

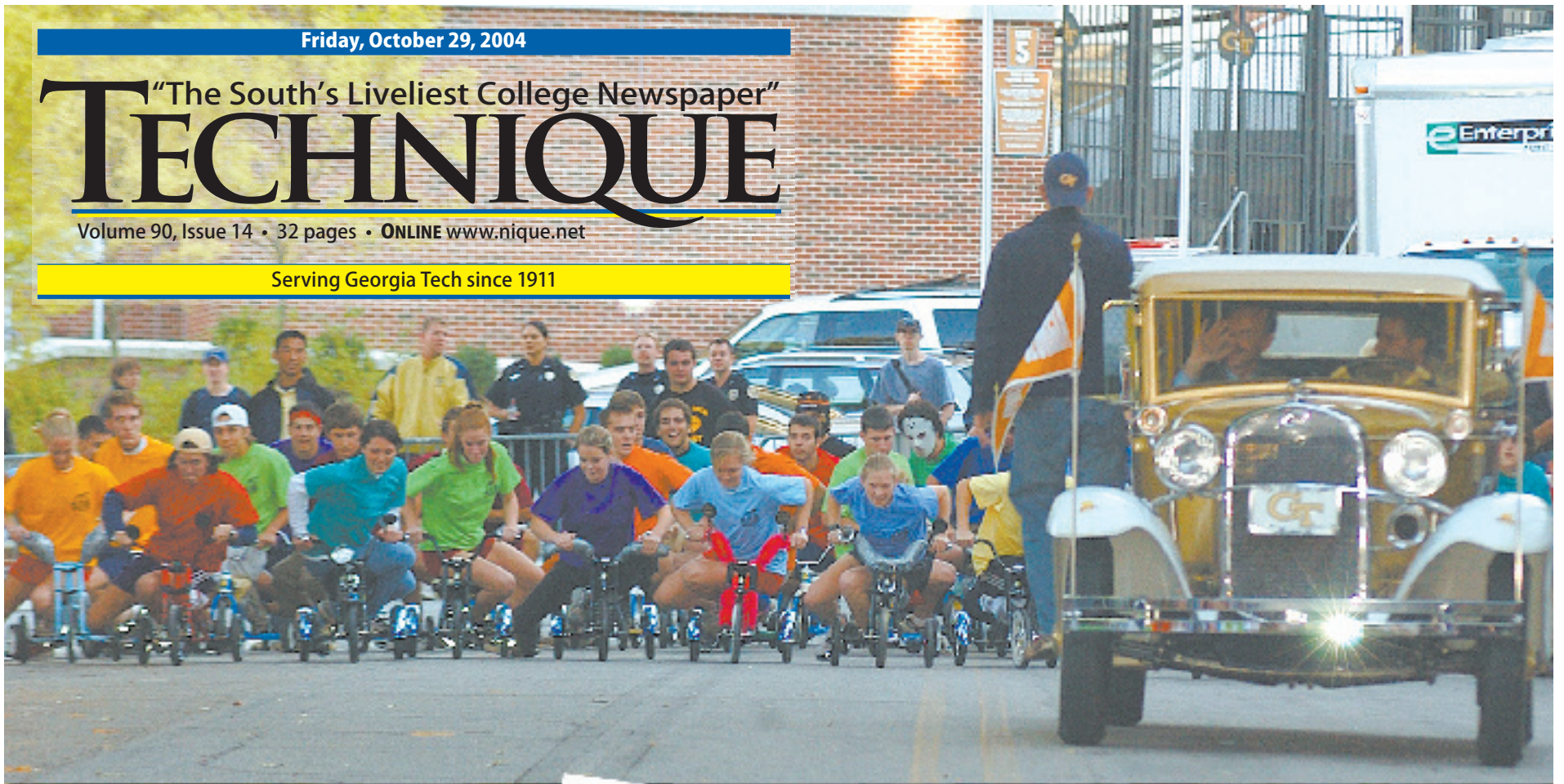
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Supawanich, McQueen win Mr., Ms. Georgia Tech titles

By Swathy Prithivi
Contributing Writer

The winners of the Mr. and Ms. Georgia Tech titles this year are Paul Supawanich, a senior Industrial Engineer, and Ashlee McQueen, a senior Biomedical Engineering major.

