with industry leaders to raise the visibility of the Institute's programs in the field of biosciences. Members from the Tech community were on the local and national organizing committees.

By Michael Schneider / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Biotechnology is one of the fastest developing fields in the world and a growing program at Tech.

"We wanted to be responsible global citizens and help Atlanta put its best foot forward during the conference, while also trying to increase the visibility of Tech in this industry," said Dr. Robert Nerem, Director of the Parker H. Petit Institute for Bioengineering and Bioscience.

"Our main goal through participating in this conference was to get prominent players in the industry to look at Tech as a major source of innovation for the field," said Dr. Ann Schmierer, a member of the Tech Enterprise Innovation Institute. "In the past, the Institute was overlooked in the field due to its late arrival."

With this goal in mind, representatives at the conference highlighted Tech's contributions to the field and offered commercialization ventures for companies interested in relocating to Atlanta. Currently, about 18-19% of research funding for bioscience-related industries comes from private corporations. In an effort to increase this amount, Institute representatives met with industry professionals to tour campus research facilities.

In addition, they also promoted the rigor and quality of Tech's biotechnology program, in an attempt to get industry professionals to recognize the intellectual capital available at Tech.

"The greatest contribution that we can make is to provide the industry with great students. In addition, forging partnership with companies helps our students find jobs after graduation," Schmierer

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Campus Crime

By Zimu Yang
Staff Writer

Armed and confused

On May 25 at around 3 a.m., an officer was dispatched in response to an armed robbery call at 1049 Hemphill Avenue. The officer met four victims, only three of which were current Tech students. The group included three men and one woman. One of the victims reported that he and a second man were on the front porch when three black males wearing black clothing, purple medical gloves and black bandanas over their faces jumped onto the porch and attempted to force the two into the house at gunpoint.

A struggle between the first victim and one of the assailants ensued, with both falling off the side of the porch into the grass. The victim then escaped and ran to the City Café on 505 Tenth Street to alert the police.

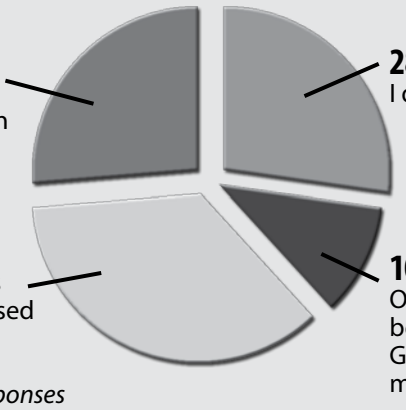
The other two assailants had forced the second victim into the house and taken his wallet and cell phone. The two remaining victims, who had been asleep, were woken up by the sounds coming from the living room. One of the two sleeping victims entered the living room with a baseball bat, which was promptly confiscated by the armed robbers. The robbers then ran out and disappeared down an alleyway, dropping a wallet in the living room as they escaped. Nothing in it was missing and no injuries were reported.

Don't send him back!

On May 29, an officer observed a suspicious black male walking through the parking lot of the Student Center Commons. The man, matched the description of a person reported to have been loitering around a bicycle rack on campus. The officer then found a small glass tube on Holland's person, which the suspect claimed was used to smoke drugs. Nothing, however, was located inside the tube. The officer ran a check on and discovered that the North Las Vegas Police Department had issued a warrant for him in reference to grand larceny. The NLVPD declined extradition; the loiterer was given a verbal criminal trespass warning and released.

POLL OF THE WEEK

Do you feel safer living on or off campus?



26.14% On campus, because it's still safer here than in downtown.

28.14% I don't care, I pray.

35.23% Off campus, because campus crime has increased exponentially.

10.23% Off campus, because the GTPD is doing a miserable job.

Based on 88 responses

Next issue's question:

Was the BOR justified in modifying faculty contracts?

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said. "Tech is increasingly being recognized as a global leader in the biosciences field, and it is important to our students that we continue to attract that kind of interest."

Furthermore, as a part of the conference, Tech organized five different symposia on various issues in the field such as the Sustainability of Biofuels, Novel Drug Delivery Methods, Stem Cell Manufacturing, and the FDA Mission at Risk. According to Katharine Montgomery, one of the organizers for the symposia, there were several important developments in the industry that were brought to light during the panels.

"A lot of new events and developments were discussed during the panel…to give you an example, the members on the FDA panel were surprised to learn during the discussion that since their last meeting, the FDA had invested heavily in young professionals and increased its science budget," Montgomery said.

The forums were held to encourage discussion among professionals and to spread new developments that were occurring in the fast-paced bioscience industry. Montgomery also noted that Tech hosted 5 out of 11 presentation slots offered to the state of Georgia at the conference, and that each attracted a high level of interest from the audience.

The Institute's educational outreach program was also highly successful. High school teachers from around the country were taught by academic professionals in the field about a variety of issues, including lab exercises and how to modernize their biosciences curriculum. They were also invited to tour the campus, including major research facilities, in order to get a feel for current research in the field.

"Overall, the event was a great success. We were able to engage a lot of people about the programs we have here and hopefully partner with some of those companies and further enhance the biosciences program at Tech," Schmierer said.

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in which there is little activity on campus," he said. "Of course this measure will be to some extent selective; for example, you don't want to announce that all of your law enforcement personnel are taking a certain day off," Schuster said. Even though administration officials have reassured students that this move on the part of the USG will in no way affect the quality of their education, some remain skeptical of the effects.

"It's obvious that in such a recession, everyone must help to reduce some of the pressure that the University System is under," said Robin Osborne, a third-year Biology major. "However, I think that this will shake faculty confidence in the security of their jobs, which could negatively affect students."

"Revenue collections continue to be below projections, but the state must balance its budget at the end of the year. Georgia Tech will act very cautiously based on the information that is available to us," Schuster said.

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and although the agreement is expected to last for three years, both parties will reserve the right to evaluate the contract on an annual basis.

"In the past we've had people who have sampled our offerings but didn't necessarily go for the full pack of tickets. With this deal, we want to get those people interested in buying season tickets and then broaden our appeal to the rest of the Atlanta area," Radakovitch said.

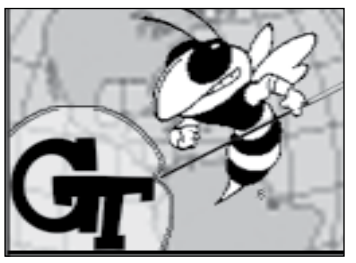
Over the past few years the AA has tried to expand ticket sales through various TV, radio, and newspaper ad campaigns. However, those programs did not achieve the desired results as sales continued to wallow. As a result the AA experienced over $3.5 million in budget cuts and recently laid off a dozen employees.

Representatives from Aspire are expected to start working on Tech's campus in mid-June, with a staff of about 15 people. Many of the changes that will take place as a result of this deal will largely be behind the scenes, not affecting the student viewing experience in any way.

"This deal is purely on the marketing side, but we do have a lot of new plans for the upcoming year in terms of student tickets," said Radakovitch.

While this deal is not going to affect students, Radakovitch noted that in a separate initiative the ticket sales for the upcoming football season would be handled through an online system. Students will now be able to reserve their tickets online during the week of the game, eliminating the need to submit student vouchers and pick up tickets at the ticketing office. Students interested in sitting in a block seat arrangement would be required to pay a premium fee of $35. In addition, Buzzcard access will be implemented at the gate for all students. According to Radakovitch, this will expedite the ticketing process both during and before game day and make it easier for students to get tickets to games.

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 around the world.

Air France Flight 447 crashes into Atlantic Ocean, no survivors

On June 1, Air France Flight 447, an Airbus A330, vanished over the Atlantic Ocean during a flight from Rio de Janeiro to Paris after losing contact with air traffic controllers and signaling severe electrical problems. The plane left Brazilian radar three hours after takeoff and planned to signal entry into Senegalese airspace approximately an hour later. When no such radio call was made, an international effort was initiated to find the plane. From the start, when no contact could be established with the plane did not arrive at the Charles-de-Gaulle Airport even long after the amount of fuel it was carrying would have been depleted, it was presumed lost with no survivors.

On June 2, the Brazilian air force found signs of wreckage and a 3-mile long oil streak near where the plane was believed to have gone down. Bodies and debris were soon recovered and transported to shore to be identified. The 228 passengers on board represented 32 countries, though most were from Brazil or France. Meteorological data show that at the time the flight disappeared, there was a strong thunderstorm system above the Atlantic Ocean. However, modern planes are built to withstand lightning strikes and storms, though most pilots use radar to weave a way through the weakest part of the storm or avoid it altogether. Even though it is speculated that the weather and faulty airspeed measuring instruments contributed to the accident, no definitive answer can be found until the plane's black boxes, which contain aircraft performance information and cockpit conversations, are found.

As of June 10, 41 bodies have been recovered from the Atlantic and flown to Brazil for DNA identification. Brazil declared three days of mourning last week for the victims and numerous memorials, one of which was at the Notre Dame cathedral in Paris, have been held in memory of those lost on the flight.

Georgia Tech student convicted of terrorism

On June 10, former Georgia Tech student Syed Haris Ahmed was convicted by U.S District judge William S. Duffey Jr. of conspiring to provide material support to terrorists.

Ahmed is a naturalized American citizen whose parents are originally from Pakistan. In 2005, Ahmed and a friend traveled to Canada, where he brainstormed possible attacks on the U.S. with known jihadists. He then traveled to Washington, D.C. and filmed vidoes of government facilities. Eventually he flew to Pakistan, intending to join a terrorist camp, but then returned to the U.S. and went back to Tech. Ahmed could face a jail sentence of 15 years.

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OUR VIEWS Consensus Opinion

Faculty Furloughs.

Furloughs would hurt the quality of education.

It is disappointing that faculty furloughs are to be the new measure taken by the Board of Regents to help with budget shortfall. While understandable that budget saving measures must be taken in the new fiscal year, compromising the quality of education by further taxing the professors is not the most logical course to take.

