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By Parker McGee / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Not quite a Pulitzer: Georgia Young Authors were recognized during a ceremony in the Student Center Ballroom June 18.

Ph.D. ceremony shifts venue

By James Stephenson
News Editor

The location, time and ticket allotments have changed for students receiving their doctorates this summer. The ceremony will now be held Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Ferst Center for the Arts.

"The number of candidates exceeded the number of people that could be on the floor of the [Alexander Memorial] Coliseum, so the commencement had to be split into two venues," said David Arnold, director of Client Communications in Institute Communications and Public Affairs.

Both ceremonies will take place on the same day, with one in the morning and one in the evening.

"Both commencements will be on Friday, Aug. 4 with the masters students and the undergraduate students in the Coliseum from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the Ph.D. students in the Ferst Center from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.," Arnold said.

Commencement Changes

New Format

Bachelor's and Master's degrees
Location: Coliseum
Time: August 4, 2006 @ 9 a.m.
Tickets: Unlimited

Ph.D. commencement
Location: Ferst Center
Time: August 4, 2006 @ 7 p.m.
Tickets: 4 per graduate

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Many students who plan to attend commencement have not been notified of the changes.

"I sent out an email to my [executive board] and I got a response from a student who said that it was the first they had heard about the change. In the future there should be more notice about commencement," said Mitch Keller, the graduate student body president.

According to Keller, he had heard rumors about it a few weeks ago, but had not heard anything definitive until recently. "The whole thing

could have been publicized better," Keller said.

The Coliseum is undergoing renovations due to issues with the fire code and it limits the number of people who can be in the building. According to Arnold, the renovations are the reason the Ph.D. ceremony was moved.

"The general consensus I have been getting is that a Ph.D. degree... is a research degree and should have a more special setting for commence-

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False alarm causes evacuations

Four buildings were evacuated last Thursday when a chemical alarm was reported at the loading docks of the Bunker-Henry building. At approximately 10 p.m., the fire department advised the evacuation of the Boggs Building, the Ferst Center, the Sustainable Education Building, and the Bunker-Henry Building.

The incident began when a student called in a chemical alarm at the loading docks. According to the report, when police arrived on the scene, the warning light was flashing, an audible alarm was sounding and police could smell something in the air. The Atlanta Fire Department and the Environmental Safety Department were contacted.

According to the police report, the four buildings were then evacuated and the surrounding streets were blocked off. The area was then checked and it was determined that an exhaust fan had failed and that there was no danger.

GTRI opens center in Athlone, Ireland

Tech will open a new research institute in Athlone, Ireland. GT Ireland will be GTRI's first expansion outside of the United States. The new institute will focus on four technology areas that mirror Ireland and Georgia Tech's research strengths: digital media, radio frequency identification, biotechnology and energy.

The new institute will work closely with Irish universities and companies, as well as the Tech community and US industries to bring research to both countries.

CoC introduces new robotics center

By Craig Tabita
Contributing Writer

The College of Engineering and the College of Computing have introduced the new Center for Robotics and Intelligent Machines (RIM@GT), a joint effort between the two colleges with support from the Georgia Tech Research Institute.

The center's purpose is to serve as the flagship entity to unify all of the various robotics programs on campus with a focus on advancing robotics research and education via interdisciplinary collaboration.

"Through a synthesis the efforts at Tech can have a significantly larger impact," said Henrik Christensen, a College of Computing professor and director of the new center.

"Earlier research has largely been topical and performed within the respective colleges and academic units. To be truly successful we need to build bridges to use the excellent competencies ... to synthesize knowledge in new ways to be creative and break new ground," Christensen said.

According to Christensen, though the center's official inception was on June 13, planning has been underway since March.

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Director of Center for Robotics and Intelligent Machines

"We are slowly but securely providing the foundation for an effort that hopefully in a few years will be the premier robotics program in the U.S.," Christensen said.

According to Christensen, although the center has already secured research funds and has begun operating, it will take them close to a year to build up enough momentum to be visible.

"We have a three fold agenda.

The first part is the promotion of research in robotics, especially personal robotics and systems that help people in their daily lives."

Christensen cited his design of a popular autonomous home vacuum cleaner as an example of a personal robot system.

"Other types could be a prosthetic for a handicapped person or an assistant to a nurse or doctor," Christensen said.

