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Flying club back in air after attacks

By Daniel Amick
Contributing Writer

Activities are beginning to return to normal for the Yellow Jacket Flying Club (YJFC) after major disruptions caused by the September 11 terrorist attacks. The Flying Club, a Tech student organization that owns and operates four small aircraft, suspended operations for almost a week in compliance with federal mandates. While some restrictions remain in place, limited flights and flight training have resumed.

"At first, [the club leadership] adopted a wait-and-see attitude, but now things are mostly back to normal," said Tim Cailloux, President of the Flying Club. However, the effects of the attacks linger.

"There is a heightened sense of making sure that you follow the rules," said Mark Sanders, a student pilot who works in the Office of Development at Tech. One of Sanders's colleagues warned him "to be prepared to be intercepted" by U.S. fighters patrolling the skies.

Newly imposed restrictions limiting who can fly where remain in place. Private pilots have different flying licenses depending on their training. Most members of the Flying Club have a basic Visual Flight Rules (VFR) license, meaning that the pilot navigates using ground landmarks and roads. FAA restrictions now in effect prohibit anyone with VFR status from flying within 30 miles of a major city without an instructor on-board. Pilots with Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) certification can fly anywhere except Washington, D.C. and New York City.

"About 41,000 small VFR aircraft are trapped on the ground in these areas," said Cailloux.

Cailloux and members of the Flying Club Executive Committee are considering new security procedures, including an ID badge for club members. Currently, no plans for a standardized national pilot ID are in the works, but Cailloux is in favor of the idea.

"What they give us, someone could forge with a laser printer," said Cailloux.

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Pre-game Ceremony Color Guard



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Patriotic emotions hit a fever pitch as the NROTC presented the flag and the crowd sang "The Star-Spangled Banner."

COT gains over twenty new women in first rush

By Tony Kluemper
Senior Staff Writer

Last week, many Tech women were introduced to the newest sorority on campus when Chi Omega Tau, commonly known as Coyote, held its first fall rush since its inception in spring semester 2001. The sorority is unique in that it is a local organization and has no national affiliation and therefore could not participate in Panhellenic sorority rush.

According to Chi Omega Tau president Jordan Dudney, the fact that the sorority is only lo-

cally known did not affect the success of rush. "We had no idea what to expect from our first recruitment, but I feel I can speak honestly for the group in saying that it turned out better than the best case scenario any of us could have imagined," said Dudney. "The support was overwhelming."

Although many questioned whether the group would receive much response after the increase of pledges during Panhellenic fall sorority rush, these predictions were proven false. Over 70 women attended the three-night rush period; many Chi Omega

Tau members saw this number as a huge success.

"I could not believe the number of amazing people that I got to meet during our rush—the interest in Coyote was incredible," said second year Chi Omega Tau member Christina Weise.

The original goal set by the 34 active members who joined last spring was to accept 15-20 new members into the sorority during the fall rush. In the end, the group was able to achieve this goal by offering 21 bids and in turn having 21 acceptances. "I think that this year's fall rush was a great start for us," said Chi

Omega Tau secretary Kim Kulka. "With the 21 new members, including 12 freshman, we can really start to have an impact on campus."

According to Weise, the success of the fall rush is further proof that a seventh sorority was needed on Tech's campus. "When Panhellenic voted to accept us as a seventh sorority, they said it was a test of whether or not a seventh national sorority was needed at Tech," said Weise. "I think the numbers at rush show that Tech women see Coy-

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Tech donates 32k to ARC

The campus-wide fundraiser for the American Red Cross topped out at \$32,000 last week when a check was presented to a local representative of the ARC. A second collection will be taken at the October 11 home football game against Maryland—the one month anniversary of the attacks.

Schedule photos for Blueprint

Students who wish to be pictured in the *Blueprint*, Tech's yearbook, can make a photo appointment at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/blueprint. Carl Wolfe Studios will be on campus starting October 22.

LCC exodus: Eight professors leave School, more rumored

By Tyrus Gailey
Staff Writer

A mass exodus of faculty is a cause for concern within the School of Literature, Communication, and Culture. Official resignations from eight LCC faculty members have been processed over the past year, and as many as five more professors are rumored to be scanning the job market. This kind of flight from the School is unprecedented and harmful according to Associate Professor Sandra Corse. Corse has taught in the School for seventeen years.

