

CAMPUS LIFE

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Bed bugs
University of Illinois apartments are infested with a variety of vermin, preventing students from getting sleep. **Page 10**

Happy Bday George P.!
He first appeared on campus in the 1920s and he's still here. That's right, he's George P. Burdell. **Page 13**

Band parties celebrate near-victory over FSU

By Drew Lawes
Greek Life Correspondent

Tech's campus was awash in music and life this weekend. One reason, of course, was the Georgia Tech vs. FSU football game—but that was not all that was happening in our Yellow Jacket town. The Greek community decided that it would be a good idea to welcome our friends, fans, and even enemies (the FSU visitors) with a variety of entertainment.

Both Friday and Saturday night, six social events were held by varying fraternities. The events

ranged from band parties to foam parties.

The first stop early on Friday night was at Beta Theta Pi to check out their band, Troutline, who had opened up for David Alan Coe when he played at Beta earlier this summer.

A lot of people were hanging around Beta's front yard listening to many hit country songs. The crowd went wild when they started playing their rendition of Lynard Skynard's "Freebird." Adam Cowart, a second year student commented, "This band party made me proud to be from the South."

The next stop was to check out Kappa Sigma's band, Nozmo King. The crowd at the Kappa Sig house seemed to really enjoy the alternative and classic rock sound of Nozmo King.

The band was said to have put on a really good show with their stage setup, lighting, and use of smoke machines, but they especially won people over with their good music.

The last stop was the Alpha Tau Omega house, which looked like a scene from a Corona commercial with a full-scale beach amidst the urban backdrop of the city skyscrapers. The yard

was decorated with forty-foot bamboo stalks, two hot tubs, and a pool. A couple hundred people came to see their band Spec, which played a good mix of rock and alternative music.

Other parties that night included a foam party at the Delta Upsilon house, which got the people all wet even though it was a dry (no alcohol) party, a back to school DJ party at Alpha Epsilon Pi, and a band party with Groove Merchants at the Chi Psi house.

On Saturday, the parties continued after the football game. At Phi Gamma Delta, the band Members Only, a Tech regular, played 80's cover music to brighten up the people's mood and to make Tech fans forget about their loss earlier that night.

Other parties on Saturday included a dancing social at Delta Tau Delta, a band party at Phi Kappa Tau, a DJ party at Chi Phi, and a "midget" party at Kappa Alpha.

The Alpha Tau Omega house's band Big Ass Truck lit the night up with their blend of rock and funk. Chris Lyles, a third year ME student, said, "I have never seen so many people at Tech having such an awesome time partying like this before."

This weekend proved to be a good one for making the most of Tech's social scene, demonstrating the array of social events available on campus.

Column Sorority Life

Mystery Revealed: Secret life of a rushee

By Julia Trapold
Assistant Campus Life Editor

During the first week of school, you may have noticed single file lines of about 50 girls, who were overdressed for the extreme heat, walking around campus. I was in that group. You probably wondered what the heck we were doing. Well, that was sorority rush.

Girls choose to rush for different reasons. Some have relatives that have been in sororities, so they have always wanted to be in one. Others rush simply to meet people—they may not even join a sorority. I rushed because most of my friends are guys and I felt I needed some girl friends.

Compared to fraternity rush, which is very informal and consists of nightly social events, sorority rush is extremely structured. Almost everyone, girls that are rushing and sisters alike, dislike the formal structure of rush. Yet it continues because it enables the rushees to visit every house at least once, unlike fraternity rush where the guys choose where they go.

"I wish girls' rush resembled guys' rush because the hours and activities are much more exciting," said freshman Paige DePetro. "Also, you don't have to go to houses that you don't want to."

On the first day of rush, we visited each of the six sororities for 35 minutes. In that short amount of time, we talked with a few of the sisters, and then most sororities showed a video showcasing their sisters and activities.

