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Two injured in on-campus sword attack



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Emergency medical technicians from Grady Hospital carry in the post-doctoral fellow who was stabbed by an attacker using a katana at the Weber Space Science and Technology building on Thursday afternoon.

By Vijai Narayanan
Assistant News Editor

Kshitij Shrotri, a Tech AE PhD, 2008, has been charged with aggravated assault after he allegedly stabbed a yet-unnamed post-doctoral fellow on Thursday, Feb. 4 at approximately 1:15 p.m. at the Weber Space Science and Technology building. The victim was taken to Grady Hospital for treatment of his injuries. Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) arrived on the scene shortly after the incident. In

addition, Robert J. Turner, a GTPD officer sustained injuries his hand while apprehending the suspect.

According to GTPD, the suspect is a former graduate student and used a sword to attack the victim. The motive for the attack is unclear, but witnesses on the scene stated that the attacker had been seen asking for funding for a postdoctoral fellowship for several days. The victim was taken out of the building on a stretcher. As of 5:20 p.m. on Thursday, the victim was in the operating room. "They sat there [the

ambulance] for five minutes or so, but one of the officers had his... it looked like his hand was cut," said Sims.

Although there was no emergency notification made after the attack, Tech issued an official statement on its main website at 2:40 p.m. stating the following, "The victim was reportedly injured and was taken to Grady Hospital. During the arrest, a police officer was slightly injured by the attacker. There is no further

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Photo by Eric Mansfield/Student Publications

GTPD officers arrived immediately on the scene following the attack. One officer was injured in subduing the attacker.

Campus government connects with students

By Kamna Bohra
Contributing Writer

As part of SGA Week, representatives spent last week reaching out to the undergraduate student body to promote student government and seek input on issues that impact students the most. SGA sought to capture student concerns by hosting five days of events including skate night, meet-and-greets, open forums and a volunteer event.

"The overall purpose of SGA is to represent the interest of the student body and to work toward initiatives. SGA needs to be accessible, and we need to be transparent in our practices," said Elle Creel, second-year EIA major and SGA public relations committee chair.

SGA invited students to experience a typical Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) meeting and participate in an Open Forum, allowing them to voice their opinions in front of SGA representatives.

"We can't serve the student body effectively unless we know what their opinions of us are and where they would like us to concentrate resources," said C.T. Boone, third-year MGT major



Photo by Kelvin Kuo/Student Publications

Alina Staskevicius addresses students at the SGA week's open forum section of the UHR meeting.

and vice president of SGA's communications committee.

Organizers also put together a week-long Post-It note campaign to evoke more student response. Easels of Post-It notes filled with student responses were located in the library rotunda.

"[The Post-It Note Campaign] was exceptionally creative and effective. What I was particularly happy to see was people advocating more class offerings. I

hope that [the campaign] will be given the weight it deserves and actually be read and processed," said Hunter Hammond, first-year BME major and member of freShGA.

According to Boone, various SGA executives visited Britain and Woodruff dining halls on Tuesday and Thursday of last week respectively to gather more input at a more personal level. The final event of SGA Week was

a volunteering event with the Angels for Haiti organization on Friday, Jan. 29.

"Haiti relief is something that a lot of Tech students care about. It's important for us to be there with the students who want to help Haiti, working toward that common goal. Tech's motto is 'progress and service;' we always have a big push toward progress, but we want the other part of that as well," Creel said.

NEWS BRIEFS

T-Square to be down for system upgrades

T-Square will be down on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. as a result of server and system upgrades. Representatives for the website have asked for students to prepare ahead of time for the duration of the outage.

Blood Drive held at Student Center

The American Red Cross Club at Tech, Mobilizing Opportunities for Volunteer Experience (MOVE) and Delta Sigma Pi hosted a blood drive last week. The blood drive lasted Monday to Thursday, Jan. 25-28 in the Student Center Ballroom. The groups collected blood each day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. During the blood drive they collected 394 pints of blood from a total of 427 donors. The blood drive fell a bit short of its record of 509 units of blood collected. The blood collected has the potential to help up to 1182 patients who are in need of blood transfusions. Donors received snacks, drinks and a T-shirt after donating blood. The groups host blood drives every year in the spring and fall semester.