The recipients were announced Saturday during the halftime ceremonies of the homecoming football game against Duke.

The applications for this honor are due a month before the actual event and require background information, an essay and a quick fact sheet about the applicant.

The applicant can have a sponsor organization, but such is not necessary for participation.

The initial process includes screening of all the applicants, who are then interviewed by a panel of judges whose members include campus faculty, staff and alumni and have photographs taken for the competition.

The competition is then narrowed down to 10 male and 10 female semi-finalists. There is a campus-wide voting process for a few days from which the five male and five female finalists and eventually the winners are chosen.

The criteria for judging the candidates included communication skills, self-assurance, activities and honors, career goals, enthusiasm and school spirit, campus and community involvement, and leadership ability.



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Mr. and Ms. Georgia Tech Paul Supawanich and Ashlee McQueen receive their honors during halftime at the homecoming game.

What makes a winner in this distinguished pool of people? The key to success, said Supawanich, is to set your goals higher.

He said that college is a "one-time affair" and it is the time to sample different organizations, ideas and people and at the same time to enjoy the entire process.

A big factor, according to him, is taking the time to get to know your peers.

Supawanich said this honor was a humbling experience and something he didn't know was coming. To people out there with aspirations of getting the title, it is not out of reach, he added.

Rising ^{above} the Competition

Homecoming 2004 event winners

Top Overall Fraternities

Delta Chi (254 pts)
Kappa Sigma (231 pts)
Tau Kappa Epsilon (219 pts)
Delta Sigma Phi (215.5 pts)
Theta Xi (211 pts)

Top Overall Sororities

Alpha Gamma Delta (263 pts)
Phi Mu (247 pts)
Alpha Chi Omega (214.5 pts)
Alpha Delta Pi (178 pts)
Alpha Xi Delta (162 pts)

Top Overall Student Orgs

Band (87 pts)
Air Force ROTC (25 pts)
Ramblin' Reck Club (20 pts)
Ambassadors (10 pts)
Jewish Student Org. (10 pts)
Navy ROTC (10 pts)
Omega Phi Alpha (10 pts)



By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Delta Chi won second place for its members' performance in the Mock Rock competition, one of the week's many events.

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We worked hard
to earn that title.

Homecoming attendance normal despite fall break

By Jody Shaw
Editor Emeritus

This year's homecoming celebration marked the first time in recent history the annual week of events fell immediately prior to fall break, with a number of the week's cornerstone events occurring on Friday afternoon and Saturday—the first of a four-day midterm break in the course calendar.

Traditionally many students use the recess as an opportunity to travel; for many out-of-state students this weekend provides their first chance to visit home since the start of fall semester. The homecoming schedule, however, forced students to choose between staying on campus through Saturday to participate in some of Tech's oldest traditions or taking the opportunity for extended travel or relaxation. In terms of participation, it appears that students overwhelmingly chose to stay at the Institute through the weekend's events.

"I really didn't notice any change with regard to participation," said Katy Gustashaw, homecoming chair for the Ramblin' Reck Club (RRC), which organizes Friday's Mini 500, as well as the Freshman Cake Race and Wreck Parade that take place Saturday morning.

"Our traditions are some of the strongest. Alumni really cling to them—especially the Wreck Parade—and that helps to encourage and motivate the undergraduates."

The Inter-Fraternity and Panhellenic Councils, which adjudicate points for various events considered part of the homecoming competition in the Greek community, worked with the Reck Club and the Student Center, which organize a number of the week's events, to encourage participation in spite of the less-than-ideal schedule. The result was that the impending break failed to impact most of the weekend homecoming events.

