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Getting in just got harder

More applicants, higher test scores make admissions more selective

By Julia Trapold
Campus Life Staff

Every year both students and college faculty must go through a rigorous task known as the college application process. Students apply to as many as 10 or 15 schools, while admissions departments must review thousands of applications for acceptance.

Kylie Catlin, a high school senior from Ashburnham, Massachusetts, applied to Tech last fall, along with Harvard, Princeton, and the University of Virginia.

"The Georgia Tech application was the easiest and most user-friendly application I submitted," she said. "Also, the application was available online to download into Adobe Acrobat so that you could type in the whole thing on your computer and print it out to mail. It was really easy and convenient."

Georgia Tech Enrollment Services received over 8,000 applications this year, and the faculty is finished reviewing the applications for Fall 2000 admittance. Each ap-

Demographic	Applied	Accepted*	Percent
Female	2,346	1,414	60%
Male	6,127	3,475	57%
Total	8,473	4,889	58%
African-American	1,212	303	25%
Asian	1,646	837	51%
Hispanic	401	190	47%
White	5,214	3,559	68%
Total	8,473	4,889	58%

*Accepted statistics are estimates
Source: Office of Admissions

plication includes general demographic information, a proposed major, senior schedule, a leadership and activity record, an essay, a transcript, and standardized test scores.

"The application limited the list of awards and activities to ten, which at first I thought wasn't good, because I had more," said Kylie, "but I realized it was much simpler and that it was a better way to find out more personal aspects of the student by making them choose their most meaningful activities." Kylie also enjoyed the freedom she had in essay choice.

Reviewing the applications is a time-consuming process. "We handle every application and read every essay," said Barbara Hall, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Services. The applications were initially evaluated based on SAT and GPA; however, admission is not based solely on SAT scores. "High school coursework and grades are most important," said Hall.

Each student's GPA was recalculated: the non-academic courses were thrown out and the GPA was

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Feature Photo Take Back the Night



By Robert Hill / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A student participates in a candlelight vigil held at the Campanile last week as part of Women's Awareness Month. Katie Koestner, a victim of date rape, delivered the keynote address.

Madame d'Amour

Love Advice for Men

Bonjour, mes amis! Madame d'Amour returns once more for another lesson in love. This week Madame comes out of retirement to stress the importance of a specific type of communication that frequently gets lost within relationships. This communication, mes amis, is the delicate art of expression.

Madame was in the bookstore today, as it is conveniently located on campus, to buy a birthday card for her friend. Out of the blue, Madame heard a voice behind her declare, "You are the most beautiful woman in the world."

Although a friend made this comment in jest, it still made me smile and laugh, and is hands-down the nicest thing anyone has said to me in a while. This friend could have simply walked over and said hello, or repeated the ever-standard "Hi, how are you? Fine, thanks," that we usually mumble to others as we walk to class. He chose, however, to use wild exaggeration to get my attention. It was a refreshing change, and a healthy challenge for my boyfriend.

Unfortunately, going around campus announcing to strange girls that you are in awe of their beauty is probably not the best plan. In all likelihood, you will scare them more than anything. Instead, try replacing some generic expressions in your vocabulary with more expressive ones. A little effort will go a long way.

For example, when you pick a girl up for a date, ditch the standard, "You look nice tonight." There is nothing wrong with a complement like that—and many times it is a very appropriate thing to say—but just imagine how much more complementary it would be to say, "You look incredible tonight." That way, it is not like you are paying her a complement because you feel you have to, or because it is socially acceptable to do so. You say that because you want to. Because of this, these kinds of compliments just seem more meaningful.

Madame's roommate is quick to point out that there are several compliments that men should avoid altogether. Comments like, "You look less fat than last week," and, "You sure do clean up nice," are usually bad ideas. Other blunders from guys past include, "What did you do to your hair? It looks...nice," and, "You sure can eat a lot, for a girl."

There is a fine line in this area, though. Paying someone a sincere complement, even if it uses common words, is a lot more valuable than reciting colorful expressions you don't really mean. Women inevitably know when you are lying. Odds are also that if you really do mean that she looks incredible, the drool coming off your chin will tip her off better than any words could. Au revoir, and have a good week, dear readers.