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From the files of the GTPD... Campus Crime

By Vivian Fan
News Editor



The Bong Song

GTPD was called to Howell Residence Hall after an RA reported seeing two bongos from a student's window while doing a Fire, Light and Safety Inspection on the building. He called police and the hall director, who reported to the room in question, which was answered by the two residents.

When asked as to whether the bongos were still there, one resident presented one but stated that he disposed of the other one after it did not work. He also stated that he had smoked marijuana in the

possessed bong and was the only one in the room who did so, but had no more drugs left. In addition, he stated that the bong was not his, but he was borrowing it from a friend.

GTPD officers then took the bong, photographed it and observed its disposal.

Screaming out obscenities

Officers reported to a fraternity house Jan. 29 at 2:55 a.m. while on a traffic stop. While at the traffic stop, the officers witnessed a male subject yelling from the second floor of the fraternity house.

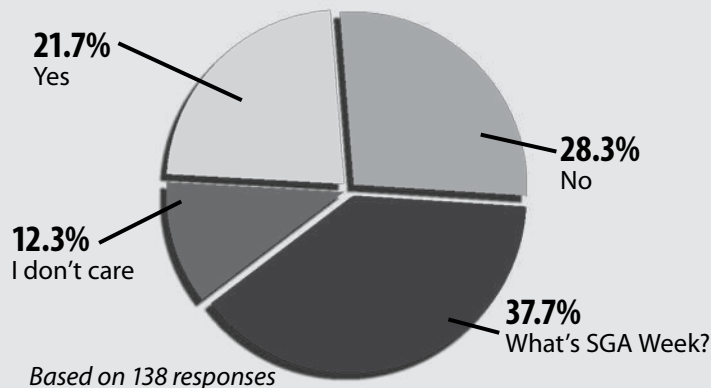
According to police, the subject yelled, "[Expletive] the police" and "[Expletive] you" repeatedly with fraternity members encouraging them on the porch.

Police then approached the house and asked for the president, who was hesitant to comply with the officer's demands. When the police stated that they would file a report on the fraternity, the president complied and located the subject. The subject was both intoxicated and underage; however, when questioned the subject denied any such claim. The subject was nervous and additionally refused to say that he was the person yelling out the obscenities.

When police asked the subject if his brothers were lying, the subject did not respond. All brothers present stated that the subject was indeed the culprit and had been lying. The police turned the subject in to the dean's office.

POLL OF THE WEEK

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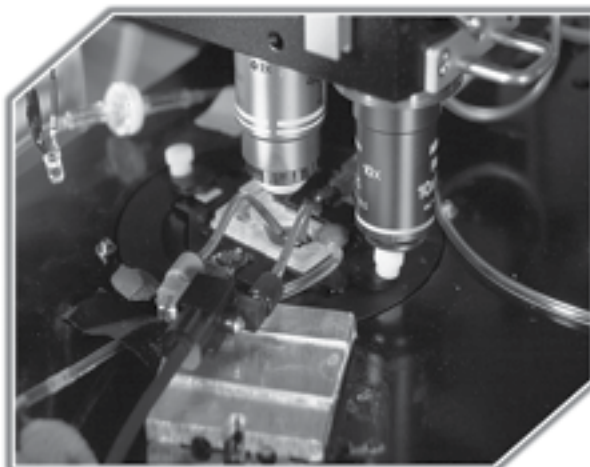
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Council Clippings

This week in Student Government

Each Tuesday, elected members of the two houses of the Student Government Association, the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) and the Graduate Student Senate (GSS), convene to consider allocation bills and discuss issues facing campus. Here is a summary of those two meetings.