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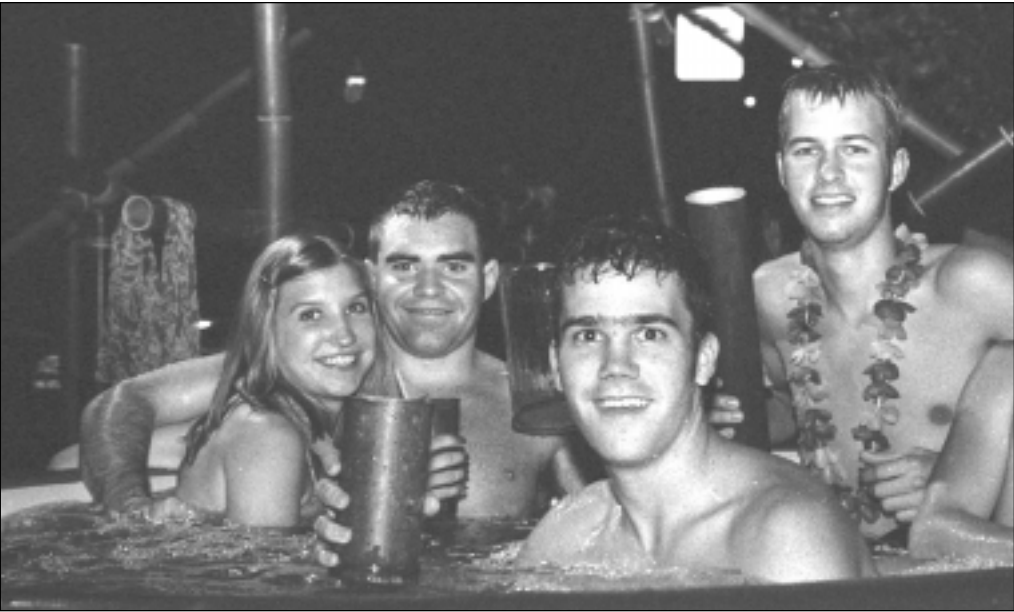


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The ATO Hawaiian party was just one of many band parties and events that swept Greek houses this weekend to celebrate the home football weekend. There were twelve Greek social events this week.

Buzz Around the Campus



Question of the week

"If you could be either Bill Clinton or Monica Lewinsky, who would you be and why?"

Feature by Sergio Aguirre
Photos by Sabrina Pardo



Shawn Tobias
ISyE Master

"Monica. 'Cause I like to smoke cigars."



Megan Applegate
ME Sophomore

"Bill. I'd rather be the president than the intern."



Heather Ivey
ME Sophomore

"Bill. You can lie and keep the presidency."



Katherine Filaski
Undecided Freshman

"I don't want to be either one."



Jay Park
ME Junior

"Bill. You know why."



Luke Niday
CE Freshman

"Bill. He has a lot of fun!"



Daniel Larsen
CS Sophomore

"Big Bill. The man who gave America a bad name."



Brandon Denew
CS Freshman

"Bill Clinton - I think you know why..."

Can't sleep tight because the bed bugs are biting

By Sarah Schiltz
Daily Illini

(U-WIRE) University of Illinois - The unwelcome guests who have eaten University of Illinois students' food and slept in their beds will probably stay for the winter, according to Phil Nixon, extension specialist of the Entomology Department.

The ants, fruit flies and cockroaches that have invaded many campus apartments will live as long as they are in a warm environment, Nixon said. "Cockroaches are the same as us," Nixon said. "If we can reproduce in the house, so can they."

Nixon said ants continue reproducing if there is a warm area in the ground, which often happens under apartment buildings. Fruit flies, however, need plants such as fruits

and vegetables to reproduce.

Many students complained the bugs lived in the apartments before they moved in. "The first day I moved in, they were everywhere," said Amy Duong, junior in LAS.

Becky Busen, junior in LAS, said her mom noticed a trail of ants marching across the wall the day she moved in. "I thought it was really gross, and I thought they should have taken care of it before we moved in," Busen said. She said she started keeping food in her refrigerator after finding ants in her bread.

