

Jackets beat Bulldogs

(No, not those Bulldogs, unfortunately.) Jackets' offense thrashes Miss. State, 38-7. ▶ 24



First phase of North Avenue repairs ends today

By Corbin Pon
News Editor



By Meagan Roth / Student Publications

Scaffolding was erected on the east wall of the North Avenue Apartments complex one week into the fall semester. The brick façade is being replaced after it was found that the bricks were not properly secured to the buildings.

On the east side of the North Avenue Apartments (NAA), work crews have been removing the brick façade, while students living in the North and East apartment buildings have complained to Housing about the noise generated by the work. Today, that brick removal process will end.

In June, Housing discovered a problem with the bricks covering the east wall of the North and East apartments. The bricks were not properly secured to the buildings and had the possibility of falling onto pedestrians or passing vehicles. In a corrective measure, Housing decided to rebuild the outside wall.

One week after the start of the fall semester, students living in the NAA found themselves being disturbed by the constant noise from the brick removal. The work crews operated Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and students began to voice complaints to Housing that they were unable to study effectively in their rooms.

"From the North building we received only two emails asking for an explanation [for the noise]. It was from the East building, where a student there had created a Facebook group [about this], that we received most of our complaints," said Mike Black, senior director of Housing.

Students complained about the loud noise caused by the jackhammers being used by the work crews. Black explained that jackhammers allowed the clean removal of the exterior bricks, allowing for the sustainable reuse of the material in the future.

In order to respond to student requests for more information, Housing recently held a town hall meeting, posted flyers inside the apartment halls and created the website www.housing.gatech.edu/reslife/northaveindex.cfm to inform students about the work schedule.

The east wall defect was identified in an assessment that Tech conducted on the NAA earlier this year. Black admitted the façade problems arose

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Housing holds mock dorm fire demonstration

By Kaitlin Goodrich
Staff Writer

A crowd of students gathered by the library parking lot on Wednesday afternoon, awaiting a promised fire.

In honor of September being Fire Safety Awareness Month, Tech's Manager of Fire Safety Mike Hodgson and campus fire safety specialists worked in conjunction with the Center for Campus Fire Safety to create a mock dorm fire in the library parking lot to demonstrate the devastating effects that a fire can have on student residences.

Housing built a demonstration room that was meant to give the look and feel of a real student dorm. The room was furnished with curtains, posters, blankets, pillows and authentic Housing furniture. It also came complete with dirty laundry strewn haphazardly about the floor and a prop laptop sitting on the desk.