By Vijai Narayanan, Assistant News Editor

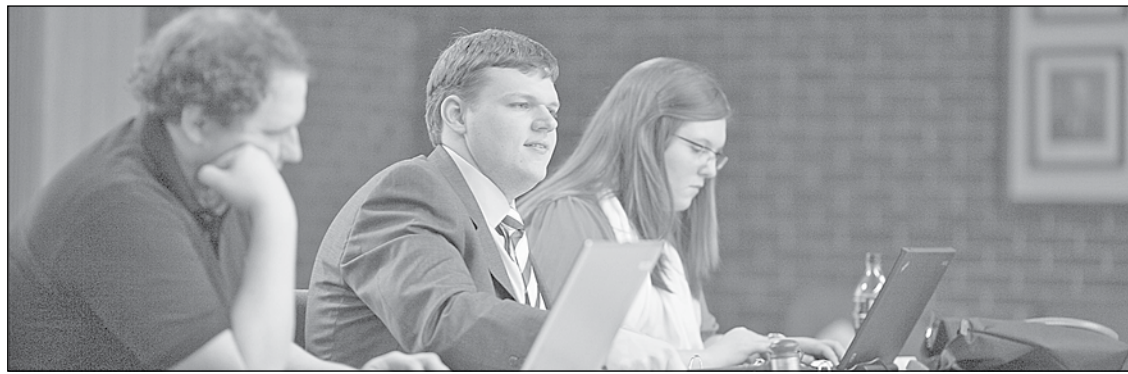


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Executive vice president Parker Hancock presides over discussions at this week's UHR meeting.

This edition of *Council Clippings* covers the UHR and GSS meetings from Feb. 2, 2010.

Black Leadership Conference

The African American Student Union (AASU) submitted a bill to SGA this past week requesting funds to host multiple speakers at the Black Leadership Conference (BLC) from Feb. 19-21. The organization submitted a bill last semester to host a different set of speakers at the same event, but the bill ultimately failed to meet the enactment ratio.

The organization stated that since then they had worked with corporate sponsors to reallocate

funds and cover the cost of events on Feb 21. The organization requested funds to invite Chuck D, a radio producer and publisher to speak and Dr. Mae Jemison, the first African American woman in space. The bill was amended from \$17,500 to \$11,250 in order to conform to JFC policy for funding honorariums. The bill passed UHR 32-7-2 and GSS 16-10-1.

College Republicans

SGA considered a bill to fund a trip for the College Republicans to the Conservative Political Action Conference. The bill requested funding for 14 members and travel to the conference in Washington, DC. The bill was

originally \$1,750, but amended to due to JFC restrictions.

UHR waived JFC policy limiting registration funds for four people to travel to a conference and funded all 14 members going on the trip. As a result, the bill totaled \$1230.60 and passed UHR 31-9-1 and GSS 19-6-1. The bill will go to conference committee for revision.

Erato

The Erato literary magazine put forward a bill requesting \$300 to attend a literary conference in Denver, Colorado. The bill was passed unanimously in both houses with a vote of 39-0-0 in UHR and GSS 26-0-0.

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threat to campus. The building is closed while the incident is under investigation."

Many students who were attending classes in the Weber Building remained in class during the incident and during the

following class time. Students in those class say that they were not notified to evacuate.

"He [the victim] was on a stretcher and he looked conscious... he didn't look pale or anything. He was holding his arm to his stomach so it was unclear whether he was stabbed in the

torso or the arm or both," said Eriks Osvalds, an AE grad student when asked about the victim.

"First thing I saw was cops coming up and then two minutes later we saw them coming out with the katana sword covered in blood and then 10-15 minutes later we saw them bringing out the

guy and he was bloodied all over his hand and chest... we knew it was serious," said an anonymous witness.

Police arrived on the scene soon after the attack.

"An older lady or a teacher came out trying to flag down the police saying that there was

a crazy student... officers pulled him out of the class and then the professor was carted away to the ambulance," said Michael Sims, a fourth year ME student.

"The police got here really fast. Only one person was hurt other than a cop. So they were here right away," said Osvalds.

Breaking the Bubble



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

Pakistan blast kills 3 U.S. soldiers

Three U.S. soldiers were killed on Feb. 3 after a bomb in Pakistan. According to the BBC, these soldiers are the first known military casualties in Pakistan since the beginning of the Afghan conflict. In addition, 63 schoolgirls and 2 additional U.S. soldiers were injured in the attack. The U.S. embassy in Islamabad confirmed that the servicemen were there to train Pakistani military.