"It is very unusual for so many faculty to leave in one year. This is a situation we've never faced in the department since I've been a member of it. We normally have maybe one to three faculty who

leave for one reason or another each year," said Corse.

Though individual circumstances vary, many professors cite unsupportive leadership on behalf of Ivan Allen College (IAC) and its unwillingness to support the tenure applications of junior faculty.

Some LCC faculty members attribute this lack of support to the reluctance of IAC to expend political capital with the Institute for junior faculty, despite their obvious and significant contributions to LCC.

According to a tenured LCC professor, who prefers to remain anonymous, the people who left were part of a group of technologically skilled humanists recruited during the early nineties to develop the Science, Technology, and Culture program.

"The people we have lost are, for the most part, untenured junior fac-

ulty—untenured junior faculty that this department has required a great deal of service from over the past ten years or so," said the professor.

Junior faculty initiative and administrative work led to the success of LCC as a cutting-edge infusion of traditional humanities disciplines and new media studies. The resulting prosperity in LCC, a product of what the junior faculty

members saw as their focus on department building instead of the traditional Board of Regents tenure requirements, contributes

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By Ian Clark / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Members of the Flying Club are off the ground with renewed caution. Club information can be found at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/yjfc.

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Aircraft owners at Fulton County Airport are also calling for beefed up security and more limited access to the airport for non-flyers. A movement in the United States Congress is underway to force student pilots to pay \$50 to \$100 for their own FBI background check.

The weeklong groundings also hurt financially, but Cailloux sees no threat to the club's financial health.

"We have over \$100,000 in annual cash flow and had managed to build up a reserve," said Cailloux. The reserve should be sufficient to cover the club's costs. The terrorist attacks will have more dramatic long-term effects on the airline industry.

"Airlines were expanding rapidly, but now they are cutting operations by 20 percent to cut costs," said Cailloux. "People just entering or about to enter commercial aviation may have to reconsider that plan. In five years, the aviation industry will recover to pre-September 11 levels."

Technique Online Voice Your Opinion!

Last issue's poll garnered 138 responses to the question:

"What should a professor do when a student's cell phone rings in class?"

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| • Punish the student academically: | 10 % |
| • Just ask the student to turn it off: | 44 % |
| • Ignore it: | 20 % |
| • Ask the student to leave class: | 26 % |

This week's poll is about fall break. What are you doing with your weekend? Staying at Tech? Heading home? Going on vacation with your friends? Visit cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique.

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ote as a welcome addition."

Although Panhellenic voted during the 1999-2000 school year not to extend an invitation to bring a national sorority to campus, the success of Chi Omega Tau's fall rush may change this decision in the future. In fact according to second year member Lisa Hofler, the next

step in the group's future is to begin finding a national affiliation.

"I would really like to see us get a national affiliation in the next two years," said Hofler. "I think the strong numbers we attracted last week will allow Panhellenic to see that a seventh sorority is needed on Tech's campus."

"I can't wait to go national and expand my number of sisters from 52 to thousands."

GSS supports bill to endow Team Buzz

By Jody Shaw
News Editor

Like the Undergraduate Representatives last Tuesday, the members of the Graduate Student Senate spent much of their meeting debating a bill to encourage Team Buzz to find an endowment for funding.

In the Undergraduate House of Representatives, many individuals argued against the bill, which they felt singled out Team Buzz from other organizations as one that was more deserving of a stable funding source. While this argument revived itself in the Senate, a number of individuals were able to lay that contention to rest.

“Team Buzz is unique because it has no membership dues, it does not submit a budget, and it has no way to obtain money except through corporate sponsorships,” said David Maybury, At-Large Senator and Vice President of Finance.

Maybury also explained that passing this resolution would not set a precedent for other organizations to ask SGA for the same favor.

“It is an easily limited exception that we do not have to go and try to explain to other student organizations,” said Maybury. Graduate Student Government President, and former Team Buzz Steering Committee Chair, Trey Childress assured the Senators that the resolution did not bind SGA in any way to find an endowment for the group.