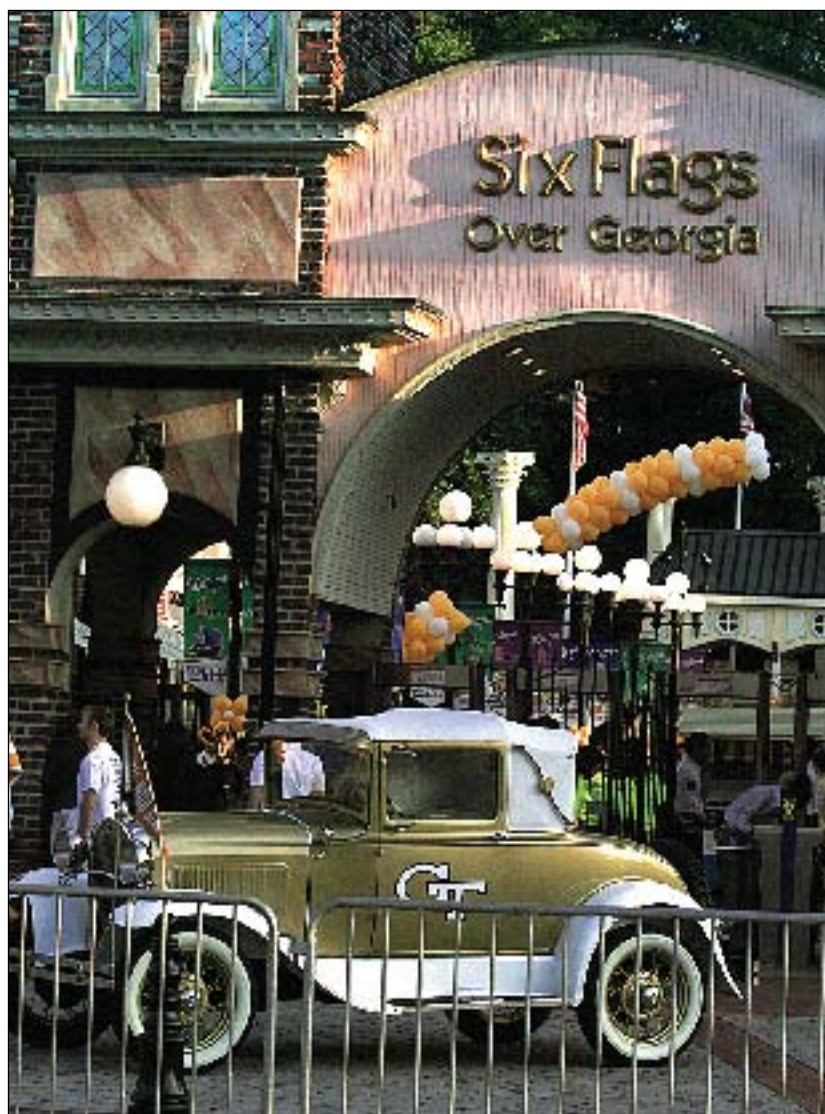
Before the demonstration was performed, Hodgson spoke about the importance of students being well informed of general fire safety practices and being able to execute them when the need arose. Such general practices include the proper use of fire extinguishers, knowing what to do in the case of a grease fire, and checking the smoke detectors on a regular basis.

Then Hodgson lit a small section of curtain in the back of the mock dorm using a typical charcoal lighter. He announced the time to the observing crowd every 30 seconds after the room was lit. Within the first minute, the fire had spread across much of the room, quickly catching the clothing and more flammable ob-

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Tech Night at Six Flags draws 7,500

By Jisoo Kim
Contributing Writer



By Anne Campeau / Student Publications

The Wreck sits at the entrance to Six Flags Over Georgia at the annual Georgia Tech Night at Six Flags that has been held every fall since 2003.

Last Friday night, a swarm of Tech students, faculty, staff, alumni and guests descended on Six Flags Over Georgia, decked out in white and gold. More than 7,600 were in attendance for an exclusive night of rides and fun, which was offered at a discount and held for members of the Tech community.

According to the event's website, Georgia Tech Night at Six Flags was established as part of an effort to increase large-scale student life activities on campus and to "bring people from all aspects of the Georgia Tech community to have fun together." SGA has hosted the event for the last six years.

In 2003, the first year of its existence, the event attracted 7,250 members of the Tech community, making it Tech's largest student life event in history.

Funding for Six Flags came from a variety of sources. "[The event] received \$25,000 from the Student Life Allocations Board, \$9,000 from BuzzFunds and \$13,000 from SGA," said Nick Wellkamp, undergraduate student body president.

Planning for the event began in June of this year, and negotiations with Six Flags were completed by the beginning of August. The event was given a budget of \$155,000, of which approximately \$140,000 was used to provide the tickets.

Student ticket prices started at \$13, jumped to \$18 on Sept. 13, and jumped one more time to \$25 for tickets sold after Sept. 17. Tickets for faculty and guests cost \$25 per person and were available for purchase through Sept. 17.

"The price was not bad. Thirteen dollars for a good five to six hours at any park is a really good price. I also feel that the school took really good

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Did you go to Six Flags?

