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## How the West Was Stung Hoedown at the GT Corral



By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

As part of Homecoming week activities, the Student Center hosted a "Hoedown at the GT Corral" along Skiles walkway on Tuesday. Students were able to participate in a wide variety of western-themed entertainment. Shane Owens enjoys a ride on the mechanical bull, which was one of the most popular attraction at the event.

## Tech to pay for new portal provider

By Tony Klumper  
News Editor

When students return to campus at the beginning of fall semester next year, they may be surprised to find a new look for web communications at Tech. The change will take place with the introduction of a new web portal to serve all members of the Tech community.

Although the actual portal has only been in development for a few months, the idea of such a web based communication center is far from a new idea. In fact, according to Associate Vice President of Enrollment Services Barbara Hall, "The process started around 1998 when different people on campus kind of came to the conclusion that we need more and better communication."

The idea of a web portal system came about in 2000 when faculty began to complain about problems with the WebCT system that they used to communicate with their classes. It was

at this point that many administrators realized Tech had fallen behind in the technological advances in the area of communication through the web.

Once these concerns had been raised, a group then began looking at ways to improve the web communications system on campus. The process began when representatives from OIT started looking at possible commercial products that could be used to establish a portal on campus just to see what the product could do. The group chose a program known as Campus Pipeline.

Hall explained why the decision was made to use Campus Pipeline in the preliminary stages. "We settled on Campus Pipeline because it was built on Banner, [the system used for all student records]," said Hall. "So it had native integration with both Banner and WebCT. It seemed like a good idea to at least look at something because we were trying to decide: do we

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## Fun, rule changes mark homecoming events

By Madhu Adiga  
Senior Staff Writer

Homecoming Week 2002 has been successful so far, with a few key changes. The Homecoming committee is made up of three student committees, the Ramblin' Reck Club, IFC/Panhellenic, and Student Center Programs Council.

"All three of the committees got together and discussed how better to make Homecoming something that every student can enjoy, not just certain groups," said Kim Lovelace, faculty advisor for Homecom-

ing. The traditional events such as the Talent Show and Tech Trivia remain a part of Homecoming, but additional events related to the "How the West Was Stung" theme have also drawn considerable interest.

So far, general response has been positive. All of the events were filled up by the middle of the week, and an estimated 1,000 people showed up to the kickoff celebration, "Hoedown at the GT Corral," held Tuesday on Skiles walkway. The event featured rides on a mechanical bull, a shooting gallery, eating contests, and country music blasted from Kicks

101.5 radio station. Other events drew good turnouts as well.

"We had 25 teams sign up for the Outlaws water gun shootout, and considering that the last time we had a water gun contest only nine teams participated, this is definitely an improvement," said Lovelace.

The Mini 500, sponsored by the Ramblin' Reck Club, returns to Peters Parking Deck this year.

"Up until 1999, the Mini 500 was always held around Peters, but in the last couple of years, we had to move it to the Coliseum parking lot

because of the sewer construction on Brittain Drive," said Chris Revell, Ramblin' Reck chair of the Mini 500. "We met with Facilities, though, and got approval to return the race to Peters," he said.

Over the summer, when the rules for Homecoming events had to be submitted, construction around Brittain Drive was still going on, so the rules stated that the race would be at the Coliseum. In August, however, Revell and Katrina Badgett, Ramblin' Reck Club Homecom-

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## Former ECE prof suffers fatal stroke

Professor Emeritus Daniel Fielder of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) passed away Oct. 4 due to complications from several strokes, at 84. Fielder received both his master's degree and Ph.D. from Tech in 1947 and 1957.

He began teaching in the ECE department in 1948, and helped design new courses ranging from transmission lines to combinatorics.

## Ferst Center to host poetry event

Professor Thomas Lux will present the first annual Bourne Poetry Reading at the Ferst Center for the Arts later this year. Poets to read include Lucille Clifton, winner of the National Book Award, and Rita Dove, Pulitzer Prize winner, among others. The presentation was made possible by endowments from a prominent alumnus and Tech professor.