"The only event significantly

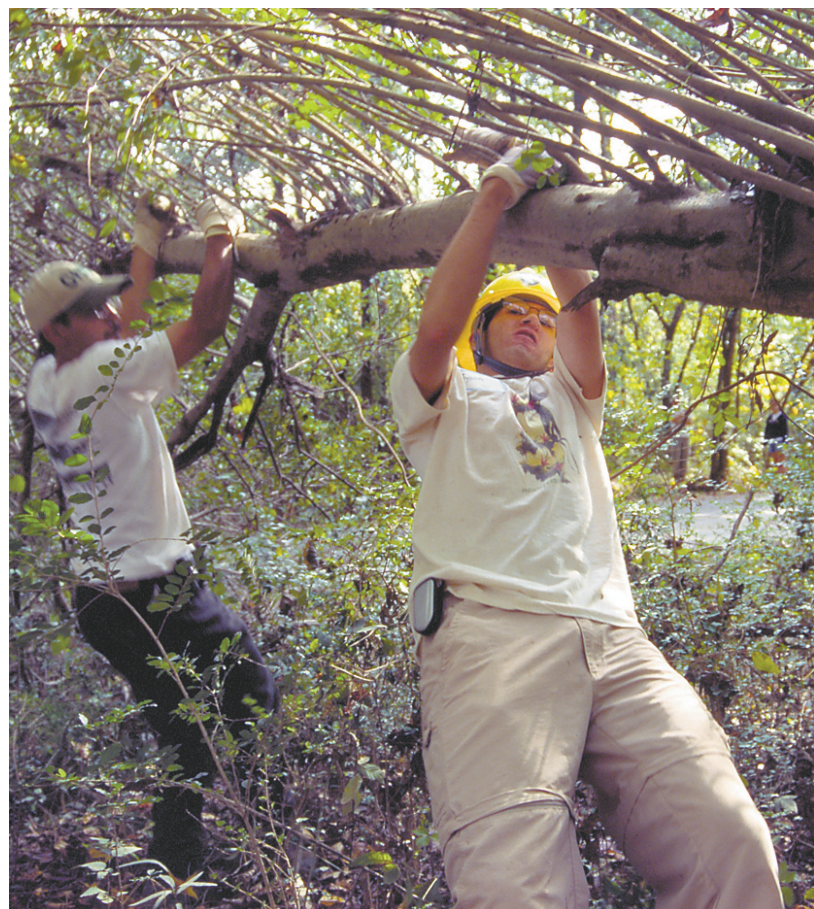
affected by the date was the Freshman Cake Race," said Brandon Elson, Student Center homecoming chair.

Organizers adjusted the threshold for participation points for the Freshman Cake Race, the 6 a.m. run that pits first-year students against each other to win a cake and the right to kiss Mr. or Ms. Georgia Tech. In the past, IFC and Panhellenic required 100 percent of a chapter's freshman students participate in the event in order to receive full participation points.

"Having 100 percent attendance from your freshmen is a stretch whether it is fall break or not," Elson said.

This year, the threshold was lowered to 90 percent to avoid penalizing groups whose freshmen might have wanted to use the opportunity to visit home—perhaps for the first time since starting college. Even with the amended rules some groups still struggled

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By Ayan Kishore / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Building Community Ties: Tech students reached out to the Atlanta community last weekend through TEAM Buzz. Here, a pair of Tech students work at the Chatahoochee Nature Center as part of a team assigned there.

Flu vaccines unavailable to students

By Emily Tate
Contributing Writer

"If you're young and healthy, don't get a flu shot," President George W. Bush said when addressing the flu vaccine shortage during the final televised presidential debate. To the dismay of some Tech students, this year their chances of getting a flu vaccination have greatly diminished along with the supply of medicine used to vaccinate. This local short-

age goes along with a nationwide shortage due to the contamination of vaccine being imported from an international drug manufacturer located in Great Britain.

