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## Remember Transformers?

Get in touch with your inner child with the help of the Student Center's "Toys Too Cool for Kids" event, taking place along Skiles Walkway on Tuesday, June 29 from noon to 3 p.m.

Some of the latest high-tech toys on the market will be available for students to play with.

## Tropical blast to hit campus

The Campanile will host a day of festive, Caribbean-themed activities on Thursday, July 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A steel drum band will add flavor to the event with regional music. Complimentary smoothies will also be given out to refresh all participants.

## Registration for parking ends Wed.

The application process for on-campus parking for next year will come to an end on June 30. The cost of a year-long permits for all available parking spaces is \$500. Students who intend to apply for the permits can fill out the parking application at the department's website, [www.applyparking.gatech.edu](http://www.applyparking.gatech.edu).

# Women on the increase

## Number of female freshman to rise 32 percent

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Statistics on the incoming freshman class have just been released, and the number of both female and minority students saw significant increases. The 2004-2005 freshman class is composed of nearly 800 women, as well as 108 Hispanic students.

The number of women admitted shows a 32 percent jump over last year's freshman class. The Hispanic population showed even stronger growth, with a 52 percent increase. Other minorities, including African-Americans and international students, each showed smaller increases of 20.6 and 11.2 percent, respectively.

The College of Sciences will see the largest increase in the number of women taking classes in the fall. With nearly three-fourths of the incoming Biology majors being female, and an 80 percent rise in the number of new female students overall, the College can expect continued growth in the future.

Other colleges benefiting from the increase are the College of Architecture, which admitted 62 percent more women than last year, and the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, with a 20 percent rise.



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The number of women in the incoming freshman class is up 32 percent. The number of Hispanics rose 52 percent.

Many of the majors with the worst male-to-female ratios continue to have weak female enrollment, however. The College of Computing, as well as most programs of the College of Engineering, did not see significant increases in the number of women admitted.

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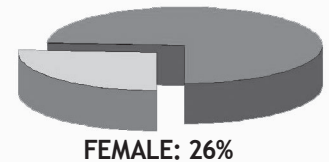
increase in the number of admitted females may be the programs started to attract middle and high school girls to careers in science and engineering. The Georgia Tech Futures program, a visitation program targeting girls in their sophomore and

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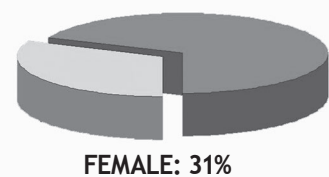
## TRACKING THE RATIO

Even with a 32 percent increase in the number of women in the '04-'05 freshman class, the class's male:female ratio remains roughly 7:3.

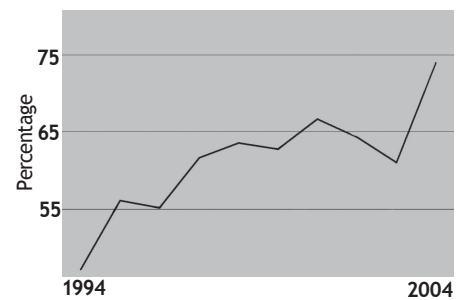
### Incoming freshman class: 1994



### Incoming freshman class: 2004



Women outnumber men in some majors. For example, 74 percent of incoming freshman Biology majors are women, up from 48 percent in 1994.



By Lauren Griffin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS  
Sources: Institutional Research and Planning Annual Factbooks

## CRC closes weight area to prepare Phase II Auxiliary Gym for use

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Campus Recreation has announced that the weight room will be closed from June 25 until August 15. Students will be able to use the Barbell Club periodically during the weight room closing period.

'Sport court' flooring will be installed in the Auxiliary Gym, currently home to the weight room, from June 25 to June 30.

Following the installation of the flooring, the area will be used for its original programming use, as defined in the CRC design guidelines.

