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## HOW 'BOUT THEM DAWGS...

The men's baseball team triumphed over UGA, claiming a victory (9-4) at home over the University of Georgia. **Page 36**

## THE RUINS

*The Ruins* tells the story of a group of friends who get attacked by carnivorous vines in the depths of the remote Mexican jungle. **Page 19**



# DIVERSITY AT TECH

## Students showcase their rich cultural traditions

By Vivian Fan  
Staff Writer

The sheer number of flags in the Student Services Building demonstrates the immense number of cultures that are represented at Tech. Many organizations celebrated the diversity of the Tech student body this week by



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CultureFest 2008 held presentations from the different cultures represented at Tech.

hosting various events open to the rest of campus. The events ranged from song and dance performances to speakers and fairs.

On April 3rd, GT Hillel hosted IsraelFest at the Campanile. The event included displays on Israeli culture and free food for attendees to enjoy. Every year IsraelFest brings in a camel for students to pet and take pictures with. This year, however, there were two camels present at the event, one of them being the offspring of the usual camel.

CultureFest was another event that happened over the past week, planned by CultureTech. The first day consisted of the International Food Fair held on March 31, where different cultural organizations from across campus cooked up delectable delights to sell to the event's attendees. The second component of Culture Fest was the Performance Night,

hosted in part by the Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE). The event was held at the Ferst Center and included performers from Emory and Tech. Over 500 people attended the event, which is held annually. Last week also marked the beginning of Asian Cultures Week, a continuation of Asian Awareness Week from last year. The week was renamed by the planning committee, which was a collaborative effort between multicultural fraternities, sororities and other organizations such as Alpha Iota Omicron, Chinese Student Association (CSA), Delta Phi Lambda, Filipino Student Association (FSA), Korean American Student Association (KASA), Sigma Beta Rho, Sigma Sigma Rho, Taiwanese American Student Association (TASA) and the Vietnamese Student Association (VSA).

The events consisted of numerous fairs, games and a career fair centered around Asian-American culture. Asian Cultures Week celebrated a variety of traditions and customs while integrating with surrounding schools, businesses and other organizations in Atlanta. This year's

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# Tech prepares for Earth Day events

By Maria Carter  
Contributing Writer

This week, Tech will celebrate Think Green Week, a five-day schedule of Earth-friendly activities designed to promote environmental awareness on campus. The weeklong festivities will conclude on Friday, April 18 with the 11th annual Earth Day celebration taking place on Skiles walkway from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year's theme is "Take Action: Code Green." The festivities, with a few exceptions, are open to the public.

On a similar note, the first ever Earth Day was held on April 22, 1970 as a coast-to-coast protest to bring national attention to environmental issues. Tech's Earth Day celebration has been a tradition on campus for more than a decade now, thanks to the vision and dedication of Earth

Day Committee Chairperson, Cindy Jackson.

"We really want people to do something... We pick a theme every year - from 'What's Your Global Footprint?' to 'Make a Commitment' last year for our 10th anniversary. This year we said, 'now you've got to take action,'" Jackson said.

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Cindy Jackson  
Chairperson, Earth Day Committee

Key events for Earth Day 2008 include the Earth Day Maze, Office Supply Exchange, Electronic Waste Recycling and CellPhone and Toner Recycling. Several bands and recording artists are scheduled to perform at the outdoor festival, including Dr. Dr. Mr. MD, in which two Tech professors play.

Students and staff also had the opportunity to make contributions to the festivities well before the actual event. Robert

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# UROP presents undergraduate research symposium

By Andrew Ho  
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Last Thursday, the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) held their third annual Spring Research Symposium to showcase and recognize ongoing undergraduate research projects at Georgia Tech.

Established in 2005, UROP helps undergrads find research opportunities at Tech in their field of interest or studies, and helps students come up with their own faculty-sponsored research projects.

UROP provides information sessions, chances for students to publish and present their work and most notably encourages undergraduate research by awarding the Presidential

Undergraduate Research Award (PURA) to students for research funding.