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Madame d'Amour
Mistress of Love

Calculus tougher for AP students

By Rusty Johnson
Campus Life Staff

One of the most challenging sets of core classes students must take at Georgia Tech is the Calculus sequence. Of the advanced credit and placement for core sequences, this series was affected the most with the conversion from quarters to semesters.

Semester Calculus I (1501) consolidated Quarter Calculus I and II (1507/8), as expected. Semester Calculus II (1502) combined a small portion of Quarter Calculus II, one-third of Calculus III (1509), and all of Calculus V (2508). Finally, se-

mester Calculus III covered most of Calculus IV (2507).

Rena Brakebill, Coordinator for the Math Department, feels that the fifteen-week semester format is better for the students because "they have more time to digest the material under [semesters]."

Although professors do not need to test students as frequently under the current system, the classes do include more information, and in some classes, more in-depth study of the material.

"Those students that had Calculus in high school—those that depend on their prior Calculus knowledge—did better in

1507 [under quarters], since this was before getting to integrals," said Brakebill.

While it was estimated that 66% of those earning an AP score of AB4 (there are two AP Calculus exams, AB and the more difficult BC) made an A in 1507 under quarters in Fall 1998, only 44% of those earning that same score made an A in 1501 under semesters last fall.

With the linear algebra material from Math 2508 now being covered in Math 1502, a Tech freshman must prepare to take a class that sophomores took

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Campus Spotlight Honor Code Issues

What constitutes an honor code violation?

By Dan Wiley
Special to the Nique

FACT: Any violation of the Honor Code that results in probation will remain on your disciplinary record for a period of seven years after the date of the violation. When you are applying to graduate schools, transferring to different colleges or interviewing for jobs after graduation, the violation will still be on your disciplinary record.

On the first day of class, Professor Smith hands out the course syllabus to the class. Within the syllabus are the Professor's rules for students working in groups. It states that, "students may work to-

gether on homework assignments," but that each student within the group "must do their own work." The professor assigns the first homework to the class and suggests to the students that they work together.

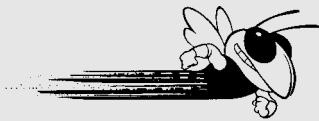
A group of students decides to take the professor's advice and meet to work on the homework. The students begin to complete the assigned problems on their own, discussing their respective solutions after each problem. On some of the problems, one or two students come up with different solutions than the rest of the group. The others would then explain their methods and why they believed them to be cor-

rect. After agreeing that the methods of the rest of the group were indeed correct, the students would rework the problem accordingly.

A few days later, while grading the problems, the professor came upon the papers of the students in the group. He noticed all that their final answers were all exactly the same, even the ones that were incorrect. Upon further inspection, the professor found that the methods used by the group to get their solutions were very similar, if not identical. Did the students cheat?

You make the call. What do you think of this situation and what action, if any, should be taken?

Buzz Around the Campus



Question of the week

“Should parents be notified if their children violate the alcohol policy?”

Feature and photos by Alisa Hawkins.



Juliet Voccio
TFE Freshman

“I don’t think that parents should be notified.”



Josh Gilmore
Chem Sophomore

“No one should come to expect privacy anymore.”



Michael Johnson
ISyE Senior

“Only if you are seriously hurt.”



Aparna Sreenivasan
PSY Junior

“I think it’s a great idea.”

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Campus briefs

SGA committee and VP applications due next week

Applications for committee chairs, Joint Finance Committee positions, Vice President of Campus Affairs, VP of Administrative Affairs, and VP of Finance are now available both online and in the SGA office. The applications are due in the SGA office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 14. For more information, contact Georiga Braxton at 894-2814 or visit <http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/sga>. The SGA office is located in room 131 of the Student Services Building.

RHA presents Second City Comedy Troupe

The Second City Comedy Troupe will perform at 8 p.m. on April 10 in the First Center for the Arts. Tickets may be purchased at the Student Center Box Office for \$6. The show will feature satire based on current events. Second City was the starting point for comedians such as Chris Farley, Tim Meadows, Mike Myers, John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, George Wendt, and Jim Belushi.

