

CAMPUS LIFE

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To Hell with Georgia Life!

Next week the *Nique* will be a little funny and very dumb. Once again, it's time for our annual spoof on Univeristy [sic] of Georgia.

Buzz around Ticket Line

Our intrepid reporters find out what people are thinking while camping out on East Campus for football tickets. Page 16



By Chris Baucom / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

These volunteers and patrons at the Atlanta Furniture Bank gathered briefly for a photo with Buzz. Buzz appeared at many different volunteer activities during TEAM Buzz, traveling at a speed only paralleled by Santa Claus.

Spirit of service alive with TEAM Buzz

By Kim Holton
Writer of the Week!

On November 11, over 1,100 volunteers gathered in the crisp early morning with one vision: to serve others. TEAM Buzz celebrated its third birthday last Saturday morning. TEAM Buzz (Tech Enhancing Atlanta Metropolitan) was brought to the Georgia Tech campus as a new initiative in philanthropy.

TEAM Buzz began with a mission to promote a sense of community and philanthropic spirit among the various groups and organizations at Georgia Tech through service to the Atlanta community.

Participation has proven to be an important educational experience, as well as an opportunity for personal growth—whether the volunteer is a student, faculty, staff, alumna, or alumnus.

This year was the biggest year yet for TEAM Buzz. The more than 1100 volunteers participated

in over 55 service projects. The projects ranged from painting murals at Goodwill Industries to planting trees and pulling kudzu.

The planning committee began preparing in January for this one-day event. The TEAM Buzz steering committee is composed of 15 members each of whom is the chair of their own committee.

Committee's duties range from planning the projects to raising money to purchase tools needed for projects.

Natahsa Goguts, Service Projects Co-Chair, said "The spring and summer months are spent finding agencies that are willing and able to have volunteers on the day of TEAM Buzz. Once fall comes, we get into more specifics, such as figuring out what tools will be needed and how many volunteers will work at each project. Addition-

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Military invades for week

By Julia Trapold
In the Army

Most students probably noticed some unusual things on campus this past week: HM-WV (pronounced "Hum-V") combat vehicles parked by the Campanile, helicopters flying overhead, flight simulators set up by the library, and many people in uniform walking around campus. These were all a part of the second annual Military Week.

The Military Week was sponsored by the Georgia Tech Research Institute and was a joint effort between the Navy, Army, and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Core (ROTC).

"We made sure to have a representative from each unit," said David Sulhoff, this year's coordinator of Military Week. "It was a completely joint effort."

This year's Military Week was a big improvement from last year's, which only had four tables set up. According to Sulhoff, members of the ROTC formed a "dream sheet" about a year ago listing all of their goals for this year's Military Week. The organizers planned the events to cater to student interests more than they did last year.

"The first confirmation we got came from General John Jumper, who said he would speak at the banquet," said Sulhoff. Jumper is from the Langley Air Force Base in Virginia. Later, exhibitors confirmed that they would arrive with displays.

Several of the displays included an F-18 simulator, a B-1 Bomber cockpit mock-up, an obstacle course, recruiting, Air Force Special Operations Command, a Navy sailboat, and Army tents. Also, various performances took place during the week, including drill exhibitions, a Combat Search and Rescue demonstration, and a Blackhawk heli-

copter flight.

"We had a joint drill and ceremony session Tuesday," said Sulhoff. "It was fun because we normally do not get to do drills together as one unit." The units also participated in a warrior run on Thursday from Cherry Street to the Burger Bowl, where John Yates, a state representative, spoke.

On Tuesday and Thursday, the Blackhawk helicopter flew above campus and landed in the Burger Bowl. Before landing, the helicopter took nine members of the ROTC on a flight to North Georgia.

The 221st Military Intelligence unit had a tent set up on Wednesday with their special equipment. They had computers, printers, scanners, adapters—everything they would need to set up an impromptu office in the field. It all fit in two hard suitcases.

