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Success Programs announces retreat for incoming students

By Robert Cunningham
News Staff

Early last week, the Office of Success Programs announced the creation of the Rambling Wreck Retreat, a new program that will allow incoming freshmen to meet other freshmen before they arrive at Tech.

The retreat hopes to accomplish four main goals.

These goals are to develop leadership, increase intellectual drive, foster a sense of community, and instill a sense of Georgia Tech spirit and pride into incoming freshmen.

The belief is that by developing these qualities early on, students will continue to grow throughout their years at Tech.

Leadership will be one of the major focuses of the retreat.

This goal is in accordance with the Tech leadership initiative, stating that Tech wants to involve leadership in all aspects of campus activities.

"We want Georgia Tech students to be known as leaders once they graduate," said Student Director Rajiv Saigal.

"Freshmen can get very discouraged when they start here," said Amy Stalzer, FASET Coordinator.

The retreat will also aim to help incoming freshmen with the transition to Tech.

The retreat will act much like FASET, in that it should give incoming students an idea of what the Tech learning experience is like.

The Retreat Council feels that other important way they can promote intellectual development is to give an opportunity

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Retreat Council member

for freshmen to meet many of their professors.

Stalzer believes that freshmen are less likely to be intimidated if "they know that the [professor] in front of their two hundred person lecture is a real person."

"There's something about going to a remote location and losing all the distractions of college," said Retreat Council member E.W. Looney.

The retreat is designed help students bond by allowing them

to be away from all the distraction of campus for a few days.

Council members feel this will help students develop a "safety net" of new friends that will also act as a support network.

"I think one of the biggest things is going to be the confidence of coming in with a strong group of friends," said Saigal.

"Hopefully, with this retreat, we can start people off on the right foot by realizing that Tech is a place with a bunch of good, hopefully compassionate people that are cool to get to know," said Looney.

Two of the main goals of the retreat are to spark the excitement of incoming freshmen regarding their move to college and to introduce them to many of the traditions that are a part of Tech's character.

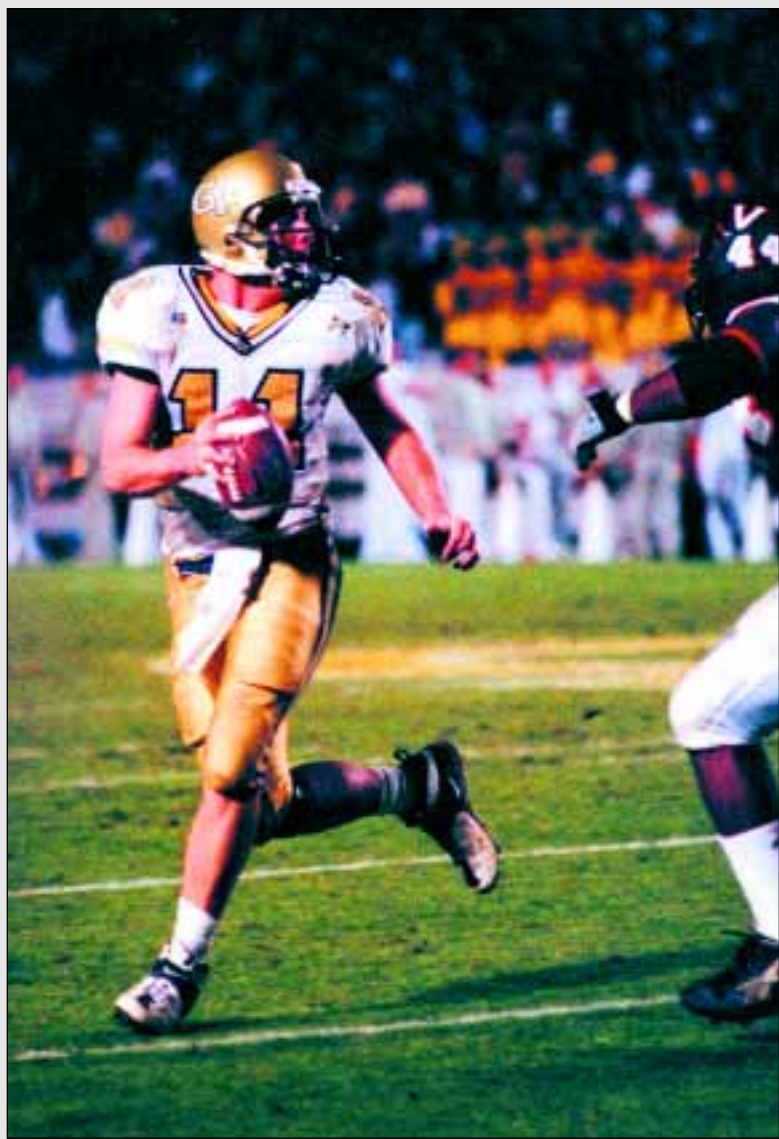
"Spirit and tradition really add to the Georgia Tech experience," said Retreat Council member Lesley Ribble.