This year's UROP Spring Research Symposium has grown considerably from last year's event, with over a hundred students on hand for about fifty-nine poster presentations and twenty-three oral presentations. Research projects from many schools were presented, in subjects ranging from literature and social issues to new methods of generating sustainable energy and nanotechnology.

"People need to learn how to express their research to people outside of their field, and this is good practice for presenting at professional conferences. [Students] should take advantage of every opportunity they

get to present their work, such as for student organizations, faculty members, and research symposiums like this," said Dr. Karen Harwell, Director of UROP.

"[This symposium] is one of the outlets for students to present their research, and see the research going on in other schools," said Jenifer Vandagriff, a third-year STaC major who presented her work with the Second Life Augmented Reality project. Jenifer was among the growing number of presenters coming from the Ivan Allen College.

"[Presenting] at this symposium is more engaging than class presentations because everyone [in the class] knows what you're talking about

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By Jon Drews/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A Tech student discusses her research with an interested visitor. The third annual UROP symposium showcased student research.

# Sophomores gather on retreat to discuss critical issues

By Hamza Hasan  
Staff Writer

Historically, student retention efforts have been centered around keeping freshmen at Tech after their first year. However, the greatest drop in retention rate actually occurs after the second year of a student's matriculation at Tech. Sophomores form a crucial but often-overlooked segment of the Tech population, a fact that a group of students endeavor to change.

Last weekend, a group of second-years attended Sophomore Summit, an overnight retreat organized by

sophomores, for sophomores. The purpose of the retreat was to inspire students who may be in the midst of the "sophomore slump," as well as to draw attention to the myriad of issues that affect sophomore students.

"[Students got] a chance to know each other well, and really discuss the issues that go on during the sophomore year and ideas for solving them," said Dr. Dana Hartley, the director of Undergraduate Studies and one of the advisors for the Sophomore Summit Steering Committee. Dr. Hartley deals with students on a regular basis in her position, where she advises students with prestigious

awards, undergraduate research, pre-professional programs and more. Additionally, she is a facilitator for the GT Academic Advising Network. Over the past year, Dr. Hartley has been working with a task force to analyze the experience of sophomore students on campus.

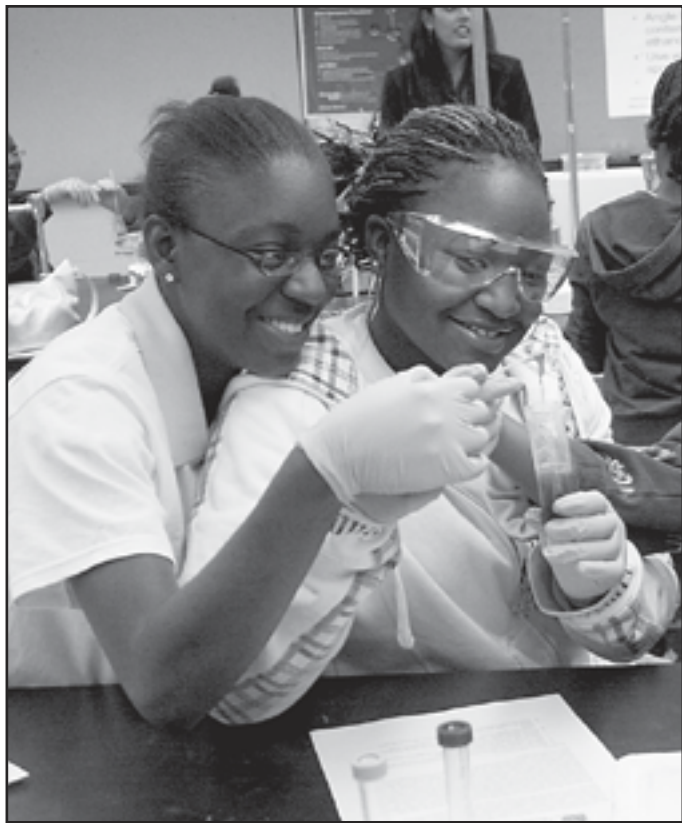
"The purpose of Sophomore Summit was twofold: to promote networking as well as to improve the sophomore experience at Tech for future students...not only did students get a chance to meet and mingle, but they also came back with

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Photo courtesy of Julia Zasyatkina

Second-year students who attended the Sophomore Summit were given the opportunity to discuss the issues facing them at Tech.



