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By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**A**iming for apples: Sumar Al-Kawas of Alpha Xi Delta grabs an apple for the Homecoming festival's apple bobbing relay.

## Fake grenade causes alarm

By Amanda Dugan  
News Editor

Students were evacuated from the Manufacturing Related Disciplines Complex (MRDC) and the J. Erskine Love Jr. Manufacturing Building Oct. 20 because of a report of a possible grenade in the courtyard outside the buildings.

The possible grenade was found to be a practice grenade, and the all clear was given once an Atlanta Police Department (APD) officer picked up the device.

"It turns out the device was not active, and everyone was cleared to go back in," said Christopher Huggins, Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) public safety sergeant.

GTPD responded to a call of a possible grenade in the courtyard at 12:46 p.m.

"As a precautionary measure we roped the area off and evacuated all of [the surrounding] buildings and called in the bomb squad to check it out," Huggins said.

"It took me a while to get out. It

seemed a weird time to have a fire drill, and when I saw the fire truck, I thought it was real," said Scott King, a second-year Aerospace Engineering major who was in class and evacuated from the Love Building.

**"It turns out the device was not active and everyone was cleared to go back in."**

**Christopher Huggins**  
Public Safety Sergeant

The GTPD report of the incident describes the device as a green, ball type grenade. The arming device was apparently missing from the grenade, but a small wire was found on the ground near the device. GTPD then notified the APD and the Atlanta Fire Department.

The responding APD officer

inspected the device visually and probed the device. After he picked the device up, he gave an all clear on the scene.

"We were outside watching the events unfold, and all the police were standing around watching... They figured out it wasn't a bomb [when] a cop walked over, picked it up, looked at it and said it was safe," said Kevin Lindsay, a second-year Aerospace Engineering major who was evacuated from the Love Building.

"It is called a practice grenade. It is used in practice exercises for the military," Huggins said.

The bomb squad arrived five minutes after the all clear was given and took possession of the device. "Where the device came from we don't have any idea as of this point," Huggins said.

Huggins said that there was no further investigation planned, as there were not any leads. "[The investigation] is pretty much closed at this point, because there was nothing else to go on," Huggins said.

## WLC registration open until Nov. 2

Registration for the Women's Leadership Conference remains open until Thursday, Nov. 2. Students can register online at [www.womenscenter.gatech.edu/wlc](http://www.womenscenter.gatech.edu/wlc). The price for the conference, held Nov. 11 and Nov. 12, is \$15 for students and \$30 for faculty, staff or other persons.

New for the 2005 conference are recruiting breaks for the event's sponsors and focused workshops for undergraduates, graduates and alumni.

## Brown memorial dedication Oct. 29

The dedication of a flagpole memorial in honor of Tyler Brown, a Tech alumnus who was killed in action in Iraq last year, will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29.

Brown served as the undergraduate student body president during the 1999-2000 school year and was a brother in the Kappa Alpha fraternity. The ceremony will be held near the new campus entrance at Fifth St. and Techwood Dr. next to the Kappa Alpha House.

## Annual food drive starts Tuesday

The Institute Partnerships Department will begin its annual food drive on Nov. 1, and continue it through Dec. 16. The drive is requesting canned goods and other non-perishable food items. Food donated will be given to the English Avenue Community Resource Center.

## Leadership class set to start in spring

By James Stephenson  
Contributing Writer

A new course on the foundations of leadership will be offered this spring, and a leadership program that includes a Certificate is being planned through Student Affairs. Student requests lead Student Affairs to start investigating a leadership program last fall.

"Students came into my office last fall saying they would like to have

courses for credit related to leadership studies," said Bill Schafer, Vice President of Student Affairs.

"A leadership program is very important for Tech," said David Andersen, undergraduate student body president. "All the students I have talked to have been excited about the program."

Schafer responded to the requests by bringing in Howard Prince from the University of Texas-Austin to advise Tech on creating a leadership

program. "He had been the head of the Leadership Studies Program at West Point for 11 years, and then he was the first Dean of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies at the University of Richmond, which is known as the Cadillac of leadership programs," Schafer said.

Schafer said that planning the leadership program started by looking at what already exists. "You have to find out what works regarding leadership programs on your campus,

and there is a good base of leadership programs that currently exist on campus," Schafer said.

The leadership program would seek to coordinate programs on campus. "We are looking at developing this program from both a curricular and co-curricular approach and how they work together," Schafer said.