Jacque Flaherty, sophomore in ACES and Busen's roommate, found ants under her pillow. "We've been getting bitten," Flaherty said. "I wasn't sleeping in my bed; I slept in my roommate's room."

Busen and Flaherty said their landlord has had exterminators spray

bug killer twice. The ants didn't leave after the first spraying, according to the roommates. They said they haven't seen any ants since the second spraying on Friday.

Local landlords said spraying insecticides was the best way they had to eliminate bugs. They said bugs would be less of a problem if students kept their apartments clean. Duong said an exterminator has sprayed her apartment twice, but she still sees cockroaches.

"I'm very cautious," Duong said. "We don't leave food out or anything." Residents of Weston Hall also saw cockroaches in their rooms when they moved in. About 185 students signed a petition asking the University to eliminate the bugs.

"I wasn't really sure the University was going to do anything, so I wanted to put some pressure on

them," said Geeti Bhargava, freshman in LAS and one of the students who started the petition.

Larry Brevard, director of Residential Services, said Weston Hall was sprayed for bugs the day he received the petition on Sept. 1. The chemicals are effective for about two months, according to Brevard. He said the residence hall will be sprayed again in October and during winter break. Inspectors have checked Weston Hall for bugs every day, and Brevard said the spray has killed most of the bugs.

Students should put all food, including pet food, in the refrigerator or an airtight container, Nixon said. Students should also make sure they don't leave piles of dirty dishes sitting in the sink. "These all go against what students like to do," Nixon said.

Correction

The *Technique* would like to correct the spelling of the name of the Director of Women in Engineering in the September 8 issue article "Mentoring program prospers, helps women network." Dr. Mahera Philobos is the director of the program.

The *Technique* regrets any confusions or misunderstandings this error has caused.

For more information on the M&M mentoring program, contact Dr. Philobos at mahera.philobos@ce.gatech.edu.

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ties. I felt very rushed (that's not an intentional pun) because I did not get to talk a girl for more than three minutes before I started talking to someone else. In a way that was good, though, because I didn't run out of things to say since I could keep saying the same things over and over again.

"The first day was exciting because it was most freshmen girls' chance to meet so many upperclassmen girls," said Michelle Tweed, a freshman. "I enjoyed the aspect of meeting new people, but I hated the fact that our conversations had to be limited and 'censored.'"

After the first day of rush, each house made cuts, reducing the number of girls that return to their house. Those who weren't cut were invited back for the next day. The second day was philanthropy day. Unlike the first day, we could only go to a maximum of five houses, and we could only visit those that we were invited back to.

At each house, we participated in an activity that involved the sorority's national philanthropy. I enjoyed the second day because I felt less pressured to make conversation since we were painting or coloring or doing some sort of craft. On the third day, each girl may go to a maximum of three houses, and again the houses have made cuts.

The third day consisted of skits, which are supposed to portray the sorority and what it means to the sisters. I liked the skits because they were usually funny, and it was a good way to learn about the sisters and their sorority.

The last day consisted of two

preference parties. Unlike the previous three days, when the sororities could only give us tea and water, we got food and punch. The pref parties were very formal and ended with a ceremony. After the parties, the rushees signed their preference cards, listing their first and second choice sororities. Since it is a really important decision, some girls take over an hour to decide. On bid day, the girls pick up their bids. It is very rare that a girl does not get a bid from one the sororities she visited the night before. Besides the daily events, this year there was the added bonus of mandatory evening events from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m.

These were designed so that the rushees would not attend fraternity rush. Apparently the people in charge of rush thought that fraternity brothers would influence the rushees' decision. They also thought that the sisters who were at fraternity houses might unfairly judge the rushees while they were out at night.

