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XΩT votes to end local status, go national

By Madhu Adiga
Senior Staff Writer

Chi Omega Tau, commonly known as Coyote, recently began the process of extending its status as a local sorority with its vote to pursue national or international affiliation. After hearing their consensus, the Georgia Tech Panhellenic Council formed an exploratory committee with representatives from every sorority chapter on campus to put

together data that would give an indication of whether or not Georgia Tech can afford to expand the number of National Panhellenic Council (NPC) groups.

"The exploratory committee collects data like female enrollment at Georgia Tech, numbers from formal recruitment such as the number of girls who accepted their bids and the number of girls who got cut and quotas for the other sororities," said Christina Lee, Panhellenic Ex-

ecutive Vice President.

Coyote was also responsible for turning in their own figures, such as the number of girls who came through their rush, the number of bids they gave out, their retention rates and the number of their current members who had participated in Panhellenic's formal recruitment.

"Now that this information has been turned in, we are starting to mail out information packets to NPC, and the NPC groups who

currently have chapters on this campus will evaluate whether Tech can afford to expand based on these figures," said Andrea Pesonen, Panhellenic President.

The National Panhellenic vote on expansion will be Jan. 14, 2003, and if they vote that Coyote can go national, an extension committee will be formed. This committee will invite national groups to come to

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A Capella concert Sunday, Nov. 24

Tech's two a Capella groups, Nothin' But Treble and Sympathetic Vibrations, will hold a concert this Sunday. The event takes place at Under the Couch and begins at 8 p.m. Aural Pleasure, the singing group from Emory, will be performing as an added treat.

Section of Ferst closed for months

Due to the construction of the new Whitaker Biomedical Engineering building, the section of Ferst Drive between Atlantic Drive and Plum Street was closed Monday. The section of the street will remain closed through late January of next year.

The purpose of the closure is to allow the extension of water and gas lines, which will be used not only by the Whitaker building but the new Klaus Advanced computing building, which is still in the planning stages.

Fourth, Fifth, Atlantic and Plum streets will be used as detour routes around the area. For pedestrian traffic, the sidewalk along the Cherry-Emerson building will remain open during construction.

Physics professor earns key award

The American Physics Society (APS) announced that Tech physics professor Raymond Flannery received the 2002 Jesse W. Beams Award for Outstanding Research for the southeastern section. With this award, Flannery has now received key prizes from the APS, its southeastern section and the Institute of Physics in the United Kingdom—the main scientific organizations of the worldwide physics community.

Ramblin' Nights ends year, future unknown

By Andrew Saulters
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The final Ramblin' Night of the year, which featured live music by Edwin McCain and David Ryan Harris, inflatable games and an Orbitron, took place inside SAC last Friday.

Despite the rain that forced event organizers to relocate from SAC Fields, approximately 1,000 students attended, according to project director Sherry Crawley.

"I think we had a great first year and a great first run," said Crawley. The four other Nights drew between 500 and 1,800 students each. Crawley attributes the flux in attendance to the fact that Ramblin' Nights is a first year program.

According to Crawley, the aim of Ramblin' Nights was to provide new options for on-campus entertainment while strengthening students' sense of spirit and community. Crawley and the steering committee took an experimental approach toward achieving this goal by offering different kinds of activities each night. Attractions ranged from a performance by rapper Dr. Dre to a swing class offered by the GT Swing Dance Association to a PlayStation 2 competition.

"The feedback that I've got has

been very positive," said Crawley. "I feel that we learned a great deal about what students do and do not think is viable entertainment."

"[It is] one less thing to complain about here. I thought what they had was good for the first year and first time doing it," said Justin Wood, a third-year civil engineering student.

Ramblin' Nights included five events, each hosted by a different campus organization. Crawley says rotating the leadership benefitted the program by adding another degree of variation between Nights, but admits it was inspired by financial need. "[The host organizations] were supporting us not only in theory, but monetarily also," said Crawley. "I think for this year, for what we wanted to accomplish, the structure fit those goals."