GTLINCS currently searching for student help

The Georgia Tech Liaisons for Incoming College Students (GTLINCS) gives current Tech students an opportunity to help out-of-state freshmen adjust to college life. There will be a brief training period before each calling session. The sessions, which will be held at the Alumni Association, will take place April 10, 11, and 12, each night from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. GTLINCS from out-of-state will be matched with freshmen from their hometown or region. GTLINCS from Georgia will be matched based on their major. For more information, visit the Student Alumni Association's website at <http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/saa>.

Earth Day festivities slated for Friday, April 21

Earth Day 2000 will take place on Friday, April 21. Activities on the Georgia Tech campus will include a ceremonial tree planting, information booths, live music, inline skating demonstrations, and alternative fuel vehicles. For more information, contact Cindy Jackson at cindy.jackson@facilities.gatech.edu.

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Feature Photos Sports Orgy



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
Kimberly Hinkley barely passed off the ball to one of her Harrison teammates last weekend.




By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
Chinenye Oparah struggles for the ball in an intense soccer match during the Sports Orgy.



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
Neil Sheth challenges his opponents for possession in a Friday afternoon soccer match.

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Three Duke fraternities prepare to go dry by December

By Caroline Wilson
The Chronicle

(U-WIRE) Duke University—"Dry in 2000." The catch-phrase has been discussed and debated around campus and even parodied on the "Dry in 3000" t-shirts some fraternity members are wearing these days.

But to the 11 national fraternities that have required their chapters to eliminate alcohol from their living quarters, the deadline is no laughing matter.

Even as they advocate fraternities ridding their houses or sections of alcohol, the national organizations have sent only vague messages about how the groups should actually do it.

Under the new policy, fraternity living areas must be dry, although alcohol can be present at out-of-section events.

Of the fraternities mandating that their chapters be dry by December, only three are represented at the University: Delta Sigma Phi, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Nu.

Another fraternity, Theta Chi will follow suit by the year 2003.

Jon Hockman, national chair of the Alcohol Free Housing Alliance and executive director of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, said the nationals do not intend to police local chapters.

"We assert our own policies and expect our members to follow them," he said. "For example, we have a

policy that protects against hazing. If we are notified that a violation has occurred, we respond immediately and accordingly—it's the same thing."

He added that he recently began promoting regional workshops to help chapters remove alcohol from their living spaces.

David Westol, executive director of Theta Chi fraternity, agreed that policing Duke's chapters would not be necessary.

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Greg Baecher
Sophomore, Trinity College

Instead, he said that the changing social habits of the typical college fraternity member will help Theta Chi chapters change the role of alcohol at their own social functions by 2003.

"Our loudest critics of the policy are graduating," said Westol. "We have great confidence in the students that will be entering the col-

lege community in the next three years.... Fewer and fewer are coming to college with what I would call imbued drinking habits."

Although Westol cited cultural change as the main way to enact the policy, he added that Theta Chi has already established several financial incentives—including scholarships, housing and reduced loan interest for members—to encourage them to go dry in the next three years.

Trinity freshman Danny Wrublin, a Theta Chi pledge, said his pledge class was unfazed by the fact that the fraternity section would soon be alcohol-free.

"[We] don't pick based on partying or anything like that—even though that's a part of it," Wrublin said. "I think all the pledges pretty much agree that it's not going to make a difference who is attracted to Theta Chi."

Brothers in Delta Sig, Phi Delt and Sigma Nu agreed that cloudy communication between nationals and individual chapters makes their task of drying out their sections more difficult.

"There has been a lot of talk at meetings about the fact that we are supposed to 'go dry,' but I don't think any of us know exactly what that means," said Trinity sophomore Greg Baecher, vice president of Delta Sig.

Interfraternity Council President Ken Collins, Trinity '99, said implementing these policies will be difficult across the board.

"I don't think the nationals have made it exceptionally clear what they expect us to be doing right now," he said.

Trinity sophomore Chris Prevost, a member of Sigma Nu, noted that keeping alcohol out of sections "would not be a drastic change" because technically fraternities at Duke cannot distribute alcohol anyway.

Baecher added that fraternity members will probably not take the

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Jon Hockman
Alcohol Free Housing Alliance

national policies into consideration on a day-to-day basis.

"I can't see one brother not drinking with another brother just because the nationals told us to go dry....," he said. "It's not realistic—it won't happen."