A letter to CRC patrons on their website states "after installation, we can proceed with the

original intent of programming in the Auxiliary Gym."

Campus recreation will allow current patrons and fee-paying students to use the Barbell Club as an alternate workout facility. Other than the fitness area closing, all other regions within the CRC, including pools, basketball courts, studios, and the game room, will be open for use.

"I just found out on Monday...it was going to be a seven day period between when you can't use the weight room and you can go to the Barbell Club."

Brad Thomas  
ChemE grad student

The Barbell Club, located in the lower floor of the O'Keefe gym, offers a variety of free-weight equipment, and a limited selection of aerobic equipment that includes Stairmasters, treadmills and rowing machines.

The closure of campus recre-

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# BuzzCard dumps Papa John's

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The branch of Papa John's Pizza closest to Tech, which had previously accepted BuzzCard payments for its pizza, drinks and other food, no longer allows students to pay with the card.

Located at the intersection of 10th and State streets, the restaurant had given students looking to spend the funds on their BuzzCards another meal option. The end of the service may limit students' choices for on and near-campus dining. Contacted for comment, the location confirmed they stopped accepting the card at the beginning of May. They did not comment on the reason for the change.

The BuzzCard Center clarified the reasons for the termination of the service. "A decision was made by Auxiliary Services, in the best interest of all BuzzCard account participants, to not renew the Papa John's Acceptance Agreement," said James Pete, director of the BuzzCard Center, in an email.

"This decision was based upon a lack of commitment on [their] behalf to adhere to the terms and conditions of their Acceptance Agreement," he continued. He said the decision came as a result of continued failures to

follow the agreement on the part of Papa John's. "Papa John's did not submit reimbursement requests timely on a biweekly basis as agreed upon. When the reimbursement requests were received, there were errors, missing receipt copies and, on occasion, duplicate charges," said

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Director, BuzzCard Center

Melissa Moore, communications officer for Auxiliary Services.

The termination of the contract means Papa John's is not likely to start accepting the card again any time soon. "There are no plans for Papa John's to be a participating

merchant in the future," Pete said. Students who wish to pay for pizza with their BuzzCards will have to settle for the Pizza Hut Express location in the Student Center, or Pandini's, where California-style pizza is one of the options on the menu.

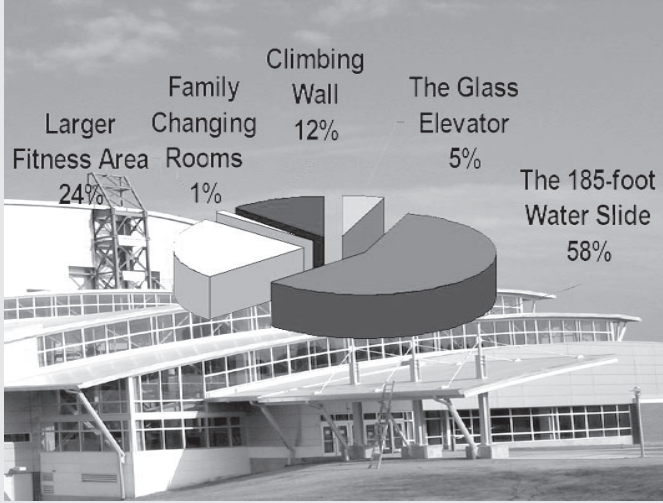
Some expressed disappointment at the discontinuation of the payment option. "Food outlets on campus should be as open to the students as possible," said Computer Science major Yi Wu. "Getting rid of the BuzzCard services is a step backwards." In addition to the on-campus restaurants that accept BuzzCard, such as Pandini's and Junior's Grill, several Tech Square restaurants have started accepting the card in the past six months. Students can use the card to pay for their meals at 5th St. Ribs-N-Blues and St. Charles Deli.

The card will also be accepted at both of the restaurants opening in the fall in the Student Center Commons, as well as at H2O Cafe in the Campus Recreation Center.