While those concerns are valid, I thought it was a stupid idea. It prevented girls from going out at night during their first few days of college, so that the only people they met were the girls in their dorm and the girls at rush. And if girls do listen to the guys' opinions about which sorority to join, that's their problem. I felt that rush was long and exhausting, but I felt it was a good way to present each sorority to all of the girls. I also got to meet people at every house, which was nice.

However, some girls felt that you didn't get to see what the house was actually like. "I disliked the struc-



Photo by Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Sorority Rushees line up, prepared for a day of visiting houses and activities to decide which is the best sorority for them. New pledges are enthusiastic about their sorority, but some complain about the rigid structure of Rush

ture of rush because I felt that it limited a person from really seeing what a house was like," said DePetro. "I feel that so much of the personality of a house is taken away when there are such rigid schedules to adhere to."

Another reason many girls disliked rush was the fact that it was held before school even started. Most girls that rush are freshmen, so they had just arrived at school and they had to start sorority rush.

How are they supposed to decide which sorority to join when they know nothing about the sororities here except what is presented to them? Granted, most girls just

get a gut feeling about where they want to join, but some could end up making a big mistake.

Paige dropped out of rush after the last day. "I am pleased with my decision and plan on rushing next year when I know more about GT and sorority life," she said.

I know how she feels—I chose to rush during my second year. I moved here last year from Pittsburgh and was adjusting to my new environment and life—I didn't have time to think about sororities.

Now I'm glad I waited. I went into rush knowing a lot about each sorority, and I also had friends in most of them. My decision was nar-

rowed down before rush even started, which was very helpful. I suggest that rush should be pushed back until at least later in the semester, and if it isn't, I suggest that girls wait to rush.

I'm glad I rushed, and I'm very happy in my sorority. Yeah, it was a pain going through it, but it was necessary and I had fun doing it—despite the intense heat. I would suggest that every girl even considering rushing does, just to see what it's like and to meet people.

Even if you decide not to join, at least you know you tried and that you're not missing out on something.

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Faces at Georgia Tech

- Profile on George P. Burdell -

By Pat Edwards
Campus Life Staff

George P. Burdell. If there was ever a quintessential inside joke, or a secret handshake of recognition for Tech students and alumni over the years, it would have to be Tech's ubiquitous "Kilroy." George was born sometime in the 1920s, where everyone who attended the Institute during that decade claims to have fathered him. The best candidate for paternity, however, is William Edgar (Ed) Smith.

Ed was inadvertently issued two applications for admissions in 1927. Rather than discard or return the superfluous form, Ed took the opportunity to play a little prank. He filled in his own application and began to fill in the other with the name of George P. Butler. George Butler was the headmaster of Smith's old high school at the time, and was reputed to be a strict disciplinarian. Butler was also a staunch alumnus of UGA, and was also a former player on one of the original Cowtown football teams.

But Ed lost his nerve, and halted at "George P. B." He finished by filling in the name of Burdell, which has been alternately attributed to a either a family cat or his best friend's

mother's maiden name. From here George entered the class rolls and began his career at Tech.

Although George entered Tech under the administration of the stern Dr. M. L. Brittain, he was able to continue his education; his classwork was often submitted by conspiratorial students and Ed Smith. Smith would submit duplicates of his as-

George returned to Georgia Tech to contribute frequent letters to the Atlanta papers as well as the *Technique*.

signments to professors, altering the handwriting and material sufficiently to fool the graders.

Ed was able to enroll George into all of his classes, and in 1930, George's education climaxed with his being granted his Bachelor's of Science degree. It was not long after George's "graduation" that the tale of Ed Smith's mischief was revealed to a red-faced Tech administration

and an otherwise delighted Tech community.

But George Burdell's loyalties extended beyond Tech. During the second world war, George P. Burdell served his country in uniform. He first served at Harvard University, where he was enrolled both as a student and a member of a Navy officer's training school. The administration finally caught on to the prank, but only after the perpetrator(s) were gone.

Later in World War II, George changed his branch of service, and enlisted into the Eighth Air Force. Here George led a more visible career, with a longer paper trail. His name first showed up in aircraft in North Africa and later in Europe, but it was in Europe that his fame cost him his wings.