## Murder Mystery theater Oct. 29

*Death by Chocolate*, a Murder Mystery Dinner Theater event, will take place Tuesday, Oct. 29 in the Student Center Ballroom. The event is sponsored by the Student Center Programs Board.

Tickets are \$10 for students and are available at the Programs Area Information Desk. Vegetarian entrees are available upon request.

## Regents approve Calloway, Healey demolition

By Daniel Amick  
Senior Staff Writer

The Department of Housing recently unveiled plans to demolish the Healey building and Callaway apartment complex in order to make way for new graduate family living areas. The plan has received preliminary support from the Board of Regents and is expected to be formally approved in November.

The plan calls for demolition to begin in the summer of 2003. Once demolition is complete, construction of new housing facilities will begin immediately on the old footprints of Healey and Callaway. The project should be completed by August 2004, lasting a total of about 14 months.

"That's a quick, quick turnaround," said Dan Morrison, the

Department of Housing's Associate Director for Residence Life.

"But [the plan] is doable on the timeline that's been established," he said.

Healey, Callaway and Burge apartments currently provide on-campus living space for about 300 couples and families with children; 236 of them normally reside in Healey and Callaway. The goal is to increase the total number of spaces by about 100.

"Part of the ability to attract the best quality graduate students is to have at least some attractive, convenient, safe, efficient family housing," said Morrison. The Department of Housing, he says, has a responsibility to support the academic goals of the Institute.

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By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Healey and Callaway Graduate family living centers will be demolished this summer to make room for new family units to be completed in 2004.

**Technique Online** Voice Your Opinion!

Last issue's poll garnered 24 responses to the question: "What are you doing for fall break?"



Image by Ian Clark / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's poll is related to Homecoming? How do you feel about the changes made in the Mr./Miss GT contest this year? Tell us what you think at [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique).

# From the archives...

## The 'Nique's top stories from:



**10** years ago: October 23, 1992— A proposed Undergraduate Student Council resolution called for a referendum among students concerning President Pat Crecine's actions of serving alcohol to minors. Roger Wehrle, acting dean of students, said that he would take a list of student concerns to Crecine.

**20** years ago: October 22, 1982—The Registrar's Office announced that online registration would replace manual and batch registration. Students would not have to wait until the next day to find out if their schedules were cleared.

**30** years ago: October 27, 1972—The Student Center cafeteria decided to roll back its hours and close at 8:00 p.m. James R. Greene, Director of Food Services, said that there was not enough business after 8 to justify keeping the cafeteria open any later. To make up for this, additional vending machines were expected to be installed in the Student Center Recreation Area.

## GSS discusses final Ramblin' Night

By Tony Klumper  
News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate discussed a total of four allocation bills during Tuesday's meeting, while the remaining bills were tabled due to lack of representatives from the organizations requesting funds.

The first bill up for discussion was an allocation to RHA to help fund the final Ramblin' Night Nov. 15, the night before the Duke game. The bill had been presented at the Oct. 1 meeting but had been tabled until representatives from RHA could present more specific information on the event.

According to RHA President Ryan Spanier, the group was asking for \$8,000 from GSS in order to cover part of the costs of a nationally recognized band to play on campus. "We are in the process of getting a contract with Edwin McCain to perform at the event," said Spanier.

Spanier also commented on the fact that in previous Ramblin' Night events almost 50 percent of those attending had been graduate students.

Many senators expressed concern that not enough people attended the Ramblin' Nights events to merit the \$8,000 funding. Some senators even suggested hiring a local band that would cost less money. However, Spanier pointed out that this is a nationally-recognized band that will hopefully attract a larger group of people.

ECE senator Pelham Norville agreed with Spanier. "A nationally recognizable band will attract a lot more students than a local band," said Norville.