For now though, students need not worry about more restaurants ending their acceptance of BuzzCards. "There are no [other] known participating restaurants that will stop accepting the BuzzCard," Pete said.

Technique Online Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 76 responses  
What's the best feature of the new CRC?



By Lauren Griffen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

How do you pay for your Papa John's pizza?  
Tell us what you think at  
[www.nique.net](http://www.nique.net)



Theft

**6/14/2004 8:01:00 hrs.**  
**Location:** Bobby Dodd Way and Cherry Street  
**Incident:** Report of stolen road signs

**6/15/2004 7:25:00 hrs.**  
**Location:** 915 Atlantic Avenue  
**Incident:** Report of a stolen and recovered white 1989 Ford Aerostar Van

**6/16/2004 14:05:00 hrs.**  
**Location:** Advanced Wood Product Lab  
**Incident:** Report of stolen tools

From the files of the GTPD...

Crime Reports

Arrests

**6/11/2004 18:42:00 hrs.**  
**Location:** GIC Construction Area  
**Incident:** Offender arrested for burglary.

**6/12/2004 11:24:00 hrs.**  
**Location:** Campus Recreation Center Lot  
**Incident:** Offender arrested for criminal trespass.

Mischief

**6/15/2004 9:47:00 hrs.**  
**Location:** Student Success Center  
**Incident:** Report of criminal mischief

Health

**6/8/2004 13:40:00 hrs.**  
**Location:** Sixth Street Apartments  
**Incident:** Report of a sick person transported to hospital

Property damage

**6/17/2004 2:48:00 hrs.**  
**Location:** 704 Cherry Street  
**Incident:** Report of damage to a bench and concrete stairs

**6/17/2004 7:44:00 hrs.**  
**Location:** Atlantic Drive/Library  
**Incident:** Report of a damaged parking meter

Sexual harassment

**6/8/2004 13:40:00 hrs.**  
**Location:** Sixth Street Apartments  
**Incident:** Report of sexual harassment

False alarm

**6/8/2004 13:40:00 hrs.**  
**Location:** Bobby Dodd Stadium  
**Incident:** Report of a false fire alarm

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## Hispanic student population increases 125% since 2001

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junior years of high school, allows these prospective students to spend time talking with faculty, students and staff, learning about such things as the variety of majors they could pursue at Tech, internship and co-op opportunities, and the availability of scholarships.

In addition to recruiting programs, Tech offers several resources for current female student. These include the Women's Resource Center (WRC), an on-campus organization that aims to make the campus environment more supportive and welcoming for women, as well as several college-specific organizations, such as Women@cc, which focuses on the women pursuing Computer Science majors.

These support programs are designed to provide a sense of community for the women at Tech, which has traditionally been lacking due to the low number of female students. "I think the point of all these different

programs is to build the community of women here at Tech so they feel that there are people they can connect with who may be going through some of the same challenges," said Yvette Upton, director of the WRC.

Some students welcomed increases in the female population. "I think it is good," said Electrical Engineering major Pranav Anbalagan. Other students worried about potentially-discriminatory admissions practices, however. "[It] makes me wonder if they're getting in just because they're girls," said Computer Science major Ellen Matthews.

According to Matthews, this is a common belief among some students on campus.

"Walking into class as a girl, I think sometimes the guys think, 'She's just here because they're filling up their quota for girls,'"

"It's a good thing that they're getting the opportunity to come, but at the same time it puts... stereotypes on the girls who are here, no matter how they got here," she said.

The admissions office said that no preferential treatment is given

to female applicants or any other minority population, explaining that the reason for the increase has more to do with females' drive. "When women are looking at college, they are looking at making a difference and an impact on the world," said Katie Faussmagne, Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admissions.

The Institute's Hispanic population, which has grown 125 percent since 2001, has also contributed to increasing diversity on campus.

The 108 students admitted this year are the highest number in Tech's history.