"My role is to not interfere with those [existing] programs, but to help

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## Student kidnapped, robbed at gunpoint

By Ranganath Venkataraman  
Contributing Writer

A male student was kidnapped and robbed at gunpoint, and then let off unharmed after being asked for directions, while walking on Techwood Dr. near Fourth St. on Oct. 15 at 1:44 a.m.

The Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) said that investigations are currently underway. "We are following any leads we have," said Ronald Weaver, GTPD public safety captain.

Weaver said that they have also forwarded information to the Atlanta Police Department. "We have descriptions of the vehicle and the passengers which we have put out to

the Atlanta police," Weaver said.

The student reported that three African American males in a burgundy Ford Expedition approached him and asked for directions to the Varsity.

**"We have descriptions of the vehicle and the passengers which we have put out to the Atlanta police."**

**Ronald Weaver**  
Public Safety Captain

This is the fourth armed robbery with a firearm so far this year which, according to GTPD statistics, has already exceeded the total number of robberies that happened in 2004.

After giving directions, the student was forced into the vehicle at gunpoint by an unknown person in the back seat, who held a chrome handgun. Once inside the Expedition, the

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## Former Tech basketball star Jason Collier, 28, passes away

By Sawan Patel  
Contributing Writer

Former Tech forward Jason Collier, who played for the Yellow Jackets from 1998-2000 and was about to begin his third NBA season with the Atlanta Hawks, died suddenly early Saturday morning at the age of 28.

The Hawks center died from an apparent cardiac arrest. Around 3 a.m. Collier had trouble breathing in his sleep according to his wife Katie. She then performed CPR and called for medical assistance. Collier died in an ambulance on the way to the hospital at around 7 a.m. that morning.

The night before, he and his wife had dinner at a restaurant and then returned home, where Collier spent time playing with their one-year-old daughter, Ella. Head Coach Mike Woodson of the Hawks, who last saw him Friday at practice, said, "I thought



Courtesy of the Athletic Association

**Jason Collier died suddenly on Saturday, Oct. 15.**

he was in the best shape since I'd been around him."

The team's general manager Billy Knight told the Associated Press that Collier had "no issues" in a preseason physical given to all players.

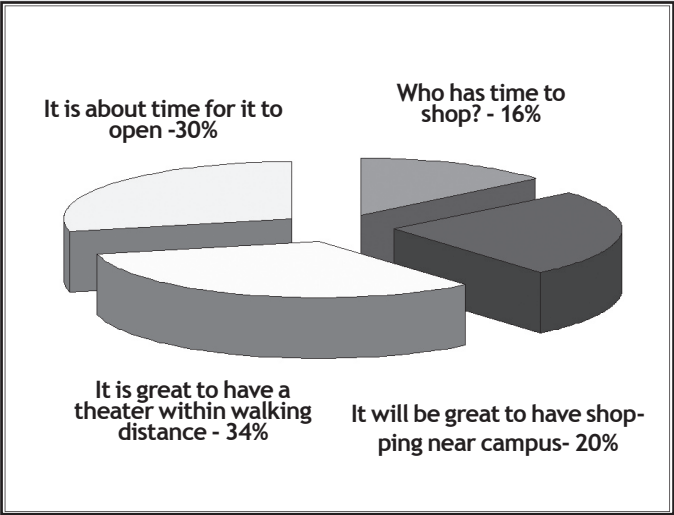
Collier's agent, Richard

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Technique Online Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 109 responses.  
How excited are you about Atlantic Station?



By Lauren Griffin/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:

How interested are you in taking leadership classes?  
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Cleaning theft one

A custodial employee reported that a Clark Burnisher, used to clean floors, was stolen from the O'Keefe building sometime between 5:00 p.m. and 10:04 p.m. on Oct. 12. The burnisher was last seen in the custodial closet on the first floor of the building and was valued at \$500. The complainant also stated that it could have been borrowed and not returned.

Cleaning theft two

Between 11:45 p.m. Oct. 11 and 4:00 p.m. Oct. 12, an unknown person or persons damaged the lock to

From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime

the custodial closet on the first floor of the Student Center. Unknown amounts of tissue, paper towels, trash bags and cleaning supplies totaling \$300 were also taken.

Cleaning theft three

An officer responded to a burglary report at the Phi Sigma Kappa house on Oct. 13. A member of the fraternity stated that between 3:00 p.m. Oct. 4 and 3:00 p.m. Oct. 9, someone entered the basement of the fraternity building, cut the master padlock off the storage closet and stole several items.

Among the items missing were assorted can sodas, a pressure washer, a miter saw and a vacuum cleaner.

The approximate value of all missing items is \$750.

Who had a key?