Toyota recalls millions of vehicles

The Toyota Motor Company suspended sales of eight models and recalled several millions of vehicles due to persistent problems with sticking accelerator pedals. Coupled with recalls in Nov., the number of cars

recalled by Toyota worldwide is 9 million. Since 2002, Toyota received over 2000 complaints of unintended acceleration. The company maintained that loose floor mats were the cause of sudden acceleration. GM plans to offer a \$1000 discount to Toyota customers affected by the recall.

Obama announces federal budget

On Feb. 1, President Obama unveiled a budget proposal for the next 10 years. The plan proposes a \$3.8 trillion budget for the 2011 fiscal year. It also projects that the deficit will shoot up to \$1.6 trillion this year, eclipsing last fiscal year's record \$1.4 trillion. The plan forecasts a reduction in the budget deficit to approximately \$700 billion by 2013, roughly 5% of the GDP. The president will not be able to meet his promise to halve the \$1.3 trillion deficit he inherited by 2013. A bipartisan 18 member debt commission in must now forward debt reduction proposals to Congress.

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who da sliva editer be?
haha...ipad....10 inches...haha.
thats what she said.
its about time sga did that sticky note thing.
lab reports do not rock my world.
roses are red, violets are blue, gingers have no souls, NA 808 girl
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so the new Armstrong PL is really cute :)
Those SGA sophomore reps are so sexy!
is campus actually becoming fun again??
slivering is totally my new gig.
Oh I'm sorry, I thought this was America.
I wonder if my roommate knows that I don't shower everyday...
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GTPD sponsors campus severe weather week

By Rebecca Tattersfield
Contributing Writer

The Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD), in collaboration with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and the National Weather Service (NWS), participated this week in the Severe Weather Awareness Week. From Feb. 1 through Feb. 6, the GTPD's Office of Emergency Preparedness offered demonstrations and classes aimed to prepare students and faculty for the potential and possibility of severe weather in the Atlanta area.

This year's Severe Weather Awareness Week follows a number of extreme weather incidents to have hit the city within the last two years. These include the tornado that hit in March 2008 and the flooding that occurred in Georgia and metropolitan area last fall. Topics covered over the week were family preparedness, thunderstorm safety, tornado safety, lightning safety and flooding.

The first goal of the Office of Emergency Preparedness was to inform the campus community of precautionary procedures that will be taken by the Institute in the case of severe weather.

The second and more heavily stressed goal was to teach proper response and preparation initiative to students, faculty and staff.

"The best thing to do to protect yourself is to have a plan of action before a threatening tornado or other weather event develops," said Andy Altizer, the director of Emergency Preparedness.

Not only did the events instruct those on campus, but the week also included testing of the Georgia Tech Emergency Notification System (GTENS)

and Siren Warning System (SWS). These tests have not only been able to check systems but also highlight different resources for students stuck in a storm.

"Know what to do and where to go if there is a tornado warning," Altizer said. "Don't depend on us to have enough time to alert you to sudden weather changes. If there is a chance of severe weather, pay attention and be prepared to take action."

Some advice given to all students on campus during a severe weather warning is to stay inside. The organizers of the week stress for students to be able to recognize severe weather as it progresses. This spring will bring showers and thunderstorms which under the right conditions can become tornados. Lightning is also considered a heavy threat on a green space campus.

Altizer recommends keeping in mind the 30/30 safety rule: go inside if you cannot count to 30 before hearing thunder after seeing lightning, and stay inside for 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder.

Emergency Preparedness also recommends signing up for the following: Georgia Tech Emergency Notification System (GTENS) at <https://passport.gatech.edu/>; Georgia Tech Police Department tweets at <http://twitter.com/GTPDalerts>; and Skywarn at <http://www.police.gatech.edu/weather.htm>.

They also recommend that students, faculty and staff have an emergency kit readily available.

Being prepared for possible outages and limited transport is all part of the non-complacency that Emergency Preparedness stresses most heavily.