The matter of whether Ramblin' Nights will return next year hasn't been decided. Funding will play a major role in that issue, according to Dean of Students Gail DiSabatino, who sits on the steering committee for Ramblin' Nights.

"That question hasn't been answered, as to where we'll find the funding in the future, but I'm working on it. I think it's important for

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By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Edwin McCain performs at last week's Ramblin' Night at SAC. Organizers of the event hope to continue the program next year if funding permits.

Alexander-Tharpe fund targets students

By Derek Haynes
Managing Editor

If Bill Gates, Jack Welch and Warren Buffet were asked what population they would most avoid getting business dollars from, one might suggest college students.

So how would the Georgia Tech Student Foundation (GTSF), which collects student donations to fund student organizations, feel if another group were to enter the tight student donations market?

Last spring the Alexander-Tharpe Fund (A-T Fund), which provides scholarships for Tech student athletes, began formulating a plan to start soliciting requests from students. At this Saturday's men's basketball regular season opener against Arkansas-

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Bookstore programming committee formed

By Sriram Narasimhan
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A local architect was recently contacted for the renovations to the Houston Mall as part of the plan to allocate the space for Auxiliary Services programming and meeting rooms for student organizations once the bookstore leaves for Technology Square.

An ad hoc programming committee made up of student leaders and administrators was also formed to advise the architects on the campus's particular needs in the renovated space.

The kickoff meeting between the committee and the architectural firm, Lyman Davison Dooley, took place last week and primarily covered the contracting issues between Georgia Tech, Lyman and its subcontractor,

WTW Architects, a Pittsburgh-based firm who will be doing much of the design work for the building.

"We think we are going to get some interesting project ideas from [WTW]," said Rich Steele, Student Center director.

"They understand what some of the design criteria have to be in terms of liveliness, ability, what makes things attractive and the ambience that would attract students. They are the pros."

In fact, the Georgia Tech facility will be the 50th college student center on which WTW has worked on across the country. Although many decisions regarding the physical layout of the bottom floor of the mall have not been made, the firm will

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By Ian Clark / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students read books on the first floor of the current bookstore. The new committee will work with an architect to renovate the space.

Technique Online Voice Your Opinion!

Last issue's poll garnered 39 responses to the question: "How do you feel about the proposed student Capital Campaign?"

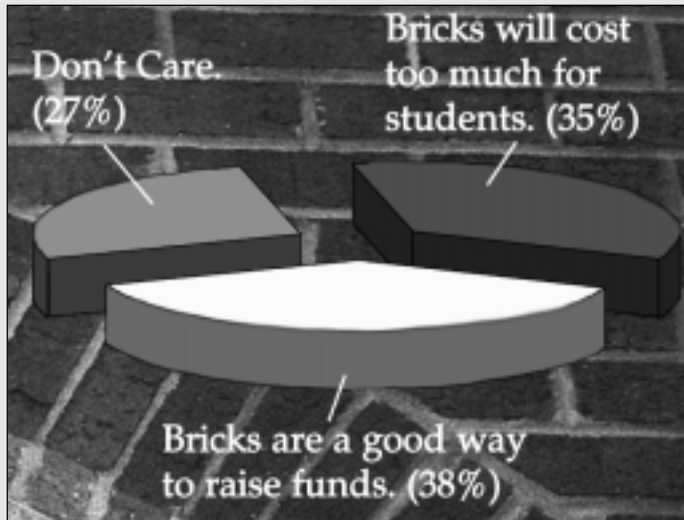


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This week's poll is related to Ramblin' Nights. Do you feel the program was a success? Should it be continued in future years? Tell us what you think at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique.

From the archives...

The Nique's top stories from:

10 years ago: November 20, 1992—Former NASA administrator Richard H. Truly was named director of the Georgia Tech Research Institute. Truly helped lead NASA's recovery after the Challenger explosion. Also, the Board of Regents looked into the possibility of renovating the President's house.