By Julia Bunch/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Sweet Success:** Students from Kennedy Middle School extract DNA from a strawberry as a part of March to College Day. The event was hosted by NSCS.

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really great feedback Dr. Hartley and her Sophomore task force can work with," said Alina Staskevicius, second year Industrial Engineering major and co-chair of the Sophomore Summit steering committee.

Sophomore year at Tech, like most of a student's duration here, tends to be strenuous. Sophomores feel a

different burden, though—they are very quickly burned out.

"The burnout comes because in a way, it doesn't feel that new from freshman year," Dr. Hartley said.

Sophomores are still in many of their core classes where interaction with the faculty is minimal. "You're not yet integrated into your major... that sort of comes down to this motivational issue," Dr. Hartley said. With faculty-student response,

students tend to feel more downtrodden without the personal touch of a professor.

"When you come in as a freshman, you enter as a cohort. There is a big openness to meeting other people, whereas when you come in as a sophomore, a lot of groups have already been formed," Dr. Hartley said. Dr. Hartley also commented that the same issues often affect transfer students in the process of adjusting to Tech.

Fortunately for these students, the Sophomore Summit exists to help them cope with the difficulties of the second year at Tech. This retreat sought to bring together students who are already involved at Tech and those who hope to become involved. The students who attended had many different perspectives, yet discovered that plenty of the other students were experiencing the same issues.

While most of the time, sophomores and transfers tend to feel as though there is less support, the Summit works towards averting those negative feelings for the individual students.

The Summit is led by a steering committee comprised entirely of sophomores. The Summit is traditionally initiated by the students and is not formally organized by Tech or the administration. Six sophomores formed this year's steering committee: Mallory Necessary, Gopal Pappu, Marc Pare, Jonathan Saethang, Alina Staskevicius and Julia Zasyatkina. The steering committee was advised by Dr. Hartley and Sally Hammock from the Student Center Programs Council.

These students and their advisors planned extensively starting in the Fall. At Tech, getting the word out is very difficult as there are many awareness groups, notifications and

general instances of advertisement. One simply has to walk down Skiles to be barraged with fliers from various groups, or check his or her e-mails to see the myriad of campus notifications.

"There [are] so many different programming things you can do, but in the end it's the ones that really have an impact that matter," Dr. Hartley said. A main goal of the Summit is to make an impact on campus to enable students to be as productive as possible without being miserable. Sophomores simply tend to feel this agony in many ways more than other students.

Dr. Hartley praised some of the

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**Dr. Dana Hartley**  
Director of Undergraduate Studies

on-campus initiatives, primarily the Living-Learning Communities (LLC) like the International House and the newly formed Honors Program.

"We realized that the living learning communities that are on campus have an impact that just blew my mind... It amazed me," Dr. Hartley said. The implementation of the concept has received generally positive feedback in the past few years, as students build a closer community based on the commonalities in both the living

and learning sectors.

Dr. Hartley eventually hopes to start a LLC for sophomores and transfers large enough to host a thousand students. Though she has great influence in advising the Sophomore Summit group, she is also deeply impressed with the progress the Summit has made in helping sophomores to stay at Tech and enjoy their education.

Dr. Hartley has been constantly looking for student feedback so that students feel more engaged with their education and more a part of the Tech community. "The idea is to make something that's really big scale," Dr. Hartley said.

For the steering committee members, they hope to see the tradition of Sophomore Summit continue to grow into an even bigger presence on campus.

"Because there is a real need for more sophomore initiatives and because Sophomore Summit was such a huge success this year, the current steering committee is working closely with administrators... to keep the tradition going strong every year and expanding in the future," said Julia Zasyatkina, a second year Management major and member of the steering committee.

While the Summit has traditionally been student-initiated on a yearly basis, this year's group plans to add continuity by selecting their successors.

