

CAMPUS LIFE

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IFC rules! They have rules.

Greek guys are really not as wild as they seem. IFC has a whole scope of rules that governs fraternity life. **Page 19**

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Tons has happened on MTV's "Real World" in the last 6 weeks. Read up to find out about Supafly's dating life. **Page 17**

Campus Democrats, Republicans face-off for coming election

Republicans and Democrats working to raise awareness, keep students informed during the Presidential election

By Casey Fiesler
Welcome aboard!

As the US presidential campaigns kick into high gear in preparation for the November election, individuals across the country have to make an important decision.

Tech students are no different as we ask ourselves: whom do we want to lead us?

Some already know the answer to this question, and are working hard to make sure that you know as well.

The two major political organizations on campus, the College Republicans and the Young Democrats, have agendas that include both promoting political awareness and spreading their

party's message. Both student-run organizations seek to educate and motivate. They boast dozens of active members each, as well as strong volunteer bases and e-mail lists.

Since this is an election year, the goal of both groups involves getting their party's candidates elected. Voter registration drives, fundraisers, and volunteering at campaign events are among their projects.

The College Republicans are hoping to get a major political figure on campus for a rally as well as bring as many students to the Bush rally and the Cheney rally in Atlanta. Meanwhile Young Democrats are trying to arrange student debates that will present major issues to interest-

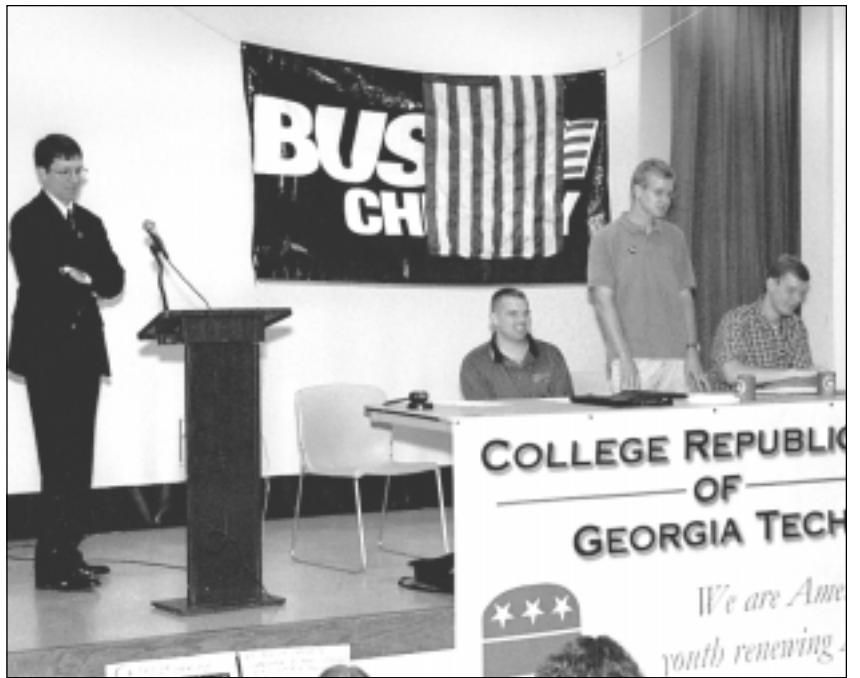
ed individuals.

The leaders of both organizations stress the importance of student involvement in any political venue. Gunjan Talati, the current president of Young Democrats, says that he wishes more students would get involved.

"The majority of Congress is filled with middle aged to older white males, and that's not the diversity of America, and especially not representative of people our age," said Talati, adding, "if you're new to this whole political thing, don't shy away from it. Instead, attack it head-on."

Shane Hix, president of College Republicans, agrees. He stresses that "issues that are be-

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By Bill Allen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

College Republicans and Young Democrats prepare for the elections by helping to inform students of their options, and helping publicize presidential campaigns.

