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By Ayan Kishore/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Pretty colors:** Fourth of July celebrations at Lenox Square in downtown Atlanta drew large crowds last weekend. Many students went to watch the fireworks at Centennial Park and Lenox Square.

## Pikowsky takes over as registrar

By Nikhil Joshi  
News Editor

Reta Pikowsky recently took over as head registrar after Jo McIver, who had been working at Tech for 25 years, retired on May 31. Pikowsky assumed her duties on June 20.

She came from the University of Idaho, where she also served as head registrar. Pikowsky said that she is excited about working with the administration at Tech.

"Tech is a very interesting institute with a long history," she said.

"It has always been a leader among institutions and a very cutting-edge place. It's very exciting to work at a university with creative people that value quality. Also, Atlanta is a great city to live in. Everything considered, it's a very comfortable position to be in," Pikowsky said.

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**Reta Pikowsky**  
Registrar

Pikowsky worked at the University of Idaho for the last nine years. She has also worked at the University of Michigan at Flint, Golden State

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## OIT replaces telephone system

The Office of Information Technology announced on Wednesday that a new telephony system will be installed on campus for 2006. The system, which will replace the current telephone service provided by Tech, will feature both voice and data capabilities.

The new technology will allow Voice-over-Internet Protocol (VoIP), wireless and cellular integration, Virtual Campus phone service (off-campus), and local provisioning.

The system will be installed over several phases next year. No campus phone numbers will be changed during this process.

OIT decided to replace the old system after surveying the old system and deciding that a new system would be needed to meet mobile needs.

## Flicks still air during heavy rain

Because of the possibility of heavy rain during the showing of a film on Flicks on Fifth, Auxilliary Services has announced that movies will be shown on the seventh level of the Centergy Parking Deck, located off of Spring Street.

The deck is free for visitors after 7 p.m.

## Parking to open late registration

Parking and Transportation has announced that students who did not register by the deadline of June 30 may still register for a parking permit during the late registration period, which begins July 25. The system is currently closed.

## Ivan Allen attracts incoming freshmen

By Grace Mookan  
Contributing Writer

Because of Tech's reputation as an engineering school, many students overlook its other aspects. The growth of the Ivan Allen College, in particular, is changing this attitude; the college experienced a 46% increase this year in its number of incoming freshmen. Undecided Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts ranked second among most popular majors.

Ingrid Hayes, director of Undergraduate Admissions, said that the increase has been largely due to the efforts of both the Ivan Allen College and the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

Elizabeth Miller, Academic Advisor and Recruitment Coordinator for the Ivan Allen College, said that the college has been working on heavy recruitment for the last couple of years.

"Our results are evidence of our

plans and hard work two years in the making," Miller said. "We strive to be innovative at looking at ways to increase student awareness and interest."

The two major goals of the college's recruiting plan are student participation and the use of technology.

"We are working to have a strong web presence," Miller said. "We have created a student-based site, [students.iac.gatech.edu](http://students.iac.gatech.edu). In addition, we are currently designing a new component dedicated to prospective students complete with interactive maps and

videos, which should be available in Fall 2005."

In Spring 2005, Ivan Allen College hosted its first ever Shadow Day, a student-run recruiting program where admitted students accompanied by current Ivan Allen students

### INCOMING CLASS STATS

**Applied:** 9,150  
**Accepted:** 6,150  
**Deposited:** 2,490  
**Legacy students:** 465  
**GA residents:** 60%  
**International students:** 5%  
**Females:** 29%  
**SAT scores of middle 50%:** 1240-1400  
**Average GPA:** 3.75

could attend classes and have lunch with professors. 95 percent of these admitted students chose to enroll.

"We take a vested interest in the potential student right after the first contact with him or her; we try to invite him or her to events like poetry events or international affairs conference. It's more than just

sending out typical recruiting letter, it's more hands on," Miller said.

According to Miller, as a result of the efforts, in comparison to the previous year, there was a 45 percent increase in number of applications and a 63 percent increase in number enrolled out of all those admitted. In addition there was a 71 percent increase in out-of-state students from last year.

In response to rumors that the increase in liberal arts students corresponds with a relaxation of admission standards, Miller said that the average SAT scores among these students was very close to Tech's average SAT score for incoming freshmen.

"We promote that we are a liberal arts college with a twist, not just a regular liberal arts college; we include a technology and science component," she said.