"We will be looking to form next year's Steering Committee soon so that it can begin planning for next year's Summit... hopefully it will serve second-years even better than this year's Summit did," Staskevicius said.

To learn more about the Summit, you can go to <http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/sophomore>.

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Poppell II, a Computational Media major, was the winner of this year's t-shirt design contest. The 2008 Environmental Leadership award goes to Tommy Little, Facilities Building Services Manager. Little is also the 2006 recipient of the APPA award for Effective and Innovative Best Practices.

The weeklong counterpart of Earth day, Think Green Week, spearheaded the Earth Day Planning Committee. Various organizations including Students Organizing for Sustainability (SOS), the Brook Byers Institute for Sustainable Systems and the College of Management will host events throughout the week.

Most notably, Think Green Week presentations include a sustainability lecture by Dr. Peter Webster, free screening of the films Kilowatt Ours and The Real Dirt on Farmer John and a book signing by David Bornstein. Two of the most talked-

about Think Green Week events this year, the Sustainable Fashion Show and Clothing Swap, will take place Thursday, April 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Skiles Walkway.

The fashion show is presented by SOS and will feature clothing crafted from recycled materials and

on the environment through its excessive use of pesticides and water for cotton production, energy for transportation and toxic dyes and chemicals used in manufacturing processes. Queen believes that unfair labor and business practices are also extremely prevalent in clothing

include the "Nike Reuse-A-Shoe" booth where participants can retire their old athletic shoes (of any brand). The committee urges students, faculty, and staff to "get their shoes back in the game" by donating them to Nike's sustainability program. Donated shoes will be ground up and

Jackson, who has been the Earth Day chairperson since it began at Tech, is also the Solid Waste Manager for the Office of Solid Waste Management and Recycling Services, which has been recognized on a national level for its exceptional recycling program. Earlier this month, the Office of Solid Waste Management and Recycling Services was the recipient of the American Forest and Paper Association's College & University Recycling Award. In 2007 alone, the Office recovered close to 400 tons of paper products to be recycled.

The Institute for Sustainable Technology, Ford Motor Company, the Coca-Cola Company, the College of Engineering, Pratt Industries Recycling Division and the Center for Organic Photonics and Electronics are just some of the sponsors for Earth Day 2008.

To learn more about Earth Day, visit: [www.earthday.gatech.edu](http://www.earthday.gatech.edu). For more information on Students Organizing for Sustainability and Think Green Week events, visit: [www.sos.gatech.edu/node/17](http://www.sos.gatech.edu/node/17).



organic cotton.

"The Sustainable Fashion Show and Clothing Swap are meant to raise awareness about more environmentally friendly ways to shop for clothes and accessories," said Carly Queen, SOS founder and current president.

According to Queen, the clothing industry takes a significant toll

production.

"Shopping in thrift stores and buying clothes made from recycled, organic, or otherwise sustainable materials (like hemp and bamboo) can help reduce an individual's impact on the planet," Queen said.

The Earth Day Planning Committee will provide additional ways to recycle clothing. Friday's festival will

used to make a brand new athletic surface like a soccer field, basketball court or running track.

Jackson hopes that Earth Day will foster a long-term impact on environmental sustainability once participants implement the things that they have learned and start making changes in their everyday lives.

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already. Here, it feels like you're disseminating and informing others outside of your field of your research," said Kamalakannan Radharamanan, a fourth-year Biomedical Engineering major.

Oral presentations began earlier in the afternoon in several rooms on the third floor of the Student Center, separated into schools and moderated by faculty members from their respective school.

Students and visitors were welcomed to sit in on the oral presentations and walk through the poster session.

Judges were present to evaluate research and presentations and to choose outstanding displays. Judges also wandered through the poster presentation area to review

the presenters' work.

The judges consisted of graduate students and professors who had volunteered for the symposium, many of whom commented on the high caliber of undergraduate research at Georgia Tech.

"I think the level of research for the undergrads here is incredible, and the collaboration with other schools and organizations is impressive," said Peter Chamberlain, a Materials Science and Engineering graduate student.

