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// ENTERTAINMENT

Dark World upholds Marvel standard

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A universe in jeopardy, a woman to save, a brother in chains—just another day in Asgard for alien superhero Thor. *Thor: The Dark World*, directed by Alan Taylor (*Game of Thrones*), is a sequel to 2011's *Thor* and boasts a stellar cast, including Chris Hemsworth (*Rush*), Natalie Portman (*Black Swan*), Tom Hiddleston (*War Horse*) and Anthony Hopkins (*The Silence of the Lambs*). It is a movie wrought with friendship and betrayal, illusions and harsh realities.

The film opens with a narrative detailing how Malekith (Christopher Eccleston, *Doctor Who*), king of the Dark Elves, crafts

and tries to use a dark weapon called Aether to destroy the universe. Years after Malekith's eventual defeat, Thor's love interest Jane Foster (Portman) discovers and becomes infected by the Aether, causing Thor to take her back to Asgard in hopes of a cure.

The movie has some beautiful, heartfelt moments sprinkled throughout, and the dynamic between Thor and his treacherous brother (Hiddleston) results in some of the best acting that Hemsworth does throughout the movie. Hiddleston's character, Loki, is more human than Thor, showing his inner and outer selves and expressing more emotion than the burly protagonist.

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Thor, which opened last week in theatres, continues Marvel's second phase of superhero films.

// SPORTS

First-year guard Davis shares future program success

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Kaela Davis is ready to take the Tech women's basketball team to the next level. The 6-foot-2 Davis attended Buford high school and was ranked the number one guard in the country.

Davis comes at a time when that something special may be needed to boost the team's mediocre performances.

Coach MaChelle Joseph has improved the Jackets program to a very competitive level in the ACC. Before taking over as head coach, Tech had been to only two NCAA tournaments in 29 years. Tech has been to the NCAA

tournament six of the last seven seasons and Davis is the highest rated recruit to ever choose Tech.

The Tech women made the Sweet Sixteen in 2012 and finished ranked number 10 in the country, which is the highest they've ever been ranked. Last year, the Jackets were replacing five seniors and struggled throughout the year, but they bring in the No. 13 ranked recruiting class this season, which is headlined by Davis.

Davis had originally committed to Tennessee, but changed her mind when she realized the opportunities she had if she came to Tech. Every school in America recruited

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UNWELCOME BEDMATE

On Nov. 1, a GTPD officer began contacting multiple victims involved in similarly reported incidents within the North Avenue North Apartment building on the fourth floor. These incidents involved criminal trespass and sexual battery between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. In both of the reported cases, the suspect was an unknown black male with dreadlocks wearing Xbox pajama pants and no shirt, found entering unsecured apartments that were not his own.

In the first incident reported, a female resident woke up to the suspect standing over her. She told him to leave, but he kept walking toward her bed. The victim's roommate then walked in and yelled at the suspect to leave the room. The on-duty

RA was called to help with the situation and escorted the male back to the fifth floor to his room. The RA then told the victims that there was no need to call the police, as they could not do anything that could not be handled the next day. The victim stated that she felt that the RA was trying to cover for the unknown male and that he may have know him.

In the second incident, a female resident of a different fourth floor apartment reported that she discovered an unknown male getting into bed with her around 3:00 a.m. The victim initially thought it was one of her roommates, until she felt someone feeling on her, trying to get their hands in her pants. She then got out of bed and told the suspect to leave, which he did. When the suspect came back into the room, he was again told to leave, and the door was locked behind him.

Since the incidents, GTPD officers have investigated and identified the suspect. The on-duty RA spoke with officers and stated the night of the incidents and identified a person matching the suspect's description on the fourth floor. He also stated he knew the suspect, both of them were members of the GT Football team, but he did not know if the suspect was still a team member. He observed that the suspect was stumbling and likely under the influence of al-

cohol or drugs, and escorted the suspect back to his own apartment.

The suspect met officers at the police department and he was informed that he was a suspect of unlawfully entering into multiple females' private rooms. After a few other questions, the suspect admitted that he had no memory of any of the night's events other than drinking with friends at Kappa Alpha fraternity and a vague memory of walking home. Both victims have since decided not to prosecute, and the Dean's Office is now handling the review and judicial sanctions against the offender.