Items were taken from a car parked at the Westminster Christian Fellowship parking lot between 8:00 a.m. Sept. 1 and 6:00 p.m. Oct. 11. The complainant stated that her Nikon camera, valued at \$873, and her iron, valued at \$15, were taken from a locked toolbox on her pickup.

There were no signs of forced entry and the toolbox was unlocked upon her return.

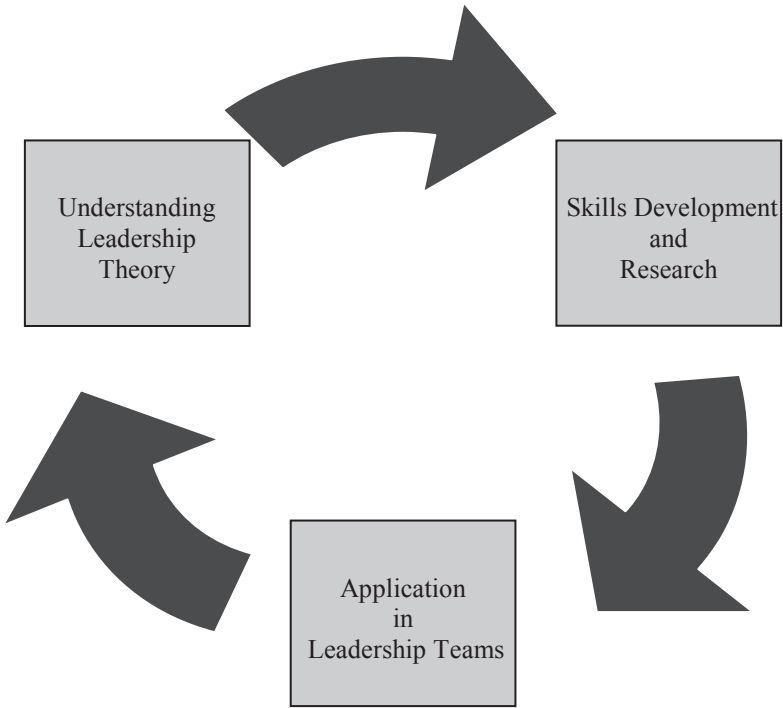
This week's campus crime information written by Kenneth Baskett

Foundations of Leadership  
Public Policy 4803

**Instructor:** Phillip M. Thompson, Ph.D., J.D., LL.M., Director, Leadership Education and Programs, Adjunct faculty, the School of Public Policy  
**Time:** Spring 2006, MWF 1:00-2:00  
**Credit:** 3 Hours  
**No Prerequisites**

The Foundations of Leadership course includes rigorous instruction in theory, research methods, and key techniques in order to improve each student's leadership abilities. The class will employ an interdisciplinary methodology that balances theory and application, organizational and individual development, as well as action and assessment. The course also includes:

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- Applied assignments in each student's leadership notebook such as recording best leadership practices and insights, a self-assessment, and leadership reflections;
- A capstone project in which teams assisted by an instructor apply the theoretical frameworks, skills, and research techniques from the class to a leadership crisis in the Hurricane Katrina disaster in order to both analyze a leadership problem and offer possible solutions.



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shiznit.  
I'm glad we don't have enough  
people to field a soccer team,  
its quality.  
Hey intramural refs - Zip it  
and play.  
Shout out to Karen. Hey  
baby.  
Great job Dr. Foley not posting  
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pared to 05???  
I hate comcast so freakin much.  
Thanks for increasing our bill  
and taking away ESPN HD.  
Those burgers you made earlier,  
ummmm, better than sex.

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# Council Clippings



Each week, elected members of the houses of the Student Government Association (SGA) meet to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings.

## Graduate Student Senate

### Senate passes canoe and kayak club bill

By Dan Englander  
Contributing Writer

Two bills were passed in this week's session of the Graduate Student Senate (GSS).

Melissa Moore, Auxiliary Services communications officer, was the first to report at the meeting and gave first quarter news from Auxiliary Services. After Moore's presentation, senators moved to discussing old business.

The first bill discussed was an allocation to the Sprint Canoe and Kayak Club, authored by Pelham Norville. The Kayak Club requested funding for four new boats and two paddles, though the bill had been amended to reduce allocation to three boats and no paddles. After thorough discussion the bill was re-amended and passed with funding for three

#### Bills passed

- Joint Allocation to the Sprint Canoe and Kayak Club
- Allocation for GSS outreach posters

boats and two paddles.

A bill to allocate funding for GSS outreach posters, authored by Karen Feigh, was moved from new business to old business and passed by unanimous acclamation. The posters will be placed in senators' home departments to raise awareness of GSS.