"It makes students very market-

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## McMath suggests freshman summer session

By Chanchala Kaddi  
Contributing Writer

The administration is considering the possibility of beginning a late summer session in which it would offer core courses for incoming freshmen.

Robert McMath, vice provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs, will be making a recommendation to President Clough and to Provost Jean-Lou Chameau that the session be implemented for incoming freshmen only.

The proposed session would begin in mid-June and last seven weeks, ending the first week of August, at the same time as the current summer semester. It would not take the

place of the already existing short session, which is also seven weeks long and begins at the same time as the summer semester. The Ivan Allen College currently offers most of the courses available during this short session; in the proposed late summer session, a greater number of core courses in other colleges and schools would be offered.

The administration has permitted entering freshmen to take classes during the summer before coming to Tech. "In the past it had been valuable," McMath said.

Before it switched to the semester system in August 1998, the University System of Georgia operated on the quarter system. Under this calendar, it had been possible for

incoming freshmen to take courses during the summer. After the switch to the semester system, this was no longer possible because the summer semester would often begin before high school graduations took place.

McMath said that the advantages of the late summer session are analogous to those of the previously offered session. When the opportunity was available in the past, according to McMath, incoming freshmen had reported that taking courses in the summer helped prepare them for Tech. Completing some core courses in the summer also slightly reduced their workloads in the first term, he added.

Another benefit from Tech's

standpoint, McMath said, is that introductory classes such as General Chemistry (1310) and English 1101 could be less dense. If some incoming freshmen take these courses during the summer, it would be much easier for students entering in the fall to get into certain classes.

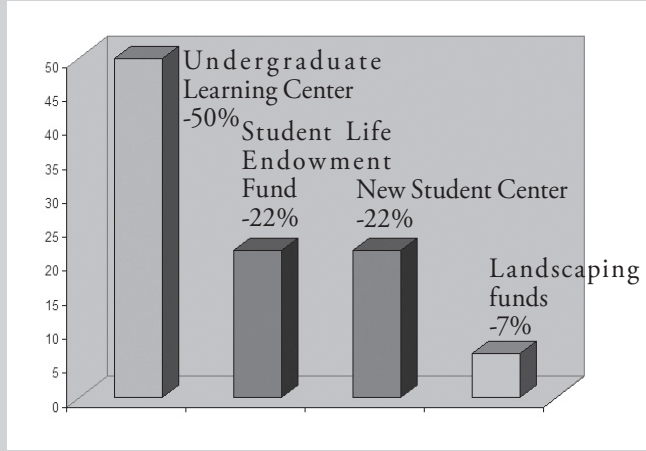
After Tech began considering whether or not to offer the late session, a survey was conducted to decide whether or not the program would still appeal to new students. Incoming freshmen were asked whether they would be interested in participating if the program were available to them. Students who had finished their first year at Tech were

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**TechniqueOnline** Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 46 responses.

**What does student life need from the Capital Campaign?**



This week's question:

**What do you think about priority registration?**  
Tell us at [www.nique.net](http://www.nique.net)



**Mysterious package**

A student reported that on June 28, he received a package in his mail from Steinbecks Books in Wisconsin containing the book *Ishmael on Adventure of the Mind and Spirit* by Daniel Quinn.

The student said that he did not know who would send him such a book.

**IC flooding**

On July 6, an officer responded to a report of two inches of water on the floor of the auditorium in the Instructional Center.

*From the files of the GTPD...*

**Campus Crime**

**Phi Mu flooding**

A student reported on July 6 that her Honda Accord, which was parked behind the Phi Mu Sorority house, was flooded due to heavy rain.

She reported that the water which got into her automobile damaged some clothes and her bookbag.

**Car fire**

On July 7, an officer received a report of a black BMW 325i, which had caught on fire.

The officer extinguished the flame with a fire extinguisher. The owner of the automobile could not be reached, but a note was left on the car.

**Ferst Center flooding**

An officer received a complaint of property damage at the Ferst Center for the Arts Building on July 7.

The complaint stated that on July 6 between 4 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. flood water entered the building.

The water damaged the stage floor, orchestra pit and 220 theatre brochures.

**IC computer thief**

On July 6, a man was arrested after having been found to steal two Samsung monitors, each valued at \$1,400 from the Instructional Center. A Dell PC valued at \$12,000 was also missing. Several PC's were also found inside a garbage can.

The offender was transported to Fulton County Jail.

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University at San Francisco and the University of Illinois. She began working in 1977 at Illinois, where she said that she first became interested in working as registrar.