CAKE RACE CONCUSSIONS PT. 1

On Nov. 2, around 6:40 a.m., an officer responded to a report of an injured person on Cherry Street in front of the library.

The initial report was that a male fell while running the Cake Race, but two other injured persons were discovered when the officer arrived. While on this call, a report of two more injured persons from the race came out at the intersection of Bobby Dodd Way and Techwood Drive and another officer responded to that call. Another injured person was reported at another location on Bobby Dodd and a Grady Unit was called to assist with the last injured person. The injuries ranged from minor cuts and scrapes, vomiting due to alcohol consumption, deeper

cuts, concussions and one case of the injured person falling and getting run over and kicked by other runners in the race.

CAKE RACE CONCUSSIONS PT. 2

On Nov. 7, around 11:30 a.m., an officer met with a student at the GTPD station who wanted to file a police report. The student explained that on Nov. 2, he was running the Cake Race when he was forced to the ground by other runners, which caused scrapes on his knee, shoulder, hip and elbow as well as a concussion.

He advised the officer that he was tackled at the waist which is what caused him to fall to the ground, and that before the race, he was surrounded by multiple runners from various fraternities who were chugging beers.

He wasn't able to determine which fraternity the runners represented, but heard them say how they were only in the race to take out as many people as possible in order to clear a lane for a member of their fraternity to win the race.

The only description the victim was able to give of these runners were that one was shirtless, one wore a horse head mask and one wore some sort of animal costume. The victim is a Tech athlete, and due to his concussion is having to reside at his parent's home, forcing him to miss his classes and keeping him from training with his team.



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GT GAMEFEST

On Nov. 16 and 17, the Georgia Tech eSports club will host GT Gamefest, an electronic

sports event.

The event will be held in the Klaus Advanced Computing Building and on the first floor of Clough. Admission is free to all those who want to play, but those who want to compete each need to bring a \$15 fee, a computer and an Ethernet cord.

There are events for eight video games: League of Legends, Starcraft II, DOTA 2, Halo 4, Super Smash Brothers: Brawl, SMITE, Call of Duty: Ghosts, and Gears of War 3.

Starcraft and SMITE memorabilia will be raffled along with gaming hardware, posters and a flat screen TV.

Georgia Tech eSports is a campus club that promotes LAN based computing. Last year, the

event attracted 800 gamers from across the Southeast.

WRECKLESS

On Saturday, Nov. 16, the Wreckless club will hold an event called "It's PASTURE Bedtime!" on Tech Green from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

This is a farm-themed party that will feature swingdancing lessons, a live band, buffet and a mechanical bull. This event is free for students.

Wreckless is a student organization that sponsors dry events to give students an alternative to drinking. The timing of the event itself is intended to overlap with other parties. They encourages students to be responsible and have fun without alcohol.

FIGMENTS BY DRAMATECH

DramaTech Theatre's performance of the stage play Figments debuted last Friday.

The play, by Billy St. John, is a humorous take on writer's block. Rick Jacobs, a playwright under considerable stress, starts to see four figments of his imagination act out the opening scene of his next murder mystery.

As the play goes on, he begins to see more figments. He imagines his family, his house guests, his neighbor, with whom he is hopelessly in love and even his deceased father in the form of a talking urn.

The performances will continue on Nov. 15-16 and Nov. 20-22 and start at 8:00 p.m. every night at DramaTech Theatre.

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No, sliver box. YOU'RE awesome. Hey, Technique Staff, you guys should totally hang out in the Invention Studio sometime -An Alumnus can someone please share some papa john coupon codes with me! what the heck is up with the homecoming theme this year?? stupid I think there should be a dating service to help match people at Tech up. The scrap bin in the library is for scrap paper.. i.e. paper with either one or two blank sides, not paper with writing or ink on both sides. On October 27th, she was nice to me. I make a lot of interesting noises I wish more people slivered than just me and my roommates... Sometimes I have a hard time making my lunch in the morning because I just want to eat it then. Come hit something! Join GT Women's Rugby opinion section is always crap i guess i'm happy for them Alum life is great....until you realize you miss everything about being at Tech. except classes. i guess i'll always be too slow i want to destroy something beautiful "How to pick up your professor" was funny, you pansies. How is journalism ever going to move forward if anything edgy gets apologized for?