"Due to the shortage of flu vaccines, it is doubtful that Health Services will receive our order for this year. Although we have not received official notification from the manufacturer, it is most likely that our order will be diverted," states the Tech Health Services

news website in order to inform students that they will not be able to get the free flu shots offered every year in the past by Health Services.

This situation presents a problem for the Tech community in the coming flu season.

The few locations in the Metro Atlanta area that are offering flu vaccinations, including local clinics, Kroger and Publix grocery stores, and the county divisions of the Department of Health, are

screening candidates for high-risk symptoms before the vaccine is given.

"The flu shots are being redirected to facilities for patients at high risk, and most Tech students are not at high risk," said Cindy Smith, director of Student Health Services.

High-risk candidates would include anyone who has asthma, diabetes, heart disease, is pregnant or will be pregnant dur-

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Fast-a-Thon raises funds for hungry

The Muslim Students' Association is holding a Ramadan Fast-a-Thon event next Friday, Nov. 5. MSA invites non-Muslim students to join in fasting that day. For each participating student, local businesses will donate at least \$1 to an emergency food provider in Atlanta.

At the fast's conclusion, all participants are invited to share a meal on campus courtesy of MSA and the local Muslim community.

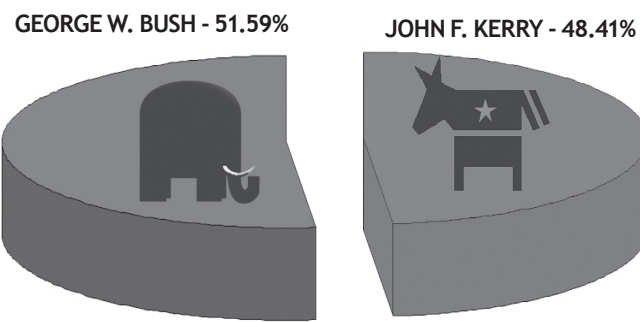
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How come nobody bitches about global warming when it's cold outside?
hey girl on cell-phone! who are you talking to?

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Technique Online Voice your opinion!
Last issue's question received 1,760 responses.
Bush or Kerry?



By Lauren Griffin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
This week's question:
What did you do for Halloween?
Tell us at www.nique.net



Theft	
10/21/2004	7:43:00 hrs.
Location: MRC side lot	
Incident: Report of a stolen boot.	
10/21/2004	16:34:00 hrs.
Location: Gilbert Price Library	
Incident: Report of a stolen Motorola cell phone..	
10/21/2004	9:10:00 hrs.
Location: Cherry Street/Mean Street	
Incident: Report of a stolen parking boot.	

From the files of the GTPD...
Crime Reports

Theft (continued)		Controlled substances	
10/23/2004	3:07:00 hrs.	10/23/2004	2:37:00 hrs.
Location: Fowler Street and Ferst Drive		Location: Howell residence hall	
Incident: Report of a stolen/recovered grill.		Incident: Underage student in possession of alcohol.	
10/24/2004	14:09:00 hrs.	10/23/2004	3:22:00 hrs.
Location: Sigma Nu Fraternity		Location: Fourth Street at Fowler Street	
Incident: Report of a stolen bicycle.		Incident: Underage students in possession of alcohol.	
10/25/2004	8:26:00 hrs.	10/24/2004	21:26:00 hrs.
Location: Post office at Student Center		Location: Howell residence hall	
Incident: Report of stolen packages.		Incident: Students in possession of marijuana.	
10/25/2004	12:02:00 hrs.	Battery	
Location: Hemphill Apartments		10/23/2004	3:26:00 hrs.
Incident: Theft by deception: subject didn't receive items purchased over the internet.		Location: Woodruff hall	
		Incident: Offender arrested for obstruction of a police officer.	