Our priority at Tech should be to provide the highest quality of instruction to students. If professors feel that their jobs are in jeopardy of furloughs, many professors will focus even more on publishing their research to ensure that they are recognized. While this promotes Tech, extra research by busy professors does not directly improve teaching.

A precarious job situation at Tech will also turn off possible new professors who might otherwise be recruited. Current professors who are furloughed will have less time in the classroom. It is not fair for already tenured professors to be subject to the furlough clause. Although applying furloughs to tenured professors would save the most money, those professors have been tenured for being in the top of their field. Furloughing our best professors would severely diminish the quality of education here at Tech, but furloughing lesser-paid professors saves little money. This creates a paradox in the process.

We are also concerned with the possible legal issues of changing these professors' contracts after so many years. We hope that they were informed that their contracts were under review and that there is an appeals process for the changes. These important changes should be discussed.

We are glad that President Peterson has said that he does not plan to furlough any professors and hope that this stays true in the upcoming year. If there are furloughs, we expect the process to be conducted with total transparency and concern for the quality of education above budget concerns.

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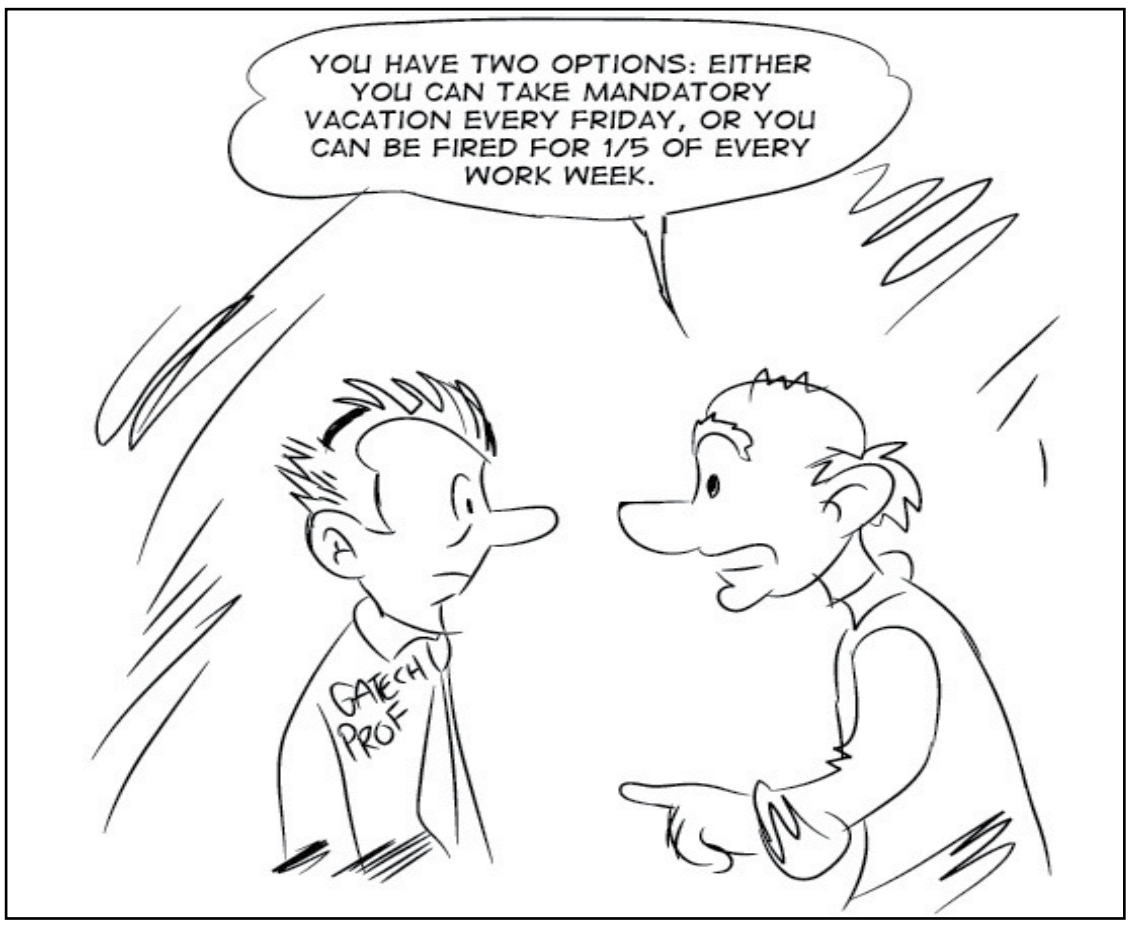

YOUR VIEWS Letters to the Editor

Technology doesn't always improve life

A few comments concerning A. Staskevicius' "Take a Lead in the Issues ..." (5/22, p. 6).

First, the image & conclusions associated with the following statements do not square with the facts:.

"As technology makes our lives easier, it seems as if our society is growing more and more complacent, and less active in change. But is this laziness due to the technology being developed?"

To begin with, according to reliable studies, today most people in the US (and elsewhere in the "developed" world) work harder and longer than, say, fifty years ago.

Plus USAns have less (paid) vacation time that many of their W. European counterparts.

Add to that the all time high job stress & alienation, job insecurity (brought about by globalization, which was made possible by some key new technologies), and longer commute time (e.g. daily horrors of rush hour traffic).

You understand why so many people are drained of energy.

National laziness (apathy) has NOT increased, life has gotten a lot harder, in spite of all those high tech gadgets ("time & labor saving devices") surrounding us, and sometimes because of them, we are so hard pressed for time!

I forgot to even mention the decreasing affordability of college for most American families!

So, while I fully agree with the authors plea for social activism, I think we must realize the steady worsening conditions in the daily life of most of our fellow Americans.

There are a lot of good, decent, people around, but the cost of nontrivial activism, such as ending the expanding wars in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and the permanent occupation of Iraq, has gotten a lot higher.

The Internet (youtube etc.) is full of mistreated and abused (e.g. tasered) social activists.

Second, technology is not neutral.

As the article correctly states "technology is the fruit of ideas"; but then it adds "ideas are a symbol of progress."

All ideas? Are technologies ethically or morally or politically neutral ?

Are they really "only a tool?"

If so, would you give a loaded gun to a five-year-old?

Or nuclear weapons to a Hitler ? Or keep building SUVs while ignoring and marginalizing public transportation? And what is progress?

I can cite several areas of modern life where things have measurably gotten worse, with the help of modern technology (intentionally or not with "laws of unintended consequences")

For example, air travel with bad service, no dignity, no comfort, or loss of privacy to big business and big government. Not to mention, the skyrocketing of ratio of civilian to military casualties ("collateral damage") in modern warfare.

Modern technology (and the politics that go with it) induces passivity, atomization, isolation, alienation, consumption (mental and physical obesity).

Third, a remark on progress etc.

Technological progress may be absolute, but outside of extreme situations, like being hungry or on fire most of what matters in life. This means human happiness or satisfaction or contentedness, are all relative.

In other words, does anyone think that my parents' generation was unhappy because they didn't have computers and microwave ovens?

And my generation (post WWII boomers) did not have laptops in college, but we also didn't worry about ecological or environmental catastrophe (or AIDS).

Of course, let's not forget overpopulation or all the other issues that affect your generation. These are inextricably connected with certain modern technologies (policies).

These are big issues with no quick answers; I could go on and on, but I must stop here.

I'll keep my fingers crossed for your generation.

This is going to be a perilous century, perhaps more barbaric than the 20th.

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ME Professor

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Give reading a chance this summer

"Each year I excitedly awaited the new list of books I would be required to read, ... and read them in the first month."

Reem Mansoura
Focus Editor

Though riddled with final exams, final papers and an inability to explain to my mother why I had ten times as much stuff in my room as I did at the beginning of the year, I could only think of one thing as April came to an end: summer vacation.

I was so excited to get away from Tech classes and the ever-growing tumor that is Tech construction. I was ready to sleep in, catch up with old high school friends, take road trips and partake in ordinary summer sins and debauchery.

Unfortunately I only had a week to complete my summer to-do list since I, like so many others, had decided to take summer classes because I wanted to do the unheard of and "graduate on time."

While summer is supposed to be a time of fun and relaxation, it seems as though I will no longer have the pleasure of just sitting around for three entire months doing nothing.

And although I will be studying physics and writing editorials all summer long, I was determined to find something to do that made me happy.

That something came in the form of a friend who started reading *Harry Potter* for the first time.

Now before you decide to put the paper down or skip to another article, let me assure you that I am not going to go on an excited rant about how much I love Harry Potter, how everyone should read it and how J.K. Rowling is the greatest author in the world.

I'll leave that for another editorial. Although I will admit that I did go to the midnight release parties for the last three books. I did not, however, dress up.

But seeing someone read a book that I love made me smile like a goofball and get those butterflies in my stomach. I had forgotten the excited feeling that I got when I read a good book.

I had forgotten the feeling of staying up late at night to read a book because I just couldn't put it down. I remembered how as a young child I found it so exciting to stay up past my curfew with a flashlight in hand because I had to finish just one more chapter.

The infamous summer reading we had to do in middle and high school never made me groan. I never saw it as schoolwork I had to do over the summer but as a chance to expand my reading horizon. Reading allowed me to "broaden my mind" in the words of Professor Trelawney.

Each year I excitedly awaited the new list of books I would be required to read, and each year I read them all within the first month of summer. Sometimes I would read more books than I had to, just because I couldn't decide which to choose.

Sure, I was ticked off when they took *Pride and Prejudice* off the summer reading list my senior year, but seeing as how I had already the book I was later content when I instead followed the tale of Tess in *Tess of the d'Urbervilles.*

Call me crazy, nerd, bookworm or whatever you like, but I absolutely adore reading and feel as if Tech students especially find reading for leisure unthinkable.

With all the classes and assignments that are currently piled on our workload, who would think to waste their precious free time doing more reading? I know what you're thinking. "I'd rather be drinking."

But there may be a few lost souls at Tech, as I once was, who need to be reminded of how much they enjoyed curling up with a book in their hands, and I hope this reaches you.