BREAKING THE BUBBLE

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The Obama Administration has announced that roughly 106,000 Americans have signed up for health insurance through state and federal exchanges, according to *The Washington Post*. The news comes after technical problems with **HealthCare.gov** prevented many consumers from purchasing over the federal exchanges in compliance with the Affordable Care Act (ACA, also known as Obamacare).

Fewer than 27,000 people in the 36 states that rely on the federal exchange signed up for plans. The remaining enrollees signed up on the state-run exchanges. Only 14 states set up their own exchanges for ACA enrollment.

The administration had previously predicted that about 500,000 people would enroll in the first month of the exchanges. The Congressional Budget predicted that by the time enrollment ended in the spring, seven million Americans would be enrolled in the exchanges. The current figure is just 1.5 percent of that number.

The announcement also comes on the heels of another controversy surrounding a statement the president made in 2009 stating that, "if you like your [health insurance] plan you can keep it." The announcement by insurance companies that certain plans would be discontinued as the result of ACA mandates led some congressmen to criticize the president.

Conference brings together female leaders

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On Nov. 9th, in partnership with the division of student affairs, Tech hosted the 2013 Women's Leadership Conference (WLC) in the Student Center.

This is the 17th conference held at Georgia Tech since the first conference was held in the winter of 1998. The event is organized by the Women's Resource Center (WRC).

According to the website, the conference's mission was "to inspire and prepare the women of... Tech to become equal partners in the leadership of our professions, communities, and society."

To fulfill the mission, the conference held workshops and hosted speakers in order to help educate women at Tech in essential leadership skills.

"This year we had 160 intelligent attendees, 12 dedicated committee members, 10 outstanding workshop speakers, three delicious meals, and two inspiring Tech-alumna as the keynote," said Jasmine Burton, chair of the 2013 WLC. "With these amazing people involved, we had dynamic conversations and thought-provoking questions all while women leaders in the GT and Atlanta community networked with themselves as well as with our fabulous sponsors. The 2013 WLC was a success because we were able to connect passionate and inspiring women leaders from all walks of life."

The theme of this year's conference was "Reflect," and was designed by the organizers of the conference to provide the opportunity for attendees to reflect on their past and present while focusing in on their own future.

The two influential Tech-alumnae keynote speakers offered



Photo courtesy of Jasmine Burton Women's Leadership Conference

Pictured above is the committee that was instrumental in planning this year's Women's Leadership Conference at Tech. The conference set out to continue to create a supportive environment.

up business and life advice.

"They are both inspiring Tech alumnae from 2 very different fields. Susan Davis is a humanitarian entrepreneur while Andrea LaLiberte worked as a Vice President in Coach. Their stories and experiences inspired the audience to reflect on their past, present and future, which was our intent," Burton said.

Susan Davis, the morning keynote speaker and founder of a not-for-profit organization called Improve International, instructed students to "be about meaning not money" and to "keep learning [by asking] lots of questions." Davis also led an exercise in which she asked students to think of three words that greatly influenced

them. Davis's three words were friends, laughter and meaning.

The conference workshops were intended to facilitate cooperation and inspire students. Some workshops touched on serious topics, such as Lara Hodgson's workshop focusing on body image and potential gender issues. Others, like Kristina Graves's workshop on "Women's History as a Way of Thinking," highlighted the importance of women's suffrage and other key historical events associated with women's rights.

Students including Kate Overstreet and Amanda Francis presented with Health Professional Lee Helmken to discuss the mission of VOICE and a "peer leadership approach to preventing cam-

pus sexual violence."

"We received really positive feedback, especially regarding the workshop speakers. We included very successful and inspiring speakers that many people connected, networked and actively engaged with," Burton said.