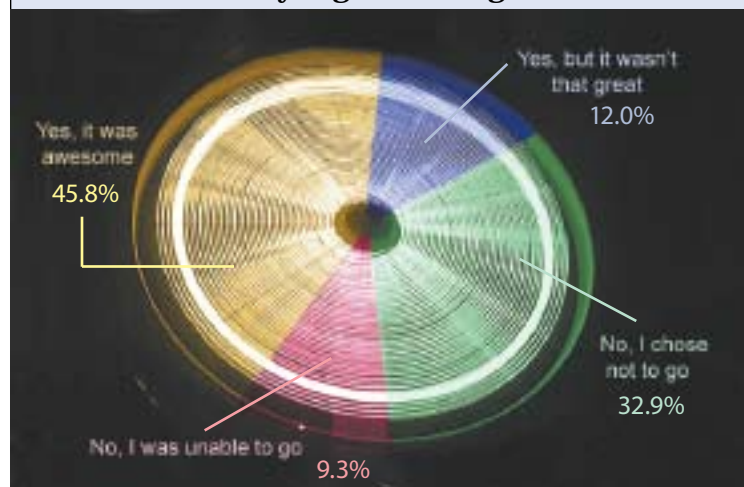


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This week's question:

How is the gasoline shortage affecting you?

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Swearing at Parking

The police were called in to the Parking and Transportation office on Sept. 20 in response to a complaint about an irate person who was swearing and disturbing the people in the office.

When police arrived, officials at Parking said that the white male suspect had left the office just before the police arrived.

The police spotted a man matching the suspect's description walking in the direction of the Fifth St. bridge.

The man was stopped and identified as a Tech student. The suspect then admitted to being in the Parking office.

The officials at the Parking office confirmed the identification of the student as the one who had caused the previous disturbance.

The student was then given a student conduct code violation for disorderly conduct.

He was transported back to campus without further incident.

From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime

By William Brawley
Assistant News Editor



Armed and Dangerous

On Sept. 19, the police were called to the Student Center West parking lot regarding an armed robbery.

The victim, a Tech graduate student, was walking back from the Library at around midnight when a man approached him asking if the student could tell him the current time.

The man then walked away, but soon after, returned and demanded the student's wallet and cell phone, brandishing a silver-colored revolver and pepper spray.

The student handed over the items and the man then fled on foot. The student was unhurt after the incident.

Tech and Atlanta police were soon notified of a second attempted armed robbery on the corner of State and Tenth Sts. The description of the perpetrator from the second incident closely matched that of the previous incident.

All victims gave similar statements about the suspect's appearance.

The suspect was described as a white male of medium build, standing about 5'7" in height, wearing a white shirt, cream-colored shorts and a white kangol-style knit cap.

Neither Tech police nor the Atlanta police were able to locate the suspect, and the incidents are currently under investigation by both organizations.

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This week in Student Government

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

By Sijia Cai, Staff Writer, and Zimu Yang, Contributing Writer

This edition of *Council Clippings* covers the UHR and GSS meetings from Sept. 23, 2008.

Sustainability

POSTPONED: Joint Allocation to Students Organizing for Sustainability, requested \$750 to fund a movie presentation and speaker.

The Students Organizing for Sustainability requested funding in order to host two separate events. The first is a documentary screening of *FLOW: For the Love of Water*. The screening will be free for Tech students as well as a few faculty members. The second event is a talk by a speaker from the Southface Energy Institute who will address issues of en-

ergy, green engineering and solar power. The GSS voted to remove the movie rental fee from the bill over concerns about the School of Biology funding the movie rental if SGA didn't and reduced the total cost to \$450. The amended bill passed GSS 16-6-0. The bill passed 28-8-1 in its original version in UHR, meaning the bill will be forwarded to a conference committee.

RoboJackets

POSTPONED: Joint Allocation to RoboJackets, requested \$5000 for robot kits.

The organization asked for \$5000 in order to purchase the required kit of parts that FIRST, a high school level robotics compe-

tion, provides for participating schools. RoboJackets has been involved in FIRST for several years as mentors.

The organization argued that the parts were being offered below market value and could be re-used for future competitions. GSS postponed the bill for one week. In UHR, some representatives felt that it was a case of philanthropy to be sponsoring a high school. They felt that such a large sum of money shouldn't fund an outside event. Others contended that the parts would be Tech property and the sponsorship could help prospective Tech students.