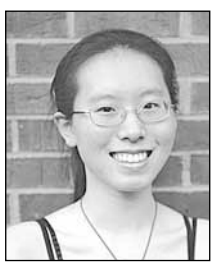
I hope you find that good book with the unpredictable, character-driven plot, filled with the various motifs and literary devices we so painstakingly searched for in AP Literature.

For those of you who are rolling your eyes at the moment, know that it doesn't necessarily have to be raining outside, and you don't need to be next to a warm fire wrapped in a blanket with hot chocolate in your hand to have the right reading atmosphere.

And the benefit of reading for pleasure is that you don't have to analyze the book once you're done. You can just pick up another and the cycle continues, this time in a completely different world with new characters and conflicts.

So take advantage of the nicer days of summer in Atlanta and curl up with a book. Find a good tree, if you want to keep out of the sun, or work on your tan while you read. Meet me with a book in your hand. I'll be wearing my "reading is sexy" shirt.

National debt needs to be re-evaluated



"Money will have to come from overseas-in other words more borrowing...which translates to more and more national debt."

Sijia Cai
News Editor

With the recession in America obstinately digging its heels in, other countries are continuing to buy up U.S. debt. Money is just pouring down Capitol Hill – the Obama administration is planning on spending more than $2 trillion in the next couple of years, $787 billion in the economic stimulus package, $634 billion for the new health care reform plan, $5 billion to turn around failing schools, and that is just the tip of the spending iceberg as Obama seeks to fulfill his campaign promises.

How is the government planning on obtaining all that money? Part of it, as Republican wailers accurately indicate, will come from taxes; there's no escaping that yoke. But another huge part of the money will have to come from overseas – in other words, more and more borrowing, which translates to more and more national debt.

While I have no issue with the government's policy of spending to stimulate the economy (because economics professors have taught me the theory behind the high-flown rhetoric), I am very skeptical when it comes to international financing of U.S. deficit spending.

Currently, the national debt is at over $11 trillion and there is no indication that it won't continue to grow at roughly the same pace as during the Bush administration. Who is financing the bulk of this debt? China and Japan, who together hold more than a quarter of outstanding U.S. government debt. But in these two countries, opinion is now sharply divided over whether governments that are dealing with the effects of global recession on their own soil should continue to bail out a not-so-remote country across the Pacific.

I have had an opportunity to see this debate firsthand in a recent visit to China. People of all ages and from all walks of life are discussing the prudence of buying more U.S. bonds; with the shaky consensus being that although alternatives look even worse, something has to be done, there has to be some reassurance that China's enormous holdings of U.S. assets are secure.

Last week, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner traveled to Beijing expressly to provide this reassurance, saying that the U.S. government is committed to maintaining a strong dollar and that future spending by Washington will be heavily regulated and disciplined. Chinese concerns (with regard to more than $750 billion in Treasury securities) are very natural; no creditor wants to see its debtor borrow enough money to climb out of the crisis and then devalue its currency so that the true value of the debt is minimized. Not to say that Washington would do this deliberately, but if inflation takes off or the dollar weakens even more as a result of the floating currency market, the value of the bonds would be cut dramatically.

As I see it, the general financial relationship between the U.S. and China is this: Chinese exporters provide an enormous number of cheap consumer goods to the wealthy U.S. market, which boosts Chinas' economy and helps the government shore up huge currency reserves. Then, China invests these trade surpluses into U.S. Treasury bonds and other U.S. assets without the hassle of having to convert currencies.

This in turn helps Washington finance its large spending programs, which then (theoretically) provide income for American consumers to spend on Chinese goods. Et voilà! One serving of economic interdependence, coming up.

Now that the worst recession in decades has put this carefully balanced relationship in danger, it is more important than ever to have clear communication from both sides.

There have long been U.S. demands that China let the value of the yuan rise so that Chinese exporters will lose their advantage in foreign markets. U.S. policy makers must realize, however, that it is illogical to ask a country to buy more U.S. debt while pressing that same country to let its currency's value inflate – the net result would be a huge depreciation of the debt that the U.S. owes, with no benefits for the creditor nation.

Though Secretary Geithner's remarks in China last week were promising, there needs to be more action from Washington to assay foreign debt holders' fears. The U.S. government must be willing to make costly political decisions for domestic reform and work together with other nations to find a real solution to currency fluctuations. Quick, politically targeted measures are not enough. The world spotlight is on Washington to make the first move.

BUZZ
Around Campus

Do you feel safe around campus?

Sydney Schaffer
Fourth-year CHBE

"Yes, the ES&T dungeon is the safest place on campus!"

Jeremy Hurowitz
Fifth-year BME

"My helmet is the only thing keeping me safe around here."

Jamie Hetfield
BioE grad student

""No, I'm concerned that my entire Metallica discography would be stolen."

Santiago Amos
Second-year BME

"The buddy system has never failed me yet."

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OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

HOT or NOT

Flicks on Fifth

The yearly showings of Flicks on Fifth have started for the summer. Even though a free movie outside is always fun, this year's selection looks to be better than ever. With showings of Quantum of Solace and Slumdog Millionaire, Flicks on Fifth is sure to draw a crowd. As an extra plus, there is going to be free popcorn and specials from surrounding restaurants.

Terrorism Trial

Former Tech student Syed Haris Ahmed was found guilty of conspiring to provide material to support terrorism. Not only is it unfortunate to hear about someone found guilty of supporting terrorism here in Atlanta, it is even worse to hear Tech's name constantly dragged in the mud in association with it. We wish that the media would stop associating his actions with our university.

Golf Fame

Four Tech ME graduate students recently placed first in the 2009 Design for Direct Digital Manufacturing Student Competition. Their customized golf clubs with integrated sensors not only grabbed the attention of the judges, but business people. The award-winning four hope to commercially manufacture the clubs and ensure better golfing experiences.

Baseball Loses

A poor showing in the regionals was disappointing for all fans who were watching baseball this season. In particular, the five errors against Southern Mississippi that caused us to lose 10 to 7 and the final loss 12 to 8 that clinched the season's disappointments. We hope that next season will have a brighter showing so that Tech fans will have better games to watch.

Good communication is an art

"Talking with your friends and listening to what they have to say can never be replaced by technology."

Linda Harley
Graduate Student Body President

Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, SecondLife, YouTube, Skype, iPhone, Kindle, TSquare, BuzzPort, Laptops, Remote Controls, blogs, texting, email… In today's age of technological advancements our generation has grown accustomed to instant information. You can instantly talk to family halfway around the world for free through Skype.

You can instantly see baby pictures of your best friend's 3 year-old on Facebook. You can follow the stock market and check tomorrow's weather, while making a call on your iPhone. With all of this access to information at the tip of our fingers, have we lost the art of communication?

These tools are so alluring and popular because they provide immediate gratification and access to information about anything you can imagine. However, they are only tools and unless treated with care can be problematic and even dangerous.

For example, the person who was twittering while someone was breaking into their house instead of calling the police may have lost a sense of what communication should be for. A little common sense will keep you out of this extreme situation, but do not be lulled into believing that you can share everything with the world and then expect to be safe.

With all of this technology at our disposal, why then is it still necessary to go into a classroom and listen to a professor lecture?

This form of communication is vital to learning as it involves all of the senses. You hear the information, see the solutions, write down the notes and even smell the marker as the professor solves the differential equation on the white board.

Your senses help you to form memories and impressions of events that last longer than what can be screened in a steady flow of information to you over the Internet. Personal interaction is crucial to forming relationships and good communication skills.

When was the last time you had supper with your family without the television on? When was the last time you were in a meeting and there wasn't someone with a laptop checking email? When was the last time you had the complete attention of a friend that had all the time in the world to sit and listen to you?

Have we grown so immune to hearing that we have forgotten what it means to listen? Talking with your friends and listening to what they have to say can never be replaced by technology, as one of the deepest desires that we all share is the need for someone to care enough to stop and honestly listen what we have to say.

As kids we would always hear "think before you speak" or "you have two ears and one mouth, so you should listen twice as much as you speak".

Good communication comes with practice. You need to learn how to listen and that you need time to understand the heart of the matter before drawing conclusions and speaking. This is not an instant process nor is there a formula you can apply to optimize the outcome.

No, it comes from stumbling over your lips, sticking your foot in your mouth, taking a deep breath, apologizing and starting over in the hopes to do better. This is something that technology cannot teach you.

As students we can get so wrapped up in running laboratory experiments, reading textbooks, solving problems, writing papers and research that we do not take our noses out of the computer long enough to smell the roses. Tech has so much more to offer than just an amazing education.

Go sailing with your friends, join the bowling team, play flag-football with your roommates, help with a community service projects, cheer at the football game against Georgia, try out the food at Culture Fest and get out there and enjoy what the activity Fee that you pay every semester goes towards making these events possible, and therefore it is up to you to get the most out of it. Funding is available to you through the SGA.

My challenge to you is to join at least one organization on campus and participate in the amazing events that are offered, so that next time someone checks your facebook, they will see photos of you having a fantastic time with your friends.

Communication is an art that is mastered over time, so be patient and take every opportunity to learn.

FASET undergoes improvements

By Kate Comstock
Contributing Writer

After being accepted to Tech feelings of excitement are often soon replaced by the shock in realizing that there is a copious amount of information that new students must be familiar with to be successful at Tech.

It is no wonder that any freshman can simply be overwhelmed by all the changes that they are experiencing and information that is being thrown at them.

Thankfully the FASET orientation program sponsored by the Office of Success Programs helps new students to tackle this surplus of information.

The program provides some much-needed insight into the realities of Tech life for students and helps to make them feel at home before they even begin their first class.

FASET is a student-led orientation program that seeks to familiarize freshman with life at Tech.

The program was started in 1972 and stands for "Familiarization and Adaptation to the Surroundings and Environs of Tech."

At orientation students and their parents attend meetings from different departments on campus that are instrumental in being successful at Tech. The Financial Aid office, Office of the Registrar and Georgia Tech Police are some of the many departments that answer questions and provide information to incoming students and their guests.