This year's WLC differed from past conferences.

"This conference was abbreviated. In the past, we have had a two day conference, but due to changes in planning, we decided to make it just a Saturday conference so that people could come and go as they pleased on one day rather than feeling obligated to set aside two days for the conference. The schedule we determined worked really well," Burton said.



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Each week, this section of News will include the coverage of different aspects of bills that passed through Student Government. This will include the Undergraduate House of Representatives, Graduate Student Senate and the Executive Branch of both government bodies.

BILL SUMMARY

BILL	AMOUNT	GSS	UHR
Wreckless	\$7,563.34	21-0-0	25-20-0
RoboJackets	\$17,346.93	21-1-0	48-0-0
League of Legends	\$0.00	15-4-3	1-46-0
HyTech Racing at GT	\$8,342.67	21-1-0	44-2-0
Paintball Club	\$3,000	20-2-0	40-8-0
Alternative Spring Breaks	\$1,080.00	21-0-0	48-0-1
FreShGA One Night Stand	\$3,120.90	N/A	46-2-1
SGA - Display Board	\$300	N/A	27-1-0
SGA - Dean Griffin Day	\$154.50	N/A	43-0-1
SGA FUNDS REMAINING PRIOR YEAR \$213,149.59		CAPITAL OUTLAY \$526,266.42	
ULR \$10,108.60		GLR \$9,378.00	

WRECKLESS

In bill 14J076, the student organization Wreckless asked for \$7,600 to help pay for their farm/bedtime-themed party "It's Pasture Bedtime" that will incorporate farm-themed activities such as a mechanical bull, corn hole, a corn maze, hay rides and a farm-themed photo booth.

The bill had been heavily debated previously. Some members of GSS and UHR thought of the event as no more than another party, while others found Wreckless and their mission to provide parties with an alcohol-free environment commendable. Because the initial bill was passed by GSS and a revised version was passed UHR, the bill was sent to conference committee.

When brought back before GSS, there were a large number of students who believed live music was essential for such an event and

that cutting their funding would not help them out. Members of UHR were torn on whether the money could be used more effectively than "just another party."

GSS and UHR both passed the final bill with votes of 21-0-0 and 25-20-0, respectively.

ROBOJACKETS

In bill 14J080, the RoboJackets club brought an extensive presentation before SGA in order to explain exactly what was included in their bill, which contained 122 line items totaling \$20,284.73.

Debate on the bill revolved around specific line items and why said items were allocated from the capital outlay account versus prior year. The explanation was that while some items were for long-term use, others were not and thus should be funded differently.

The bill was eventually amended per JFC policy leaving

the total amount to be allocated \$17,346.93. The bill was passed unanimously by UHR and with a vote of 21-1-0 by GSS.

LEAGUE OF LEGENDS

In bill 14J087, the League of Legends Club (LoL) came to SGA for \$1,020 to pay the \$15 entry fee for paid members of the club to go attend and compete in the GT Gamefest this weekend.

Major concerns were raised by SGA members about covering costs for individual members when the club had \$15 dues that a representative indicated had not yet been spent. Further discussion came up postulating that the people in LoL could be considered gamers who would pay for a new video game on its release date for \$60, so \$15 for entry into GameFest could be considered nominal.

Ultimately, the bill was amended per JFC policy, passed by GSS on a vote of 15-4-3 and failed in UHR by a vote of 1-46-0.

HYTECH RACING AT GT

In bill 14J088, HyTechRacing requested \$8,342.67 for capital expenses related to the battery system and workstations in their offices. The money will also help pay for the cars they design and build.

The interdisciplinary team of students produce high performance, fuel efficient machines that they use to compete in the annual Formula Hybrid International Competition.

There were discussions on discrepancies in the numbers associated with their line items on the bill, but the issues were clarified during the meeting.

Discussion also compared how much had been allocated to RoboJackets earlier, but ultimately it was agreed that to fund one's request and not the other would not be fair to either organization.

The bill was amended per JFC policy and passed by GSS 21-1-0 and by UHR 44-2-0.