The JFC determined that the bill did not meet funding policy. A motion to waive the JFC policy failed and the bill was postponed indefinitely.



By Sierra Schmidt / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Veteran speaks: Theodore Van Kirk, navigator of the Enola Gay, which dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, spoke about his experiences on Sept. 23 in the Instructional Center auditorium.

Former Tech professors accused of double-dipping

By Sijia Cai
Staff Writer

Two professors, formerly from the College of Engineering (COE), are suspected of double-dipping and falsifying documents. Husband and wife François Sainfort and Julie Jacko came to Tech in 2000 and served as professors in the COE for seven years. Sainfort was associate dean of interdisciplinary programs in the COE and head of the Health Systems Institute (HSI). Jacko served as a professor in the School of Biomedical Engineering.

Tech alleges the couple accepted high-level jobs at the University of Minnesota last October but did not leave their positions at Tech. It claims that Sainfort renewed his contract with the Institute last October and Jacko renewed hers last January, months after they had already begun working full time for the University of Minnesota.

The case, which the Institute has turned over to the state attorney general's office, is still under investigation. "In my opinion, [Tech] took a very unusual step in making a request to the attor-

ney general and then publishing a news release about it," said John Finnegan, dean of the School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota. "I don't think we've seen full cooperation on [Tech's] part, since neither the Georgia state attorney's office, nor [Tech] has informed me of their intentions."

Tech officials declined to comment, saying that any statement would be inappropriate while the Georgia Bureau of Investigation still had an ongoing investigation into the incident.

In February, Sainfort sent an email to John Leonard, associate dean of finance and administration in the COE, claiming that he and Jacko had requested a leave of absence from Tech at the end of May and had not yet signed contracts with the University of Minnesota.

According to a report by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, this statement is contradicted by documents which showed that the professors had been receiving compensation from Minnesota since the beginning of October. During

the period between October and April, they allegedly double-billed Tech for traveling expenses to Minnesota and for other reimbursements.

The *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* report stated that Tech also uncovered what it claims to be questionable financial dealings involving Jacko's brother, who was paid tens of thousands of dollars for helping to collect data for the HSI between June 2006 and January 2007.

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late in the game, and Housing had no idea of the problem when students were signing up for their living arrangements in the spring.

"Could we have done a better job of communicating what was going on? Sure we could have, but we did communicate. We sent out an email to all the residents in the [NAA]," Black said. The email Black talked about was sent out Sept. 16.

The planned completion date for the entire project is Dec. 22, when the final cleanup work will be finished. According to Black, the work from here on out will not be nearly as noisy as the first phase, and the jackhammers will no longer be needed.

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Tech has already fired Phyllis Brooks, Sainfort's executive assistant, who signed off on these payments. Brooks was also accused of misrepresentation of facts regarding the couple's travel documents.

Both Sainfort and Jacko maintain their innocence in the double-dipping affair and contend that the payments to Jacko's brother were legitimate.

"At this point, no one's been charged, much less convicted, of anything," Finnegan said. "Details remain to be uncovered and the professors deserve their day in court to defend themselves."

Although no criminal charges have been filed in the case, Tech has already begun the process of revoking the professors' tenure.

Meanwhile, Sainfort has stepped down from his position as head of the Division of Health Policy and Management at the University of Minnesota, but he and his wife still retain their positions as professors there.

"It is very difficult in the aca-

"The project is unfortunate and is not something we wanted to do. \$6.5 million went to [the project] and the money could have been used better," Black said.

The problem stems from the construction of the NAA for the 1996 Olympics. Four different contractors were hired to build the brick façades. According to Black, the Canadian contractor who built the east wall did not adhere to code, resulting in the wall's substandard condition. Waterproofing materials that were supposed to be behind the brick were also found to be missing in many areas, allowing rainwater to seep in behind the wall. Black said Tech was unable to hold the company responsible, as it has since gone out of business.

demic arena to make a clean break from one school to another when students, research grants and consultations are involved," Finnegan said. "That being said, there's no excuse for taking two paychecks from two institutions at the same time."