Sergeant Ilene Henderson described her job in the unit. "We do time in the field, but we also have time to work in regular, plain-clothes jobs," she said. She also said they do long-range surveillance, which includes surveying areas before the actual combat team arrives and reporting back the information. They also bury food and ammunition for the incoming troops.

On display next to the Intelligence unit were two HM-WV vehicles. One had a hard top with a weapon attached, while the other had a soft top. "They are all-purpose vehicles and can be changed depending on the military needs," said Sulhoff.

The planning of the week lasted approximately seven months and included members from each ROTC unit. The event was planned to immediately follow Veteran's Day, so it wouldn't interfere with the Blood

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Tech is number one university in Georgia for giving blood, but more is still needed by Red Cross

By Brent Johnson
I want to suck your blood

Georgia Tech has always been known for a great student participation in the Red Cross blood drives, and last week was no exception. The purpose of these drives is to take donations of student's blood to use in medical procedures. Though four drives are held a year, few people realize the preparation that goes into each one.

Planning of a blood drive actually starts six weeks before the actual drive. "We've got it down

to a science" said David Prohitt, Associate Program Director for Community Services. "There's great participation" said Prohitt, and it is definitely evident in the number of pints given in each drive.

The November blood drive at Tech had 450 pints donated of 573 student who tried. After registration and a mini-physical, most students are ready and able to give. Even if volunteers weren't able to give, it is still nice to see the quantity of people that attempted to give.

"It's just a great helpful thing

to do for your community" said Kim Cartus, a first time giver and freshman at Tech. Though there is generally an initial fear of giving blood, she admitted she wasn't really nervous. Jamie Jordan, also a freshman, has already given five or six times though only 18. "I have an extremely rare blood type so I just feel compelled" said Jordan. Though a bit woozy after giving, both students were still very glad about giving.

Blood drives have been going on at Tech for at least 25 years

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By Marques McMillan / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Military Week included displays of a variety of equipment, including this Hum-V. Recruiters, ROTC cadets, and many others were on hand to demonstrate the equipment and answer questions about military service.

TEAM Buzz

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ally, we select project coordinators, usually students, for each project to help with the final plans and organize the volunteers. They coordinate transportation and make sure that everything will be ready on Saturday morning."

The steering committee has lots of expectations for next year's Team Buzz.

These expectations include a greater number of registered volunteers actually turning out on the day of the event.

This year TEAM Buzz had 1600 people register through the online process and only 1100 came on Saturday morning.

TEAM Buzz's continuing goal is also to work to get more students, faculty, and alumni involved in the event.

"Each year, our goal is to build community spirit on Georgia Tech's campus by having everyone work together to make improvements in the Atlanta community. Additionally, we want to inspire people to do community service and get them excited to do volunteer events throughout the year," said Goguts.

Each project had its own coordinator to be responsible at the actual

event location. They also help the volunteers by answering questions before hand and taking care of logistics on the day of the event.

Trees Atlanta Project Coordinator, Mohammad Mahmud said, "TEAM Buzz was incredible. It was as good as eating a whole box of Twinkies. The people, the activities, and the projects were great."

"TEAMBuzz is a very unique event. It is one of the only events that brings together all groups and individuals on campus. Also, it raises awareness of our community. Many students don't realize all the needs in the Atlanta area. There are so many agencies that

need volunteers on a regular basis and Georgia Tech students have many skills and talents that they could offer to help others," said Goguts.

For more information on TEAM Buzz, including getting involved with planning for next year's event, visit their Web site at <http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/teambuzz/>. Or for more information on volunteering during the remainder of the year, visit the MOVE office in the Student Center.

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Mohammad Mahmud
Project Coordinator

Sleep Out Raising Awareness of Homelessness



By Chris Baucom / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students sleeping in shanty-towns was proposed as a worst-case scenario for the housing crunch. But these students voluntarily spent a night sleeping in boxes to raise awareness of homelessness.

Campus briefs

Your professor could win "Prof of the Month" award

Do you know an outstanding professor who deserves campus-wide recognition? Nominate him or her for the Lambda Sigma Professor of the Month Award. The professor will be recognized on campus at his or her department meeting, as well as with an end of the year banquet. To nominate, submit the professor's name, department, and brief explanation of their excellence to Lambda Sigma's website at <http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/lambdasigma/professor.htm>.