OIT responds to increased malware outbreaks



Photo courtesy of Michael Reed OIT Communications

Students pose with OIT T-shirts against cyber crime. Recently, phishing scams have broken through OIT's barriers and hit campus.

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According to the Office of Information Technology's (OIT) online service status earlier this week, there has been a "recent increase in malware outbreaks on campus."

These outbreaks are mainly in the form of e-mails and they are something that OIT's Information Security (IS) team hopes the community is aware of so that people know what to look out for.

"We're always being bombarded and people are always trying to attack Georgia Tech at large," said Jimmy Lummis, OIT Information Security Policy and Compliance Manager, as he spoke more about how often the campus community is targeted by malware.

Right now, the main attacks that have broken through the safeguards have been phishing scams. Phishing is defined by OIT as an "e-mail scam that attempts to obtain sensitive information from unsuspecting users."

OIT is prepared for this almost-daily occurrence though.

"We have tools on campus to block phishing, malware and spam in general. Usually the tools are pretty good, but, like anything, they're never perfect. So this just happens to be one that slipped through those protection tools," Lummis said.

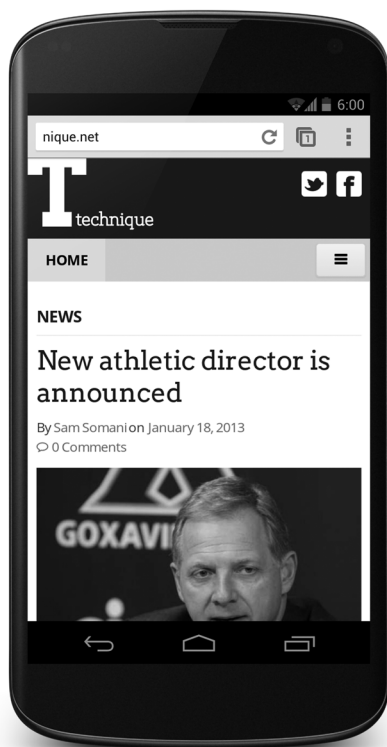
The source of these scams is unconfirmed right now, but as more malware is identified, the tools and software that are in place to combat it are updated to recognize and go on to systematically eradicate it from the system.

The main response is two-fold. OIT first informs the technical community, which responds to the threat, as well as the general public on campus to raise awareness. Once this is done and anti-malware software is able to identify the problems, it can be targeted and destroyed.

OIT then communicates back to their anti-malware and e-mail protection tool vendors to let them

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Construction on Spring St. housing underway

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Construction recently began on a new student housing complex that will be located on the Northwest corner of Spring Street and 8th Street in Midtown. The housing development is currently scheduled to open in the 2015 academic year.

Ambling University Development Group will administer this "Spring Street Housing" project and will construct the 19-story building, working in conjunction with Inland American Communities Group, Inc. (IAC), which will also play a role in managing the newest University House property and may have management offices in the building in order to operate the property until its full completion next year.

"The team at IAC places a high emphasis on developing best-in-class amenities to distinguish University House communities from the competition," said David Pierce, Senior Vice President of Development at IAC in a press

release. "Based on our experience, we recognize the importance of designing each space for the way students really live, and we look forward to providing this premium housing option for the Georgia Tech community."

According to *What Now Atlanta*, the building will have 268 units available for student occupation. There are also plans for various different amenities to be available for residential use such as a club room, study lounge, a gym, rooftop terrace, outdoor pool and management offices within the building.

An estimated \$48 million will be spent to build the "Spring Street Project" and its respective parking units which will include 261 parking spaces.

Originally, Seven Oaks and Brookdale Group, two independent real estate companies, owned the property for this project but it was sold off in order to promote further development and commerce in the area. The housing project will be relatively close to Tech Square and the Centergy

One building.

In an interview with the Atlanta Business Chronicle, David Tyndall, who was behind the Centergy building project said, "In the evening it winds down a little bit. We know people come to learn here, but they haven't yet come to live here, for now."

While property values have risen to more expensive prices, the "Spring Street Housing Project" has been seen as an investment to Midtown Atlanta.