FASET is also the first opportunity for incoming students to register and become familiar with the OSCAR system. The program exposes students to the many resources that are available to them including tutoring and academic advisors.

The FASET staff also works hard to make it an environment where other freshman can socialize and make new friends to help ease the transition from high school to college.

The first freshman FASET orientation begins on June 17 with its only program for summer freshman. This is the first series of eight FASET orientations that will take place during this summer.

Following the program next week there will be five fall freshman FASET orientations and two programs for fall transfer students. The orientation for summer transfer students already took place in early May.

While many aspects of the program remain the same from last year, "We've enhanced certain aspects based on feedback," said Erik Tack,

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Courtesy of Matt Lebrun

FASET cabinet interviews potential FASET leaders as well as plan the summer FASET program. Each cabinet member is in charge of a FASET leader team. Back row from left to right: Ashley Johnson, Hari Gopal, Michael Toney, Cazzie Ferreira, Matt LeBrun Front row from left to right: Paul Robinson, Kathleen Duffy, Leigh Nash, Armina Khwaja, Kelly Sokolowski.

Students place first in design contest

By Lindsey Hollenbeck
Contributing Writer

Advanced golf balls, oversized golf drivers, ergonomically engineered putters, revamped golf tees.

These are all pieces of golfing equipment the *New York Times* lists as items that should, after nine centuries of potential development, have helped even the most physically uncoordinated of golfers to get up to par.

The National Golf Foundation states that the average 18-hole score still remains to be around 100, the same scores golfers were shooting 80 years ago with MacGregor persimmon woods.

However, the future of improved golfing may lie in the hands of the "Fantastic Four" of Direct Digital Manufacturing.

Four Tech ME graduate students, James Potter, Heather Humphreys, Yang Xie and Raphael Okereke, received first place in the 2009 Design for Direct Digital Manufacturing Student Competition (DDM) for their prototype design of a 5-iron customized golf club with integrated sensors. Each submission must include a JPEG of the design as well as a one-page summary of why the design is suited to direct digital manufacturing.

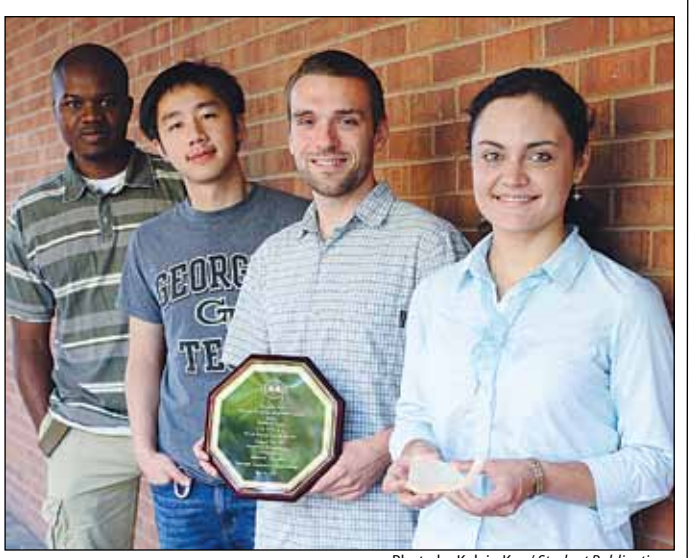
DDM is a rapid prototyping technique that uses an additive machine process to reduce manual labor.

The embedded motion sensors in the club provide information about the motion of the club in space.

An additional embedded wireless transmission device feeds real time motion information for research.

"[The club] could be used for either golf simulation, like a game, or as a training aid to give information for swing improvement," Humphreys said.

One of the advantages of DDM is shape customization.



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The design team, James Potter, Heather Humphreys, Yang Xie and Raphael Okereke, placed first in the DDM contest.

"I guess the club manufacturers do that to some extent now. They mix and match parts of clubs to customize for their customers," Humphreys said.

"So with the DDM, you can go a step further with mass customization," Humphreys said.

"You can do anything you

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CIRP report provides insight into student habits

By Zimu Yang
Staff Writer

Every year students of the incoming freshman class take the Cooperative Institute Research Program survey or CIRP for short. The survey is a part of a national effort with public schools like FSU, UGA, UCLA and private schools like UPenn, Boston College and Emory all taking part.

Most students attending Tech have probably taken it, but for those who didn't or those who don't remember, it asks dozens of questions on topics ranging from political persuasion of the student, to self-evaluations of academic prowess and the student's experiences in the classrooms.

The survey starts by obtaining basic background information of each student such as: their high school GPA, their parents' educational background, their citizenship status and how many colleges they applied to.

The survey then goes on to ask about future education and career plans, financial information and experiences they had in the classroom.

The survey is about 40 pages long, full of questions and goes into almost every aspect of a student's educational history.

John Gordon, Director of the Office of Assessment runs the survey.

"We've been doing this survey for all over 40 years. I think what it does is it gives us a snapshot of what the incoming freshman class looks like so we can see what changes in terms of student expectations, what their goals are, and how prepared they are when they get to Georgia Tech," Gordon said.

Multiple programs have benefited or have come about as a result of CIRP.

"I think GT1000 is something that came about in part because of some of the data we got from CIRP. Freshman Experience [was also a result]. We've made some tweaks to the International Plan and undergraduate research," Gordon said.

In addition to CIRP, surveys are also handed out to students in later years to measure their progress.

"We also use this as part of a longitudinal study so we are able to see what students are like when they are freshman but we also do studies to see what students do when they are seniors so we can see what kind of relationship there are between the activities they did in high school and their success in Georgia Tech," Gordon said.

Gordon and his peers are currently writing a paper on that relationship. He says it should be published in the upcoming months, probably in early June.

Gordon and his office recently released a report analyzing the data gathered and compared it to information from past surveys and data gathered at other schools.

The report and the actual results are available at **assessment.gatech.edu**.

There does appear to be a clash between expectations and work ethic. In subjective areas, such as expectations and self-efficacy, Tech students are assured of themselves.

The survey concludes that Tech students "are confident … [expecting] to have at least a "B" average in college" and "are less likely to report feeling overwhelmed" often "rating themselves significantly higher than do their public university counterparts on academic ability."

However, they also admit spending "fewer hours a week studying than their peers" and they "are less likely than are their peers to report taking notes in class, revising papers and asking a teacher for advice after class."

This in turn implies that in objective ar-

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FASET orientation coordinator.

"The most significant change this year has been in the training and selection of our leadership staff. We have taken our leadership staff and decreased it by 50 percent. With a smaller group there is a higher quality, more intense training that brings a more comprehensive experience," said Bethany Naser, Director of Orientation and Transition Programs.

Following the success of the parent orientation program that was initiated last year at freshman FASET, the program is also being added to transfer student FASET. The staff is also adding an academic support and financial support information session for parents attending the orientation.

"They're getting specialized information for parents… we wanted to provide a session that provides more intentional programming for transfer students and parents," Tack said.

In addition, the FASET staff is working with other departments at Tech to add student-led skits that inform and prepare students for all aspects of a social life Tech.

Some of these topics include diversity, alcohol education, academics and sexual health.

This is a change from last year when the skits focused mainly on diversity.

The program continues to focus on providing accurate information regarding aspects of Tech life. It is also especially important during this time to provide correct information regarding finances and campus safety because parents and students are currently very interested in these topics.

"[FASET] should be an opportunity to come to campus and learn about what the school expects, see resources, and get oriented so they feel like they're already a part of campus when they get here," Naser said.

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eas useful in predicting future academic success, incoming Tech students fall short compared to their peers.

85 percent of respondents reported that Tech was their first or second choice of college, and that its academic reputation was the most important factor when making their future college decision. CIRP also seems to validate some prominent social stereotypes of the Tech student.

According to the survey, students are "less likely than were their peers to socialize, party, or exercise, although [Tech] men were more likely than their male peers to play video or computer games at least six hours a week … respondents in 2008 report spending less time in high school socializing with friends, working, and partying than did respondents in 1998 … and the percentage of men who spent at least six hours a week playing video games more than doubled." Alcoholism is on its way down. "Respondents in 2008 reported drinking less alcohol during their senior year than did respondents in 1998."

Quick Stats

- **Tech students were far more likely to classify themselves as "far right" or "conservative" politically than private institutions.**
- **Tech students were more likely to join a social fraternity or sorority when compared to their private institution counterparts**
- **Less than one-third of students reported working f or pay six or more hours per week their senior year.**

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want with it. You can put your name on it, do anything you want with the graphics on it," Potter said.

David Rosen, Director of the Rapid Prototyping and Manufacturing Institute at Georgia Tech and Associate Professor and Woodruff Faculty Fellow, suggested the students enter the contest as an extension to their ME 6104 class, the Fundamentals of CAD.

Humphreys and Potter both play golf and chose the subject because it was a topic that interested both of them.

"We made the CAD model, and then bounced around some ideas and played around a lot. There was a lot of brainstorming," Potter said.

"We also did a lot of research into the DDM machines themselves, how much they cost and how much the materials cost," Potter said.

Rosen accepted the award on behalf of the students at the annual RAPID conference held in Schaumburg, Ill. and the winning designs were on display at the RAPID conference and Exposition May 12 to 14.

"The first place entry was seen to be an excellent example of utilizing the customization capabilities of DDM in a personal interaction device," said Jane Wellington, Member and Industry Relations Manager of Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

"The justification of the DDM process and material was sound," Wellington said.

The students were unable to attend the conference due to a lack of funds.

The team is not quite sure if they will be entering another contest similar to the DDM Student Competition, but if so they all agreed that they would do one that has a cash prize.