Issues raised but not resolved during the meeting included a transportation shuttle to Atlantic Station, visitors' parking at Tenth and Home and access to varsity tennis courts.

## Undergraduate House of Representatives

### UHR appoints representative

By Ranganath Venkataraman  
Contributing Writer

The Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) passed one bill and appointed one representative in their meeting on Tuesday.

After the minutes were approved, Treasurer Claudia Jones, gave her report in which she stated that 12 percent of the Prior Year account, 1.5 percent of the Capital Outlay account and 3.3 percent of the Undergraduate Legislative Reserve had been spent so far.

David Andersen, undergraduate student body president, spoke next and talked about the upcoming homecoming game and then introduced guest speaker Anderson Smith, vice provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs.

Smith spoke about the Undergraduate Learning Center (ULC). "I have a passion for the ULC. It's very important for freshmen and sophomore studying," Smith said.

Smith also addressed the House about the new system by which incoming freshmen can take classes in the summer to prepare them for the Tech workload. "Students would now have 21 weeks to take a class. It makes physics friendlier. It just makes sense to everybody that we should give freshmen a head start," Smith said.

In her address to the House, Dean of Students Gail DiSabantino talked about upcoming events such as the annual Buzz Bash on Friday night.



By Ethan Trewitt / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Vice Provost Anderson Smith speaks about a new system starting this year that will allow freshmen to take classes during the summer.

She said students will be able to interact with faculty and alumni.

DiSabantino also highlighted Disability and Diversity Week, which hosts events to promote awareness and acceptance of people with diverse backgrounds and disabilities.

Two bills were then taken up for consideration.

First, the appointment of Nader Baakilini as Management representative was unanimously passed. Baakilini was then sworn in.

#### Bills passed

- Appointment of Management Representative
- Joint Allocation to the Sprint Canoe and Kayak Club

The second bill discussed was an allocation for \$7750 to the Tech Spring and Canoe and Kayak Club for the purchase of four kayaks and

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## LAST DAY TO REGISTER: Wednesday, Nov. 2!

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## Crime from page 1

student, still at gunpoint, was ordered to drop everything and empty his pockets.

The student dropped his bookbag that contained \$75 dollars in a wallet, a driver's license, a calculator and a silver Samsung cell phone, according to the police report.

The report further stated that the student was dropped off unharmed by the Sixth St. fire lane, and that the van then apparently headed towards North Avenue.

The back seat passenger was described as a dark-complexioned man in a red shirt and blue jean shorts. The student was unable to see what the driver and the front seat pas-

senger were wearing, but both were described as light complexioned.

Weaver said it is important to report suspicious activity, and he cautioned students not to resist if they should find themselves in these kinds of situations.

"They'll most probably take anything you've got and leave you alone," Weaver said.

Weaver also said for students to keep their distance when drivers were asking them directions, citing this as a technique to lure students towards the vehicle.

"Lots of these [crimes] happen regardless of how much you try to prevent them," said Carla Cook, GTPD public safety sergeant.

Cook said that there are several resources available to get around

campus safely. "Students should use the resources available to them like the Stinger, Stingerette and the Tech Trolley," Cook said.

**"Lots of these [crimes] happen regardless of how much you try to prevent them."**

**Carla Cook**  
Public Safety Sergeant

Cook also said that after 2:30 a.m., when the Stingerettes stop running, police officers will be available

to safely escort students to specific locations on campus.

Several students said that they felt secure on campus and that they are also responsible for their safety.

"I never walk alone at night since it's not safe. At 1:44 a.m., I wouldn't be out alone walking around Atlanta," said Brandon Cummings, a second-year Architecture major.

"I walk throughout West Campus, up Hemphill Ave. to Home Park at 2 a.m. I feel that it's very safe," said Adam Webster, a third-year Chemical Engineering major.

Some students, however, felt that certain areas of the campus are not as secure as they would like them to be.

"When you go to North Ave. the cops don't go there so much; it's

unfair for the people who go there," said Daniel Shorr, a second-year Psychology major.

"If I'm on the edges of campus, either on West Campus or North Ave., that's where it gets a little sketchy," said Zachary Wissell, a second-year Mechanical Engineering major.

Cook suggested that students walk in groups in well-lit areas, report anything suspicious to GTPD and be aware of their surroundings.

"Students should carry cell phones on them. While it is a felony to have a weapon on campus, students can carry pepper spray or mace," Cook said.

"We also recommend that students visit our website, [www.police.gatech.edu](http://www.police.gatech.edu), to see the published crime alerts," Cook said.