The council hopes that educating students about Tech and its unique character will help students come in with a positive outlook and make them feel that they really belong.

The Rambling Wreck Retreat is the attempt of some students to rectify the continuing problem of freshmen retention.

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Feature Photo Georgia Tech vs. UVA



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Godsey demonstrates his abilities as Tech speeds towards a 35-0 shutout of UVA. After last year's loss, the landslide victory was much to celebrate.

Georgia senator Max Cleland to speak at Fall Commencement

By Mary DeCamp
News Staff

For some students, the approaching end of the Fall Semester means more than the end of a grading term; it means the end of a career at Tech.

This year, Fall Commencement will take place on December 16 at 9:00 a.m. in the Alexander Memorial Coliseum. The ceremony will honor Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD candidates.

"Of the 1200 students who petitioned to graduate in the fall semester, we expect 1000 students to graduate," said Aimee Anderson, manager of the Commencement ceremony.

"Typically, 80% of the students who graduate attend the ceremony," said Anderson.

The speaker at this year's Fall Commencement is United States Senator Max Cleland.

Senator Cleland is a native Georgian who has worked his entire life to help and improve the state.

In 1970, at the age of twenty-eight, he

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Annual campout shows fan dedication

By Tony Kluemper
Assistant News Editor

Sunday night, hundreds of students participated in the annual campout for tickets to the U[sic]GA—Tech showdown, demonstrating how integral the long standing rivalry is to the lives of Tech students.

Students began showing up around 7:30 a.m. on Sunday morning, almost 24 hours before tickets would go on sale, and by 10:00 p.m., the queue had wrapped around Bobby Dodd Stadium along Techwood Drive.

For most freshmen, this event was their first campout experience at Tech, and many felt the experience exceeded their expectations.

"It's been electric," said freshman Travis Higgins. "The atmosphere and the crowd are making [the campout] better than I expected it to be."

"[The campout] pretty much met my expectations," said freshman Brian Price. "Originally we were thinking we would have to get in line at 9:00 or 10:00 [a.m.], but we didn't have to come until about 6:00 [p.m.]."

However, many returning students felt that this year's event did not live up to lines of the past.

"It's not as much fun as last year," said Gemma Ellis. "It's really a lot quieter, people aren't as excited."

Many students also commented on the fact that this year's campers brought out modern conveniences unseen in past years. Many groups brought

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By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students pulled out all the stops when waiting for U[sic]GA tickets, bringing along entertainment from fooseball tables to televisions, and even a friendly house plant.

Ramblins • Ramblins • Ramblins

'The Technique' celebrates 89 years of service, compassion, humor in the campus community

Today, Friday, November 17, marks the eighty-ninth anniversary of the first edition of the *Technique* on the Tech campus. Conceived before the Georgia game in 1911, the first paper was distributed to the student body at a giant pep meeting on Friday, November 17, 1911. Volume 1, Number 1, was a four page issue devoted entirely to the gridiron classic scheduled to occur the next day.

Due to staff and funding limitations during World War II, the *Technique* almost ceased production. Although the paper has fallen on hard financial times since, never has its very existence again been threatened. However, at least two editors-in-chief have been fired for publishing "grossly inappropriate" content. The first was axed over a 1952 April Fools edition poking fun at the prospect of admitting female students, and the second over the 1963 April Fools spoof depicting a student literally being crucified on the steps of the Tech tower. The infamous headline read, "Student screwed to cross of rule."

A few traditions had their or-

igins at the *Technique*. For example, the newspaper sponsored the Old Ford Race between Atlanta and Athens every year before Homecoming. Due to safety concerns, this evolved into the much more local Ramblin Reck parade administered by the Reck Club. Baggy pantsing, a way of alerting students not to leave themselves logged into Acme,

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also had its origin at the *Technique*. Ever heard of Clyde Bumps? The Clyde Deck? Clyde Chains? All were named for Clyde Robbins, the oft-slandered Director of Facilities who is responsible for nearly all of our speed humps.

The *Technique* has a history of producing bogus publications, such as the "To Hell With Georgia" issue distributed each fall before the U[sic]GA game, and

various other spoofs throughout the year.

The newspaper has tackled serious issues throughout its history, faithfully covering Tech's peaceful integration in 1961, Student Government elections, and administrative politics. During the Crecine scandal of the early 1990s, the editorial board actually called for the president's resignation. Crecide did, indeed, resign a few months later.

Intrepid 'Nique staffers have also shared in one of Ma Tech's most dangerous traditions: stealing the "T" from the Tech Tower. When Dean Ed Kohler, Chair of the Student Publications Board, retired in 1992, editors were finally successful at kidnapping the T—on the fourth try.