"In education we want to be truly interdisciplinary. Robotics involves mechanical design, control electronics and computers for programming and interfaces. In addition, we need an aesthetic design that integrates form and function. The next generation robotics designers

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Greeks raise money for Habitat project

By James Stephenson
News Editor

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) and the Pan-Hellenic Council have teamed up to raise money for a Habitat for Humanity project.

"We raised \$11,000 from the Greek members. In two weeks we got a response from all the chapters wanting to help. We averaged the numbers and we got about five dollars per person," said Jonathan Sangster, the IFC secretary.

Though the Greek community has raised a \$11,000, they still have to acquire seven times what they already have for the project by August. "\$75,000 is due Aug. 9. We know the money will come," Sangster said.

The project is designed to be a collaborative effort that builds on



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Interfraternity Council President

past projects and sets the foundation for future endeavors. "The project began as a capital campaign and as a student life initiative," said Mike Moreland, the IFC president.

"These service projects started with Tech Beautification Day and then the E-waste project, as well as other projects, coming to a peak with the Habitat project," Sangster said.

According to Sangster, once

the IFC got the information from Habitat for Humanity, they started soliciting donations from Greek organizations. "Greek donations signaled the go ahead for this project," Sangster said.

IFC and Pan-Hellenic are now looking for outside donations to fill the void that still remains in funding.

"In the next steps we will be filling out a lot of forms, such as

sponsorship forms. We are requesting different levels of sponsorship," Sangster said.

According to Sangster, they are soliciting from companies, corporations, sponsorships and individuals.

"We are looking for leaders with big high-end donations. We have focuses on high-level sponsorship as well as door-to-door support," Sangster said.

"We realized that we could start now and it would be easier to fundraise in the future if we laid the groundwork now before the large scale community endowment," Moreland said.

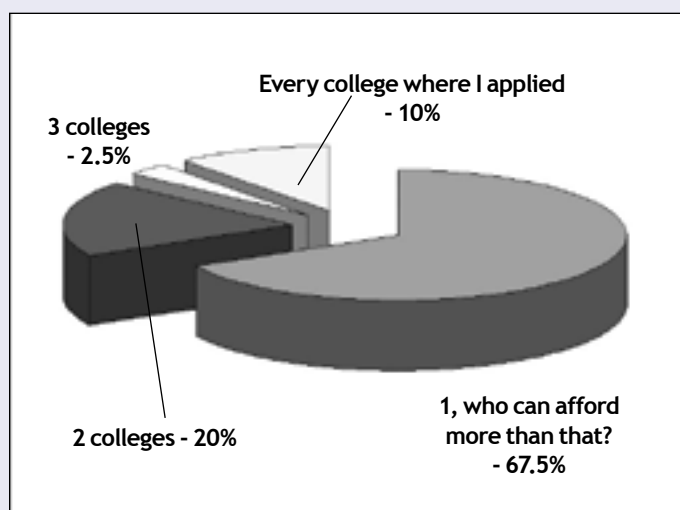
According to Sangster, a tier system has been created where depending on the amount of money

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TechniqueOnline Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 40 responses.

How many colleges did you give a deposit?



By Hillary Lipko / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:

What do you think of the Habitat for Humanity project?Tell us at www.nique.net**Car theft**

6/24/2006 18:52:00 hrs.

Location: Family Apartments Parking Deck**Incident:** Report of a stolen white '00 Acura Integra.**Suspicious package**

6/23/2006 10:54:00 hrs.

Location: Post Office**Incident:** Report of a suspicious package. Disposition is exceptionally clear.**Health and safety**

6/25/2006 8:39:00 hrs.

Location: Smith Residence Hall**Incident:** Report of a sick person transported by ambulance to Crawford Long Hospital.

From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime**Fire**

6/24/2006 15:23:00 hrs.

Location: Student Center Ballroom**Incident:** Report of a fire.

6/24/2006 19:52:00 hrs.

Location: Towers Residence Hall**Incident:** Report of an alarm malfunction.

6/25/2006 10:21:00 hrs.

Location: Towers Residence Hall**Incident:** Report of a false alarm**Criminal trespass**

6/24/2006 14:58:00 hrs.

Location: 620 Cherry Street**Incident:** Report of cabinets and drawers being forced open at the Engineering, Science and Mechanics building.**Traffic accident**

6/25/2006 2:13:00 hrs.

