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Ever wonder how WREK broadcasts get to you and everyone else in metro Atlanta. Its not as easy as it seems. **Page 17**

Fist fight

Ever wonder who would win if Al and George the Elder got into a fist fight? We asked students in Buzz Around the Campus. **Page 21**

Four years later: looking back on Tech's Olympics

By Kim Holton
and Julia Trapold
Heros of last minute writing

Last Sunday the Olympics in Sydney came to a close, and it reminded everyone at Georgia Tech about when the Olympics were here four years ago.

In the past four years, most students who were "pre-Olympic" have graduated and moved on, while newer students remain interested in hearing about how campus has changed as a result.

"The biggest impact was construction, which began four years before the Olympics," said Bill Miller, who is currently the Manager of Capital Projects and coordinated the facilities during the Olympics.

The west campus apartment complexes, the North Avenue Georgia State apartments, and the Aquatic Center were all constructed during the four years before the Olympics. Over \$300 million were spent on construction.

"The construction turned the campus upside down," said graduate student Alan Back. "There were fences all over campus – it was nuts."

"The biggest impact [of the coming Olympics] was construction, which began four years before the Olympics."

William Miller
Manager, Capital Projects

The plaza outside the Student Center with the campanile and amphitheater was built for the Olympics; it used to be a grassy common area.

In order to construct the plaza, tents, fences, and construction equipment occupied the area for many months.

Also, a temporary pool was built in a grassy area next to the Dupree College of Management and was used by athletes for recreation.

"All Student Services offices had to be relocated," said Miller. "Students and faculty had to work around the construction."

Another big factor in preparing the campus for the Olympics was the issue of security. Fences were placed all over campus, and telephone poles with floodlights appeared everywhere to make the campus more se-

cure for the Games.

Security was so tight that some faculty and students could not get onto campus. "We bused people downtown to receive credentials so that they could enter the village," said Miller.

"The Olympics definitely increased security on campus," said Lewis Thomas, a graduating senior who entered Tech the year before the Olympics.

He worked inside the Olympic Village on campus, transporting athletes from their dorms to buses or SAC.

The hassle of the construction and security caused some students to dislike the Olympics. "For four years, we lived and worked and studied here, hearing about the Olympics every day, and I got sick of them,"

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The 1996 Olympics in Atlanta resulted in some dramatic changes to campus, including the well-lit "Shaft" [above] and packing campus with visiting athletes.

Greeks prepare for Homecoming by giving back to the community and lending a helping hand to children

By Drew Lawes
Last minute writers rule!

This past weekend the Greek system got together to extend their hand to the Atlanta community with their annual Homecoming Philanthropy. On Saturday, over 800 members from fifteen fraternities and six sororities donated more than 2500 hours of their time to better Atlanta.

Leanna Allen and Charlie Martin, the co-chairs of the Homecoming Philanthropy committee, have worked since last April to organize an event that would rely mostly on volunteers from the Greek community, as well as incorporate programs that would have a direct impact on the people of Atlanta. A big objective in the activities planned for the day was that all the volunteers have fun doing their service projects.

The biggest event of the day was P.L.A.Y. (People Leading Atlanta Youth), which utilized close to 250 of the volunteers that afternoon. The event included over 75 foster children from Grace Home for the Waiting Child, United Methodist Children's Home, Carrie Steele-Pitts Home, and Boys and Girls Clubs across Atlanta.

The event took place in the Burger Bowl, which was decorated with helium balloons and tents where there were arts and crafts, games, and an appearance from Buzz. Each child was paired up with a few Greeks, with whom they spent the entire afternoon participating in the events planned.

Clint Southern, in Phi Gamma Delta, commented, "I enjoyed being able to spend time and play kick ball with the children. A lot of times these kids don't get a lot of attention at



Photo by Andrew Pae / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A sorority sister helps a child at this weekend's "People Leading Atlanta Youth" at the Burger Bowl. Over 250 members of the Greek community volunteered for Homecoming.

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Students take playing with cars to a whole new level

By Anthony Ritz
vroom! vroom!

"Gentlemen, start your engines." If those words don't do anything for you, you've probably already turned the page. But if that magic phrase got your heart pounding and your blood racing, then one of the "car clubs" may be for you. Around campus, several groups of students are modifying existing vehicles or building them from the ground up in preparation for competitions around the nation.