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Faces at Georgia Tech

- Profile on Chris Young -

By Julia Trapold
Assistant Campus Life Editor

If you see Chris Young on campus, most likely he will either be smiling at everyone around him or talking enthusiastically to a student or fellow staff member. He always has an aura of friendliness, determination, and positive energy surrounding him.

Chris came to Tech from Fitzgerald, Georgia, in 1996, planning to go to medical school after graduation. After two chemistry classes, he decided it was not right for him and switched his major to History, Technology, and Society.

He graduated last spring with his BS in HTS, after receiving the prestigious Truman Scholarship for his graduate studies. Chris plans to eventually get a degree in public policy, but he has deferred his graduate plans for at least one year.

Most people recognize Chris from his position as USG Executive Vice-President last year, chair of the Honor Advisory Council, or perhaps as the 1999 Mr. Georgia Tech. He also spent three years in the Georgia State Senate as a senior administrative aide. But now Chris holds a different position on Tech's campus – the first Student Life Fellow.

While deciding what to do after graduation last January, Chris spoke at the annual Omicron Delta Kappa leadership conference. After his speech, a staff member asked him, "Wouldn't it be nice if we could keep you here another year?"

Within a few days, several administrators contacted Chris, and soon he was meeting with them to discuss his future at Tech. Eventu-



Photo provided by Billie Pendleton-Parker

Chris Young, campus's first Student Life Fellow, is available to provide support, advice, and help develop leadership and community on campus

ally the Student Life Fellowship developed.

"I felt taking a year off was the right thing to do," Chris said. "I didn't choose to stay because I didn't want to leave, but because I felt like my work at Tech wasn't done."

The opportunity presented itself and I walked through the door. I am appreciative to the administra-

tion and the students for this possibility."

The position was created to help develop student leadership and foster a greater sense of community. "I'm there as a resource for student leaders in whatever way I can be," Chris said. "I am here as an advo-

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Broaden horizons abroad

By Kim Meehan
Going to Australia

Does the prospect of lying on the world's most beautiful beaches in February while the rest of the schmucks at Tech shuffle through another cold and boring winter sound exciting to you?

Or how about touring around the European countryside and seeing famous sights you've only read about in books while those other poor Tech students are struggling through another dull summer of work and living at home?

For students these scenarios appeal to, the Study Abroad Office is ready to sign them up for the trip of a lifetime!

Students study abroad for a multitude of reasons. One rea-

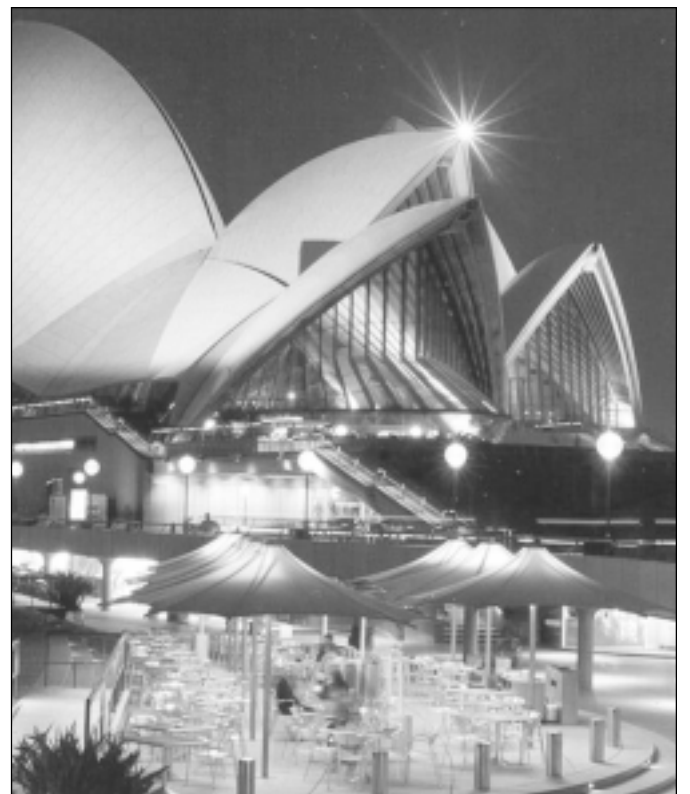
son is being able to participate in a completely novel and cross-cultural experience.