The 119 incoming international students will also add to the medley of nations represented by Tech's student body. Nearly half of these students are of Indian origin, though 13 South Korean students will also be taking classes on campus this fall.

The variance of the incoming freshman class's population shows the Institute is moving in a positive direction, according to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. "This is how you change the world," Faussmagne said.

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**Ellen Matthews**  
CS undergraduate

## CRC

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ation facilities for the construction of the new CRC is not unprecedented. A previous closing of the facility occurred during Summer 2003, when the SAC facility was shuttered due to asbestos abatement.

During this closure of on-campus student athletic facilities, Campus Recreation provided use of the Georgia State University athletic center and alternative off-campus facilities.

Student reaction to the closings is mixed.

"I knew about [the closing] from the signs, but I didn't know very far ahead of time," said Scott Duncan, a Ph.D. candidate in Mechanical Engineering.

Duncan, however, does not plan on using the Barbell Club facilities.

"I'll probably go swim or run and slack off on the weight training," he said.

Although students will have

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**Letter to Patrons**  
Campus Recreation

access to the Barbell Club for the majority of the summer, pre-scheduled routine maintenance will also shut down all campus recreation

facilities from August 8 through August 15.

The Campus Recreation Center will also be closed an additional week prior, from August 2 through August 8.

Brad Thomas, a Chemical Engineering graduate student, recently learned of this week-long campus recreation shutdown.

"I just found out on Monday, that it was going to be a seven-day period between when you can't use the weight room and you go to the barbell club," Thomas said.

Campus Recreation's announcement of the closings promises that "[the] new facility will be worth it in the long run." However, Thomas is skeptical.

"It's kind of annoying... I'm hoping there's a lot more equipment," he said.

## Breaking the Bubble



A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past two weeks. Below are summaries of a few of the important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

### *Iraqi militants murder South Korean*

Kim Sun-il, a South Korean civilian working as a translator for a South Korean military supplier, was decapitated by Iraqi militants earlier this week. The terrorist group Tawhid wa al-Jihad is allegedly responsible for the killing. The group released a video to the Al-Jazeera news channel, where they demanded that the South Korean government halt a planned troop deployment to Iraq.

Pictures of the beheading were released to the internet, on the same web site used to disseminate videos of the murder of American Nicholas Berg.

### *Fulton County sheriff responds to allegations*

Embattled Fulton County Sheriff Jackie Barrett is under fire for a successful escape attempt at the Fulton County jail. The prison break occurred during the filming of a rap video by a Cobb County prisoner on work release. The escaped prisoner, Cara Williams, 23, disguised herself in medical scrubs and exited the jail through a staff hallway. Following her escape, she was quickly apprehended by Fulton County's Fugitive squad.

In an interview with 11Alive News, Barrett expressed her displeasure with her subordinates approving the filming of the rap video. "I'm not at all happy about that. We are understaffed, overworked, and to have this occur in the middle of that really, really, really bothers me," she said.

### *Bush supports condom use to prevent AIDS*

President Bush announced that he supported the use of condoms as a measure to prevent the transmission of the virus that causes AIDS, breaking from his previous stance of supporting only abstinence-only sex education.

In a press conference in Philadelphia on Wednesday, Bush cited an AIDS prevention program in Uganda that stressed both abstinence, faithfulness in marriage, and the use of condoms.

### *Clinton autobiography receives mixed reviews*

The autobiography of former president Bill Clinton went on sale this Monday, with a record setting 1.5 million copies published. Clinton received an estimated \$10 million dollar advance for his memoirs, which have received mixed reviews. *The New York Times* reported that the book is "sloppy, self-indulgent and often eye-crossingly dull."

However, sales have been brisk, with 400,000 copies sold on the first day of release, according to publisher Simon & Schuster, breaking the record for a non-fiction book previously held by his wife, Sen. Hillary Clinton.

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