Meet the Design Team

Name: James Potter

Year: Graduate Student

Major: ME

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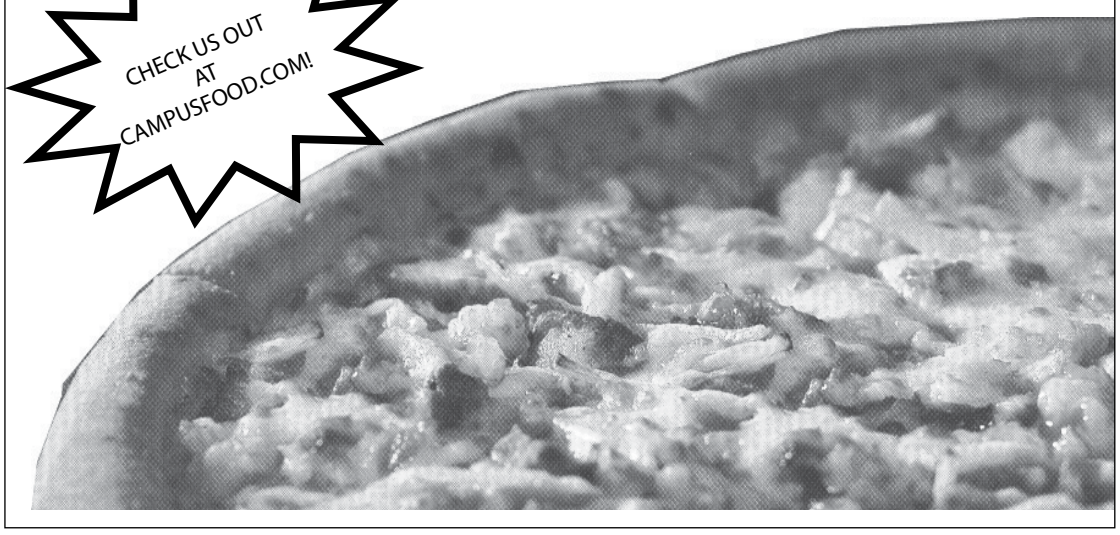

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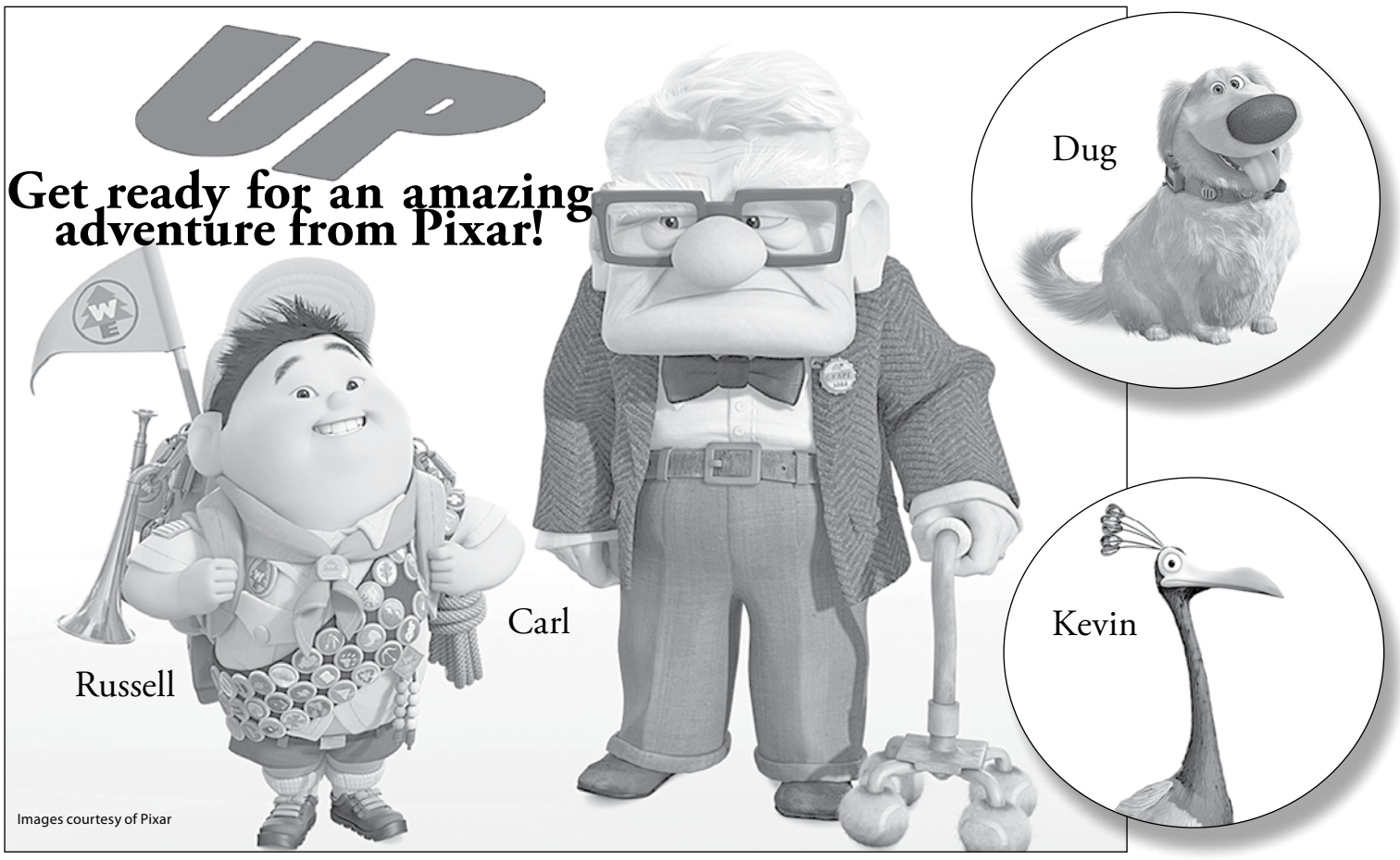

FILM

Up

GENRE: Animation, Action

STARRING: Edward Asner and Jordan Nagai

DIRECTORS: Pete Docter and Bob Peterson

RATING: PG

RELEASED: May 29, 2009

OUR TAKE: ★★★★★

By Robert Solomon
Contributing Writer

See a cantankerous old coot tie a bunch of balloons and fly away! Watch as this old timer is mercilessly henpecked by an overenthusiastic kid! Giggle at the talking dog! You might walk into *Up* expecting only these things, but what you will likely not expect is the emotional punch that it offers.

This is a movie about dreams, and how the failure of those closely held dreams can lead to life's greatest disappointments.

It's easy to overlook the fact that this is the first Pixar film to feature humans as the main characters. Before, Pixar could dress up a social class metaphor by having the lower class be literally rats, as in *Ratatouille*. It allows for a comfortable feeling of distance, leading to an emotional impact that rarely penetrates beyond the surface. With *Up*'s human characters and despite the questionable physics of the flying house, never has an animated movie in recent memory been more grounded in the trajectories of everyday life.

Carl Frederickson is a man nearing the end of a life of modest accomplishments. Recently widowed, Carl's deferment of childhood dreams of adventure has manifested itself as grouchy bitterness. At a crucial moment Carl strikes a construction worker, who has nearly destroyed something that is precious to Carl, with his cane. When the cane is pulled back, we expect a bruise, or perhaps a large lump. This is animated movie for kids, right? Instead, we see a gash, and blood.

Up does not shy away from consequence, and rarely pulls its emotional punches. Carl is not introduced as an elderly man, but instead as a young child, meeting his future wife, Ellie, over a shared admiration of adventurer Charles Muntz. This is followed by a wordless montage of Carl and Ellie's life together, which manages to pack a lifetime into only a few short minutes. Expect to stifle a tear early. Despite Ellie's short time on screen, her presence lingers.

Now, one might be skeptical that such emotional flourishes are appropriate for an animated film, but Pixar has proven that contemplative moments of characterization do not harm the silly fun. In fact, they enhance it. It evokes a genuine affection.

In 3D, the depth of composition is emphasized, with cheesy "hand moving towards your face" effects being eschewed. When Carl's house finally arrives at its destination, the camera lingers on the landscape of Paradise Falls, letting its impact sink in, not through words, but through images. It is rare to see such assuredness in market-driven Hollywood cinema of sequels and remakes.

Even the talking dog gimmick, which could easily be imagined as disastrous, is handled adroitly with clever situations. How would a dog pour a bottle of champagne? It's funnier than you think.

Up is not just a triumph of animated film; it is a triumph of filmmaking, period. Pixar proves again to be a studio at the peak of their creative powers.

Drag Me To Hell thrills with gory humor

FILM

Drag Me To Hell

GENRE: Horror, Thriller

STARRING: Christine Brown and Justin Long

DIRECTOR: Sam Raimi

RATING: PG-13

RELEASED: May 29, 2009

OUR TAKE: ★★★★☆

By Kenny Phillips
Staff Writer

There is a shadow that walks, screeches and howls in this world - this is the Lamia, the demon that terrorizes in the new Sam Raimi horror film *Drag Me to Hell*. Raimi brings ghastly to new heights in this tale of the black magic torment of Christine Brown.

Christine, played by Alison Lohman, is a bank loan officer that has crossed the wrong crone—the evil-eyed Mrs. Ganush, played by Lorna Raver. After being informed by her supervisor that she should be less empathetic and make the difficult decisions, Christine rebukes the third loan extension of this aged homeowner and destroys her pride when she begs Christine for help. While assaulting Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Ganush incapacitates her, removes a simple coat button, gives it a powerful Romani curse and carefully returns it.

This curse summons the Lamia, which needs but three days before it is strong enough to drag its victim to Hell.

Christine's loving, yet skeptical, boyfriend Dr. Clay Dalton, portrayed by Justin Long, feels the need to go to any lengths for her in the name of love and seems to round out the academic view of magic.

I can say that *Drag Me to Hell* is a great accomplishment of Sam Raimi's know-how in spooking the audience, from epic one-on-one struggles that peak the audience's anticipation, to the surprise horrors that slam the viewers to the dark corners of their minds where they to question every shadow.

On top of this, the presentation of Christine's mental stress through gushing nosebleeds and the over-the-top anxiety gives a deep impression of how truly terrified she is. The special effects were of a suitable caliber for the film, making it a feast for the eyes that are brave enough to remain open. A gaggle of ghouls materializing in a séance and the massive number of baneful reappearances of creepy Mrs. Ganush are enough to make your head spin two pi radians.