There's also the thrill of a new adventure. Some people go for the opportunity to improve their foreign language skills. Studying abroad is also a perk on your resume and can impress any potential employers.

Proponents of studying abroad argue that it is also good on a character level. By putting themselves in a new situation, study abroad participants can learn more about themselves and the way Americans are viewed by the rest of the world. It also lends a more global perspective to your education.

The Study Abroad has a wide variety of programs. These pro-

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By Kristi Odom / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Sydney Opera House is one of the sites you will see studying in Australia. Visit the Study Abroad Office to learn more about it.



Photos provided by Billiee Pendleton-Parker

Chris Young demonstrates his many talents, including politics and being the piano-man during a Psych 1000 class. All of these talents are now at the disposal of the student body during his tenure as Student Life Fellow.

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cate, a resource, and a friend. My door is always open.”

His position is continually evolving, and he is working on a variety of new programs to enhance student leadership.

Chris publicly speaks often, and he is willing to speak at any meeting or function for the benefit of student leadership.

Chris is also teaching a Psych 1000 course this semester, and plans to teach an Options course on public speaking in the spring.

“I deeply love the interaction with students,” he said. “I haven’t ruled out a career in Student Affairs. The number one positive of my job is

student interaction—the feeling that you make a difference in students’ lives.”

Because his job is so closely related to the students’ lives, it is not unusual to see Chris at club meetings or sporting events. Chris said, “My spare time is not too different from the typical student. I immerse myself in student life.”

Overall, Chris has high hopes for the success of his new position. “I believe that leaders aren’t necessarily born — they can be made,” he said.

“I want to show that we are defining the leaders of the twenty-first century. I have a very deep passion for the students at Tech and I want to do what I can to make sure they fulfill their potential.”

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Campus briefs

Career Services offer Fall Seminars

The Career Services office is starting the Fall semester with sessions to help students find jobs and develop business etiquette. On Thursday, September 7, Career Services has a Career Focus session from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., a Personal Branding Presentation from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and a Business Etiquette Dinner from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The dinner requires registration. There is also a Career Fair on Monday, September 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Coliseum. Check out the Career Services Web site <http://career.gatech.edu/> for more information.

Earl Klugh back by popular demand

On Friday, September 8, 8:00 p.m., the Ferst Center kicks off the Fall semester performances with jazz musician Earl Klugh. Returning by popular demand, Earl takes listeners on an excursion through his heart and soul. Klugh's jazz is interesting, international, and infused with sights and sounds from almost every musical genre. To purchase tickets, which are \$36.50 each, call 404-894-9600. For more information on this show and upcoming performances, visit the Ferst Center Web site at <http://www.ferstcenter.gatech.edu>.

Free music and food at Cyber.Cafe

Visit the Cyber.Café on Thursday, September 7, and you can get free music and free coasters. Beth Wood, the NACA 2000 National Coffee-House Entertainer of the Year, will be performing at the Cyber.Café at 5:00 p.m. Also, drop by between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and paint a coaster for free.

Options sign-up deadline approaching

Options classes, such as ballroom dancing, crafts, sports, and more are listed in this semester's Options Globe. The deadline for registration is September 1, though you can register late for a penalty. Visit the Student Center Box Office for more information.

Techwood Tutorial information session

Techwood Tutorial Project, a youth mentorship and tutoring program, is holding their information session next week, on Thursday, September 7, at 11:05 a.m. It will be a short program required for all new and interested tutors.

Something to announce?