“This is just an encouragement to the administration to seek an endowment for Team Buzz,” said Childress.

Though there was extended discussion on the bill, in the end there were few dissenters. The Senate adopted the undergraduate language for the bill, and it passed 16-3-4.

At the start of the meeting, Maybury announced the current budget totals and urged the Senate to spend money more carefully. He noted that if current spending continues, the prior year account will be empty by Christmas, and the capital outlay account will be empty by mid-February.

Council Clippings Senate and House



By Brian Oxford / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Graduate Student Government President Trey Childress swore in fifteen new senators last Tuesday. GSS has tripled in size since the beginning of the semester.

Other Bills Passed

- Undergraduate House of Representatives:**
Joint Allocation to Inter-Fraternity Council; Author: Craig Tommasello—Passed.
Joint Allocation to GT Water Polo Club; Author: Brian George—Passed.
Joint Allocation to GT Cycling Club; Author: Dusty Riddle—Passed.
Joint Allocation to RHA Homecoming Formal; Author: Stephen Popick—Passed.
Resolution on Unity and Mutual Respect following the September 11 Terrorist Attack; Author: Michael Handelman—Passed.
- Graduate Student Senate:**
Joint Fund Resolution charging Student Government to pursue endowment for Team Buzz; Author: Laura Sheppardson—Passed.
Joint Allocation to GT Cycling Club; Author: Jennifer Jordan—Passed.
Joint Allocation to Inter-Fraternity Council; Author: David Maybury—Passed.
Joint Allocation to GT Water Polo Club; Author: Elizabeth Chesnutt—Passed.
Joint Allocation to RHA Homecoming formal; Author: David Maybury—Passed.

ACM debate forces UHR roll call vote

By Jody Shaw
News Editor

The most contentious bill the Undergraduate House of Representatives considered on Tuesday night was not the \$5,000 allocation to the Inter-Fraternity Council or the \$2,000 allocation to the Residence Hall Association. The members of the House pulled out all the hardball tactics, including a vote by roll call, during a debate over a bill totaling a mere \$330 to the Association of Computing Machinery.

Biology Representative Brad Bolton opened the debate by suggesting that the Representatives reduce the amount of the bill or fail it all together, since ACM did not attempt to do any prior fundraising before coming to the House.

At-Large Representative Stephen Popick, the bill’s author, noted that the ULR had not been used in several weeks, and he felt that the organization deserved funding from the House since it did not receive any last year.

Bolton did not agree with Popick’s logic. AE Representative Brian George encouraged the House to pass the bill. He argued that it is important for UHR to fund educational and competitive activities for student groups on campus.

The debate continued for several minutes, and a number of Representatives offered their opinions before Senior Class Craig Tomassello stepped into the mix.

“It’s three hundred and thirty dollars people,” said Tomassello, suggesting that it would be ridiculous for the House to lower a bill that already had such a small price tag.

When the bill finally reached a vote, Executive Vice President Nate Watson was about to count the hands in favor of passing the bill, when a frustrated Tomassello requested a roll call vote.

“I want everyone who voted ‘no’ on this bill to state it for the record,” said Tomassello.

Watson determined a roll call could be made, and in the end, the bill passed under JFC amendments 29-16-1.



By John Jewell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The new Kappa Alpha house is located on Fifth Street, where the first changes included in the Greek Area Sector Plan will be implemented. Information can be found at www.space.gatech.edu/masterplan.htm.

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will be more opportunity to work together before the plan is actually implemented.

“The next step in the process will be ‘implementation planning,’ not actual implementation. To accomplish this planning, I expect there will be a Greek Sector Plan Implementation Committee established,” said Patterson.

The implementation planning phase will allow the Institute and Greeks to iron out the details of the reports and any issues that may arise in its implementation such as utilities, property ownership, and fund-raising. In theory, that committee would include some student representation to implement the many modifications.

Thus far, Tech has suggested that the financial burden be split among the Institute, the City of Atlanta, and the Greek community, but Greek leaders expressed apprehension about the situation.

“A big concern for both sorori-

ties and fraternities is the funding,” said Susanne Hodges, Panhellenic President.

“Not only is Tech telling us what we need to change, but it is also making us foot the bill for it,” said Carr.