20 years ago: November 19, 1982—The cause of death of a Tech student on Sept. 20 was ruled a suicide by the Fulton County coroner's office. The Jackets topped the Wake Forest 45-7, giving Tech its first winning season since 1978.

30 years ago: November 21, 1972 — Bill Fulcher became the first coach in Tech history to receive a bowl invitation in his first season. The Jackets accepted an invitation to play in the Liberty Bowl Dec. 18 against Iowa State. President Petit held a question-and-answer session for students in the Student Center.



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Pine Buff, the A-T Fund will have a kickoff drive at gate two of the coliseum. E. W. Looney, on the student board for the A-T Fund, acknowledges the dilemma the A-T fund faces against GTSF.

"When it comes down to it, it's true, we're both targeting students," said Looney. "However, we hope that we are targeting different student groups—the A-T fund is targeting athletics, and the student foundation is targeting those who what to give back."

Nicholai Dessypris, president of the GTSF, acknowledges that the A-T fund may bring down the number of donors, but doesn't feel the impact will be very significant.

These two organizations have decided to work together. The biggest problem in the beginning was figuring out how points will be allo-

ated for donations. The point system is used by the Tech athletic association to give priority on season tickets to football and basketball games, special dinner functions, parking at Tech football games, and other athletic perks. The more points one accumulates, the more perks one is eligible to receive.

A person who donates \$5 to GTSF receives one athletic point and a person who donates \$15 to the A-T fund receives one point. If a student donates to both, they get another half point. And finally, if a student donates to the A-T Fund two consecutive years, they receive an additional point.

"So when you look at it, if someone wants to get athletic points, giving just \$5 to the GTSF can give you 1.5 points [assuming they already gave to the A-T Fund]," said Dessypris.

The GTSF and the A-T Fund

will also share their donor lists so they can target both segments of the donor market. Anna Fincher, who is a member-at-large in the GTSF and on the student board for the A-T Fund, is confident students won't feel like they are giving money to the same organization.

"The A-T fund is more like joining a club and paying for membership," said Fincher.

"Student Foundation is more philanthropic."

A key word in the A-T Fund has been "access." They want donors to feel closer to Tech's athletic programs when they give a donation. The student campaign of the A-T fund will seek to do the same. While nothing has been finalized, the student board is planning bus trips to road games and lunches with coaches.

"Students should feel like they are getting more than they are putting in," said Looney.

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Tech to have activities on the weekend, and I'll continue to make it a priority, especially since it meets the evaluations that I've seen, and the feedback that I've received has been positive," said DiSabatino. She is currently considering off-campus sponsors to fund next year's program.

"We hope that it will become a tradition," said Crawley. "We think it fills a void in campus culture."

The steering committee will review this year's program before discussing future sources of funding. To aid in evaluating the program, Crawley commissioned a study of the opening Night, held Aug. 20, and the Nov. 8 event.

At the next committee meeting, scheduled to follow the Thanksgiving holiday, the committee will compare the reports to determine how

the program may or may not have improved between the two events.

The guest policy might be one of many changes if Ramblin' Nights returns next year. Program organizers controlled non-student admittance into four of the five Nights, the exception being the Oct. 4 event, held during Family Weekend.

"The policy that we tried our best to enforce was one Georgia Tech student and one guest," said Crawley. "It's no secret that we have a 70/30 ratio of men to women, and we don't want to limit people from coming because they can't bring their girlfriend or their friend from wherever. Some schools charge people who are not students. That might be an option for us to look at."

Crawley says she would have liked to host a greater number of Nights and popular acts. "I think Edwin McCain was a draw. People came out to see that."

GSS funds Water Polo national trip

By Tony Klumper
News Editor

Although this week's Graduate Senate meeting featured little debate, the sheer number of bills up for consideration lengthened the meeting to over an hour.