Your friendly campus life editor would be happy to oblige keeping campus informed of your group's activities. Let me know about them by e-mailing campus.life@technique.gatech.edu

Party goes on in 'Real' N'awlins

By Jamie Schulz
enjoys getting his headlines edited

Yes, it's that time, intrepid *Nique* readers. I've slacked off these past few weeks, but here's the quick and dirty on what's been happening on MTV's "The Real World" and with GT cast member, Matt "Supafly" Smith.:

Week 6: It's the first Public Broadcast Show, and Kelley's the producer. There's a small problem though, David wants to do his own thing, and Kelley's not too happy with that. He's been off to Loyola or somewhere while everyone's been gathering his or her own information. Melissa gets mad, David gets mad, and fun ensues in the station's conference room.

Week 7: Lots of things have happened this week. Danny got a job as a bartender. Glad to see *someone's* trying to get some. Julie's brother, Allen, comes to visit. Anyone ever seen "Village of the Damned?" Much like that, down to the blonde hair. Melissa's pissed that it's Valentine's Day, and no one is her Valentine, poor baby. And surprise of surprises, Danny gets a "special Valentine's package" in the form of Paul.

Week 8: The cast produces their first show. Things are a bit sloppy, since there's much dissent among the ranks. Kelley and David are still at it, and Jamie and Julie think that everyone's trying to do everything instead of their specified jobs. Elton (the consultant for the cast) is pleased with the overall results, so Kelley doesn't have to kill anyone.

Week 9: The cast goes on a little bayou tour, and the guide says a racial slur to describe a bird. Melissa's mad (again), and takes it out on everyone. She can get away with saying anything, but when it comes to someone offending her, it's open

season on the "you can't say that. It's racial and it offends me" tirades that we have come to know from Melissa.

Week 10: Poor David and his delusions of grandeur. He gets to sing the national anthem at a hockey game, and it's his turn to produce the show, and he's at "Level Six," i.e., he's mad, because he has yet to really communicate with the rest of the cast. Danny, Jamie, Kelley, and Melissa have taken the SUV to go out and do research, and generally harp about David. So they get back to the house, and once again, fun ensues. But the show turns out fine, and David sings the National Anthem. Woo woo.

Week 11: Melissa just can't get over her biracial thing. But Julie hit the nail on the head when describing Melissa. She's dramatic, she overreacts, and she freaks out over anything that might slightly relate to her or her racial issues. So Melissa blows up, and Julie starts sobbing. Matt brings home a girl, Kelly,

to the house. Funny, I thought his perfect love existed in the form of a processor. They say you grow up and marry your mother, he's married his motherboard (ha! I'm so funny). But Kelly's kind of creepy. Matt says that both he and Kelly "have similarities." She's a female clone of Matt!!! From the same hairstyle to the pale complexion to the Euro-glib-like dress, she's in every way like Matt. But she drives an Acura, can't be *too* bad.

Week 12: Mardi Gras. And everyone gets to have fun. Except for David. He stays at home and has some people over. Everyone else is on a parade float having fun. During the week, David brought home a "girl" (I say this because he never got her name). And they're getting it on with Matt in the room. Poor Matt, he should've thought a little longer on his room selection. And Danny got drunk and freaky with some guy. Paul says it's fine. We shall see.

So that's it in a nutshell.



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Matt "Supafly" Smith, celebrating the U[sic]GA win last year, went on to live with an U[sic]GA student on MTV's "Real World" in New Orleans

maybe i would do the same thing, if tempted with this power, this attention, but it sucks to see what it does, what it has done to you.

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ing discussed in this election and elections in the past have an impact on us... In a country with so much freedom and opportunity, it would be a shame not to vote. If we don't vote, our voice is not heard."

Talati and Hix also stress the importance of doing private research into each candidate in order to avoid the political mudslinging inevitable in any campaign.

"You have to do your own research," Talati advises. "Find out what other offices the candidate has held, how they performed in those offices, and their plans for the future."