"It was fun to see more undergraduate research and hear students talking about it... It's great, and makes me wish I had been involved as an undergrad [researcher] when I was younger," said Dr. Tris Utschig of CETL and the moderator of the oral presentations for AE, ME and EE.

By the end of the symposium, Dr.



By Jon Drews/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Attendants of the third annual UROP symposium browse through the research of talented undergraduate students from all majors.

Ray Vito, Vice Provost of Graduate and Undergraduate Research at Tech, appeared at the podium in the ballroom to make further comments about the nature and benefits

of undergraduate research.

"One of the things you can get from a place like Georgia Tech is undergraduate research," Vito said. He also commented on the global

economic situation in relation to topics like outsourcing. While the trend of jobs moving to countries like China and India might seem worrying, the level of research and number of patents in the United States, Europe and Japan remain much higher.

Awards were then presented to a student from each school for Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher, along with a monetary contribution to their research.

Awards for Outstanding Oral Presentations and Outstanding Posters were given afterwards to one group from each school. The exception to this was in the posters for the College of Engineering, in which the top three posters were awarded.

A list of the winners can be found at [www.undergradresearch.gatech.edu/SpringSymposium.php](http://www.undergradresearch.gatech.edu/SpringSymposium.php).

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Asian Cultures Week included a movie screening of the 2007 film *The Namesake* starring Kal Penn, a trivia night at Junior's, TASA's Night Market and FSA's Culture Shock. Night Market and Culture Shock served as the culmination of the week's events.

A collaboration between CSA, TASA and the Hong Kong Student Association (HKSA) at Tech and Emory, Night Market is a street fair, styled like those in China and Taiwan.

"It's similar to the night markets in Taiwan...it's basically a fair where there are a bunch of stands that sell lots of food, games and merchandise," said Ginger Tsai, second-year Biomedical Engineering major and secretary of TASA.

Selling tickets for booths at the front of Skiles, Night Market provided an array of activities from authentic Chinese cuisine to colorful games. Organizations from both schools provided foods such as radish cakes, chicken nuggets, dim sum (Chinese dumplings) and bubble tea (milk tea with large balls of tapioca). Other booths included games such as Wii's *Super Smash Brawl* and a Wheel of Fortune, where winners could win snacks and prizes.

"[Planning it with other organizations] was pretty hectic. We basically communicated through e-mail. Whether they were going to sell food, bring electricity...it's very good [to develop] a lot of intra-club communications. It's definitely a collaborative effort," Tsai said.

"I would hope [Night Market] contributes to culture at Tech...for [people who are not] Chinese and

Taiwanese, it's for people to get [a] taste [of] what Taiwan is like, and for people who are from Taiwan [to] share their culture with the Tech community as a whole...it's a way for them to celebrate," said Jeff Wei, fifth-year Computer Science major and CSA executive board member.

Saturday night marked the end and the culmination to Asian Cultures Week with the Culture Shock event at the Architecture East Auditorium. Originally the event was scheduled to be held in the Campanile, but the show was moved due to rain. Culture Shock is an annual event hosted jointly by the Tech and Georgia State chapters of the Filipino Student Association, who have co-hosted the event for seven years. The event featured an array of free food donated from local restaurants and shops. Although FSA was the presenting sponsor, a variety of cultures from around the world were represented at the event.

"We strived to get a bunch of different performances from all over the world. Instead of simply showing everyone our culture, we figured that we would invite other people to show us theirs," said Ace-Lyn Barlaan, fourth year Computer Engineering major.

Performers from all over the Southeast were present, including groups from the University of North Carolina, University of Central Florida and the University of Georgia. Acts varied from traditional Asian dances to high-powered Brazilian Capoeira (a combination of martial arts and dancing) to eclectic hip-hop dance routines.

"Culture Shock this year was the best yet. We had a packed house, and hope to make it even better next year," Barlaan said.

**ISRAEL FEST**  
GT Hillel sponsored Israel Fest to raise awareness about Israeli culture. One of the big annual draws is a camel, which happened to give birth to a baby camel over the past year.