GT Motorsports, Future Wreck, and the Solar Jackets are three student organizations striving to fill the need for speed, and each does so with a unique approach.

The oldest and largest such organization on campus is GT Motorsports. Building from the ground up, this group attempts to construct the fastest, most agile vehicle while also striving for simplicity and a theoretical consumer price tag of less than \$8,000. The vehicles they construct look very much like your average go-cart, while demonstrating performance that would put most any go-cart to shame.

GT Motorsports's cars generally are designed for speeds up to around 50mph; they are built light and maneuverable. Such careful construction does not come cheap. GT Motorsports spends over 12,000 man-hours and \$50,000 constructing their car most years. The culmination of this effort is the Formula SAE international competition in Detroit for five days each May.

And of course, the consistent top-ten finishes GT Motorsports has enjoyed make it all worthwhile.

"We had more fun than any other school there."

Phillip McCray
Future Wreck

The second year organization, Future Wreck, works on a car with a slightly different focus. Their goal is to take an SUV provided by GM and make it more fuel efficient without hurting other aspects of the car's performance. As such, Future Wreck focuses on modifying the drive train and using a hybrid-electric engine. Last year the club spent \$90,000 and added 1,100 pounds to their SUV's weight through their modifications.

Each year, the culmination of this effort is the Future Truck competition at the GM proving

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President’s Summit brings together leaders

By Anthony Ritz
Owe ya one!

Last weekend, many of the top movers and shakers on campus got together for an exclusive summit. But this was not a group of deans or wealthy alumni — this summit was specifically designed for Tech students.

The Presidents’ Summit was coordinated and run by Georgia Tech’s Presidents’ Council Governing Board. The primary organizer was board member Becky Glatzer and it brought together about thirty of the presidents from student organizations around campus.

The idea was to give these student leaders the resources they need to become better leaders through seminars and networking.

Meeting for four hours from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. last Sunday, the Summit featured speeches on leadership from Vice Provost of Academic Af-

fairs Dr. McMath, Student Organizations Advisor and Presidents’ Council Advisor Danielle McDonald, and Student Life Fellow Chris Young.

Presidents’ Summit provided food, as well as a chance to do some good, old-fashioned networking. The hope is that presidents would share ideas with each other, and possibly plan joint activities.

Two sets of small group sessions were offered, with three choices at each time. First there was “Publicity and Promotion of your Student Organization,” “Motivating Others,” and “How to Not Spread Yourself too Thin: Finding your Passion.”

The speakers were Kim Lovelace, Student Center Programs Board Program Advisor; Stephanie Ray, Dean of Diversity Issues; and Elena

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Feature Photo Helluva Engineer



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Lamda Chi brother Nate Griggs prepares his fraternity’s “Wreck” for the upcoming parade. Greek and non-Greek groups are preparing to prove their engineering skills by renovating these old wrecks.

Campus briefs

African American Student Union resume workshop

The African American Student Union and Texas Instruments is sponsoring a resume workshop on Tuesday, October 10, at 11 am in the Student Center Theater. Admission is three copies of your resume and food will be served.

Sophomore Lambda Sigmas bake for Homecoming

Lambda Sigma, the sophomore honor society, will hold a bake sale on Friday, October 13, the day before homecoming. It will be from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m outside the student center.

Leadership program looking for a few good mentors

LEARN (Leadership Enhancement And Resource Networking) is a peer mentor program created to give anyone the resources needed to help make a difference on campus. There are no weekly LEARN meetings, but there are monthly programs that focus on an aspect of leadership. Most of what is learned from the program is through the meetings between the protégés and mentors.

If you are an underclassmen, you can be a protégé in the program. Or, if you are at least a junior by years, you can become a mentor in the LEARN program.

Information forms can be picked up from the LEARN Box in Student Services Room 141. Visit <http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/learn> for more information. Mentor information forms are due by Friday, October 13, at 5 p.m., and protégé information forms are due by Friday, October 20, at 5 p.m.