Hix reiterates that "the best way to find out about the issues is to go the candidates themselves." He suggests reading the books each candidate has written, visiting their Web sites, and watching the candidates speak in person or on CSPAN.

Getting involved in politics may be easier than you think. Students can pick up voter registration forms at the Student Services building, and also at the College Republican membership table in the Student Center.

Both political organizations have Web sites that can help you join a mailing list, and will announce weekly meeting times and special events.

The students who have become members of these organizations are determined to make their votes count and make sure that Tech students have a say in deciding the future of this country.

For more information on the Young Democrats, visit <http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/youngdems/>. For more information on the College Republicans, visit <http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/repUBLICans/>.

Feature Photo Design-Build-Fly



By Alisa Hawkins / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

School of Aerospace Engineering's "Plan B" remote control airplane won fourth place in last year's Design-Build Fly Competition. The team is already hard at work this year designing a new plane.

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IFC faces daunting task of regulated fraternity social life

Some think fraternities are undisciplined, but IFC by-laws set rules governing alcohol use during Rush, IDs at parties, prevention of hazing, academic conduct; violations result in appropriate punitive actions

Monte Tynes
Special to the 'Nique

Fraternity men are usually stereotyped as untamed party animals that have no regard for others, much less their own responsibilities. People seem to think that there are no laws or rules that govern Greeks, but this is where they are wrong. Most attention is paid to the alcohol, hazing, and academic policies that govern Greek life.

The first rule to come into mind is the alcohol policy. During Rush campus is dry, meaning there can be no alcohol served, consumed, or present by any such persons at the events.

Also, during this period, alcohol can not be present in the house, in the facilities, nor on the grounds of a fraternity. When Rush is officially over you must be of age and show proper ID to drink at a fraternity party. Talking about alcohol brings to mind parties. Fraternities are known for throwing the biggest parties on just about any college campus across the nation. IFC regulates fraternity parties and also sanctions them. First of all fraternities must register every social event they plan on having during the course of a semester. Then they must meet all the requirements and obey all rules given in the by-laws, including having a fence around the property of

Interfraternal Council has a set of clear and firm rules and minimum standards that each fraternity must follow to stay in good standing.

the house where the party is being held, having two licensed security officers, 10% of host fraternity being sober monitors, and checking all party-goers IDs.

Another question frequently brought up is IFC's policy on hazing. IFC has a very lengthy and strict policy on hazing. The by-laws define hazing very broadly so it encompasses a great deal of different abuses that can occur to a person pledging a fraternity. IFC takes these policies very seriously and imposes very stiff penalties on those fraternities that violate them.

Surprisingly, to most people, academics are a priority to fraternities and IFC. The first priority for everyone in college is their education, which is why fraternal life places emphasis on academic success. Each fraternity is required to have a house

G.P.A. at least a 2.6 to participate in any Greek events including social gatherings. If a fraternity does not make grades the will not be allowed to host any social functions at all. That means no fun for the fraternity. So there is a deal of emphasis on the pride in making good grades.

IFC has a set of clear and firm rules and minimum standards that each fraternity must follow to stay in good standing with IFC and Georgia Tech.



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Attendees at the Beta Theta Pi party last year were ID-ed and then wristbanded. IFC by-laws require police supervision for all parties, 10% dry bothers, and fraternities cannot serve or possess alcohol during Rush.

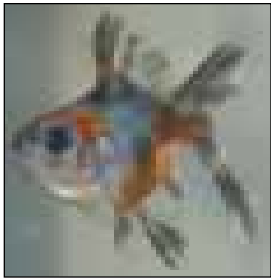
gia Tech. If a fraternity is found in violation of these rules, then some sort of punishment will ensue, whether it is a warning, social or athletic probation, or, in a worst case scenario, expulsion from campus. The type of punishment depends on the violation of the fraternity in question.

