

# SCIENCE & TECH

## Ask the Techie

Featuring Julia Houtchings

It's 3AM. You have a project due at 8 that your professor said must be uploaded to Digital Locker. Your project is finished, but you have absolutely no idea how to upload it to the site...Have you ever found yourself in situations like this one, or just want to know how to do something simple on the computer, like put a funny caption on a picture? Perhaps you want to know the best way to find certain information online. Either way, the Techie is here to help.

Technology can be frustrating and downright confusing, but instead of banging your head on the keyboard, submit a question to the Techie. Every week the Techie will answer a question that a reader submits related to computers or the Internet.

Email your questions to [herald@meredith.edu](mailto:herald@meredith.edu)

## Masdar City: An Experiment in Renewable Energy on a Municipal Scale

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When you first see images of the new experimental metropolis Masdar City, the futuristic designs will make you feel like you are looking at screen shots out of a Star Wars movie. According to the Masdar Initiative website, Masdar City, located in one of the world's most sustainable urban developments, is powered by renewable energy.

Situated ten and a half miles from downtown Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, it is made for companies, schools, and families who want to focus on renewable energy and clean technology. Renewable energy comes from natural resources such as sunlight, wind, rain, tides, and geothermal heat. It is used for all the same purposes that electricity, or oil

are used for. Masdar City has rooftops made of solar power panels, one of the most popular forms of renewable energy used today.

According to the August 28, 2009 Designboom article "LAVA wins first prize for Masdar – world's first sustainable city in UAE. Giant umbrellas, with a design based on the principles of sunflowers, will provide moveable shade in the day, store heat, then close and release the heat at night in the plaza of a new eco-city". Construction of this magnificent city began in 2008 and is planned to be finished by 2016, with finished projects opening as soon as fall 2010.

For more information on this experimental city, visit <http://www.masdar.ac/en/home/index.aspx>

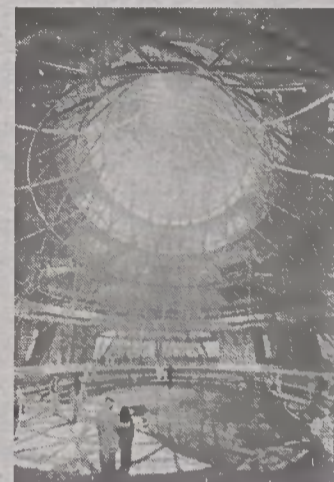


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# SPORTS

## Wolfpack in the House!

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Until I started college, I never knew the meaning of terms like secondary, safety, and cornerback. While I'm still not sure that much has changed, I now look forward to football season at NC State like Mr. Wuf with a case of rabies. There has always been something magical about the beginning of fall, and the September Fourth season opener against Western Carolina was living proof. You could almost hear the sound of optimism in the air (or was that the vuvuzelas?) as fans poured into Carter-Finley Stadium on a beautiful late summer afternoon. Perhaps it was the recent fall from glory in an NCAA investigation of the Pack's bitter enemies, the UNC Tarheels, that cast a hopeful gleam in fans' eyes, or maybe Coach Tom O'Brien has given even the most casual of tailgaters a legitimate reason to be excited about the team this year.

Wolfpack fans can look forward to the return of quarterback Russell Wilson, who everyone thought was in the works to play professional baseball instead of continuing his football career. Adding to the hype is linebacker Nate Irving's

return to the field after a nearly fatal car crash last year that sidelined him for the season. With veteran players on both offense and defense, NC State loyal can hope that this season will bring the best reason to love the Pack since the 2003 Tangerine Bowl victory of Philip Rivers' reign.

The season opener was indeed promising as the Pack put up 48 points on Western Carolina. Russell Wilson had a great outing as expected, passing for over 300 yards and 4 touchdowns. Dean Haynes was the leading rusher for the Pack with 69 yards and 1 touchdown. TJ Graham led receiving with 96 yards and 2 touchdowns. If the Pack can keep up this kind of momentum, it seems that Tom O'Brien's boys are ready to give fans a reason to celebrate their sometimes roller-coaster but always steadfast allegiance. However, true test will not come until later conference match-ups.

There were many Meredith students in attendance at Saturday's



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game. Among them was senior Nataleigh Timberlake, who is hopeful that the Pack will make a good showing for her last year of college. She said of her experience, "It's such a great time just being there and hanging out with my friends outside of Meredith. I also enjoy the Wolfpack so much because my boyfriend goes to State, so I want to support his school. I am really hoping for a great football season, since it's our last year as students!" Given a fresh chance and out from underneath the shadows

of previous seasons, there is no reason for the red and white to disappoint.

Gloriously enough, fan spirit has rarely been crushed by the team's performance and tailgating has never failed to be almost as fun as watching the drunken guy in front of you curse the refs, and football season in Raleigh will continue to be central to this enchanted time of the year. Wolfpack in the house, indeed!