SGA Election Committee taking applications now

The Student Government Association is currently seeking energetic, dedicated, and creative students to serve as members of the 2000-2001 Elections Committee. The committee oversees and operates the SGA spring elections. For those interested, applications will be available Friday, October 6, in the SGA Office (Suite 131 Student Services Building), or online at sga.gatech.edu. Applications are due Tuesday, October 17, by 5 p.m. in the SGA office.

SGA Election Committee taking applications now

Applications are now available for the Georgia Legislative Internship Program.

Students from all Georgia Tech majors are eligible and invited to apply. A stipend is paid and course credit is earned through the School of Public Policy. Interns must have obtained at least junior status by the time of their internship, and they must be legal residents of Georgia. Application materials can be obtained from Carmen Williams in 107 D M Smith. The application deadline is October 13, 2000 for internships beginning January 2001.

WREK tunes into student needs

By Daniel Weksler
Always On Air!

Have you ever wondered what exactly goes on when you turn on your radio and listen to Georgia Tech's radio station, WREK 91.1 FM? Well for those that want to know, here is a behind-the-scenes look at what goes on at WREK. When the average listener turns on his radio, he is not listening directly from the WREK building. The signal is actually broadcasted from an antenna on west campus, after which it is transmitted to the antenna from a satellite dish on top of the radio building.

The signal is 40,000 watts, meaning it can be heard throughout metro Atlanta, but it was not always that way. In WREK's first year, the signal was only sent out at ten watts, which was only enough to transmit around campus.

The people that work at WREK run a variety of programs so that they can appeal to everyone. Some of the most popular shows include "Tech Talk" and "Live at WREK." While the station does have about a hundred people on staff, they are always looking for new people to join. Basic training to become a WREK employee takes as little as two hours and can even be enjoy-

able. The talk shows are set up so that you can call in and ask questions about Tech news or sports, and many times win contest passes. For the music shows, however, the DJs choose the music from a wide variety of choices that they have.

This includes rock, jazz, rap, classical, and more. But if you would like to ask them to include a song you want to hear, you can always contact them and they will try to accommodate your request.

However, they usually don't have most of the mainstream pop or rock songs, so it is usually music that is

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WREK radio broadcasts with 40,000 Watts of power and its shows reach the entire metro Atlanta area. It plays music, holds talk shows, and encourages listeners to call in to talk to the student "operators" and DJ's.

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Trebits, Anderson Consulting/GT Alumna.

The next session featured “How to Run an Effective Meeting,” “Leadership Styles,” and “Retention and Recruitment of Members.”

The presenters for these sessions were Sally Hammock, Student Center Associate Director; Danielle McDonald; and Gail DiSabatino, Dean of Students. The diversity of speakers was to introduce president’s to some of the resources at their organization’s disposal.

This was the second year that Presidents’ Council has run the Summit.

It was not held last year during a period of turmoil for the Presidents’ Council, but it was first held in 1998.

At that time, the Summit took place in the Student Center Ballroom.

This year’s event met in the Stu-

dent Center Greenhouse area, with small group meetings on the third floor.

Becky Glatzer says she was pleased with the turnout, considering how busy most organization presidents are, since the Summit drew about thirty of the around two hundred club presidents on campus.

Still, she hopes it will be bigger and better next year, possibly as a retreat off campus, and possibly spanning a whole weekend.

In addition to the summit, the Presidents’ Council has monthly meetings, runs Burdell’s Best, and assists with Cyberbuzz and Burdell’s Birthday festivities.

To find out more about the Presidents’ Council, visit <http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/prescouncil>, or contact their advisor Danielle McDonald by email at danielle.mcdonald@vpss.gatech.edu.

Philanthropy

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home, so just spending time and playing games with them means a lot to them.” All the kids, as well as the volunteers, had a great time playing kickball, red rover, and many other games. Another event that was a part of the Homecoming Philanthropy was a Chattahoochee River Park clean up. The volunteers picked up trash and pulled out close to 300 tires from one of the river’s most polluted tributaries.

Greeks also participated in a clean up at three different Wesley Community Centers. They spent the afternoon cleaning up these homes for elderly adults that can no longer do many laborious tasks themselves.

The volunteers also helped beautify Indian Creek Elementary, which is an international school for children, by painting bathrooms and benches around the school. They also picked up trash and did landscaping work to help clean up the

property.