Location: Techwood Drive and Tenth Street**Incident:** No injuries reported. Report of a two vehicle accident.**Assault**

6/23/2006 20:04:00 hrs.

Location: Ferst Center**Incident:** Report of simple assault.**Robbery**

6/24/2006 19:52:00 hrs.

Location: Graduate Living Center**Incident:** Report of robbery.

6/24/2006 10:54:00 hrs.

Location: Barnes and Noble**Incident:** Report of shoplifting**Graduate** from page 1

ment," Keller said.

As a result of the move, Ph.D. graduates will only receive four guest tickets with the potential to receive an extra two if space permits.

"With ticketing, we are in wait and see mode. We are waiting to see if they fill the Ferst Center and waiting to see how many people don't get as many tickets as they need," Keller said.

According to Keller, if there is a problem getting everyone in the

ceremony, the Institute can run closed circuit television to another location so people can still watch the ceremony.

"The general idea is something that can be good. It will be a more intimate environment for the achievement of the terminal degree. The Ph.D. is the ultimate degree," Keller said.

This isn't the first time that the format of commencement has changed.

"Commencement is in a state of flux. The people running commence-

ment have been exploring a bunch of different models," Keller said.

A recent trend affecting commencement is the number of graduating PhD students is on the rise.

"We have to look at the balance of degrees to determine venues and breakdowns," Keller said.

According to Keller, the main issue is consistency.

"No one knew what was going to happen. We have to get some consistency. That doesn't mean that all commencements during the course of the year have to be the same, but

that a certain commencement is consistent over the years. If a person is attending the summer commencement, that person should know what the format of the commencement will be ahead of time," Keller said.

Many of the graduate students Keller has talked to have a preference as to what format they would like to see implemented.

"Grad students like to be separated out from the undergrads. It provides an additional element of the event to make it special," Keller said.

Although, according to Keller, undergrads benefit from having a ceremony with the graduates by receiving inspiration to continue in their collegiate careers.

According to Keller, the format of commencement should have some student input.

"There should be an opportunity for dialogue with student leadership, so they can get the information to the students who are affected. We need to sit down in fall and see what works well for everyone involved," Keller said.

President's Undergraduate Research Awards

Fall Semester 2006

Applications Due July 12th!

Undergraduate students may apply for competitive \$1,500 salary awards for work with a faculty mentor on research or support for travel to present research work at a professional conference (\$1,000 maximum).

Visit <http://undergradresearch.gatech.edu/funding.php> for more information and application instructions.

Questions? E-mail PURA@gatech.edu

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about donating and give them a stake in the project. We definitely want to include them in the project as a partner," Sangster said.

"We will include them at all steps and try to bring them into the project," Moreland said.

The fundraising will not end when the \$75,000 is reached, however.

"We plan to continue fundraising throughout the fall. There is an extra \$25,000 we have to raise to cover associative costs," Moreland said.

The actual building of the house will take place during the fall, as well.

"September 2nd will be the ground-breaking for the project, which is the football season opener. We are trying to tie in that excitement to the project. Building will begin the next weekend. Hopefully we will be finished by homecoming," Moreland said.

"The work will only be on Saturdays and will take place over seven Saturdays," Sangster said.

The planned building site is close to west campus. "The site will be on English Avenue which is five minutes from campus," Sangster said.

The project is open to everyone in the Tech community, not just

Greeks.

"We are still in a spread-the-word phase. Students will start seeing fliers around campus. Anyone who wants a stake can do anything for the project," Sangster said.

"It's more about being inclusive with the entire campus," Moreland said.

"It will be an extremely successful event that everyone should try to be

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Interfraternity Council
Secretary

a part of," said Alison Graab, undergraduate student body president.

"We are trying to achieve unity and community on Tech and in Atlanta. We want to get the community to take a stake in the project. It requires a lot of collaboration from the campus and the community. We will be bringing everyone together to prepare for the execution of the project," Sangster said.

According to Sangster, people

will be able to see this project from start to finish.

Both Sangster and Moreland said that Habitat Atlanta has been instrumental in the formation of the project.

"Habitat Atlanta has been incredibly helpful. They made exceptions to allow us to do this. We owe them a debt of gratitude," said Moreland.

"It's rare that someone goes to Habitat and want to provide the funding and all the work," Sangster said.