Furthermore, Norville also noted that all of the costs RHA were reporting seemed perfectly reasonable for a large entertain-

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## Council Clippings Senate and House



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Graduate coordinating officer Jennifer Matthews gives her report to the House. At Tuesday's meeting, UHR discussed the status of the music department at Tech.

### Bills Considered

#### Undergraduate House of Representatives

Joint Allocation to Tech SWE	Author: Jakarra Jones	tabled
Joint Chartering of Tech Korean Assoc.	Author: Tim Callioux	tabled
Joint Chartering of Acapella Club	Author: Tim Callioux	passed
Joint Chartering of Buzz Studios	Author: Tim Callioux	passed
Joint Chartering of Philosophical Society	Author: Tim Callioux	passed
Joint Chartering of Sophomore Summit	Author: Tim Callioux	passed
Joint Chartering of Atl. Chinese Christain	Author: Tim Callioux	tabled
Joint Chartering of Asian Student Assoc.	Author: Tim Callioux	passed
Joint Allocation to GT Cycling Club	Author: Danny Puckett	passed
Joint Allocation to Tech RHA	Author: Chris Rankine	passed

#### Graduate Student Senate

Joint Allocation to Tech RHA	Author: Jennifer Matthews	passed
Joint Allocation to Tech SWE	Author: Jennifer Matthews	tabled
Joint Allocation to GT Cycling Club	Author: Joseph Jeong	tabled
Joint Allocation to GT Chess Club	Author: Joseph Jeong	tabled
Joint Allocation to GT Canoe & Kayak	Author: Roy Furbank	passed
Joint JFC & JCOC Policies Amendments	Author: Alan Michaels	passed
Joint Allocation to Bahai Campus Assoc.	Author: Dawn Reinhold	passed

## UHR focuses on music department

By Daniel Amick  
Senior Staff Writer

Tuesday's Undergraduate House of Representatives meeting was the first since fall break, and the agenda was full. Representatives considered almost a dozen bills, held an issue meeting on music facilities and chartered half a dozen new student organizations.

In what SGA Vice President Nate Watson called "the most convincing argument he'd ever heard," about twenty members of the Acapella Club treated the House to a demonstration of their singing talents. Shortly after the performance a slate bill passed chartering the Acapella Club as a new student organization, along with Buzz Studios, the Philosophical Society, the Sophomore Summit and the Asian Student Interest Association (ASIA).

UHR members were more hesitant to pass a bill chartering the Atlanta Chinese Christian Campus Fellowship (ACCCF). Some representatives were concerned that by holding services in Chinese, many members of the Tech community would be excluded. In the end the bill's passage seemed to hinge on whether non-Tech-associated participants in ACCCF would be granted member status. The bill was tabled until the issues could be resolved.

Once the old business was finally dispensed with, members turned their attention to the issue portion of the meeting. Up for discussion was the state of music facilities on campus. Representative-at-Large Mindy Park was in charge of the group that collected background information and presented an overview of her group's findings.

Park's report highlighted the decaying

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## Sliver Box

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"Art is a peaceful way for me to express myself." Yeah, well I prefer using a tire iron upside one's head.

so you didn't call; what does that mean?

just a hint: you can kiss me any time (please!)

\*ehem\* has only one testicle. Check next week's tech up close for a pic

go boes....yay for kab!

bubbles

i'd like to shout out to dees nuts and berries

i do not like sex

who does?

paul does

ian is a fiend

it means that i may have been busy. or getting busy.

5 out of 4 people have a problem with fractions

"I'm feeling nervous Tryin to be so perfect" even though I'm far from it because I'm a b&^%\$!

The errors in the paper will not upset me. The errors in the paper will not enrage me. Dammit. I should've just refused to open the paper.

"There are times in the day when it is a lot more polluted than others."

What's "it"? The sky? The river? My Eggo? And what are you comparing "it" to? Other days? Other things?