Learn self defense at a rape prevention clinic

On Saturday, November 18, Rajiv Saigal will be hosting a one-day self-defense class, focused on rape prevention. The course, designed by the United States Taekwondo Alliance, teaches knowledge, prevention, and resistance of physical and sexual assault. This Saturday will be the last time the course will be offered. All proceeds will be donated to the Grady Rape Crisis Center. The class will be from 1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Student Athletic Complex. The cost is \$15. Contact Rajiv at rsaigal@ece.gatech.edu if you are interested.

Student Government Association Vacancies

The Student Government is currently seeking new Biology, Industrial Engineering, Management, Math, and STaC representatives. To be eligible, you must have completed 40 hours by the end of this semester (combined transfer and Tech), and be in that particular major. If you are interested in filling one of these vacancies, there is an online application at <http://sga.gatech.edu>. It is due on November 26 by 9 p.m. Please contact Chris Kavanaugh at chris@sga.gatech.edu if you have any questions.

Participate in CNN's TalkBack Live

On Saturday, November 18, TalkBack Live will be filmed at CNN Center from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. Bobbie Battista will be hosting a comprehensive look at the latest news and reports from Florida as the conclusion of the Presidential Election comes closer. For reservations, contact Barbara at 404-827-3527.

Thanksgiving Dinner at Catholic Center

The Catholic Center at Georgia Tech would like to invite all students to its traditional Thanksgiving feast. Everyone, regardless of religious affiliation, is welcome to come and share a free turkey and trimmings dinner, Thanksgiving Day at 1 p.m. Mass will be offered at 11:30 a.m. of the same day for anyone interested.

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Drive that occurred before Veteran's Day.

The organizers had to reserve space for their exhibits, get clearance for the weapons and vehicles entering campus, and plan the landing of the Blackhawk helicopter.

Many people on campus helped with these tasks, including Captain Patrick Wypasek, public safety captain of the Georgia Tech Police Department, and Allen Corry, the Assistant Director of Parking and Transportation.

Other than getting various tasks authorized by the administration, students were in charge of the planning. They have had weekly meetings since the beginning of the semester, and many students held important roles in the process.

To get exhibitors, they sent out

forms to units to see if they would like to participate. They also requested the United States Air Force Band to play at the banquet on Thursday evening.

"The whole thing is completely student run," said Sulhoff. "Each day we had a WIC - Who's In Charge. The student in charge had the responsibility and capability to do anything they had to do to move space around."

"We couldn't have done it without the support of all the units," said Sulhoff. "The keys have been delegating and empowering - giving people the ability as well as the courage to do the jobs that they needed to do."

The members of the ROTC think the week brings recognition to the military and its position on Georgia Tech's campus. "I think that Military Week is awesome," said freshman cadet Sriram Krishnan. "It really

exposes Georgia Tech students to what the military is all about. The Blackhawk landing, the National Guard, and the flag vigils are just a small bit of what the military has."

"There is a threefold purpose for the week: to bring the ROTC units together and train in a joint environment, to present military awareness to the community and school, and recruitment for the military," said Sulhoff.

Next year's coordinator, Ramon Perez, has already been selected. "We chose him beforehand so he could go through the week this year taking notes to see what could be done better next year," said Sulhoff.

"Overall this has been, in my opinion, a real success, and more than I've expected," said Sulhoff. "It's been worth every minute. There's nothing in the world like planning a major event and seeing it come together."



By Marques McMillan / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

You're not seeing things, a Blackhawk helicopter actually landed in the Burger Bowl this week. Its landing and display is just one event in the second annual Military Week. Some lucky ROTC cadets even went for a ride.



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Buzz Around the Campus

Question of the week

“What was the coolest thing you brought with you to the line?”

Feature and photos by Carter Green



Patrick Wogsland
Line Place: 1

“A space heater.”