"We are proud to be developing our next project in the heart of midtown," said Travis Roberts, President of IAC in a press release. "This development will be a great addition to our growing portfolio of student housing properties nationwide."

The addition will add 7,000 beds to the student housing nationwide that IAC currently manages.

According to Daniel Latshaw, a representative of the Seven Oaks and Brookdale joint ownership, in an interview with the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*, "During the

downturn, we saw distressed land deals in the range of \$50 to \$80 a foot. Now we're getting back over \$100 a foot. We're not quite back to the good ol' days, but we're getting closer."

While the new building project has been disputed by part of the Midtown community, many students on the Tech campus are interested in the new housing project and feel that it offers a safer option for off-campus housing.

"I think it's pretty cool. It definitely offers that convenience of being off campus but still being surrounded by the Georgia Tech community, so I think it's really cool to have that option," said Tamiko Washington, a senior AE major. "It will certainly feel that you're off campus, but you'll also feel that it's safer because you're surrounded by you peers."

Ambling executives say that students from local Atlanta schools are fueling the demand for new and affordable off-campus housing. The company is looking to expand further when more similar spaces open up.

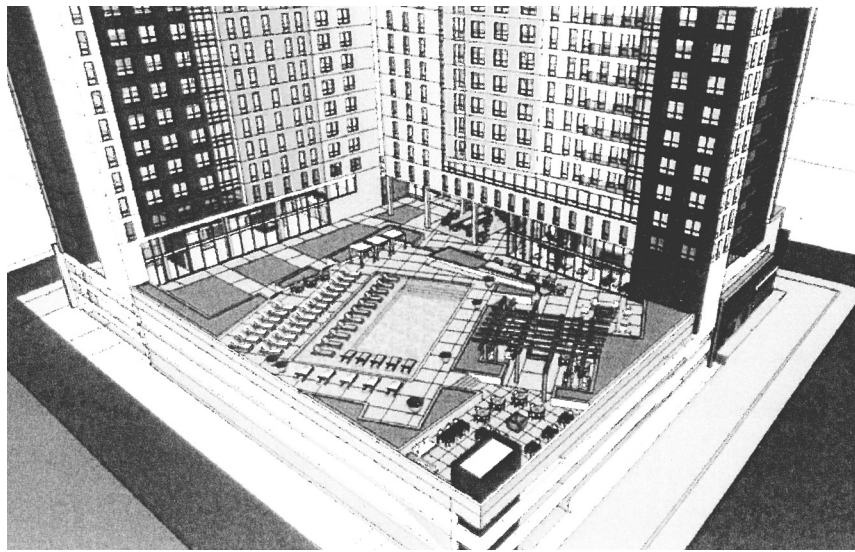


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Pictured above are artist renderings of what the Spring St. Student Housing may look like upon completion. The 19 story building will have 268 units available for student occupants with additional parking. The development is scheduled for completion in 2015.

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know about what's been found so that they can update their system signatures as well.

Lummis explained how the biggest issue is educating students, faculty and staff in the Tech community who may come into contact with these scams on how to spot them and not fall for them in the first place. OIT believes education and prevention is the easiest way to stop future outbreaks on campus.

OIT also outlined five common ways in that phishing e-mails will try to trick users.

"The Old Fashioned Scam," involves the sender making a direct request for personal information or money.

"The Fake Link," involves a phishing message that contains a link that will take users to a fake website or one that downloads a virus directly to their computers.

"The Fake Website," involves another type of fake link that will take users to a fake website asking for the sensitive information

"A Virus Attachment," is something that can also come in these e-mails and may give the sender direct access to personal information on the user's computer itself.

"Fake Contact Information," may also come through phishing e-mails to attempt to gain a user's trust so that they will follow up with a phone call to a number listed and provide personal information in this fashion.

The OIT IS team offers training and awareness sessions for any campus group that requests them and is constantly hoping to educate users proactively as to exactly what kind of phishing and malware they may run into, how to spot it and how to correctly respond to it.

As OIT outlined on their IS website, "The biggest thing to remember is that you should never share your login and password with anyone... for any reason... ever."

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