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i come bearing a gift. i'll give you a hint. it's in my diaper and it's not a toaster...
fucking douche bags, i fucking hate you
fuk you
Arkansas can't get it up!!!
Why is everyone smiling?
And then there was none...(hot water)
Ms. Sylvia for president!!!
Wow - Badical Industries
how many
slivers can
i get
in a
row
?
I got a letter from my apartment management. The people in the apartment below me were bitching that I was "walking too loud".
So I bought a pogo stick. Which I use at 2 in the morning. That'll give them reason to bitch.
Of course no-one says anything about their leaving a bag of garbage outside their apartment for 3 days straight.
Obviously a complex where the rent is higher does not yield a higher class of people.
FACEBOOK -->the new way for techies to stalk each other! ;)
Remember: On Election Day, if you're not outraged, you're not paying attention.

Pick up a
copy of the
Technique
every friday!

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

Grads fund Music Listening Room, RHA

By Stephen Baehl
News Editor

Tuesday morning's Graduate Student Senate meeting focused on two main bills in addition to a slate of conference committee bills.

The largest bill to come before the graduates was a request from the Music Listening Room for about \$22,000 worth of new furniture. The request was for the other half of new furniture that was requested from SGA in a bill last year, said organization representative David Ziskind, Student Center Programs Council treasurer.

At the time of the original bill, Ziskind said, UHR passed the bill for full, but GSS did not. The compromise was to partially fund the new furniture last year, and to cover the rest this year.

"The existing furniture is over 20 years old... basically, there's nothing left to it," Ziskind said.

After some brief discussion, the senators passed the bill.

The other major bill to come before the Senate was a request for \$2,000 to be allocated to RHA to help pay for its Vegas Night event, part of the Ramblin' Nights series.

Initially, the graduates discussed

- Bills passed**
- Joint allocation to Men's Lacrosse Club (a-c) *Conf. Committee*
 - Joint allocation to Chinese Student Association *Conf. Committee*
 - Joint allocation to Music Listening Room
 - Joint allocation to Women's Leadership Conference
 - Joint allocation to Residence Hall Association

tabling the bill.

"JFC recommended strongly to table this bill, and I'll tell you why," said David Andersen, JFC chair. "We did not feel we are the last source for funding... We don't want to tie up more money than we have to right now," he added.

The organization representatives had indicated to JFC that the Alumni Association would possibly provide some funding but was waiting to see what SGA did. After some discussion between organization reps and senators, it was decided that the Alumni Association was likely to provide about \$700 of the \$1,500 requested, and so allocation requests for security and a movie showing were cut from the bill, and it passed.

Undergraduate House of Representatives

UHR seeks efficiency in funding

By Stephen Baehl
News Editor

Tuesday's Undergraduate House of Representatives meeting opened with a report from treasurer Ambika Bumb and JFC chair David Andersen on the efficient use of funds in allocation bills.

For example, Andersen mentioned last week's allocation of about 10 percent of SGA's Prior Year account to the Men's Lacrosse team. Andersen said it is a great organization and good cause, but the allocation also amounted to about \$350 per student.

"The thing I wanted to hit on," he said, "is that we only have a limited amount of money. We're only in fall semester right now. Come spring semester we're going to get a lot of large requests that will affect a lot of students."

Andersen added, "We're trying to impact as many students as possible."

Aside from the business of money allocations, the House also discussed recent attendance problems. Lately, attendance has dropped each week, said Undergraduate Student Body President Amy Phuong. This week, the House barely made quorum—she warned it may not by next week.

The representatives discussed adopting a mandatory attendance rule for the year and defining the number of allowed absences for the remainder of this year's session.

However, after some discussion on the matter, it was decided that advance notice of rule changes would be required, as a two-thirds vote of all members of the House would be needed to enact any such changes without prior notification. That meant the vote would have to have been unanimous.