John Turner
Line Place: 35-38

“Foosball table and a frothy beverage.”



Rick Arnett
Line Place: 115-118

“A plant, a couch, and a woman.”



Cat Piesher
Line Place: 302-305

“Bee ears and a head lamp.”



Mike Rhodes
Line Place: 894, 941

“A thermos of tomato soup.”

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What does NGN mean? Speculations of an intrepid reporter

The rumor mill has been churning, but no answers

By Daniel Weksler
Needs girlfriend now

Last month a small but highly discussed controversy hit campus. It didn't have the magnitude of the presidential election or Tech football games. Instead, the students were trying to figure out what a simple little acronym stood for. The suggestions ranged from sexual preference to secret associations. What was the abbreviation that started all this? NGN.

When NGN chalkings started to appear all over campus, the acronym was first associated with the phrase "no gays needed," because both it and the GALA event

"Big Gay Out" happened nearly simultaneously. This was perceived to be a possible homophobic backlash against these events. When the NGN chalkings continued to appear after the GALA events, it was assumed that this explanation was wrong.

The next connection to NGN was the idea that its definition meant "no girls needed." A phrase like this could have had two interpretations, it could have been an anti-woman campaign, but it can also mean that the organization was simply a male-only group, such as a fraternity or a choir. Once again though, time soon told that this wasn't the answer either.

Yet another explanation of NGN is that it stands for "Non-Greek Network." If this is the case, NGN could be a group of students who are not affiliated with fraternities or sororities.

Now that November has come along, the controversy has settled down about what NGN wants to do—whomever it represents—but it will remain to be seen what they accomplish here at Tech. Will they have an influence over the current population on campus? Will their goals become realities? All this is to be seen over the next couple of semesters.

End of story info would go here if we had anything else to say.



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The chalking "NGN" appeared all over campus last month. Students speculated that NGN might stand for "Non-Gay Network," "No Girls Needed," and "Non-Greek Network," among other things.

Blood

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and have always been met with great success due in part by preparation and participation. As a result, Georgia Tech is ranked the number one college in Georgia for giving blood, and in the spring of 1999 Georgia Tech had the largest number of pints in a single drive in all of Georgia.

What most people don't realize is that one blood donation can be divided into four different components (red cells, platelets, plasma, and cryoprecipitate) potentially helping 4 different patients. While red cells are needed for accident victims and surgery patients, platelets can be utilized for leukemia and cancer patients. There is no substitute for blood, and the demand is always rising.

Currently it takes 1,200 pints a

day just to satisfy the needs of Metro Atlanta, which is why each blood drive is so important. This makes things especially rigorous for the nurses of the Red Cross. "I guess I got motivated from being a nurse and helping people" remarked

Sharon Shad, a nurse and twenty-year veteran of the Red Cross. Though the nurses see drops in the summer months due to break, the results during the school year are always outstanding. It seems Georgia Tech continually pulls through to show it's big (and healthy) hearts.

"[Giving blood is] just a great helpful thing to do for your community."

Kim Cartus
Student

If you are interested in donating blood, you can wait until Red Cross comes back to campus next quarter or call Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to contact them directly.

Correction

In last week's issue of the *Technique*, we incorrectly reported: "...a good number [of parking tickets] have also been appealed, totaling just over 2,000. If a ticket is appealed, there is usually a good chance that the charge will be reduced if not dismissed completely."

However, according to the Parking Office, the majority of citations issued and appealed from 8/21 to 11/6 were upheld not dismissed. Of the 2042 citations that were issued and appealed between 8/21 and 11/6 only 24% (481) were completely dismissed. 66% (1346) were upheld and 10% (207) are currently open appeals that have not been read yet.

31% of the citations that have been dismissed by the appeals board this year were issued the first 9 days of school. The reason for these dismissals appears to be due to a large number of students that were not displaying their new permits. The students had been issued permits but were not displaying the new permits for various reasons. The Appeals Board dismissed most of those citations.

The *Technique* regrets this error and apologizes for any inconveniences it may have caused.

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