"There will be a mutual gain with Habitat. They're getting exposure and a house built," Moreland said.

The plan is to not have the project be an isolated event.

"Hopefully the momentum from this project will make it easier to make this an annual thing," Sangster said.

"We weigh each project at the beginning of the year to see how they will be received. We want professional and sustainable projects. The fact that we've invested so much is a testament to how far Pan-Hellenic and IFC have come," Moreland said.

"This project has gotten us excited about our capabilities. We've been lucky," Sangster said.

"The project is ambitious, but ambitious projects are the ones worth taking on," Graab said.

Breaking the Bubble

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

Israel widens attacks to northern Gaza

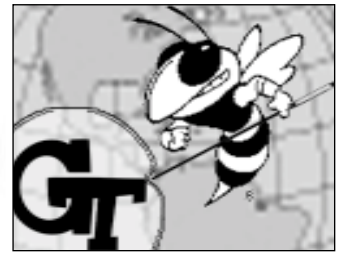
Israeli airstrikes continued through the week into northern Gaza, while Israel sent ground forces into southern Gaza to retrieve Cpl. Gilad Shalit who was captured by Palestinian forces during a raid into Israeli territory last Sunday, according to CNN.

The Israelis targeted power stations that served at least half of the territories residents as well as targeted bridges to sever the connection between northern and southern Gaza. Israel had issued warnings to residents to leave their homes and no casualties had been reported as of Wednesday.

Court rules prisons can withhold newspapers

The US Supreme court ruled that prisons could withhold newspapers from inmates as an incentive for inmates to behave, according to CNN. The decision reverses the decision made by the 3rd US Circuit Court of Appeals but upholds the dissent of Justice Samuel Alito, who was serving on the Court of Appeals when the case was originally decided. Alito did not participate in the Supreme Court Opinion.

Justice Breyer wrote that the decision could be short lived if another constitutional challenge to the high-security prison's methods are brought before the Supreme Court.



Floods wreak havoc in the Northeast

Hundreds of thousands of people were displaced from their homes as torrential downpours affected areas from Virginia to up-state New York. According to CNN, several rivers and tributaries in the area overflowed as rain which averaged as much as half an inch per hour came down on the region. Some rivers, such as the Delaware River, were expected to reach eight feet above their flood crest by Thursday.

Pennsylvania National Guard troops and a Coast Guard helicopter worked to rescue hundreds of people trapped in upper floors of their homes and on roofs in Wilkes-Barre and Liberty, and the Coast Guard estimated that as many as 300 people may need to be rescued by helicopter.

"Fahrenheit 9/11" Marine killed

Staff Sergeant Raymond J. Plouhar, a former recruiter from Michigan, who appeared in Michael Moore's documentary was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq, according to CNN.

Although Plouhar appeared in the documentary of his own volition, Plouhar's father claims that his son did not know that the film was going to have an anti-war message to it. Plouhar said that his son took four years off from active duty to become a recruiter after he donated a kidney to his uncle.

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must appreciate all of these factors, which implies that we need to have students that have a broad basis and coverage," Christensen said.

Finally, the center will have as a focus the practical application of its research.

"We want the research results to end up in real products, so we also need an entrepreneurial effort to spin out companies that can generate a new industry around [Tech], that have a focus on new types of robotics," Christensen said.

According to Christensen, the

establishment of the center will have several implications for both undergraduate and graduate students with an interest in robotics, including specialized robotics tracks for majors such as ME, ECE, and CS, although no new undergraduate major for robotics will be established.

Students will also be able to choose from a wider offering of robotics courses, including an introductory robotics course similar to the recently established CS 1315 Introduction to Media Computing course.

Graduate students will also have increased opportunities for robotics

studies. "We have applied for the setup of a new Ph. D. program, which should be launched by 2007," Christensen said.

One of the first projects the center will participate in is the 2007 DARPA Urban Challenge, sponsored by the Department of Defense, where researchers from the center will compete in simulated military supply missions.

Competitors will design autonomous vehicles to safely and effectively complete a 60-mile urban area course while navigating and negotiating through traffic and avoiding obstacles.

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Thursday, July 6
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
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RSVP by Friday, June 30 by calling 404-894-2805

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Thursday, July 20,
11:00 AM, Skiles Walkway

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Wednesday, July 26 &
Wednesday, August 16
3:00 PM, Skiles Walkway
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