WingNuts to leave location early

By Emily Chambers
Editor-in-Chief

WingNuts will close its doors at its North Ave. location on Feb. 28, earlier than the expected relocation date of April 30.

The restaurant previously announced plans to relocate to near West Campus, specifically to Marietta St. adjacent to Engineer's Bookstore and Spoon restaurant.

The move was necessitated by Auxiliary Services announcement of plans to build a dining hall in North Ave, using the space that was previously reserved for retail. Construction for the dining hall has already begun in that area.

When asked how Auxiliary Services was responding to the new relocation date, Lara Sexton, Tech's retail services manager said, "We were fully prepared to demo [demolition] around them after the students made it very clear



Photo by Josh Sandler/Student Publications

The WingNuts located at North Avenue Apartments will be closing earlier than the previously mentioned date of April 30.

that they wanted the restaurant to stay open as long as possible. They have been a very good tenant since our acquisition of the North Avenue apartments, and as much as we dislike having to close them at all, our need for a dining hall at this location was our first

priority."

WingNuts has communicated to Auxiliary Services that they plan on continuing with their take-out, delivery and late night food service options in an attempt to cater to campus from their new home.

Town hall updates CULC construction

By Vijai Narayanan
Assistant News Editor

The Office of Capital Planning and Space Management hosted a town hall event on Jan. 28 to update the ongoing construction of the Clough Undergraduate Learning Center (CULC). The event included an overview of the project and an update of construction activities undertaken thus far, in addition to a town hall session for attendees to ask questions and voice their concerns about the project.

Concerns were raised about street closings around the construction site and as to how they would affect traffic through campus. According to John DuConge,

a senior project manager for the facilities department, no additional street closings have been planned except for during May 2011 on a short stretch of pavement on 4th St. adjacent to the Rich building.

Skiles walkway will be reconfigured to accommodate a wider path and more seating areas. Construction on Skiles will begin in Dec. 2010 after finals and continue until summer of 2011. Work on the CULC began last year, with the rerouting of utilities around the site. Crews have since cut into the side of the hillside adjacent to the Price Gilbert Library and installed structural shoring walls. The crew performed extensive geotechnical investigations

during the planning phase.

"It is very common to have unexpected surprises during this phase of the project, particularly related to underground conditions [soil, rock, etc.]. So far we have not had any major surprises," DuConge said.

The project received funding from the state in Dec. and began work on the foundation shortly after. The biggest challenge facing construction crews thus far has been the weather.

"We intend to begin preliminary preparations for the wall opening during the winter break (Dec. 2010) and the opening will be cut during spring 2011," DuConge said.

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Health Center reflects, updates H1N1 impact on campus

By Matt Schriche
Staff Writer

Since receiving its first shipment of the nationally scarce H1N1 vaccine, the Stamps Health Services Center has inoculated approximately 2,800 students, faculty and health services staff members.

The initial delay Health Services experienced in receiving the vaccines gave the administration and staff ample time to prepare a precisely measured and methodical H1N1 inoculation clinic, which has thus far been located in the Student Center.

"Initially [we] received our first doses via UPS. The Shipment came direct from the supplier because Georgia Tech planned in advance, became a registered provider to dispense the H1N1 vaccine, and by doing so was able to directly receive the vaccine from the manufacturers," said Jonathan Baker, director of Stamps Health Services

On the first day of vaccinations, Tuesday, Nov. 10, students

in the CDC's identified targeted priority groups were eligible to receive the vaccination. On that day, 65 individuals received the injection. These included pregnant women, people who live or care for children under six months, and those at risk for H1N1 due to chronic illnesses. The vaccination received by the health center was intended for the immunization of people ages 18 and older only.

The following day all students, faculty and staff were allowed to receive the vaccination. In total, 290 persons were immunized during the initial round of vaccinations.