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Diane, thanks for the soup.

Jennifer, your legs lighten my life

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I just ate my fifth jar of peanut butter - tonight! I'm on a streak.

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If anyone comes as a mermaid sat night, I swear I'll marry you on the spot

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I don't know why, but it seems that math class girls are hotter than the rest

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Anything that makes a girl wear a sports bra is a sport.

Julie is hot! wow!

What's with all the fluff in the 'nique?! Come on, Couples at Tech??!

This isn't Valentines Day! It isn't even February!

Sunday I went to bed at 4 AM and got 6 hrs of sleep Last night I went to bed at 1 AM and got 5 Is this not sick? Why do I have alternating

12 and 20 hr days? There is no fixed sleep schedule, it is

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# Clough encourages creativity

By John Maddux  
Contributing Writer

Institute President Wayne Clough presented the annual State of the Institute address to students Oct. 13, discussing Tech's role in a time that demands new technology and ideas. The address, titled "Creative Disruption," was also presented to faculty on Oct. 11 and to alumni on Oct. 28.

"Technology is born to be disruptive," Clough said.

Clough said his view of Tech's part in this creative disruption is to build a better world through partnerships and educate students for it. "Some say that combining 'university' and 'innovation' is an oxymoron. However, here at Tech, our research and incubator program has created 24 new companies."

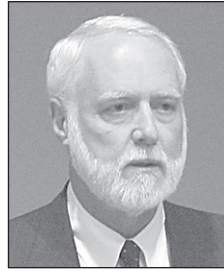
According to Clough, Tech has a "unique ability to tackle long-term and short-term research [because] we do something unusual...we ask our faculty what to research...and they are some of the smartest people in the world."

Research was not the only topic Clough discussed. "Education is at the heart of our mission," Clough said.

Clough said that creativity and the ability to adjust were important attributes for students to have. "Education is about learning to think, reason and innovate...the best engineering students weren't necessarily 4.0 [students] in college...[but] they have a wellspring of creativity and are comfortable in a changing world."

He said that students like those he described are produced by offering "more opportunities for research and study abroad...[and] new learning options like those to study leadership."

One third of students will have study abroad experience before



"Our world also faces major disruptions that present themselves as targets of opportunity."

**Wayne Clough**  
Institute President

graduation and 40 percent of the student body will have undergraduate research experience, according to Clough.

Clough said he was pleased with the numbers, as according to him many alumni pointed to these programs as distinguishing factors that have contributed to their success in their jobs.

Clough also discussed the Undergraduate Initiative launched in 2000. He said the project has given students additional opportunities to succeed with mid-term grades, follow-up advising to help troubled students, the GT1000 course and an overhaul of all core courses. He also cited the Library West Commons project, which he said has doubled visits to the library.

Clough went on to talk about some of the projects that Tech is currently involved, saying partnerships are where creative disruption is most apparent. "Our world also faces major disruptions that present themselves as targets of opportunity for our existing strengths," Clough said.

Tech is working in conjunction with Emory on a new nanotechnology center. The School of Biomedical Engineering also recently received \$19 million for cancer research.

Clough said Tech is working on energy concerns because they are beginning to dictate America's national strategic and economic policy. "[Tech's research has] attracted Department of Energy attention,"

Clough said.

Clough cited the military asking the Georgia Tech Research Institute to develop a vehicle that is safer and more efficient as one example of Tech's research successes. The project was completed in association with Ford and NASCAR.

He also discussed media coverage of GT Lorraine and the success of international partnerships. "[It has been] cited in...newspapers as the model to emulate," Clough said.

He also discussed the renovations that are taking place around campus. According to him, the addition of Technology Square to campus was just the first step in an effort to make campus more beautiful and environmentally friendly.

Clough said Tech's respect for the environment is evident in new campus initiatives. "Our objective is to shape our outdoor spaces so that their calm beauty counterbalances the creative tension in the laboratories," Clough said.

He pointed to the design of the Klaus Advanced Computing Building as evidence of careful planning and advancement. "[The building] will capture all the rain that falls on it, so it can be reused on the site," Clough said.

He said that all of this is an effort to improve the quality of Tech education and what Tech gives back to the local and international communities. "Our goal is to flourish as one of the world's truly global universities."

## Armstrong renovations force students to move mid-year



By Matt Emerick / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Damaged linoleum floor tiles are among the items that will be replaced when Armstrong Hall renovations start this spring.**

By Ranganath Venkataraman  
Contributing Writer

Armstrong Hall residents will have to move this December after finals as the building is turned over for renovations that are expected to last approximately six months.