The only criticism I have is the addition of humor. Now, I am a fan of humor in most forms (even the most violent of situations), but I somehow find it dissatisfying to see it so blended into the macabre. In a moment of horror, some may close their eyes. However, a braver soul might face it head-on, hold ground and be "rewarded" with some overly gross humor along with the terror. In me, this causes a mental conflict that I find as distasteful as salty ice cream. However, had my palette been of different composition this may be a sensational scene. I leave this only as an opinion.

Besides the previous gripe, this horrid haunting is a wonderful return of Sam Raimi to the horror genre showering him acclaim from critics and viewers alike. With such a pedigree, it may just go far enough to win everyone's darkest fears.

DMB rocks fans with new *GrooGrux*

OUR TAKE: ★★★★½

By Chris Ernst
Staff Writer

"GrooGrux" is a term coined to describe a band member's style and self. The name "Big Whiskey and the GrooGrux King" is Dave Matthews Band's tribute to deceased band member LeRoi Moore. The album is full of love and energy and plenty of GrooGrux to go around. It's their first since 2005 and has definitely not been rushed. It has a slow-cooked quality of thoughtfulness and confidence rarely seen in today's industry of rapid-fire singles.

This album is definitely not an archive of singles and filler. Having so much success, the band can afford to do as they please, free from the pressures of executives and the need to establish themselves. Each member's love for their craft becomes apparent though their obvious skill.

There is a balance among the many instruments that is refreshing and interesting. It is not very often there are saxophones, trumpets and banjos on the radio.

Too often, bands are just the backup to the lead vocalist. The band has many solo moments, but do not stop jamming when Matthews starts singing.

Matthews himself is not an amazing singer. However, he does his job well. Like Bruce Springsteen, he puts it all out there and keeps the focus away from his lack of classical skills. Instead what draws the listener in is the overall combination of all the elements together.

Each song is different from the last, and the tempo rarely slows below a head-nodding jam. However, when it does, the calmer moments punctuate the faster ones.

One of the best songs in the album is "Shake Me Like a Monkey." Right from the get-go, the GrooGrux is there. After a moment of jamming, the song becomes more rock-inspired and guitar-heavy. It has some more traditional elements that make it accessible to even a casual fan, and should be instantly identifiable by any passer-by as Dave Matthews Band.

Another great song is "Alligator Pie." It is pretty light on lyrical content, but extra heavy on general awesomeness. If you're still confused about what GrooGrux is, listen to this song. There is banjo, a hint of harmonica and drums to spare.

Overall, it is a very solid album. It is one of the best so far of the year, and for good reason. There is never really any specific unifying theme beyond life, love and happiness, but many moments ring true and sweet.

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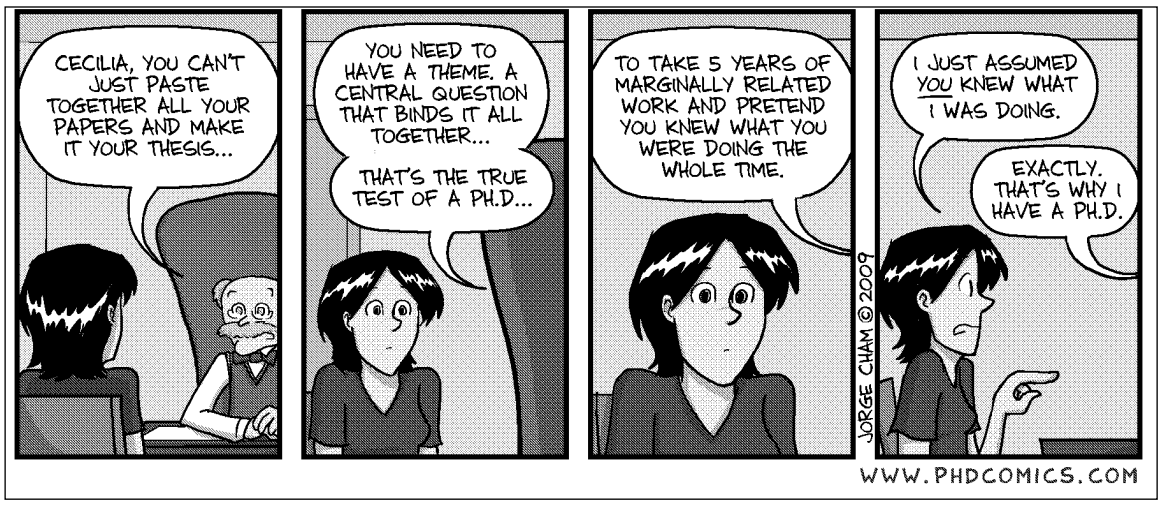