A flight officer, who happened to also be a Tech alumnus, was reviewing the flight roster for a formation of B-17's when he spotted the name of George P. Burdell. The officer reviewed the records of his crews; discovering that only one other flier had been a Tech alumnus, he caught the prankster and killed George's flying career. Undaunted, George went back to sea and was

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George P. Burdell is nearly 80 years old and a World War II veteran, but he still is a part of the Tech student community and taking classes.

Campus briefs

Student Government holds several recruitment events

The Student Government Association will be having an Open House next Tuesday, September 19, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Student Services Building, Room 117. There will be free food and refreshments.

Also, SGA Freshman Aides is ready to kick off its first year. Freshmen will be given the opportunity to learn about the three branches of SGA as well as meet key figures on our campus. For freshman interested in participating, applications are available online at <http://sga.gatech.edu>. There will also be an information session at 6 p.m. on September 19 in Room 117 of the Student Services Building.

Entrepreneurship speaker series hosts Mark Swanson

The Program for Engineering Entrepreneurship, which is a collaboration between the Dupree College of Management and the College of Engineering, is holding an impact speaker series throughout fall semester. Its purpose is to merge engineering and management to increase entrepreneurial knowledge and skills of engineers and scientists. The presentations take place every Friday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Wardlaw Building, 177 North Avenue. This week's speaker is Mark Swanson, CEO of AppGenesys, Inc., and next week's speaker is Sanjoy Malik, CEO of air2web.

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reputed to have served out the remainder of the war on several ships ranging aircraft carriers to submarines.

Through the fifties and sixties, George returned to Georgia Tech to contribute frequent letters to the Atlanta papers as well as The *Technique* and the old *Yellow Jacket* magazine, a satirical magazine that George belonged to until it was banned in 1953 by members of the administration.

George would return to the Tech class rolls with the advent of the first automated registration system. In the spring quarter of 1969, the first quarter that Tech's registration was fully automated, George was registered for every class that was offered on campus, for a class load of over 3,000 hours. In the spring quarters of 1975 and 1986, although the system had been revamped, George enrolled again for

similarly ambitious schedules.

George Burdell isn't just some campus hermit or computer-lab recluse. Many airports, restaurants, bars, and hotels in America and beyond have been left wondering who this George P. Burdell is, and why he gets so many calls (or letters, or deliveries, etc., etc.) George is also paged at almost every away Tech football game. George has also bought untold dollars' worth of mail-order merchandise, magazine subscriptions, insurance, furniture and credit cards, without paying for any of it.

As students and alumni devise new and creative ways to keep George P. Burdell alive in the future, a cherished part of Tech history and culture will continue to survive, and George P. Burdell will continue to grant anyone in the Tech community that discovers him a good laugh and a story to tell.

Burdell in a Nutshell

Birthday: Fall, 1920

Birth Weight: Emerged as a fully grown Tech student

Education: B.S. awarded from Georgia Tech in 1930, extensive further graduate and undergraduate studies, including over 3,000 hours of course work.

Military Service: Pilot, 8th Air Force, World War II; submarine and aircraft carrier service

Hobbies: Getting lost at GT football games so that students will page him.

Skills: Writing letters to the editor

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Feature Photo Student Organizations Fair



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

GALA and the Jewish Student Organizations were among many diversity-oriented organizations that had tables at this week’s student organizations fair. Different organizations recruited new members all week.

Feature Photo Earth’s Moon



By Kristi Odom / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The moon, earth’s only natural satellite, is a regular feature in Atlanta’s night sky. The moon is often visible from all over campus.

Stumpy & Sideways have never been better. Stumpy even lost his stump. So maybe now he should be called “Astumpy” or something. So, BLAH Carter and Karen, they’re not dead yet! And they have even out-lived their warranty period.

Happy Warranty Day, Stumpy and Sideways!