Throughout the meeting, the only allocation bill that caused much debate was an allocation to the Society of Women Engineers. The group requested funding to attend a regional conference last month. Because it was retroactive, JFC recommended that the bill not be passed.

After a small amount of debate, ECE senator Roy Furbank summed up his feelings on the issue. "I think we're wasting our time debating this bill," said Furbank. "The bill is over a month old and the reps [of SWE] didn't even show up."

Once the vote was called, it seemed that most of the senators agreed with Furbank as the bill failed by a large majority.

The SWE allocation was not the only retroactive bill considered at the meeting. Senators also debated an allocation to the Tech Water Polo team to fund their recent trip to the national competition.

Once again the bill was failed by JFC due to its retroactive status. However, the reason for this was explained by the team rep. "We only had a week between qualifying and needing the money to go to nationals," said a member of the water polo team.

Although some senators wondered why the team had not submitted the bill earlier just in case they qualified, Senator Pelham Norville noted that this would have not been a wise precedent to set. "If every sports team who thought they might qualify submitted a bill, it would be a nightmare for us and JFC," said Pelham. Once debate ended, the bill passed, but by a narrow margin.

In other business, the senate also passed the bill allocating \$10,000 to the Ferst Center to pay for use by student organization. The bill passed almost unanimously with little debate.

Council Clippings Senate and House



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

House reps debate the need for more student involvement on campus at this week's issue meeting of UHR. The House formed an Ad-Hoc committee to look into the issue.

Bills Considered

Undergraduate House of Representatives

Joint Allocation to Ferst Center	Author: Vickie Cherry	passed
Joint Allocation to GT Water Polo	Author: Han Chang	passed
Joint Chartering of Insight	Author: Tim Cailloux	passed
Joint Chartering of Fellowship of Faith	Author: Tim Cailloux	passed
Joint Chartering of Ail. Chin. Fellowship	Author: Tim Cailloux	passed

Graduate Student Senate

Joint Allocation to GT SWE	Author: Jennifer Matthews	failed
Joint Allocation to Tech Water Polo	Author: Joseph Jeong	passed
Joint Allocation to Tech WAM	Author: Dawn Reinhold	passed
Joint Allocation to College Democrats	Author: Jennifer Matthews	passed
Joint Allocation to Ferst Center	Author: Pelham Norville	passed
Appointment to JFC	Author: Alan Michaels	passed
Joint Chartering of Insight	Author: Tim Cailloux	tabled
Joint Chartering of Fellowship of Faith	Author: Tim Cailloux	tabled
Joint Allocation to College Republicans	Author: Jennifer Matthews	withdrawn

Undergrads discuss student involvement

By Daniel Amick
Senior Staff Writer

At Tuesday night's Undergraduate House of Representatives meeting, members discussed ways to increase and expand student involvement in various activities on campus. Leaders of Freshman Experience, Freshman Activities Board, Psych 1000 and the President's Council Governing Board spoke to representatives. Reps also heard from Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Lee Wilcox, Student Organizations Advisor Danielle McDonald and Dr. Arnold Stancell, who is teaching a new course called Servant Leadership.

"I think Georgia Tech stands up well in terms of student involvement [compared to other universities]," said Dr. Wilcox. "But if we truly want to be the best there is, we've got to do more."

During the "brainstorming session" speakers and members of the House first tried to isolate specific causes for lack of student involvement, like apathy, time constraints and lack of adequate information.

McDonald noted that many freshmen hold off on joining student organizations until they can judge their academic workload. Other students have part-time jobs or live a significant distance from campus.

Representatives kicked around ideas aimed at combating some of these causes. Among the more interesting suggestions discussed was using "Leadership Portfolio" that would be kept by the Institute and document students' leadership activities. The portfolios would complement one's academic transcript and potential employers would have access to them.

Several reps pushed for more advertisement via websites or possibly some sort of publication that would combine all information on upcoming student organization activities in a single source.