But national representatives maintain their expectation of strict adherence to the new policy.

"If a group is... blatantly thumbing their nose at the policy, we will in all likelihood close that organization," Hockman said.

National organizations enacted the alcohol-free plan to shift the focus of fraternity life from booze to brotherhood.

Under the new policy, fraternity living areas must be dry, although alcohol can be present at out-of-section events.

"The alcohol aspect has defined the fraternity for far too long," Hockman said. "Our goal is to assure that, when alcohol is a factor [at fraternity events], it will be done in a more appropriate environment than the fraternity."

He added that the 23 Delta Sig chapters that have already become dry report nothing but success stories.

"They are happier, the living conditions are cleaner, the [residences] are more appealing for visitors," he said.

Even though many fraternity members seem uncertain of the implications of the 2000 deadline, some said that if it were implemented, it could have a positive influence.

"I think most of us are taking this more as a wake-up call, if we can ask ourselves why the nationals want us to go dry and build on that....," said Baecher.

Baecher added, "If brothers can gain knowledge by going dry, then I think it would be a pretty cool thing."

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Calculus

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beforehand.

"By the time a student reached Math 2508, he was more mature in Math and adjusted to Georgia Tech," said Brakebill.

However, a student that exempts out of Calculus I and takes Calculus II might not be well adjusted to Georgia Tech and the teaching style of the math department.

This is illustrated by the estimate that less than 2% of students with an AB4 made an A last semester, compared with 14% of those taking the class.

The failure rate for both groups of students is comparable, with an estimated 18% of AB4 students and 20% of all students making D or F. The grades improved as the AP test score improved; 49% of AB5 students, 38% of BC3 students, 59% of BC4 students, and 69% of BC5 students made B or better.

"Those making a BC5 know the subject well. They can study on their own well," said Brakebill.

This is not only evidenced by the performance of BC5 students in Calculus II last semester, but also by the staggering 68% of these students making an A in Math 2507 under quarters, compared with 19% for the class.

Asked whether a student receiving advanced credit should take it or not, Brakebill said, "Retaking Math 1501 depends on the person. If that person doesn't mind working hard and going to class, then that student can take it [1501]. If that person is a slacker, then that student should take Math 1502."

She offers the reasoning that a student might become bored with 1501, rely on past knowledge, and not do his or her best, while one taking 1502 would be forced to study.

Advanced credit can be taken away to a student's disadvantage.

"If a person has 1501 credit and retakes the course and gets a D or F, that person must retake the course. Once a person takes 1501 at Georgia Tech, he or she loses the AP credit," comments Brakebill.

Also, no replacements are allowed—if someone takes Calculus twice at Tech, each repeat counts as a separate course.

Students here at Tech had differing opinions on whether to exempt Calculus I or not. While some agreed that it was to his or her benefit to take the AP credit so they could advance in their other courses, others disagreed, saying the review was helpful.

Neil Vaishnavi, a Freshman Biology major who received a BC5, said, "I felt Calculus II was a good continuation of AP Calculus. It gave me the background information needed to succeed in the class."

Others felt that the question of exemption deserved a double take.

Adam Bierce, a Freshman ME major who received a AB5, said, "Take all the credit you can for all classes except Calculus. Spend some time in a padded room thinking about it. It comes down to the teacher you have here, and how quickly you think you can adapt to the college scene. It's a cut above all other freshman classes, [and] it's certainly a gamble."

"It's a good idea to use AP Credit if you're very confident in that subject area, but otherwise don't," said Nate Watson, a Physics/Public Policy double major.

Some engineering majors decided that it was not necessary to retake Calculus I to gain a sufficient background in Math.

"Our Calculus II class emphasizes Linear Algebra so much that I don't think I was affected by not taking Calculus I," said Toppy Malasari, a Freshman AE major.

Whatever the options may be, the statistics show that if an entering student with an AB4 or BC3 takes Calculus II, the chances of making an A are minimal.

Ms. Brakebill thinks that it all depends on the student's personality and feelings. However, the answer to the question of exemption is a lot less clear-cut than it is for other entry-level classes.