Risking life and limb to bring you "The South's Liveliest" for close to 90 years is no easy task. "I'm surprised we don't have more casualties than we do, considering the rambunctious nature of the staff during deadline," Chris Baucom, Editor, said.

Past issues of the Technique were liberally plagiarized while compiling this report.

Feature Photo State Flag Debate



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Georgia Senators David Scott (R) and Joey Brush (R) participate in a debate over the Georgia State Flag at a Town Hall meeting on Wed., November 15.

News briefs

Thanksgiving break affects open hours around campus

The library will be open on Wednesday, November 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., closed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and open on Sunday, November 26 from noon until midnight.

The Student Health Center will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24.

Thursday, November 23, and Friday, 24, are official Institute holidays; no classes will be held on these days for Thanksgiving break.

SGA seeks applications for available positions

Student Government is currently seeking new Biology, Industrial Engineering, Management, Math, and STaC Representatives. It's important that all constituents are represented.

If you are interested in filling this vacancy, there is an online application that can be found at <http://sga.gatech.edu> that is due by November 26, 2000 at 9:00 p.m.

To be eligible, you must have completed 40 hours by the end of this semester (combined transfer and Tech), and of course, be in that particular major.

Musicians and readers sought for Advent Celebration

The Wesley Foundation is seeking vocalists, instrumentalists, and liturgists to share in the spirit and music of the Christmas season. Those interested in participating in the annual Advent Celebration, scheduled for December 10 at 6:00 p.m., should contact Blair Dowling at gte378n@prism.gatech.edu.

Rehearsals for the festival choir will be held on November 19 and December 3 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on December 9 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participants should be able to attend at least one of these rehearsals.

SAC 'One Night Stand' to be held December 1

The Student Government Association's Athletic Services and Campus Recreation Committee, along with Freshman Aides and the Student Athletic Complex will proudly present the first ever "One Night Stand" at SAC on Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2. The "One Night Stand" will begin at 9:00 p.m. Friday and last until approximately 5:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Registration opens Thursday, November 16, and there is no limit for participation. For more information, look for flyers around campus or visit <http://sga.gatech.edu/sac>

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Five new organizations receive charters

By Mary DeCamp
News Staff

The November 14 meeting of the Undergraduate House of Representatives featured an overview on the upcoming Tech basketball season presented by Tech's new men's head basketball coach.

Coach Paul Hewitt spoke to the representatives about his hopes and plans for the upcoming men's basketball season and the dedication that he, his staff, and the players are putting forth as the team prepares for its first game tonight.

Hewitt announced that Tech's home season would begin tonight at the Alexander Memorial Coliseum at McDonald's Center against

Wofford.

After the basketball season overview, President J.R. Spriggle spoke of a new discussion within the Col-

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lege of Engineering to revise the current Introduction to Computing course. A revision would make the course more applicable to the jobs that engineering majors com-

monly pursue after graduation from Tech.

The Tech bowling team presented the first two bills of the evening; both bills pertained to possible funding from the Undergraduate House.

The first bill asked for money for a tournament that had already taken place, while the second bill presented asked for funding for a tournament the team plans to attend this weekend. After some discussion from the representatives, both bills passed.

The next set of bills presented dealt with new organizations on campus pursuing charters from the Student Government Association.

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By Brian Oxford / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Undergraduate representative Stephen Popick pays close attention during Tuesday's weekly UHR meeting. During the course of the meeting, Coach Hewitt made an appearance, and five organizations received charters.

Retreat

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"The camp is really student initiative, started by student's ideas, and organized by students," said Stalzer.

"The first and most important thing [when attempting to start a new program] is to get people to believe in your idea," said Saigal, who devoted much time and energy to get this project of the ground.

The idea originally was introduced as an "off campus FASET" and has been developed from there.

The Retreat Council has drawn upon similar programs on other college campuses, as well as the success of Tech's own President's Scholar retreat.

One of the first responsibilities of the Retreat Council will be the selection of program leaders.

While the selection processes is yet to be determined, the retreat leaders will be a mixture of FASET leaders and Freshman Experience

peer leaders.

These students will help incoming freshmen make a smooth transition from FASET to the Freshman Experience program.

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Rajiv Saigal

Retreat Student Director

In addition to picking retreat leaders, the Council will perform a variety of other activities necessary for the trip's success.

"The responsibility [of the Council] is to make sure [the retreat] hap-

pens," said Looney.

"That [responsibility] includes many different areas, everything from fundraising, because it's going to cost money, to P.R. to get people to know about this— because obviously not many people know about it—to leader selection and training for those who are going to be leaders on the trip."

The retreat is being planned for Wednesday through Friday, August 15 to 17, before classes begin for next year's Fall Semester.