After mulling over the issue, members formed an Ad Hoc Committee to look at

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campus and give information sessions so that Georgia Tech Panhellenic can decide which NPC group they want to adopt Coyote.

Chi Omega Tau was first founded in the fall of 2000 by four friends, originally trying to start a student organization. After being turned down because their membership was gender-restricted, the original members petitioned the Panhellenic Council for sponsorship as a local sorority. Coyote was then accepted as the tenth sorority at Georgia Tech, with associate member status, on April 24, 2001. After three semesters of recruitment, Coyote now has over forty active sisters.

Although Coyote voted to go national and originally came to Panhellenic with the idea that they were eventually going to follow this path, several of the sisters felt very strongly about staying local. "There were strong feelings both ways," said Megan Stein, president of Coyote.

"The main concern some of the girls had was a fear of us losing our group identity. A lot of them wondered if we could maintain our organization under a different name," she said.

As a local sorority, however, Coyote lacks certain privileges that other Panhellenic sororities receive. They have no voting rights in Panhellenic, are not allowed to participate in formal recruitment and none of their members are eligible to hold office in Panhellenic or be Recruitment Counselors.

"There is the fact that right now we're basically experiencing taxation without representation in Panhellenic, but I also like the fact that we can do things our way. We can run rush the way we want to, we can go out of town for formal if we want, we can have our own rules," said Davene Wright, a second-year polymer and fiber engineering major and a sister in Coyote.

Should NPC approve expansion, interest letters will be sent out to national sororities, and each Georgia Tech sorority, including Coyote, will have an equal vote in deciding which three NPC groups to invite back to campus. Coyote also has a one-seventh vote in which group to pick out of those three.

After being chosen, the NPC group will interview all of the Coyote members and whether or not the members are initiated into the new national group is at its discretion. Also, the national group can

decide to pick girls who were not originally part of Coyote.

"It's going to be hard to maintain our identity, especially since the national group would be drawing girls from formal recruitment, even though many of our members are girls who would never have even considered going through formal recruitment," said Wright.

The timeline and process for pursuing national affiliation were decided upon after collaboration between Georgia Tech Panhellenic and NPC. "Danielle McDonald, the Panhellenic advisor, and I talked with NPC, and we decided that this would be the best way to go about things," said Pesonen. "The most important part is that we don't want to bring in an NPC group and then see it fail, which is why we're being so careful about this."

"I can rationalize going national, but I am very passionate about staying local," said Wright.

However, Stein believes going national will benefit the group in the long run. "It's a difficult road to take, but there are things I hope to gain from this. We can have stronger alumni support in Atlanta, a governing board and a stronger financial structure with a national affiliation," said Stein.

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begin working with student leaders to delineate many of the visions presented by the Student Center Task Force's final report a year ago.

"I would like to see places to hang out and study in the renovated building. Students don't have a lot of that at the student center, besides just watching TV," said RHA President Ryan Spanier, who is also one of the students on the planning committee.

"We will soon have a lot more merchandising space, as well as different restaurant and café options."

A major concern which is currently under consideration is the fact that there is a clear lack of funding for the top floor of Houston. The task force proposed using it for student organization meeting space, but it will take an additional set of resources to fund this venture.

Although the architects understand this problem, no discussion has taken place yet to tackle it. A temporary measure that is still being debated is funding the top floor's basic amenities, such as restrooms, as part of Auxiliary Services spending.

This would allow part of the area

to be usable for certain low-budget activities. However, besides that general compromise, nothing has been said.

"No decision has been made on what will be on the second floor," said Auxiliary Services Associate Director Rosalind Meyers.

"The architects are working on the program for the space and we won't know what their recommendations are until the next meeting. It's just too early in the process to say."

The next meeting between the committee and architects will take place this Tuesday, when the firms will discuss preliminary drawings of what they would recommend for the bottom floor. Although funding has not been approved for the second floor, all aspects of the renovations will be considered simultaneously.