Armstrong is the third traditional residence on west campus that will be renovated; Folk and Caldwell have already been renovated.

The Housing Department did not get the required approval of the Board of Regents until August, which was later than usual. Therefore the students were not informed of the impending move when they were signing up for housing. The Board of Regents approved a \$3.7 million budget for the renovations.

Residents and their parents were only notified of the required move starting the first week of September.

"We know we're inconveniencing them [the residents] but

it's time for the renovation to be done. When we got the information late we still decided to go forward," said Dan Morrison, associate director of Housing.

Moving forward with the renovation will enable Housing to go ahead with the next one, Hefner, as planned.

"It's time for it to be done. It's because what happens by doing the renovation improves the quality of life in that building," Morrison said.

The primary aim of these renovations is to get the buildings on the HVAC system that allows residents to control the temperature in their rooms.

"We know, from our surveys of residents, that the number one thing that students want is that they want to be able to control their environment," Morrison said.

He also said that the renovations would include a total system upgrade, including new furnish-

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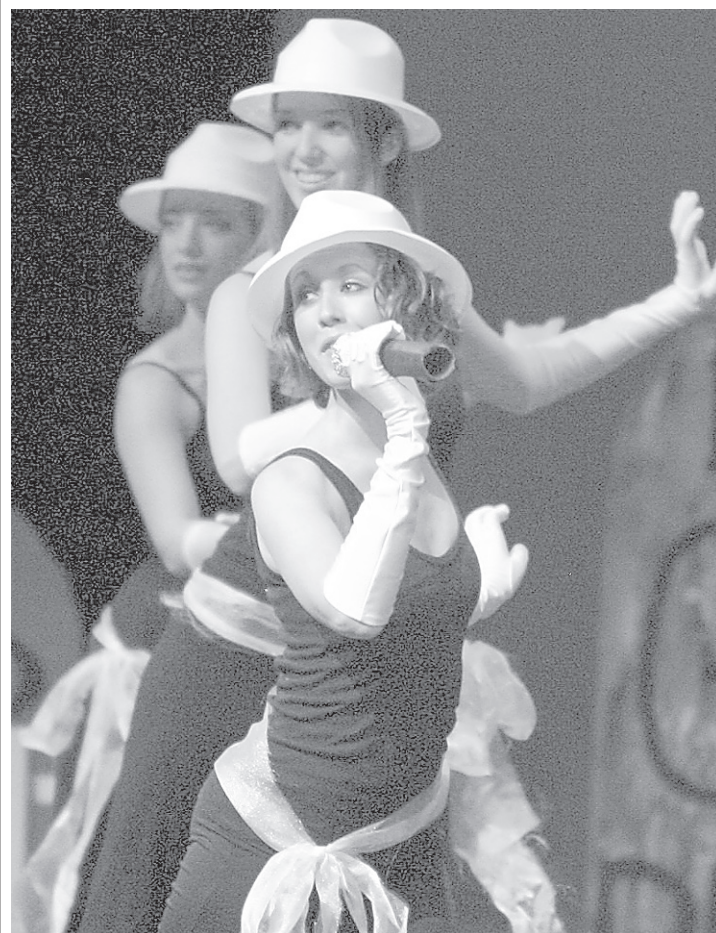
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By Jon Drews / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Rocking the house:** Alpha Chi Omega performs "The return of George P. Burdell" for Mock Rock, a popular homecoming event.

## UHR

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two paddles.

"We're seriously short of kayaks," said David Goodman, president of the club.

Goodman said he was fearful that this would result in a loss of members. "The expected lifespan of the kayaks is five to seven years," Goodman said.

Joint Finance Committee (JFC) chairman Micah Lucas voiced his concern that the organization was purchasing beginner kayaks and paddles of which the club had

enough.

Goodman said that the kayaks were the best the club had ever used and also had the best value.

Lucas also pointed out that since the club had not conducted any other fundraisers the SGA would not be their last source of funding, as it should be.

A motion to strike two lines of the bill, which dealt with the purchase of one kayak and two paddles, failed. The bill was then passed 77-13.

Before adjournment Andersen reminded everyone to vote for Mr. and Ms. Georgia Tech and to come to the SGA Halloween party.

## Program

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them work together," said Phillip Thompson, Director of Leadership Education and Programs.

Students, faculty and staff met with Prince to discuss what a leadership studies program would look like. "It was the recommendation of Prince that we have one foundations course in leadership studies that any student can take as a way to wet their appetite and see if they wanted to delve into the topic further," Schafer said.