The investigation in Minnesota is not a criminal one and is being conducted from an administrative standards point of view.

This is not the first time the University of Minnesota has had to deal with charges of double-dipping.

In 1993, a professor of Jewish Studies resigned after it was revealed that he had been working full time at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte and was receiving two paychecks for several months.

"In general, I am sure that the huge majority of our faculty members are very hardworking, honest and dedicated," said Jane Ammons, associate dean of faculty affairs for the COE, when asked about other cases of double-dipping with Tech faculty.

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care of us because they had shuttle buses always there waiting for us that kept the wait time to a minimum," said Patrick Donohue, a first-year AE major.

Craig Rawe and Michael Warwick, both fourth-year MGT majors, served as the event coordinators.

"It's great to see so many entities on campus put a lot forward for the benefit of one of the largest annual student events. While it took some effort from Michael and me, we had plenty of support, and Six Flags was very accommodating and excited to be working with us," Rawe said. "It simply took coordinating all the logistics and marketing the event so students all across campus knew about the event and how exciting it was going to be. Walking around the park on Friday, it was all worth it to see so many students enjoying their time at the park and benefiting from the park. It came together, and I was very happy to see the end result."

From bumper cars to stand-up roller coasters like the Georgia Scorcher, the park featured a variety of rides and attractions.

Students were encouraged to wear Tech attire to the park and were rewarded for doing so with a free pass to return to the park any day through Oct. 12. Shuttle buses were available for the event to provide transportation between Tech campus and the park for the students. The first shuttles left for Six Flags at 4:15 p.m., and the final bus of the night left the amusement park at 12:30 p.m.

"As a whole, the event went very well, with reduced wait times, a park full of Georgia Tech spirit, limited impact on the environment through carpooling and busing initiatives and an exciting evening," Warwick said.

"A special thanks goes to the



By Doug Kim / Student Publications

Tech students scream just as the Goliath roller coaster begins its 175-foot drop. Six Flags features a variety of thrill rides and attractions.

Student Government Association, the Alumni Association, the Buzzcard Office, the Ramblin' Reck Club, the Student Life Allocation Board and Georgia Tech Parking and Transportation for making the event a success."

Rawe and Warwick made efforts to streamline the process, doubling the amount of buses and using the Buzzcard system for ticketing, which eliminated the need for students to pick up a ticket on campus.

"I think the system with the Buzzcards made it easier and more efficient when we got there and lined up, because there was no transaction with money—because

you've already done that—so you don't have to wait to exchange money. You just give them your Buzzcard and scan it, so it works a lot faster," said Matthew Miller, fourth-year INTA major.

While supplanting the purchase of tickets on campus with the Buzzcard system may have minimized the wait time, there were complaints that the date of the event interfered with academics.

"I think we still should [continue the event], but I hope it's in the beginning of the year because, for my case, it was between two tests," said Chuljoong Oh, a second-year ChBE major.

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"What is it exactly that the VP does every day?" -Sarah Palin, 31 July 2008

"Our national leaders, are sending (U.S. soldiers) out on a task that is from God." - Sarah Palin

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"In the beginning there was nothing, not even time / No planets, no stars, no hip-hop, no rhyme. / But then there was a bang like the sound of my gat; / The universe began and the shit was phat."

"I'll stuff you in the box like Schrödinger's cat / You'll be dead and alive until such a time as that / I check and make the wave function collapse

When I hear of Schrödinger's cat, I reach for my gun. My soul is lost in the merciless void, ever pained by the dark forces which prey upon my inner penguin.

If I can't get to it by MARTA, then it's not in Atlanta. guy wearing scarf on monday...it's not THAT cold

FIRE SAFETY DEMONSTRATION: SEQUENCE OF EVENTS



1. The mock dorm setup before the safety demo.



2. Curtains and flammable objects soon catch fire.



3. Fire engulfs the room with smoke and flames.



4. The mock fire is put out by an Atlanta firefighter.



Photos by Ben Keyserling / Student Publications

An Atlanta firefighter extinguishes the flames, which had completely engulfed the room after three minutes. Once the fire was cleared, students were allowed to walk up and examine the fire's destruction.