One aspect of the area to be improved is the network of roadways. Tech plans to create a hierarchy of roads to improve traffic flow, which means some roads will lose all street level parking. The loss of street parking, combined with the loss of Peter’s Parking Deck, concerns Carr. The plan does propose a new deck near the O’Keefe Gym, but many Greek women and their advisors believe this may not be a viable solution.

“For those women who live in not only sorority houses, but also on East campus housing, a long walk alone at night is not safe,” said Carr.

Aside from parking, the mandated changes to Greek properties are also concerning. Off-street parking, nonessential driveways, and wide alleys will have to be eliminated. All fences in place will have to be re-

placed with a fence made of materials approved by Tech, which excludes wood. The same rule applies to retaining walls.

Property items like decks and basketball courts will have to conform to codes mandated by the City. That means any structures in the front of the property will have to be removed. Property changes particularly concern Panhellenic, since the Board of Regents owns all sorority properties.

“Since they are Board of Regents owned, the Institute can basically make us do what they want to,” said Hodges.

When the plan is implemented, it will begin with the Fifth Street area, which will become a major campus gateway with the opening of Technology Square in 2003. The rest of the changes will take place over a five-year period.

“I hope, in the long run, this will have a positive effect on the houses. I think it will be a while before we see any of those positive effects, but we will see many more negative effects in the near future,” said Carr.

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to the difficulty for these assistant professors to gain tenure in the department.

“There was a kind of implicit agreement with that junior faculty that we would fight very hard to get them tenure even though we were overworking them and making it difficult for them to make traditional tenure cases,” said the professor. Former Dean Robert Hawkins of IAC and then-LCC Chair Ken Knoespel, who later served as IAC Interim Dean, allegedly encouraged this “implicit deal.”

But despite the assurances of previous administrators, this deal is not recognized as legitimate by the current head of IAC, Dean Sue Rosser. According to Rosser, the fulfillment of that promise would violate Institute tenure policy.

“If they were told that, they were told something that was not true. I don’t know whether they were told that, but I have also heard that—including from many of them,” said Rosser.

Citing the Institute requirements for promotion from assistant professor to associate professor, Rosser pointed out that the first four requirements for promotion from assistant to associate professor—sufficient time in grade, a doctorate, effective teaching, and creativity—preempt the fifth requirement of service.

“And look what it says about that, a candidate for promotion from assistant to associate should satisfy the first four. Marginal qualifications in any of these [first four] areas might be compensated by strength in the fifth. So service is not supposed to be a requirement for junior people,” said Rosser.

According to Dean Rosser, the service requirement is limited to the

associate to full professor tenure process.

“[They are] very different qualifications from associate professor to full [professor]. That is who’s supposed to be doing the service,” said Rosser.

Rosser feels the loss of faculty is certainly unfortunate, but that a clear standard is being set. “I mean it’s not great and I would hope it’s not so extensive in the future, but I think people have clearer expectations for what is expected for promotion and tenure,” said Rosser.

Also, according to Rosser, the environment of the School is changing.

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Greg VanHoosier-Carey
Former LCC Professor

ing. As the School makes gains, its competitiveness has increased.

“Now it’s different. We have not only majors, but we have graduate programs. Now in LCC they give a masters. In some of the Ivan Allan schools like Public Policy and HTS, we give the Ph.D. It’s a different place than it was. It’s true of Georgia Tech in-general, but especially of Ivan Allen and the College of Sciences. There have been changes, and I think some of the people who knew [the program] by the old reputation when they came here, maybe they were oriented more towards a different kind of setup,” said Rosser.

But that was not the case, according to former Assistant Professor Daryl Ogden. Ogden said that no junior faculty expected their research requirements to be waved.

“None of us expected that we were going to change the Board of Regents’ requirements for tenure and that we would somehow be seen as different from everybody else. What we simply wanted there to be was an acknowledgment of the program building that we had engaged in and that would not be something we would put in the third-tier of our work, but that it would be co-equal with our research work.”

While in LCC, Ogden coordinated the Brittain Fellows Program, that became a national model. He negotiated a contract with a major publisher for a Tech-specific reader for English 1101-1102 that helped fund the Brittain Fellows Program.