**FSA CULTURE SHOCK**  
The Filipino Student Association's Culture Shock included traditional cultural dances (left) along with modern hip-hop and pop routines (right).

**TASA NIGHT MARKET**  
Authentic Asian food was served by the Taiwanese-American Student Association (left). Along with food, games were also offered at the event, like *Guitar Hero* (right).

**CULTURE FEST**  
Turkish men and women perform a dance native to Turkey (left). Iranian women perform a traditional dance from their country. The performance night was held in the Ferst Center for the Arts (right).

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# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF a Greek Week competitor

By Reem Mansoura  
Staff Writer

With the end of the semester coming to a close and finals week rapidly approaching, the Greek community still had one thing to look forward to: Greek Week.

Greek Week is a weeklong celebration for students who are members of fraternities or sororities. Each day is filled with games and competitions, many of which are taken very seriously.

"It's very similar to field day in elementary school," said Blair Kim, a first-year Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering major who is also a brother of Delta Chi.

On Sunday, the Greek community participated in Tug, a hardcore form of the simple game of tug-of-war. Training for this event begins several months before Greek Week occurs.

Tug takes place in a man-made mud pit filled with waist-high water. The first team to be pulled into the middle and deepest part of the pit loses.

Teams are required to have a certain weight limit, and each team only consists of about 14 members. Weigh-ins took place the day before Tug at Lambda Chi Alpha. All Greek tuggers were expected to strip down and stand on a scale to determine their team average.

"The competition style is much

like March Madness in which there [are] two sides of a bracket...the winning teams from each side...[compete] for the championship at the end," Kim said.

Kim began training for Tug by attending several practices a week from January until April. Practices were usually held in a sand volleyball court, similar to the ones behind the SAC fields.

The team did some simple stretches and exercises such as push-ups and running drills. Kim also practiced by pulling on a rope while it was attached to an immovable post

for several minutes at a time. He learned to tie a wet towel around the rope so that it would not slip off the rope when he threw his weight against it.

"The towel served several purposes. First, it was used as a cushion against the rope because holding the rope by itself is quite painful on the hands. Second, it

allowed me to take [the] tension from gripping the rope off of my hands and use my upper body strength and weight to push the rope. Third, it served as a grip for the rope so that it wouldn't slip when the rope was moving," Kim said.

The ability to tie the towel is one of the most important parts of tug. A poorly tied towel will not help the tugger exert any force on the rope because it will slip before the tugger can grip it.

"Occasionally another fraternity



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By Blake Israel/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS



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Students participate in Tug, a Greek Week event taking place in a man-made mud pit. Many Greeks trained for several months to get ready to compete against other Tech fraternities and sororities.

or sorority would challenge us to a scrimmage before [the event] to practice against each other. We scrimmaged against Alpha Delta Chi and Alpha Epsilon Pi," Kim said.

The scrimmages took place in the sand and caused the tuggers to lose footing during pulling. This was similar to what the tuggers would experience in the mud pit on the day of the actual event.

In addition to team practices, Kim was expected to work out every day on his own to lose fat and to

begin to build body muscle.

"There were certain foods I knew I was supposed to avoid which would generally detriment my fitness, although I didn't always avoid them," Kim said.

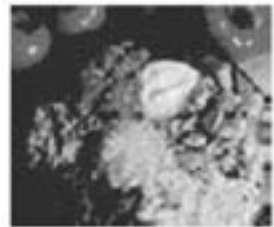
"To train for tug, our coaches put us through some grueling workouts including 35-minute wall sits and running up and down the stairs in the CRC," said Kelly Stiegel, a first-year EAS major and Alpha Gamma Delta who was unable to participate in Tug because of last

minute injuries.

"We bulked up a lot and were pretty intimidating by the time tug came around. It was a lot of hard work but it really brought my sisters and me together...it's true that if you sweat together you grow together," Stiegel said.

At the event last Sunday, April 6, Tau Kappa Epsilon emerged victorious as the winners for the fraternity division and Alpha Xi Delta won first place among the competing sororities.

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