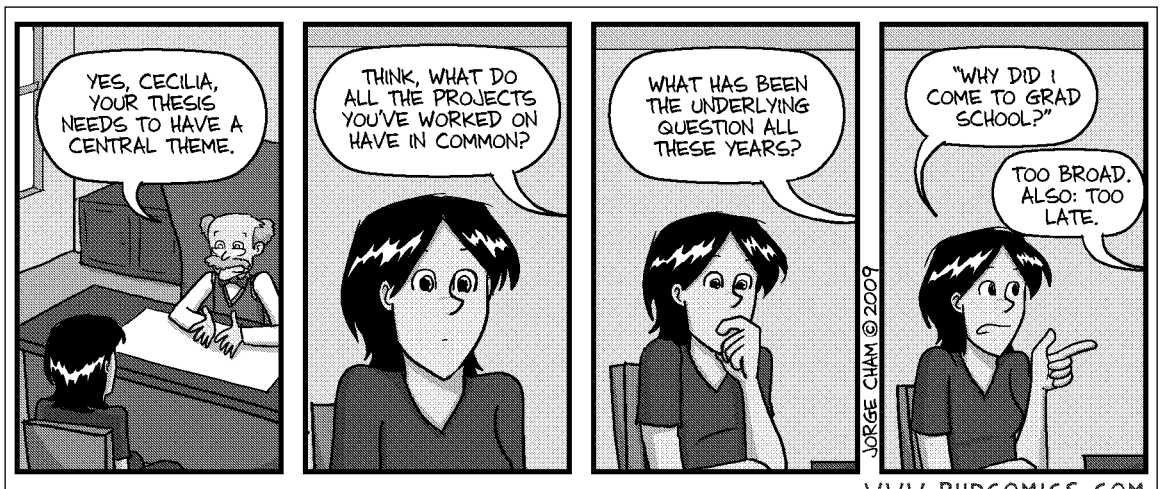

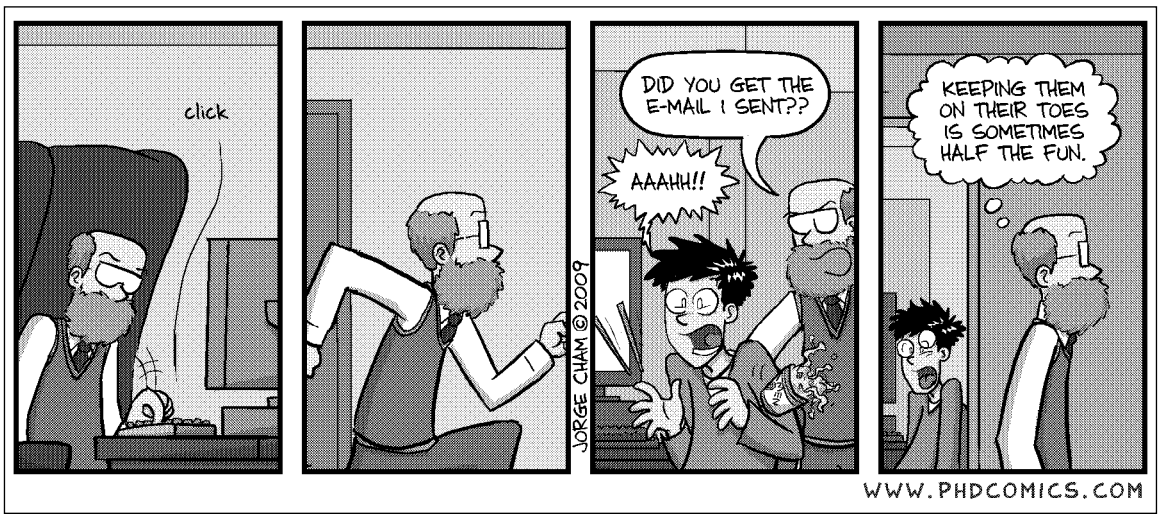

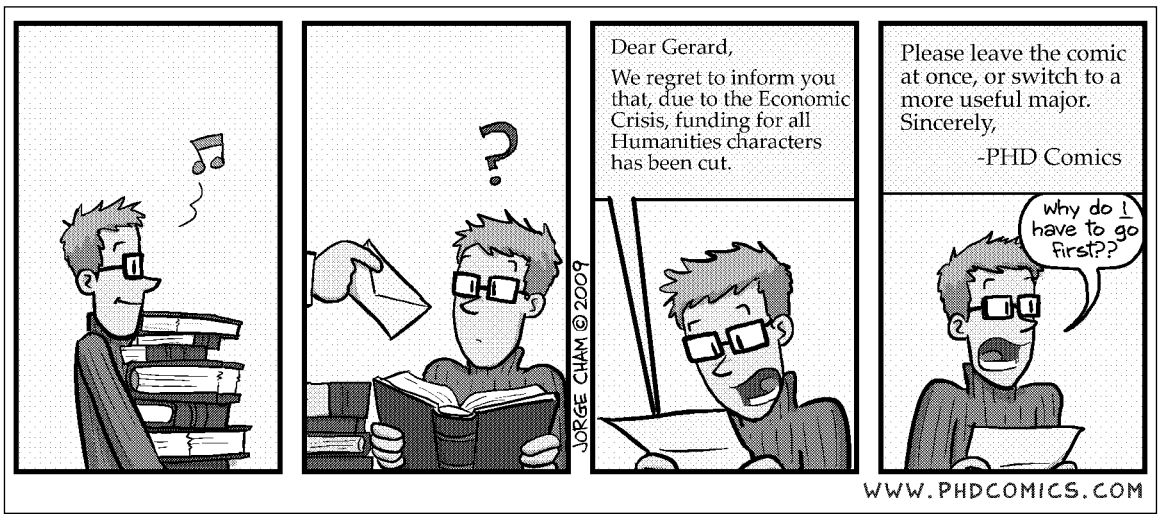

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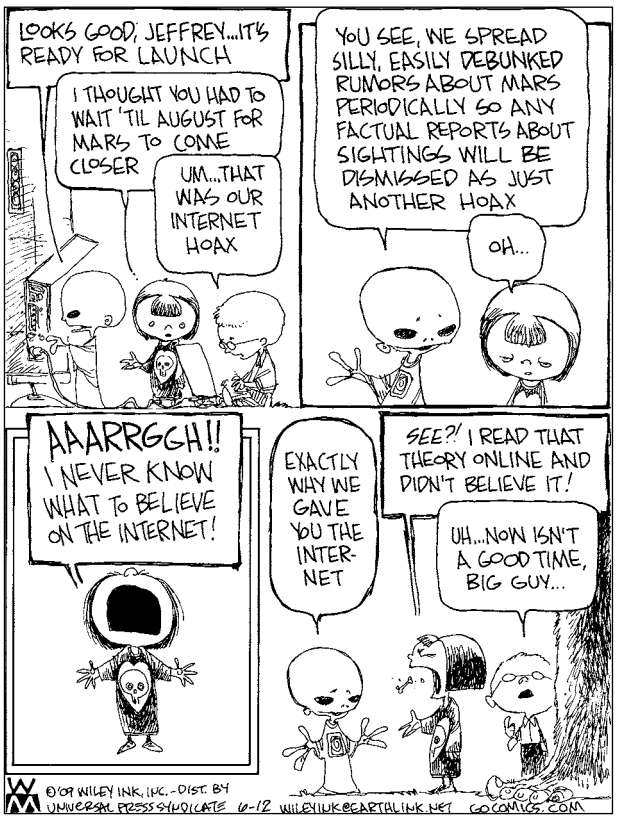

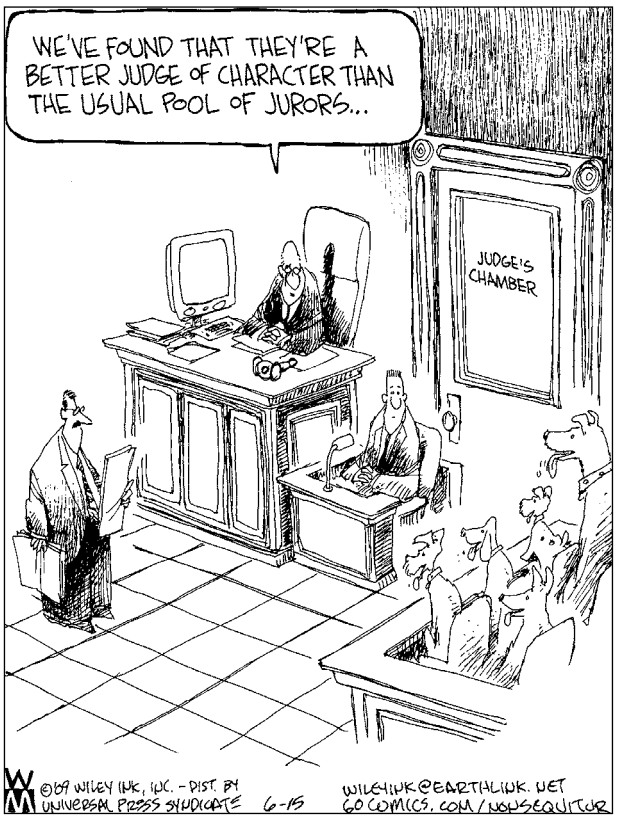

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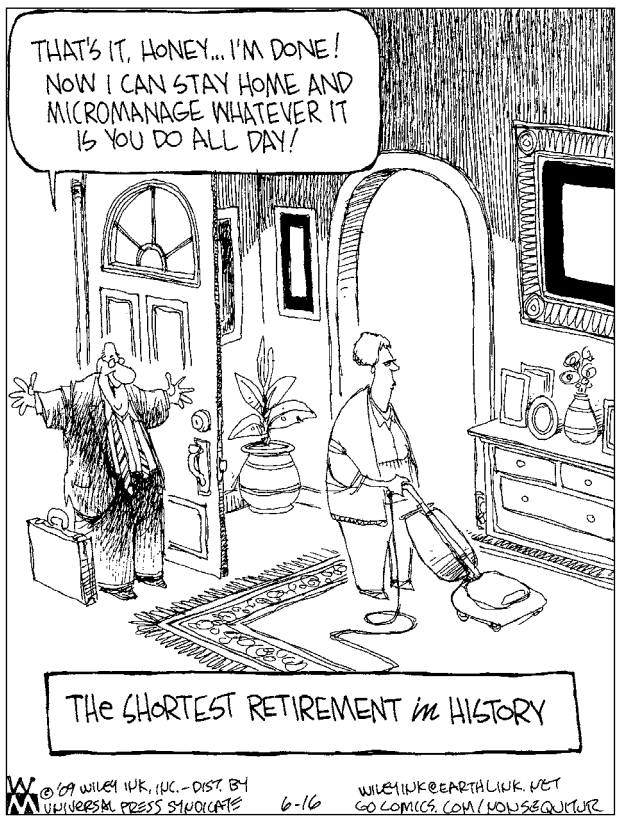

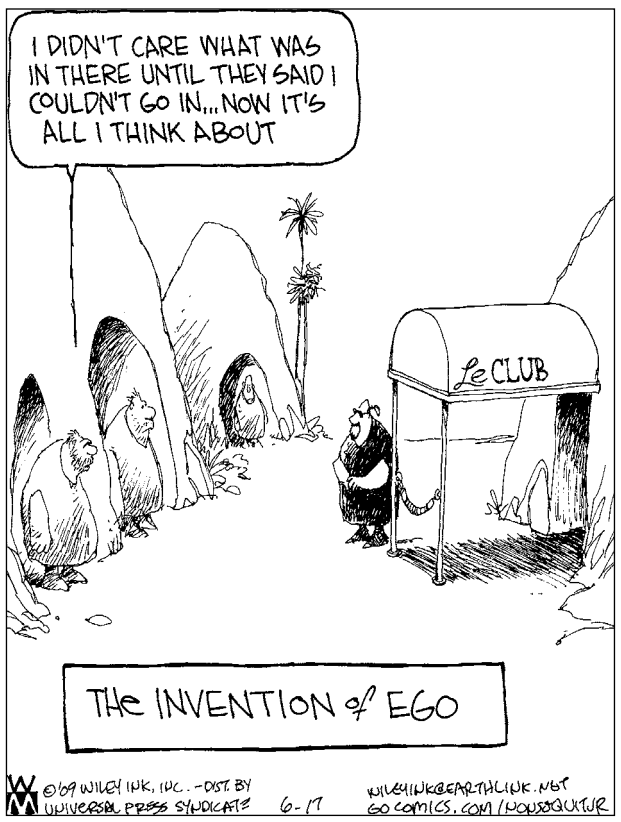

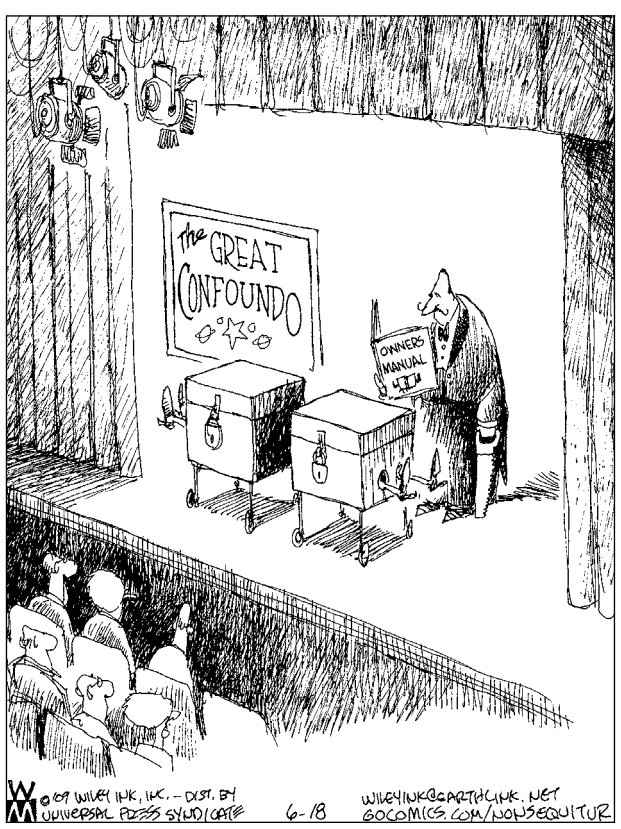

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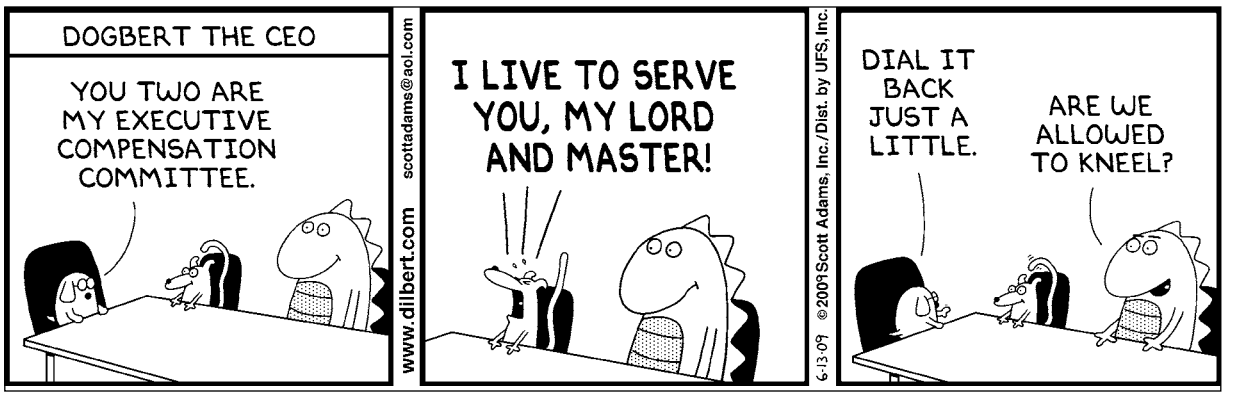