Ogden said that it was expected that IAC and LCC administrators would “do everything in their power” to present the special circumstances of the junior faculty before the Institute Tenure Committee.

“Our final impression was that there was an unwillingness to contextualize that story. There was an unwillingness to understand or appreciate the extent of program building that we had participated in.”

Another significant factor of discontent, according to some, is a shift in LCC program goals and working environment. The fact that LCC is becoming popular in academic circles attracts senior faculty from other institutions. These new professors rapidly assumed a commanding role in the department according to Professor Michele Shauf, who formally resigned after one year of leave. Shauf is currently working in private enterprise.

“I think the general feeling was that they had come in and just co-

opted the whole experiment. I think the message we were getting was, no, your job is to teach software. We’ll do the hardcore intellectual stuff. You leave all the thinking stuff to us, and you guys step through the ‘file’ menu, the ‘view’ menu, and teach people how to get around,” said Shauf.

Shauf admits that “these sorts of disagreements” are to be expected in an academic program, but the rigid hierarchy that developed in LCC provoked resentment from many junior faculty members.

“The second thing that was sort of emerging from all of these dis-

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Robert Kolker
Chair of the School of LCC

agreements and debates was a feeling that we were working in very much less than a democratic environment,” said Shauf.

According to the professors, it was, in fact, the highly collaborative and democratic faculty government that made LCC such an enticing place to work in the first place. According to Professor Greg VanHoosier-Carey, who, along with fellow colleagues Terry Harpold and Rebecca Merrens, is responsible for LCC’s computer labs. VanHoosier-Carey now holds an endowed chair in New Media Communication at Centenary College of Louisiana.

“Everybody was involved in fac-

ulty government. We voted on things. People worked in committee and brought it up to the full faculty,” said VanHoosier-Carey.

However, VanHoosier-Carey noticed drastic changes in department faculty interaction with the new chair.

“This last year, we really had very few faculty meetings—probably over the course of the year, three or four faculty meetings. In some of those there was just a speech by the chair so we didn’t really do anything. There was very little communication about where we were going as a program,” said VanHoosier-Carey.

Some were demoralized when the administration did not seem to take the turnover seriously.

“As some people started to think about leaving the department, I think one of the saddest things was that the department said, ‘see-ya.’ There was no sense of let’s sit down at a table and please explain your concerns to us, we’d really like to see you stay. There were no discussions like that. So as one person left or announced that they were on a leave, it all just sort of snowballed.”

The quality of education in LCC could be at risk with the loss of junior faculty, but program quality will not be diminished according to LCC Chair Robert Kolker, who joined the School in 2000.

“The program is doing just fine. We have a full complement of faculty. All the courses that we need to offer are being offered and have good faculty in front of them. The students are happy, and the administration of the university is happy. So we are doing just fine. Turnover is normal. It would be odd if there weren’t turnover,” said Kolker.

Perhaps equally optimistic about the future of LCC is Janet Murray, who is the current Director of Graduate Studies in Information, Design, and Technology. Murray anticipates research opportunities for students to increase.

“That was a very strong feature of my career at MIT,” said Murray. That is a growing endeavor at Georgia Tech. Though the role of students in a “research agenda” is not well defined as of yet, Murray says that area will continue to grow in strength “through the cluster of enterprises that are at the intersection of media and technology.”

According to Associate Professor Carol Colatrella, many LCC professors are not unhappy with the department’s current status. Colatrella is a strong proponent of the new administration. According to Colatrella, “a couple of people” are feeling disenfranchised in “a big department.” While the reality, according to Colatrella, is that all opinions are considered.

“Everybody is part of the governing process. Everybody weighs in, but sometimes people feel that being a minority means that they’re not listened to anymore. And I’m in a minority, but I don’t feel that way,” said Colatrella.

Colatrella adds that conditions in LCC are not only stable, but they are improving.

“If anything, I think it [faculty governance] is enforced more carefully than ever before. Everything is much more open, and there’s a real atmosphere in which people are welcome to speak up. And, in fact, I think the fact that people are coming forward to the paper saying what they want demonstrates that. Because, in previous years, you never would have heard the department’s dissatisfactions being aired this way,” said Colatrella.