UHR also went into lengthy discussion on the four conference



By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Senior Class President Eleanor Baccay and senior representative Stephanie Bent discuss a bill during Tuesday night's UHR meeting.

committee bills for men's lacrosse. While the first three were passed relatively quickly, the fourth was the focus of a long discussion that nearly tabled the bill.

According to Junior Class President Andrew Howard, there was a long debate in conference committee about the last bill, which was a request for \$5,400 from Capital Outlay to fund equipment. The undergrads had passed the bill, while the graduates had amended it to \$0 before passing. The conference committee compromise was \$2,885.

However, since conference committee bills cannot be amended, a bill that fails one house dies.

Howard did note an exception, however. A ratio rule agreed upon by the senate and house could still let the undergrads pass the bill no matter what the graduates did—the agreement centers on the fact that some 60 percent of the student body is undergraduate, while 40 percent is graduate.

- Bills passed**
- Joint allocation to Men's Lacrosse Club (a-d) *Conf. Committee*
 - Joint allocation to Residence Hall Association
 - Joint allocation to Cycling Club
 - Appointments of Undergraduate Student Council Committee Chairs

Thus, the discrepancy in representation is noted when one house fails a conference committee bill but the other does not.

In this case, UHR's percentage of yeas votes would be multiplied by .6, while the GSS's nay votes would have a multiplier of .4. Thus it was determined that if everyone in UHR voted to pass this bill, it would not matter what the graduates did to it.

After the explanation, and determining that the rule was interpreted correctly, the undergrads passed the bill unanimously.

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"One of the things that Georgia Tech will do for you is that it will remove all the joy of mathematics from you" -Dr. Meddin
The Facebook is an addiction!

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MOVE advisor leaves Tech

By Haining Yu
Assistant News Editor

David Prophitt, program director for Tech’s Community Service Program, better known as MOVE’s advisor, will be leaving Tech next Tuesday for a new position with the American Cancer Society as state manager for Relay for Life for Georgia.

Prophitt, who was pivotal in bringing Relay for Life to Tech, began his tenure at Tech in February of 1999 as the associate program director for community services. In 1999, MOVE and other community service committees were still under the jurisdiction of Auxiliary Services and the Student Center Programs Board. Only four different committees were run separately as different committees under the board: Techwood Tutorial Project, Partners in Interactive Education,

TEACH and Best Buddies.

Now, MOVE oversees 13 different committees that range from Relay for Life, to MOVE Outdoors, to Into the Streets.

“MOVE right now is... at a place where it’s really strong,” Prophitt said, though he took little credit for himself.

According to him, credit for MOVE’s growing success is largely due to the students, who “have such a great passion in whatever they get involved with...introduce an idea and they just run with it.”

Prophitt admitted, “It’s hard to leave in the middle of the school year, but I feel confident in leaving now because the students have created such a strong organization.” MOVE is really well-established now, said Prophitt, and it has great plans for this year.

In 2001, a decision made by Institute President Wayne Clough

to better couple Tech’s leadership initiative with service, meant that the community service committees made an important move from the Student Center Programs Board to the Student Affairs division.

According to Prophitt, this move “really provided the spring board for us to grow.” The change of jurisdiction also meant a physical relocation for MOVE from the Student Center Program’s third floor office to a more visible second floor office that was all their own.

This year, MOVE has relocated to the Student Services Building into what was formerly the Student Activities Office. “I think that having a space that’s more accessible to students is great,” Prophitt said. “[Students] have a place to hang out and to create their programs and educate their peers about service.”

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ing flu season, and health care workers exposed to the flu virus.

There is much dispute over defining Tech’s population based on those who are at risk and those who are not.

“It’s unfortunate that you can’t get it...I think college students are more at risk because when one person gets it, the next minute, everyone has it,” said Stephanie Kazanecki, first-year Architecture major. While most students at Tech don’t fall into the definition given for “high-risk,” there are a few who do.

According to Smith, even the medical staff at Student Health

Services has not been vaccinated because of the acute shortage.