"That was a very efficient clinic. We had the right space. We had the right number of people. We brought in additional resources by hiring contract nurses. It was a joint partnership between Health Services, Emergency Preparedness, and Georgia Tech Police," said Baker, "We combined our resources to make the clinic operationally successful, orderly, and the feedback has been very positive. It was efficient for people to

get through in a relatively short period of time. It took about 45 minutes to an hour. Some people could have been out within 30-40 minutes. You can't do it much faster than that. Our throughput was pretty impressive. We had pretty effective staging. Obviously a number of students took advantage of that."

Of the 2800 persons who have received the vaccine, students make up 63% of those vaccinated. Tech faculty account for 36% of the total and the healthcare staff constitutes the remaining 1%.

While there has been a relative lull in H1N1 media coverage recently, the Health Services Center and its staff are still administering seasonal and H1N1 vaccines and promoting traditional flu-prevention methods.

In response to some of the lessons learned from last semester, the Health Center has added some changes to better accommodate the student population. During the first week of classes this spring semester, on Thursday, Jan. 14, Health Services expanded and

shifted the H1N1 clinic's operating hours to from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in order to accommodate students who might be unable to visit during the morning or afternoon.

"There is still plenty of time to get an H1N1 or traditional flu vaccine," Baker said.

While there are no future flu shot clinics planned at this time, students can still receive H1N1 and seasonal vaccines at the Health Services Center. Students can register for either vaccine on the Health Services website at www.health.gatech.edu.

Like the traditional flu shot, the H1N1 vaccination comes at no additional cost to students. Faculty and staff can also receive the H1N1 vaccine for free, but must pay \$25 to receive the traditional flu vaccination from the health center.

The website also includes a range of documentation for students on how to prevent themselves from getting the flu and how to respond when experiencing flu like symptoms.

"We're in traditional flu season," said Baker, "Vigilance is important. We're back to prevention again."

In the past few weeks Health Services has reintroduced its prevention poster campaign around campus to raise awareness for preventative methods. The posters will serve as friendly reminders for students to cover their coughs, to stay at home when sick, and to avoid sharing cups.

"There's nothing heroic about being sick. There's no badge of courage that we award," said Baker, "The only thing that probably is at stake here is something with academics. And no one would want to blow their semester. Because the flu can knock you down for a week or two weeks and that's just enough time. So the message for Georgia Tech students is stay healthy and take it seriously so they have a successful semester."

Stamps Health Services Center has received close to 5000 vaccines in staggered deliveries since receiving its first doses on Nov. 5 of last year.

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my me 2110 group sucks
Tenth Street, why do you have so many potholes?
if we're not working, i'm going home
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why are the TVs left on at night in the student center cafe?
Twice this week I have been able to see a blue route bus from the window of another blue route bus. Stop clumping together!
Stop signs are for bicycles, too!
tall girls>>short girls (in everything)
I'd say dating sucks, but I haven't been getting any of that, either, so I guess it doesn't
to the redhead I seem to see everywhere... you have the cutest smile!
I don't know how all these professors have time to be married.
I almost got run over by one of the new stinger drivers. Thanks.
Taking classical physics is like walking through the valley of the shadow of death
Hey east freshmen: is QuadCat still around?
guy who is carrying his girlfriend's flowery purse... not cool.
I love FASET.. clapclap ..clapclapclap
It's not a honeycomb on the sides of Stingers, it's an image of graphene
dear cute indie girl, do you want to go to the punk rock show with me?
To the girl in medical microbiology, CRAB LEGS are an inappropriate item to eat in class!!
from the red head at west side: man up.
if you are going to wear clunky boots, pick up your feet when you walk.
worst. senior. design. group. EVER.
Sorry neighbor. I'll try to keep my subwoofer turned down.
Tech has no football recruits in espn's top 150? :(
epic-"grand and heroic," not appropriate for video game descriptions
This is a test Sliver from the GT iPhone app
fruit boy- you are oh so fruity.
slivers make the technique- so start putting more in!
Girl in front of me in physics 2212- I forgot deoderant today and just came from the CRC and you STILL smell worse than me.
Its called a shower... theyre free in the dorms.
when you wear a cute outfit with running shorts, youre not sororitastic, youre sororitarded.
GT app is really sweet
Gwah
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