The basis of IFC conduct codes are in its by-laws. These by-laws form the structure, the policies, and

how to govern the male Greek community of Georgia Tech. The by-laws also set the standard of how to create and maintain a fraternity. They set up a governing structure such as an Executive Branch (Officers), a Legislative Branch (General assembly), and a Judicial Branch (J-board). Committees are set up through the General Assembly to investigate whether each fraternity is meeting the standards of set forth by IFC

and its by-laws. If a fraternity is suspected of violating a policy of IFC or Georgia Tech they will appear before J-board and if found in violation will have some sort of punishment handed down to them.

For information IFC, Greek life, or the by-laws feel free to visit the Web site at <http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/ifc/> If there is a violation of the rules, please contact Mark Douglas.



'nique pets

join the technique and meet the 'nique pets: Solomon, Murtle, Sharky, Sideways, and Stumpy.

That's because they live in a Blue House. But that's not true. Cause Sarah lives with me and our room is boring. Maybe when they get married, they'll move into a Blue House

Classes help women defend against attack

Violent crime is a possibility in metropolitan area, Criminal Countermeasures for Women Class is a one day seminar that teaches groups how to defend against sexual assault

By Rajiv Saigal
Special to the 'Nique

The unpleasant possibility of being of a victim of violent crime exists while living in a metropolitan area like Atlanta. Classes are available in the campus community that give women the opportunity to learn both self-defense and crime prevention.

One such class is Criminal Countermeasures for Women (CCFW), a one-day self-defense clinic, focused on rape prevention. The course,

designed by the United States Tae Kwon Do Alliance (USTA), teaches knowledge, prevention, and resistance of physical and sexual assault. The clinic focuses on practical self-defense techniques that may help women and others prevent or survive an attack.

Although originally designed as a business venture, on campus Criminal Countermeasures is taught as a fundraiser for centers that support victims of sexual assault. All proceeds are donated to rape crisis centers. In one year, over \$1000 was

raised with donations going to places such as the Grady Rape Crisis Center and the RAINN national rape crisis hotline.

The class is taught by Rajiv Saigal, a certified tae kwon do instructor and Lt. Director of the USTA, and 4th degree black belt, with over 16 years of tae kwon do training. The class is usually taught in the SAC Auxiliary gym with a cost of \$15 per person.

Originally taught as an Options class, CCFW is now available for student groups (freshman experi-

ence sections, Greek organizations, etc) as well as any interested individuals. Interested persons are also welcome to form a group of 15-25 women (residence hall, sorority, campus organization, etc) and find a time and date that is most convenient to offer the class.

The need for such a class has been proven time and again. For instance, this last July, a young woman was approaching the campus remote parking lot on the corner Spring Street and 5th Street, when she was assaulted by a stranger who held a knife to her neck. He was Caucasian, 5'10", thin build, brown hair and a slurred voice. When the victim gave him her money, he fled the scene. This brings to light the reality that students, especially women, are at risk in the near campus area.

CCFW was brought to Georgia Tech because of the belief that rape was not taken seriously enough on this campus. The clinic is an opportunity to help prevent sexual assault on this campus through increased awareness and education about physical defense techniques and prevention strategies. Rajiv Saigal, organizer of the class, challenges men to stand up to those who take the issue lightly. He also suggests you should encourage your friends to take the course and spread the word that sexual assault will not be tolerated.

The clinic has been taught several times over the last two years, but this Fall semester is the last time that Criminal Countermeasures will be offered at Georgia Tech, so this may be many students last chance to benefit from this program.

For more information, e-mail rsai-gal@ece.gatech.edu.



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Rajiv Saigal, instructor for Criminal Countermeasures for Women, teaches Sam Ruben (top right), Sabrina Singh (bottom right), Geetha Murthy (top left), and Kate Kendig (bottom left) self-defense against violent crime.

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Don't miss your chance to prove that you went to Tech. Have your picture in the yearbook.