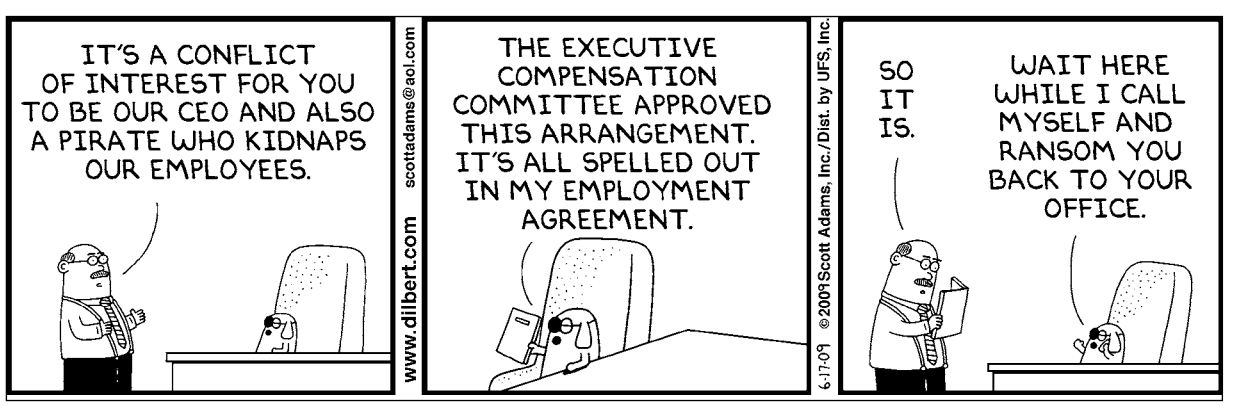

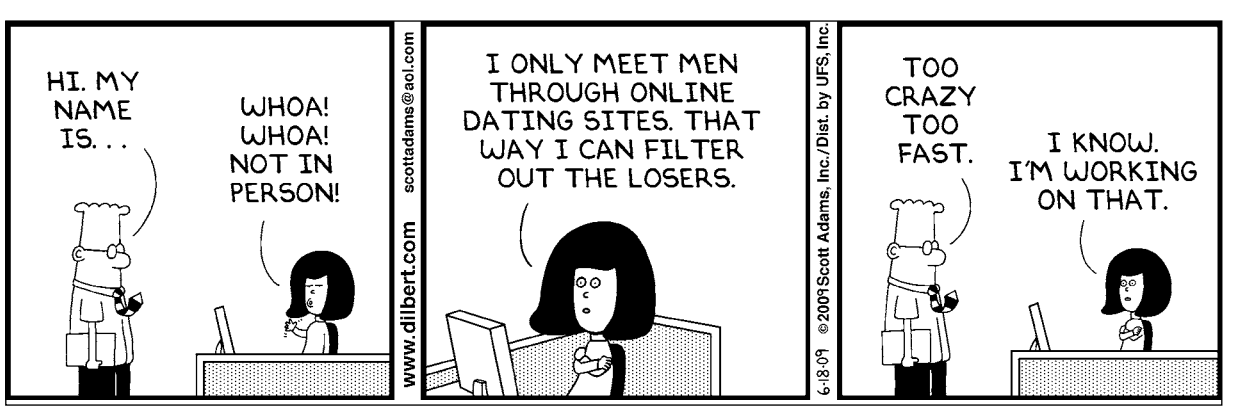

Tech falls in NCAA regional

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Deck McGuire throws from the mound at Russ Chandler Stadium. McGuire had a effective start in Tech's opening game in the Atlanta regional, pitching seven innings and allowing only two extra-base hits, but gave up nine runs in the finale.

By Nishant Prasadh
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The baseball team's season came to an end last week, as the Jackets fell in the championship game of the NCAA Atlanta Regional and failed to move on to the Super Regional round. The Jackets, ranked No. 13 in the nation heading into the tournament, finished the year 38-19-1 with an 18-12-1 mark against ACC foes.

Tech was one of 16 teams that earned the right to host an NCAA Regional from May 29-June 1. The Jackets were the No. 1 seed in the four-team field that included No. 2 Elon, No. 3 Southern Mississippi and No. 4 Georgia State, and they were favored to win the double-elimination tournament.

However, the opening game showed that the other teams would not fall easily. Southern Miss and Elon battled in a shootout that lasted well over three hours; the teams combined for 32 runs, 34 hits and 11 homers as Southern Miss came out on top 17-15. In Friday's night game, though, Tech looked strong as well in dispatching Georgia State 9-3. Sophomore pitcher Deck McGuire went seven strong innings, and freshman third baseman Matt Skole hit a fifth-inning grand slam to power the offense.

After Elon eliminated Georgia State with a 4-3 win on Saturday afternoon, Tech looked to secure a spot in the championship game by beating Southern Miss. The Jackets had problems defensively and committed five errors and the Golden Eagles capitalized on each one. A four-run ninth inning was not enough to bring Tech back, and the Jackets fell 10-7.

The loss meant that Tech would have to play two elimination games on Sunday to stay alive. The first came against Elon in a battle between two of the nation's most prolific offenses, and Tech knocked out the Phoenix with an 8-4 victory. The Jackets overcame a rough start by sophomore Zach Von Tersch, who walked seven batters in three innings pitched, and got five innings of shutout relief by freshman Mark Pope while using a seven-run second inning to come out on top. In the night game, the Jackets looked strong on all fronts as they took down Southern Miss 10-3 to set up a Monday night rematch for the right to move on to the Super Regional round.

Senior right fielder Luke Murton hit his 20th home-run of the season, and eight players had a hit and an RBI; meanwhile, junior starter Andrew Robinson and sophomore reliever Thomas Nichols combined to hold the Golden Eagles' offense in check.

McGuire took the mound for Monday's game just two days after throwing 121 pitches against Georgia State, and the Golden Eagles hit him hard in the second. Led by freshman shortstop B.A. Vollmuth, who hit two home runs in the inning, Southern Miss took advantage of a two-out Skole error and put up nine runs in the frame.

Tech, down 11-3 after five innings, managed to close the gap to 11-8 entering the ninth, but they could not complete the comeback, as Southern Miss reliever Collin Cargill held them hitless in the final frame to clinch the Golden Eagles' first trip to an NCAA Super Regional.

It was Tech's second consecutive NCAA regional, losing in the championship game both times. They hosted a regional for the first time since 2006.

Tringale named first team Ping All-American

By John Healy
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Following a 10th place finish in the NCAA Championships, the last two weeks have been an eventful time for Jacket golf. Recently graduated Cameron Tringale was named to the Ping All-American first team. He also won his fourball match in the Palmer Cup and halved his singles match. In addition, Tringale joined Tech alumnus Matt Kuchar, David Duval, and Stewart Cink when he qualified for the U.S. Open.

Tringale is among elite company with only ten golfers being named to the Ping All-American first team. This is his first selection to the first team, although he did make the second team in 2006 and 2007. He finished out the year with seven top-10 finishes including victories at the Brickyard Collegiate Tournament and the Southern Highlands Collegiate Tournament. His stroke average of 71.36 is the 12th best in Tech history and the second best in the ACC this year. In addition, on June 4 Tringale paired up with Morgan Hoffman from Oklahoma State to defeat their European opponents in the Palmer Cup. Their victory was the only United States victory in the morning session of the tournament.

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Cameron Tringale drives a ball at the United States Collegiate Championship.

Softball falls in Super Regional following historic season

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Jen Yee hits a home run during the first game against Washington in the Super Regionals. It was the only score by Tech in the two games they played.

By Steven Cappetta
Sports Editor

On May 23 and 24 the women's softball team played its last two games in what had been a historic season for the Jackets. The No. 14 Jackets dropped both their games in the Super Regionals over the weekend at Mewborn Field to a No. 3 Washington team that went on to the Women's College World Series. The Huskies went on to defeat both Georgia and Florida to win the 2009 Softball Championship.

Tech dropped its first game on Saturday 7-1 and again on Sunday 7-0. Junior second baseman Jen Yee provided Tech's lone score for the weekend as she hit her team-leading 16th home run of the season. The Huskies' pitcher Danielle Lawrie proved dominant for their team as she allowed only one run on four hits during the first game. In addition, she only walked one and struck out 10 in that first matchup. Lawrie continued her streak into the second day as she gave up just three singles, did not walk a batter, struck out eight, and hit two home runs for Washington.

Even with Tech's loss and coming up short for the College World Series, the Jackets have accomplished a great deal over the course of the season. The women's team just finished with its best season in program history by finishing with its highest ranking in the national polls. The Jackets finished 13th in both the final NFCA and **ESPN.com** top 25 polls in addition to 12th in the RPI, all of which are program bests.

In the preseason coaches' poll the Jackets were projected to be third in the ACC, but went on to win both the regular season and tournament title. Tech finished 17-3 in conference play and won all seven league series. Under head coach Sharon Perkins' direction the Jackets have won three conference championships over the past three years.

In retrospect, Tech's season brought on a new softball stadium over at Mewborn Field, another ACC title, Tech's best end-of-season ranking and the program's first appearance in a Super Regional.

The Jackets had a number of notable individual performances as well. Yee and senior first baseman Whitney Haller were both named third-team Easton All-Americans, and Haller was named to the All-American first team by both Lowe's and ESPN The Magazine. Yee will return for her redshirt senior season when the season begins next February.