Another potential source for finding the scarce flu vaccine is findaflushot.com. However, even this website, sponsored by Maxim Health Services has had to cancel its order prematurely due to the shortage of the availability of the vaccine.

Student Health Services is advising the common-sense hygiene method of prevention when it comes to any seasonal ailment.

SHS advises that if “you come in contact in any way with the virus, that you immediately go to the Health Services Building where you can get treatment to ensure your wellness stays intact,” Smith said.

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So hard to concentrate in CS recitation when the guy in front of you has a half naked chick on his computer desktop...

#man woman Segmentation fault (core dumped)

Bush: “Want some wood?”

IL.A.M.T.

Do not grope me while I am pwning!

teh n00tz W@S HeR3

Tech screws 1000 students and faculty to accomodate a dozen volleyball players?? sounds about right

nnnnnnnnnnnddddaaaa

Haha, that dating for a techie article is hilarious

Roosevelt/ Fairbanks in ‘04!

accept red jesus as your personal lord and savior

Missing: East Campus Kitten. Anyone seen the little kitten recently?

Spirit Halloween Superstore KICKS!!

Microsoft Freelancer also KICKS! Kinda old game, but still good.

well crap... the ‘nique guy predicted Tech to win; prepare for Duke win.

Save the barbell club.

woohoo, after last week Reggie is back on the ballot!!!

Rich, being asian means you are white!! so shut up and make you fellow white friends some ramen noodles.

Red Jesus, where can I get a hat like that?

So maybe there was a drug dealer on the 4th floor, but that is no reason to turn the fire alarm on and wake me up

prob for ben, that’s our final offer

PL 3:30 is NOT late to be up on a weekday night

Why does my room all of the sudden reek of alcohol the day before my parents are to arrive

You think we are pathetic now. Wait till Halo 2 comes out!!!

pray for mojo

Red Jesus: Does that hat you have come in blue?

First black sorority marks 25 years

By Michael Handelman
Staff Writer

The Nu Beta chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority celebrated its 25th anniversary on campus with a celebration held at the Renaissance Concourse Hotel during homecoming weekend. AKA was the first African-American sorority at Tech.

Alumni of the chapter and their families were invited to a reunion at the event.

One goal of the anniversary meeting was to strengthen the support network among current students and alumni.

According to founding member Gail Reid Hackbart, "The chapter has grown immensely in terms of the number of women that have gone through there."

She added, "We are coming back to establishing a stronger support base for the young ladies who are on campus, and the young ladies who are interested in being a part of the ceremonies."

Current members of AKA feel that their presence at Tech has benefited the campus.

"It has allowed me to work with

determined women such as myself to benefit the [Tech] community...it feels good to know we are contributing service and programs to the community that help raise the standard of Georgia Tech student life in general," said AKA president Ayanna Miller. Hackbart emphasized the service activities that the sorority has undertaken. "We do a drive to raise money for the cancer society...they have done projects where they go out to nursing homes," she said.

Nichollette Battle, president of the AKA alumni organization, felt that the sorority will continue to pursue its long-term goals.

"As the first sorority for women of color we will always be defined as innovators...we will continue to have the goals of scholarship, leadership, high moral standards and above all, service to mankind," Battle said.

"There are a lot of innovative women in Nu Beta," she added.

"We have the span of doctors, lawyers, executives, engineers, ministers and even a beauty queen or two within our midst...through academic and community involvement, Nu Beta will continue to set the standard."

week's events, David was a driving force, helping to ensure the sustainability of GTCOW's success."

"His willingness to help, his availability to students, his dedication to a cause," Pendleton-Parker said, "will all be remembered by the students whose lives he touched."

Prophitt said what he will miss most about his job is being able to work with college students.

According to one such student, former MOVE President Rachel Giese, Prophitt has been "an example of social responsibility. He is always willing to take time to talk and puts students first. Georgia Tech has truly benefitted from his leadership."