Photographers will be at Tech from October 30 to November 10. To set up an appointment, call Carl Wolf Studio at (800) 969-1338, ext 2

The photos will be taken in room 333 of the Student Center. There will be a \$2.00 sitting fee, and professional dress is requested.

If you want to order prints, they are available directly from Carl Wolf for an additional fee.

Campus briefs

Paint your own coaster

The craft center sponsors this event for FREE. Go paint your own coaster at the Cyber.Cafe, Thursday, September 7, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Gladiator at Student Center

On Friday, September 22 and Saturday, September 23, *Gladiator* will be playing at the Student Center Theatre at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$2 with a Georgia Tech student ID, and \$3 without an ID.

Yellow Jacket Flying Club Ground School

Yellow Jacket Flying Club is offering their first ever “Ground School.” It prepares students for the knowledge requirements of the private pilot written test, including the basics of airmanship. Classes are Thursdays from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$25, plus purchase of a text book package for \$105. Contact vp-programs@yjfc.org to register.

Join Campus Life Staff

Come help me by writing for this wonderful section. Experience all the life campus has to offer! My staff meetings are at 5:30 p.m. in the ‘Nique office. A special time for the special people on Campus Life.

Abroad

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grams include universities in Africa, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, China, Costa Rica, England, France, Germany, Italy, Russia and Spain.

Some of the programs, like the College of Computing Study Abroad Program in Barcelona and the Costa Rica Study Abroad Program, are either major specific or have academic requirements to meet.

Others, like the Oxford Study Abroad and the Semester Down Under, are open to all students.

There are brochures for each program which lay out the requirements and give all of the information about which classes to take, where you are going to stay, and how much it costs, available in the Study Abroad Office.

Past participants in Study Abroad programs are very enthusiastic in encouraging their classmates to also

have the experience of living in a foreign country. Junior Kyle Bergstresser went to Australia last spring.

When asked how he liked the trip, he replied, “I don’t see how any Tech student could miss this

“I don’t see how any Tech student could miss this experience. Its 2 months in paradise!”

Kyle Bergstresser
Junior, Australia Study Abroad

experience. Its 2 months in paradise!”

Senior Meredith Robinson said of her study abroad experience at Oxford in the summer of 1999,

“More exciting things happen in one day on these trips than in a whole month at home.”

For some, studying abroad seems like it would be too expensive, but in actuality, for some, spending a semester abroad is cheaper than staying at Tech.

Most programs are between \$3000-\$5000 and financial aid and scholarships are available. You can also visit the Study Abroad Office in the Hightower Building to find out more.

Studying abroad has the potential to add fun and excitement to an otherwise routine college career. Think of your classmates, who are at the moment, sipping cocktails at a beach bar on Surfer’s Paradise, while still getting a quality education.

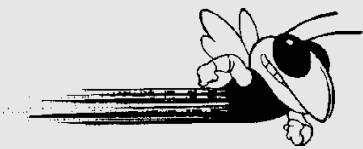
For more information on study abroad programs, visit the study abroad office home page at <http://www.study-abroad.gatech.edu/>.

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MEETINGS: 7:00PM TUESDAYS
PLACE: STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING, ROOM 137
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Buzz Around the Campus



Question of the week

“What are you doing
for Labor Day?”

Feature and Photos by
Alisa Hawkins



David Weber
ChemE Sophomore

*“I’m going camping to
unwind from the first
two weeks of classes”*



Mark Supan
ChemE Sophomore

“Chillin’ ”



Courtney Flores
CE Junior

*“Moving into my new
apartment.”*



Warren Currie
EE Junior

*“Going to the FAMU
vs. TSU game”*



Courtney Reed
EE Junior

*“Go to the game and
to some parties”*



Brian Fraser
Sophomore

*“Max, relax, and chill
in cut”*



Brian Randall
STAC Junior

*“Going to Athens with
my friend to get his
nipple pierced”*



Amish Mehta
Compe Sophomore

“Its my birthday.”