An idea being especially considered is constructing a connecting walkway between the bookstore and the Student Center, effectively creating a larger facility while controlling traffic and flow.

"The project's goal is to make additional space for the student body...where everyone can feel at home. This will be the campus living room," said Meyers.

Campus Protest Political activism comes to Tech



By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Demonstrators speak against the possibility of war in Iraq on Tuesday in the public amphitheater next to the Ferst Center. The protest attracted over 50 students both for and against further conflict in Iraq.

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the practicality of the various suggestions and report back to the House.

The issue meeting was partially overshadowed by a rare motion to reconsider a bill. The Joint Chartering Bill for the Atlanta Chinese Christian Campus Fellowship (AC-CCF) had previously failed in the Graduate Senate, then passed last week in the House. The bill had already been through one conference committee between GSS and UHR aimed at sorting out differences. Therefore, under SGA rules, it failed to pass.

There's a loophole, though. If enough House members vote in fa-

vor of a bill to satisfy the "enactment ratio" it will go into effect despite failure in the GSS.

Urging the House to reconsider, ME Rep Josh Alexander said he did not feel the organization had been able to adequately present its case.

"We're not trying to shove something down the Graduates' throats," said Alexander. "I honestly believe these guys deserve a charter."

HTS Rep Tiffany Turner stated she had voted against the bill because there was a lot of contradictory information being presented and wanted to "clear up the confusion."

CS Rep Adam Bernstein argued against chartering, saying the AC-CCF clearly duplicated other exist-

ing student orgs on campus. ISYE Rep Jakarra Jones, Management Rep Ben Lawder and Junior Rep Han Chang took the opposite position.

"I'm sure all 32 fraternities have similar purposes," said Lawder. "They obviously don't duplicate one another because they serve different niche groups."

The bill was called to question once again and passed with enough votes to override the GSS.

Other bills up for a vote were a \$10,000 allocation to the Ferst Center that allows student organizations to use the facility without paying rental fees, joint charterings of Fellowship of Faith and Insight and an allocation to the Water Polo Club.

New LCC head plans increased interaction

By Daniel Amick
Senior Staff Writer

After leaving the post in 1997, Kenneth Knoespel, has returned to the position as Chair of the School of Literature, Communication and Culture (LCC). Knoespel recently replaced Robert Kolker, who joined the department in 2000.

"I think [LCC] has created a setting for people to think," said Knoespel. "That may sound strange, but we allow time and space to think, to integrate and assemble many ideas."

Knoespel will fill the position beginning Jan. 1, 2003. From 1990 to 1997, he served in the same position, guiding the school from its

conception and helping to build the Bachelor of Science in Science, Technology, and Culture (STAC) and Master of Science in Information, Design and Technology (IDT) degree programs.

Currently, Knoespel wears many hats on campus. In addition to holding appointments as a professor in both the School of History, Technology and Society (HTS) and LCC, Knoespel is also an Associate Dean of Ivan Allen College.

"I've learned an enormous amount from my different roles," he said.

Now, Knoespel is looking forward to returning to his old job. Among his goals are to continue building both undergraduate and graduate programs, while pushing for a new LCC Ph.D. program.

"We have a remarkable opportunity to become more student-centered," said Knoespel. "We want to hire the best possible faculty for our program, and to continue to make connections between faculty and students. We want to create an environment that students want to come to."

Knoespel also wants to see "ever-increasing interaction" between LCC and other academic programs on campus.

"The interdisciplinary emphasis of our

work is quite unique," he said.

When asked about challenges, Knoespel says he prefers to refer to them instead as opportunities. An upcoming Board of Regents review of LCC next year may prove to be a little of both.

"Some people see [the review] as a lot of work for little benefit, but I see it as an opportunity for us to review the strengths of the program," said Knoespel. "There is strength that we can take advantage of. The strengths of our students are the strengths of Tech students in general," he concluded.

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