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‘Got Beer’ anti-milk campaign comes under fire, ditched by PETA activists

By Courtney Lowery
Montana Kaimin

(U-WIRE) U. MONTANA—“Got Beer” has been sent out to graze, but Charlie the Cow is looking to get saved. The People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals pulled their “Got Beer” campaign launched two weeks ago out of “respect” for protests made by the Mothers Against Drunk Driving organization, said PETA’s college campaign coordinator, Morgan Leyh. The renamed “Dump Dairy” campaign is still geared towards college students, but is taking a different approach. Instead of “Got Beer?” PETA is now sending missing posters of “Charlie the Calf”

who was “last seen crying as he was being taken from his mother on a dairy farm...” The “Got Beer” slogan, meant to steer college students away from dairy products on grounds of animal cruelty, touched campuses across the nation before the campaign was cut. MADD avidly opposed the campaign, deeming it “irresponsible” and claiming it would encourage college students to drink. On PETA’s milksucks.com website, the organization reported receiving enormous positive responses from college students, but added materials have been revoked from campuses. Despite the decision to stop the campaign, Leyh still maintains that the “Got

Beer?” slogan was not intended to heighten alcohol use in college students, but rather raise awareness of animal cruelty issues. “We still don’t think the campaign would have caused any one student consume one more ounce of beer,” Leyh said. “But we do respect their organization and their concerns, so that is why it was pulled.” The MADD organization sent a letter of discontent to PETA before the campaign was officially launched, and PETA officials took their concerns into account. PETA put yanked the slogan as well as sending a \$500 contribution to MADD and establishing a link to their website on PETA’s milksucks.com website.



By Chris Baucom / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA, recently decided to pull their ‘Got Beer?’ ads partly due to protests by Mothers Against Drunk Driving. The ads were a parody of the ‘Got Milk?’ campaign.

Admissions

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calculated for core classes. Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses were weighted by adding an extra half-point to the value of the course. The GPA was only recalculated up to 4.0—students cannot score higher, even though their high school GPA may be above 4.0. After the initial evaluation, four readers evaluated the essays. The readers were either retired Advanced Placement English teachers or well-equipped guidance counselors. The readers scored both the essay and leadership and activity record. Activities are worth more if a student was an officer of an organization or responsible for a specific activity. “We’re very interested in extra-curricular activities,” said Hall. “We would like to feel we’re admitting students to our community who will bring something to the community in return.” At this point, the “clearly admissible” students were accepted; these are students who met at least the average of last year’s incoming class in every category. Kylie said, “I found out in December that I was accepted, and I had only sent my application in October. I think that is the greatest aspect of all: they allow you to submit the application as early as is convenient, and then they respond just as quickly.” The rest of the applications were saved until the application deadline of January 15, when review began again. After the final review, students were accepted, rejected, or wait-listed. Students who are on the wait list are guaranteed spring semester admission, and they will be accepted for fall admission if the student limit of 2200 is not reached. The average SAT score of accepted students for next fall increased from 1337, last fall’s average, to

1360. Also, the number of accepted students decreased from 5210 to 4889, although the number of total applications was up 12% this year. “Students were better qualified this year and we’re taking a smaller class,” said Hall. “There was such a strong applicant pool that students who would have gotten in last year did not get in this year.” A main goal of Enrollment Services is to get more women and minorities to come to Tech. Hall said, “We recruit women and minorities harder than we do a majority male, but in admissions everyone is admitted using the same criteria.” Recruiting is performed through phone calls and special letters to women and minorities. This year applications from both women and minorities increased: women by 9%, Asians by 25%, African Americans by 8%, and Hispanics by 25%. Overall, women and minorities increased by over 700 applications. Hall said, “We’re trying to grow the pool of women and minority applicants because the larger the pool, the more that will be accepted.” Sixty percent of female applicants, 50% of Asian applicants, 25% of African-American applicants, 47% of Hispanic applicants, and 67% of white non-hispanic applicants were accepted. In terms of test scores, next year’s freshman class is among the best Tech as ever seen: along with an average SAT score of 1360, they have an average recalculated GPA of 3.78. Enrollment Services is aiming to enroll 2200 of the 4889 accepted students next fall. *The Georgia Tech Fact Book, which includes statistical information about the student body is available online at <http://www.irp.gatech.edu>.*

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