Assistant Dean of Students Danielle McDonald and her student involvement team composed of two graduate students will take over Prophitt's advising positions in community service until a replacement can be found.

The Pride Alliance is still in the process of searching for a new advisor.



By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Slashdotted: Rob Malda, creator of the popular online forum slashdot.org, a center for "News for nerds," spoke to Tech students Tuesday night in the Student Center ballroom. Malda talked about his spaghetti code and why he doesn't like Java, among other things.

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to obtain full participation points in the Cake Race event.

Other weekend events remained unaffected by the break.

"The Wreck Parade is set up to the point that you don't need a certain number of individuals more than would be expected to be in town," Elson said, commenting on the fact that the parade actually limits participation.

According to Gustashaw, RRC actually received one more entry for the contraption portion of the Wreck Parade compared to the previous year's total, and the consensus among the organizers is that the number of spectators for the wreck parade was on par with other years as well.

"We also had only seven spaces left over for the Mini 500, which has a limit of 50 teams. We had more [tricycles] leftover last year than this year," Gustashaw said.

Non-Greek participation in homecoming has not traditionally been high, and when the date was initially announced in spring, some campus officials worried it would decrease even further.

"If they have to choose between taking a four-day weekend and participating in homecoming, which

maybe they have only done once or twice, what are they going to do?" said Greek Advisor Buck Cooke, in a February 20 *Technique* article.

In spite of initial worries, however, there is no indication this year's schedule, which might have affected non-Greek turnout for the weekend events, exacerbated the problem. Only four non-Greek organizations participated in the Mini 500, though that total was not as significant a break with the past.

According to Elson, non-Greek participation continues to be a challenge for homecoming organizers, especially with regards to events that required an entry fee.

"The cost of conducting events requires that we put a price on participation, which discourages non-Greek groups without a budget set aside for homecoming from participating," Elson said.

Overall, even with the break, most consider the week a success.

"Ideally it would have been better if homecoming had not fallen on the same weekend as fall break," Elson said. "But you have to take into account the fact that there is only a small window of time where homecoming can be placed."

In February, when leaders from the student organizations involved in homecoming planning met with

representatives from the Alumni Association, Athletic Association and Office of the President, among others, to select the homecoming Date, that "small window" caused headaches for the group.

This year's football schedule, the first in the expanded Atlantic Coast Conference, offered only a handful of options for possible homecoming dates.

The initial selection of the Duke game as homecoming meant that organizers jumped through administrative hoops to reschedule fall break, which had been originally slated to occur Oct. 11-12—the Monday and Tuesday prior to the Duke game. If fall break had remained in its original calendar slot, a week's worth of activities would have been reduced to three days, as occurred during homecoming 2001. Such a situation was one that all parties sought to avoid.

"We had a sense that we had a homecoming because of the week's work of events, even if less people actually went to the game," Gustashaw said.

For more information on the fall break and homecoming scheduling process, see the Feb. 20 issue of the *Technique* which is available online at www.nique.net.

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Calling the job with the American Cancer Society "that next step in my career," Prophitt believes that the leadership training experience he's gained at Tech will aid him.

During his time at Tech, Prophitt has also worked extensively as advisor to the Pride Alliance, Tech's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning (GLBTQ) student organization. Calling this his "volunteer work," Prophitt has played a large part in helping to cultivate programs such as GTCOW and Safe Space. "I've really enjoyed that opportunity to advise those groups," Prophitt said.

"David was involved in GTCOW from its inception at Tech," said Billie Pendleton-Parker, who has worked with Prophitt on various initiatives, including GTCOW and Safe Space. "From attending meetings with students to being available for consultations to participating in the

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grfndor rcks
these TAs grade hard, the worst part is they'd fail the test too
How come students who will fight to prevent tuition hike can't be bothered to vote? Voting gives us leverage over officials who can raise tuition!
Note to self: buy panda repellent for the next time he tries to strangle me

See page 12 for more Slivers!