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jects on fire.

Students watched as the fire totally engulfed the room by the third minute, shooting out a tornado of flames and smoke that Hodgson said was commonly called a "devil's tail."

"Three minutes is all the time you generally have to get out of the room. That is all it takes to create the tornado you saw engulf the dorm in flames, so in the event of a fire, there really is no time to hesitate," Hodgson said, stressing the need for students to evacuate burning rooms quickly.

At a little under five minutes, an Atlanta firefighter intervened and put out the fire.

Afterwards, students were allowed to come up and view the destruction caused by the fire. The furniture was charred, the computer melted and the whole room was burned, smelling of smoke and ash.

"We need to really show the students what fire can really do.... We want to give students these lifelong lessons, so students are aware of fire safety in a way that stays with you for life," said Amy Hamel, executive director for the Center of Campus Safety.

Hamel actually contacted Hodgson with the original idea to bring a large-scale fire safety presentation to Tech. In addition to the Atlanta Fire Department and the Office of the Insurance Com-

missioner, many corporate sponsors of the Center for Campus Safety joined the effort to bring the demonstration to Tech.

The goal of the demonstration was to make students more aware of general fire safety tips and continue fire safety education at the college level.

"Most of the effort of fire safety awareness is directed to pre-K to third grade aged children, so there has been a long gap in fire safety education by the time students are in college," said Alan R. Shuman, state fire marshal for Georgia. "We hope that some of what we are doing with these demonstrations will not only refresh the ideas of fire safety in a relevant way, but also just help better educate students

on fire safety issues."

While the actual dorm fire drew the biggest crowds, corporate sponsors also had booths in the area and held various fire safety demonstrations throughout the entire day.

Students could learn to operate the two main types of fire extinguishers on the market at a booth sponsored by Peach State Fire, Inc., which is the main supplier for the fire extinguishers found on campus.

Students could then try their hand at putting out a real fire using a fire extinguisher with Kidde, a United Technologies Corporation fire and security company. Kidde also distributed free smoke detectors to students living off

campus.

Underwriters Laboratories, a not-for-profit product safety certification company, gave away blinkers to increase the off-campus fire safety of students.

There were also booths that gave tips to students on a variety of issues related to fire safety. Finally, in an attempt to draw more people to the event, Simplex Grinnell donated two iPods and Peach State Fire donated \$100 cash to give away after the mock fire.

"I'm pleased with how [the day] went. Hopefully next year we can do something that will bring even more students. Fire safety is important, and we want to make as big of an impact on campus as we can," Hodgson said.

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The plastic on our living room window makes it look like there's a thick fog outside... and like we're in Silent Hill
cute guy with the oakleys in the black suv: you're hot!!
boy who sits across from me in the mlr everyday, talk to me or get lost cause you are starting to creep me out
psh you would be DTP on a tuesday
I want a doner kebab... NOW. kthxbye.
Ryan I watch you sleep
no tony romo
I said what what ITB.
Vagasil-I know its awkward....
a giant box a vagasil, just what i've been wishing for
Children's card game we will play. Fate of galaxy we shall decide with it.
this week needs to be over!
i like how we pretend our awkward hook-up never happened...
lets keep it that way
tell me he's not your boyfriend
Why isn't XKCD featured in the 'nique? Ph&D has gotten lame.
New Tech Rec? Don't Mgt students already have a nice enough facility?
I don't think I'm ever getting out of this school. Even worse is knowing that if that comment was made by a student of any other college, it would probably be because they were happy about it.
I only sliver when I have an impossible amount of work to do.
When you asked me if I wanted to make out with you in the rain, I should have said yes
burgle
As an alumni, I'd love to comeback and tailgate for the football game. Too bad we can't get parking passes ANYWHERE to do so!!
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