Another group was sent to assist F.O.D.A., Friends of Disabled Adults, which is a distribution center that takes donations of medical

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Clint Southern
Phi Gamma Delta

supplies and equipment for handicapped individuals. The volunteers cleaned up their warehouse and assembled wheelchairs for the staff.

Other events included a clean

up of Piedmont Park, planting trees at Oakhurst Presbyterian Church, building homes with Habitat for Humanity, volunteering at the Atlanta Food Bank, and participating in the Child Relief and You (CRY) Walk/Run.

BellSouth Pioneers, a service organization from BellSouth, helped coordinate some of the events, such as the school restoration and river cleanups. They also organized a group of the volunteers to go to the home of a triple amputee and build two handicap ramps for wheelchair access.

Allen and Martin hope that the efforts they put forth this year will continue in the future. Tony Bowen from the Carrie Steele-Pitts Home said, “They did a wonderful job organizing the event and the kids enjoyed it very much and they would definitely like to do it again next year.”

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said Back. “The Olympics were a whole lot more trouble than they were worth.”

Along with hearing about the Olympics every day, the Games also affected many students’ housing.

“They were renovating the dorms my freshman year,” said Thomas, “so over Christmas break we had to move into the Georgia State dorms. It was a pain because they weren’t fully functional yet. The elevators didn’t work, and either the hot water wouldn’t work or the cold water wouldn’t work.”

Despite the hassles that the Olympics brought, most feel that the cam-

“The Olympics made our campus a very nice place.”

Lewis Thomas
Pre-Olympic Student

pus benefited greatly from them.

“The construction destroyed the campus with fences, but that was just a temporary thing,” said Thomas. “They renovated all of our dorms and most of the academic buildings.

Also, the Natatorium is a benefit, as well as the ‘shaft.’ The Olympics made our campus a very nice place.”

“A lot of good things have happened to Tech since the Olympics,” said Miller. “People have become more aware of the Institute, and our name is recognized more readily. The village and Georgia Tech live on as a legacy to the Games.”

Technique *invites you to sit back, relax and enjoy these scenic pictures of campus during the Olympics.*

Olympic Timeline

- January 1991** — Office of Facilities began preparing the “Georgia Tech Master Plan”, which included an addition of 2700 bed and 4 to 5 parking decks
- October 1992** — Board of Regents approved plans to build the Aquatic Center as an outdoor facility
- April 1993** — Class of 1943 donated \$1 million for a multi-level fountain in the proposed Yellow Jacket Plaza by the Student Center
- April 1993** — Under a \$56.3 financial agreement, Tech announced it would get a new basketball coliseum
- May 1993** — Athletic Association announced its decision not to build a new basketball coliseum
- May 1993** — Students for 1996 proposed an academic calender for summer 1996, including holding classes at West Georgia College
- May 1993** — Transportation Center of Georgia Tech assessed the feasibility of building a people mover to replace the bus system
- September 1993** — Olympic construction projects break ground
- April 1994** — Construction of the University Apartments at Techwood began on the former site of Techwood dorm, Junior’s Grill, and Engineer’s bookstore
- June 1994** — Aquatic Center construction began; indoor SAC pool closed permanently
- January 1995** — Tech decided to hold its 1996 summer session at the Southern College of Technology in Marietta
- July 1995** — Tech decided to hold a shortened 1996 summer academic session on campus after the Olympics
- July 1995** — Tech decided to take its nuclear reactor out of service during the Olympics
- February 1996** — Telephone poles with flood lights appeared all over campus in order to maintain security during the Olympics
- March 1996** — Two sections of a beam designed to support part of the temporary roof of the Aquatic Center collapsed and fell 130 feet
- April 1996** — Tech announced that because SAC will be occupied all summer, students have free access to all Sports Life, a local Atlanta fitness club, facilities
- July 1996** — Summer Olympics in Atlanta



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Many facilities were built or renovated to support the Olympics are now used by campus including the pool [below] and Coliseum [above].