The resulting class was Public Policy 4803 Foundations of Leadership, which will be available to take during the spring semester.

"I have never seen a class designed quite like this," Thompson said. "There are three aspects to [the class]. One is training in leadership theory, one is practical application and the third is working on leadership skills, such as teamwork and communication."

The course will also have a

laboratory component. "One other dimension that will be unique is a leadership lab," Thompson said. "It is a lab in the sense that you take theories that you have learned and test them. The way we will do that is to have prominent speakers come in and we will test what we learned against what they tell us."

**"We set out to create a world-class leadership program, or at least start the steps to get there."**

### William Schafer

Vice President for Student Affairs

During the entire process, students' ideas have been used to make the new leadership program and class truly for the students by the students. "Students should be very

involved in the planning process for the program," Andersen said.

"Just talking with students, I have found out things that I am really working hard right now to incorporate, such as public speaking, which is included in the [Foundations] class," Thompson said. "It will be fascinating to see what insights the students come up with and the things that they value in leadership."

Thompson said that after the class he hopes to meet with groups of students and get more feedback.

Schafer said that the Foundations class is only the starting point. A certificate program is currently in the works and tentative plans are to implement the program next fall.

"[The certificate program] has not been created yet, but we are in the discussion phase to see how we could go about that," Schafer said. "If that goes into place, it will allow students to choose from several classes that are already in place and some new ones, such as the Foundations course, that come together for 12 hours and the certificate."

## Dorm

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ings and refitted bathrooms.

Brett Hulst, residence life coordinator, said that three town hall meetings were held to discuss the move. A committee comprised of elected residents was then formed to facilitate further discussions and clarify issues.

Hulst also said that in order to make the move easier on students Housing will be implementing curb-to-curb moving, a process by which transport will be provided to help students move their belongings.

Some of the residents said they are not happy with the move.

"This is a total shaft. We found out about this two days after moving in," said Benjamin Lee, a second-year Mechanical Engineering major and one of the committee members.

Lee said he was also concerned

that some students may have to spend a few hours simply sitting on the curb waiting for vacancies.

While Armstrong residents are still not sure where they will be moving, Morrison said that Housing is not worried about finding spaces. "There are usually 300 spaces open every spring," Morrison said.

Most of the students will be informed of their new residences by mid-November. Housing expects to have a fairly accurate figure of the vacancies, by that time.

Several residents expressed aversion to the move because it would no longer be possible for them to live in block housing.

"We just spent a year with someone we don't know and just as we were going to spend a year living with people we know we move again," said Jon Gutierrez, a second-year Mechanical Engineering major.

Housing has forbidden students to seek residence options outside campus since this would be a breach of the Housing contract.

Some students, however, are not too worried about the move.

"I'm indifferent. I'll probably be on West Campus anyway. I'm [from] in state and I'm packing light," said Chukwuma Nweke, a second-year Materials Science and Engineering major.

Housing has guaranteed all Armstrong residents housing on campus, if they apply for it, up to the end of their junior year, to make up for the inconvenience caused.

"It's very irritating that Housing would rather have us move than postpone the renovations. This makes it difficult to deal with finals," said Robert Adams, a second-year Nuclear and Radiological Engineering major.

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# Flag building welcomes back flags

By Arcadiy Kantor  
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After an extended absence, the flags have returned to the Student Services building. The flags were taken down this summer to allow Facilities to repair window seals and repaint the atrium.

Questions over the flags' fate were raised at the time of their removal, as many of the flags were found to be in inadequate condition for continued display. "We had been hearing some complaints and concerns... that they were looking kind of ragged and faded," said William Schafer, vice president for Student Affairs.

Discovering that some of the flags were in poor condition led to exploration of several options, some of which would have resulted in the permanent removal of flags from the building, which has gained the popular nickname of the "Flag Building" from their presence.

Despite this, putting the flags back up in their original location always remained a strong option, according to Schafer. "A decision was never made to totally remove them," he said. "We never took down the wires that were up there to hang them back up."

"I thought they took them back to remodel and that they would be back eventually," said Pratiq Patel, a third-year Chemistry major.

Shortly after the start of the semester, Schafer made the decision to put the flags back up.

"I think as students were starting to come back it [became] really clear we needed to have [the flags] up there, and I just wanted to be sure however we did it, we did it correctly. So what we ended up doing is purchasing all new flags," Schafer said.

The division of Student Affairs used approximately \$5,000 from its budget to purchase a total of 134 flags for placement in the atrium.

Schafer said that the new flags cost the same as the old ones considering inflation.