She said that even though she gained valuable experience by serving as registrar at the University of Idaho, many aspects of her job at Tech may be new to her.

"It will be challenging because Tech is a different kind of institution than the ones I've worked at," she said. "Idaho is a doctoral, comprehensive university whereas Tech is more specialized."

According to Pikowsky, the Office of the Registrar has changed significantly over the years.

"This is a very interesting job these days, especially with all of the

technology that we have. It's not the same as it used to be," she said.

Although she has twenty-seven years of experience, it will still be challenging to become accustomed to the environment at Tech, she said.

"The biggest challenge is the learning curve," Pikowsky said. "It takes time to get to know the institution, and learn the culture of the institution. The years of experience will make it easier, but there is still a lot to learn."

Pikowsky said that one of her goals as registrar is to offer new services or modify existing services to better serve students.

Since beginning at Tech in late June, she has been meeting with faculty and administrators on campus to discuss these matters. She said that she also hopes to meet with student leaders.



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Reta Pikowsky took over as registrar for Jo McIver on June 20.**

"We are thinking of offering new services and or improving the ones we already have," she said.

"We will be looking at these services, and asking for suggestions about what we should do. Any feedback we can get would be very helpful," Pikowsky said.

**Chapman heads NASA team**

Tech alum John Chapman, who earned a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering in 1973, is working on STS-114 – Space Shuttle Return to Flight as a part of the Marshall Center Office of Chief Engineers.

Chapman works for NASA in the Engineering Directorate at Marshall, and his work consists mostly of making recommendations to the Shuttle Propulsion Program manager about technical issues relating to hardware and programs used during flight. In addition to making technical recommendations, Chapman writes computer programs to analyze the propulsion hardware of the shuttle.

He became interested in flight mechanics in high school.

Chapman has worked for NASA for twenty-five years, and heads a team of engineers who are working on getting the space shuttle back into orbit.

"What's always been most fascinating to me is the simple challenge of flight—persuading a chunk of metal anchored by gravity to fly into the sky," Chapman said. "Look at the solutions humanity has devised over the centuries to get off the ground... look at the concepts we're developing today. Imagine the possibilities we'll think of tomorrow."

This story draws from an article written July 12 by June Malone and Martin Jensen of the **NASA Marshall News**.

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**Making Friday classes more interesting!**



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Dennis the menace:** Damage from Hurricane Dennis caused grief for many students last week like the owner of this white Mazda, whose car was crushed by a giant tree. The automobiles of other students were completely flooded, and certain buildings, including the IC and Ferst Center, reported flood damage.

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able, and the prospect is very exciting to students and parents. It gives us a big edge," she said.

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions has also made efforts to recruit a more diverse class.

"We [at the Office of Undergraduate Admissions] have put forth much of our effort to make students aware of all that Tech has to offer. Because Tech has such a strong engineering program, there is a tendency for it to be associated solely with that—but through programs like Girl's Night Out, Preview Georgia Tech and FUTURES we try to show students the variety offered here at Tech," Hayes said.

Preview Georgia Tech is a one-day program during which students can

take campus tours and learn about admissions information, campus life, scholarship information, and career opportunities. FUTURES and Girl's Night Out are programs targeted toward young women.

Besides the increase in liberal arts students, the incoming class is different from previous ones in other ways. It is the first class for which the Office of Undergraduate Admissions did not require students to turn in official transcripts until mid-summer. Students were required to self-report all grades on the application.

Hayes also reported an increase in the use of online applications; 73 percent of all applicants submitted an electronic application.

Many students are happy to see changes in admissions.

"I think the increase [in appli-

cants choosing Ivan Allen College] is a good thing. Tech's following the example of other engineering schools like MIT and expanding beyond engineering," Sunny Jolly, a second-year Electrical Engineering student, said.

"I like the fact that you have more control in the admissions process and rely less on your scatter-brained high school counselor," Joanna Bayles, a fourth-year Chemistry major, said.

This is also the first year that Biomedical Engineering was offered as a major on the freshman application. Although the program is still in its infancy, it is the third-most popular major of the incoming class. The most popular is Undecided Engineering, which is up 24 percent from last year.

fourth-year Mechanical Engineering major, said.

The faculty and senate need to be briefed before the short session can be instated, but it does not need approval because it does not involve new courses or majors.

McMath indicated that he expects the program to be approved by the beginning of fall semester, and students entering in Fall 2006 will be able to participate in the short session.