The retreat will offer space for approximately 500 students; cost per student is not yet finalized.

The Council has planned Rock Eagle 4-H Camp, in Eatonton, Georgia, as the proposed site for the retreat.

Members of the Rambling Wreck Retreat Council are Melinda Agyekum, Brian Alexy, Angela Dobson, Melissa Doerfler, Joey Katzen, Chris Kavanaugh, E.W. Looney, Tiffany Massey, Lesley Ribble, Jim Whitehead, and Kim Wylie.

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A total of five groups presented bills to request charters. Receipt of a charter grants a group status as an official student organization.

All of the organizations requesting a grant of charter received official status.

One such organization was the Brazilian Student Association.

Another chartered organization is named the Nice Group, formed as a group dedicated to doing nice things for people both on and off campus.

The Microbiology Student Association and the Management Consulting Club were two academic organizations that received charters.

President's Council, a group which helps to create a link between the organizations on campus through a discussion forum of various organization presidents, became an official student organization as well.

The next bill was for an alloca-

tion to the Freshman Cabinet for and upcoming group event.

The Freshman Cabinet is planning a retreat to allow the members to plan new ideas for the upcoming year and learn to work better as a group. This bill passed as well.

The final bill presented at the meeting dealt with giving an allocation to the American Institute of Architecture Students to help the organization pay for funding the travel expenses for the National Convention. The national convention for this organization will be held in Los Angeles.

After some discussion by the representatives, this bill was passed.

The Undergraduate House of Representatives meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in room 117 of the Student Services Building. Contact your representative for more information on meetings and issues.

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Cleland

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was elected to the Georgia State Senate.

During this time, he wrote the state law that makes public facilities accessible to the handicapped and elderly.

Senator Cleland is also a Vietnam veteran. As a result of a grenade explosion, he lost both legs and his right arm during his military service.

In 1977, President Jimmy Cart-

er appointed Senator Cleland to head the United States Veterans' Administration, where he managed such programs as the GI Bill and the Veterans' Association Hospital program.

Senator Cleland served as Secretary of State for Georgia from 1982 to 1997.

In 1995, he put into practice the National Voter Registration Act, which added almost one million new voters in the state of Georgia.

Cleland was elected to the United States Senate in 1996.

Throughout Senator Cleland's entire political career, he has shown his capacity to overcome hardships and offer hope to people facing similar obstacles.

All Georgia Tech Commencement ceremonies are open to the entire community.

No tickets are required to attend, but seating will be limited.

After the ceremony, Dr. G. Wayne Clough invites all graduates and their families and friends to a reception in the Student Center Ballroom.



*Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday dear*

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*Happy Birthday to you!
(And many more...)*

so life is good, real good. i'm happy, the happy that comes when i dance in the rain and forget what people think. when i feel accepted and loved and appreciated.

except that i am soooooo going to fail my econ test tomorrow. sometimes life comes in the way of school work and that is good. it will all survive. As long as i am joyful, it will all be okay.

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Campout

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TVs, couches, Playstations, Dreamcasts, and even some cars for the event.

"People have prepared better this year," said sophomore John Turner. "I saw [the campout] last year. The line is shorter [this year] because it's not a home game, but people have really gone all out."

"We saw a fooseball table earlier, which was really unique," said freshman Scott Lieffers, "And I think we have every game system ever invented [out here] including the original Nintendo."

While the modern conveniences were appreciated by most, many students argued that a purist's campout precludes use of such entertainment sources.

"You're not camping out if you brought a TV, a couch, or a Playstation," said senior Jeremy Reed.

"We are having a true campout," said freshman Scott Spencer of his

group. "We've made it without the modern technologies. [We have] no couches, no TVs, and no modern conveniences."

"We've made it without the modern technologies...no couches, no TVs, and no modern conveniences."

Scott Spencer
Line-camping Freshman

At the same time, not all students spent the night watching TV or talking with friends. In fact, many students found themselves having to work on assignments while wait-

ing in the ticket line.

"I brought my friend's laptop so that I can work on a paper that's due tomorrow," said graduating senior Kate VanderHeyden. "I have everything due tomorrow!"

Because the tradition of camping out for big games such as U(sic)GA has become so popular in past years, many students are now wondering how the new on-line ticketing system will affect this long-standing tradition.

"I can't believe this may be the last campout for U(sic)GA tickets," said freshman Michael Quiggle. "Because with this new electronic ticketing system, I am left wondering if the campout for tickets will be replaced by on-line electronic ticketing."

No matter what the future holds for the annual campout for U[sic]GA tickets, the long line demonstrated the spirit of Tech football fans.

"I have absolutely loved it!" said sophomore Thomas Harris.



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students aiming for the true campout feel pitch tents and pile sleeping bags all along Techwood Drive. Others brought televisions and couches.