Prior to its summer cleaning, the building housed 107 flags. While not all of the old flags needed replacement, Schafer said consistency was a major motivator for buying a complete set.

"Instead of having some nice ones

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**William Schafer**  
Vice President for Student Affairs

up there and some that looked ragged we decided to go ahead and purchase all new ones," Schafer said.

According to Schafer, the assortment of flags has also received some changes. "We've worked with the [Office of International Education (OIE)] to put up all the flags of countries that are represented currently," he said. "Plus if there were flags up there from countries that aren't currently here, we went ahead and ordered those new flags."

In addition, the division of Student Affairs purchased six flags representing countries OIE believes are likely to soon see student representation. These will be put up once students from these countries arrive.

"Our intent... is to every semester be in communication with [OIE] and get the official listing [of represented

nations]. And we're not going to take down flags, we're just going to add to it so we can stay with the original intent to show the diversity of countries that have been represented here," Schafer said.

The arrangement of the flags has also changed, based on some research done by Student Affairs staff into flag placement protocol. "They're in alphabetical order except for the American flag, which by protocol is evidently supposed to be displayed in the most prominent location," Schafer said.

The flags were originally put up in 1991 with the intent of highlighting the diversity of the student body. They were then briefly taken down during the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games. "The governments of China and Taiwan both objected to having the other's flag flying in the Olympic Village," Schafer said. "So the individuals running the Olympic Village decided to take all the flags down in the Student Services Building."

Prior to being taken down this summer, the flags had been untouched since they were restored to their original place shortly after the Olympics concluded.

According to Schafer, he hopes to maintain the condition of the flags by paying attention to them from semester to semester and actively replacing any flags that wear out.

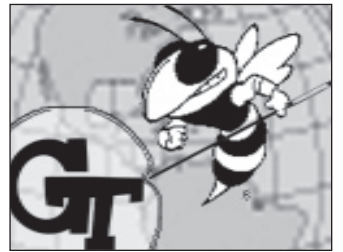
"They are going to be in good shape for quite a while, but obviously at some point we will need to do some things with them," Schafer said.

Several students commented that they welcomed the return of the flags. "I think it looks nice," said John Brand, a second-year Earth and Atmospheric Sciences major.

"I like [the flags]. They definitely look cleaner," said Julie Camba, a fourth-year Chemistry major.

"[It's much] better than nothing," Brand said.

## Breaking *the* Bubble



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

### Death toll for war in Iraq reaches 2,000

According to a military report released Tuesday, the death toll for Americans involved in the Iraqi war has reached 2,000 with the death of a soldier killed by a roadside bomb north of Baghdad.

"[The] defense of freedom is worth our sacrifice," said President Bush in response to the death toll, according to CNN.

### Unhappy Nano buyer files suit against Apple

Jason Tomczak filed a lawsuit against Apple, Inc. last week in San Jose, Calif. The suit requires a judge to grant it class-action status. Tomczak's suit deals with the scratching of his iPod Nano.

"Nanos scratch excessively during normal usage, rendering the screen on the Nanos unreadable," the suit said, according to the *Boston Herald*.

His lawsuit claims the coating which covers the screen was more effective on previous versions of the iPod. It further claims that Apple knew about the defective coating but went ahead with the release of the Nano, which cost from \$199 to \$249, in the previous month.

Rather than accepting its mistake, the suit said, Apple concealed the defect and told consumers that they would need to buy equipment to prevent scratching.

Tomczak bought a Nano in September which he said became

too scratched to be readable. Apple replaced the device because of a battery problem, but he was charged a \$25 fee.

"Rather than admit the design flaw when consumers began to express widespread complaints... Apple concealed the defect," the suit said, according to CNN.

### LAPD arrests Elmo, Mr. Incredible and killer

Three men impersonating famous television and movie characters were arrested on Hollywood Blvd. in Los Angeles, Calif. last week. A man dressed as Elmo, another as Mr. Incredible and a third as the hooded killer from the film *Scream* were charged with the misdemeanor "aggressive begging," according to CNN.

The police officers who arrested the men went undercover as French tourists who did not know how to speak English. The impersonators said they were then put at gunpoint, handcuffed and made to walk along the Hollywood Walk of Fame, while tourists stared at the strange sight.

The Los Angeles Police Department said that they received complaints from merchants and tourists in the area. They claim that the impersonators harass tourists, begging for tips after posing for photos. The offenders also drive away customers, the police said.

Michael Shea, a police officer, had told impersonators in a meeting one month ago that the police department would begin to enforce solicitation laws in the city more strictly.

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