"We think it would attract 300-400 students," McMath said. "Students will be advised to take a maximum of two courses. They will still be able to participate in Freshmen Experience and take GT1000 during the summer session."

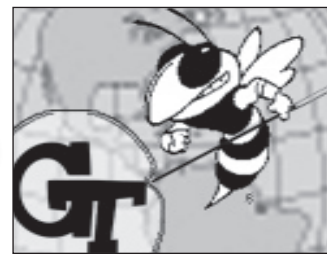
The Ivan Allen College and the

College of Sciences are both willing to offer a number of courses for the short session. Courses that are likely to be offered include General Chemistry, introductory economics courses, history and political science courses, English 1101 and GT1000.

It is unlikely that calculus will be offered. According to McMath, the School of Mathematics may offer a precalculus course instead, for students who feel they are not yet ready for calculus.

If all goes well, McMath said, the late summer short session could be expanded to include returning students. Students who participate in study abroad, for example, could participate in the short session if they returned in time.

## Breaking the Bubble



A lot happened outside the Tech bubble during the past two weeks. Here are a few important events which took place throughout the nation and the world.

### Police identify British suicide bombers

The identities of the four men responsible for last Thursday's London bombings, which were confirmed by police as suicide bombings, were confirmed by authorities on Thursday. The men, who were all Muslim citizens of England, were seen by authorities on closed-circuit television, which revealed their locations at King's Cross Station in London. The possibility of their connections with Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network are being investigated.

Prime Minister Tony Blair expressed his surprise when he spoke to Parliament on Wednesday.

"Particularly with the shock of knowing that those who have perpetrated this were actually born and brought up in this country, I think it is particularly important we recognize the worldwide dimension of all this," he said according to [cnn.com](http://cnn.com).

He also urged citizens to react calmly to the bombings, condemning attacks on Muslims.

Fifty-two people were killed in the four bombings, which took place during rush hour. Three of them took place in tube trains, and one on a bus.

In response to the bombings, the Homeland Security Department in the United States tightened security, placing the nation's subways, buses and trains on code orange, the second-highest level of alert.

### Chick-fil-A celebrates Cow Appreciation Day

Look like a cow?

If you answered yes, you can stop by Chick-fil-A today to pick up some food—on the cows' tab.

Today, the Atlanta-based restaurant chain is celebrating Cow Appreciation Day, "an unofficial... yet nationally recognized holiday," in which it's giving away full meals of a chicken-based entrée, drink, and fries or hash browns to anyone who visits one of its stores dressed up in full cow regalia.

For those concerned about being mistaken for a real bovine, even a single cow accessory entitles the wearer to a free entrée, such as a chicken sandwich or chicken nuggets.

## Taylor attends elite conference

Kendra Taylor, an African-American graduate student from Tech pursuing a degree in Industrial Engineering, will be attending a conference July 14 through July 16 in Monterrey, Calif. for the Graduate Scholar Program of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

The Graduate Scholars Program consists of students who went from studying at a historically black university to studying at a top research university to pursue a graduate degree. These students often face adverse conditions because of the differences between the two types of institutions.

Of the students chosen for the Graduate Scholars Program, which was begun in 1992 by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, 147 have been awarded fellowships, and most of them have completed their Ph.D's or are on track to complete their Ph.D's.

During the conference, the approximately fifty scholars in the AAAS program will discuss both their research and what they must overcome in their graduate research and career.

In addition, recognized African Americans who have faced similar challenges will speak. These include Norman Francis, president of Xavier University of Louisiana, James Stith, vice president of the American Institute of Physics and Shirley Malcom, director of AAAS Education and Human Resources, and a 2003 winner of the National Academy of Sciences' Public Welfare Medal.

AAAS aims to stimulate interest among young blacks in the fields of science and engineering, which they believe are in need of young scholars.

This story draws from an article written July 11 by Edward Lempinen of the [American Association for the Advancement of Science](http://www.aas.org).

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asked if they would have participated in such a program, and if they would recommend it to new students. The majority of the students surveyed supported the idea.

"It's a great idea. It would have been nice to get acclimated. I don't think it's right for everyone, though," Gopika Suraj, a second-year Chemical Engineering major, said.

Most upperclassmen expressed agreement.

"I definitely think it is a great idea. It will make the initial shock of meeting people and getting used to the surroundings a lot easier and less scary once school really starts in the fall," Kirsten Lundstrom, a