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more obscure than your daily listening choices. The one drawback that Georgia Tech’s station has is that even though it has one of the biggest listening audiences in the country, very few people listen to it. Matthew Wesolowski, head engineer for the “Tech Sports Round-up” show, said, “About only 2% of the listening population actually calls in, so if you have only one caller, then that means we have only about fifty people listening.” If you ever want to go into a communications major or just want to get your voice on air, go down to the radio building, and they will be glad to train you.

Make sure you tune into “Tech Talk” on Thursday’s at 6 p.m. to hear your very own Technique editors give sneak previews of Friday’s newspaper.

Future Photo Delta Tau Delta Annual Volleyball Tournament



Photo by provided by Delta Tau Delta

This Saturday, October 7, Delta Tau Delta is holding their ninth annual Sand Volleyball Tournament to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Teams can register up until the morning of the tournament, and the first match begins at 10 a.m. Winners even receive a cash prize.

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grounds in Arizona, where fifteen college teams send their SUVs to compete in categories ranging from fuel efficiency to dynamic customer acceptability. In their first year of competition, Future Wreck finished a respectable eighth of the fifteen competing teams. Their SUV did not improve on gas mileage, but it had better acceleration and handling than the standard model it was tested against.

While Future Wreck still has some work to do on the engineering aspects of their vehicle, they certainly got the most important part of competition down. “We had more fun than any other school there,” said participant Phillip McCray,

Taking the fuel efficient model of Future Wreck to the extreme are the Solar Jackets. Their car boasts an impressive infinite gas mileage! You see, the Solar Jackets’ car is entirely solar powered.

As a first year club, the Solar Jackets are building from the ground up — in more ways than one. The club currently has just seven members and new recruits are badly needed. Club leadership sees this as a potential plus for new members, though. “New members can step right in... everyone will have an opportunity to get their hands dirty,” said member Jeremy Roberts.

Since the team intends to build

even the solar cells of the car from scratch and spend between \$120,000 and \$150,000 over two years, there will surely be plenty of dirty work to be done. The Solar Jackets look forward to competition in Kansas City in 2002, when their car will race against solar cars from colleges around the nation. Club members see bringing attention to alternative attention sources as a deeper purpose to the organization. They note that solar power is “quiet and clean, with nothing not to like.”

All three of these organizations welcome new members of any major and experience level, with a wide range of jobs to be done beyond just engineering.

This fact also means that any amount of time commitment is welcomed by each of these groups. All three groups are looking for corporate sponsorship as well, since corporate sponsorship money is the life blood of each of these clubs’ operations. Future Wreck and the Solar Jackets, at least, do not charge any dues.

To contact GT Motorsports, visit their Web page at <http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/motorsports>. Contact Future Wreck at gt8278a@prism.gatech.edu. The Solar Jackets can be reached at startide@cyberbuzz.gatech.edu. One other car club on campus, Mini Baja, can be contacted at their Web page at <http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/minibaja/>

Homecoming 2000 abbreviated event schedule

Date	Event	Location	Time
10/7	Homecoming Formal	Westin Peachtree Plaza	8:00 p.m.
10/9	Picture Hunt: Mission Impossible	Music Listening Room	4:00 p.m.
10/9	Mock Rock	Ferst Center	7:00 p.m.
10/9	Voting for Mr. & Ms. GT begins	www.elections.gatech.edu	All day
10/10	Technology and the New Millenium	Student Center 319	11:00 a.m.
10/10	Talent Show	Ferst Center	7:00 p.m.
10/10`	Spy Movie Star Look Alike Contest	Ferst Center	7:00 p.m.
10/11	International Bazaar	Skiles Walkway	11:00 a.m.
10/11	Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre	Stu. Center Ballroom	7:00 p.m.
10/12	Bond Trivia	Stu. Center Food Court	11:00 a.m.
10/12	Tech Trivia	Junior’s Grill	7:00 p.m.
10/13	Homecoming Display Contest	Campus-wide	All day
10/13	Mini 500	Coliseum Parking Lot	4:30 p.m.
10/14	Freshman Cake Race	Baseball Stadium	6:30 a.m.
10/14	Ramblin’ Wreck Parade	Fowler and 5th	8:00 a.m.
10/14	Georgia Tech vs. Wake Forest	Grant Field	TBA
10/14	Mr. and Ms. GT announced	Grant Field	Halftime
Please visit http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/homecoming for more information.			