There are 10 types of people: those who understand binary and those who don't.

A sex column would be great in the technique, and that tip about AIM is a good start!!

I like that quote, "...Tech students don't place much value on things like FUN"

La la la la la la la la la \*thhhpth\*. Whoops. 'Scuse me.

Yay for lauren quizzes!

is it merely coincidence that the non-STaC cartoonist can't even spell 'existence'?

Ginny, I'd really like to talk to you some time. But AIM hates me.

Sliver is BACK! Gimme some Ohs, baby . . . and don't forget those HBOs either.

miami dolphins suck

the worse rumor: Wolfman is dead

8 p.m. to 9 a.m. take that, roommate

never found my white girl scholarship

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ing chair, met with Parking and Facilities to get permission to return the race to Peters.

"Parking was happy with moving the race back to Peters, because it is easier to ask the students who park around the deck to move their cars rather than to clear out faculty and staff who park at the Coliseum on their workdays," said Lovelace. Facilities was slightly more wary because of all the areas around East Campus that would have to be closed off in order to avoid hitting students in the race. "Facilities was willing to compromise, however, and as far as I know, there was no frustration in getting approved to have the Mini 500 at Peters," said Lovelace.

Another major change has been in the rules for the Mr./Ms. Georgia Tech competition. Maggie Gearhart and Ansley Stevens, co-chairs for the event, evaluated how best to recognize those who have truly been outstanding members of the Tech community and found two issues.

One of the issues was the age of the nominees. In the past, nominees for Mr. and Ms. Georgia Tech could be any year or class status. "We had gotten a lot of complaints about the fact that sophomores and juniors were up for the award, when people felt like this should be an honor for older students," said Gearhart. The rules now state that nominees must have entered Georgia Tech in fall 1999 or before, having completed at least three years.

"We felt that even though a second-year or third-year nominee might be an outstanding student, this event should be geared more towards seniors, since it is at the end of Homecoming and it is to honor students who have really rep-



By Andrew Salters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Students participate in the Krystal burger eating contest held on Tuesday as part of this week's Homecoming festivities on Skiles walkway.**

resented the Georgia Tech community well. It seems more appropriate to recognize students who have put in more time at this school, and competent underclassmen will have a chance to be nominated in the future, when they will have even more credentials," said Lovelace.

The other change implemented was to set a minimum GPA requirement of 3.35, which is the GPA required to graduate with high honors from Georgia Tech. Previously, results of the competition were determined by one-third GPA, one-third student vote, and one-third interviews. "We want well-rounded students for this event. With this system, we had students with a 4.0 who may not have been as involved as a competitor with a lower GPA, but still advanced because of the

high emphasis on GPA," said Stevens.

"We also did this to weed out people who had lower GPAs. We don't feel that a student with a 2.5, for example, no matter how much they're involved, is a good representative, because we do want people who are academically strong," said Gearhart.

Lovelace says that she has heard one of two types of student responses regarding this change.

"People come to my office all the time to give me feedback, and I've either heard that students think the minimum GPA is a positive change, or they think that the requirement is too high. With any change you make, you can't avoid some negative feedback. Overall, though, I think this is a good thing for the event," Lovelace said.

cycling competition in New Mexico. Although the bill was submitted at the beginning of October, since JFC did not have a scheduled meeting due to fall break, the bill was not presented before the event actually took place.

Due to these circumstances, under JFC policy, the bill was failed because it was deemed to be retroactive. However, many senators were

not quick to agree with JFC's recommendation.

Cycling Club president Ryan Fincher reported that club members were currently out of pocket about \$500 each due to the lack of funding.

Therefore, Norville motioned that the bill be tabled so that a further investigation could take place before next week's meeting.

# New music director seeks strategic plan

By Daniel Amick  
Senior Staff Writer

The folding tables lining the professor's office are still piled high with cardboard boxes full of files and manila folders. Sitting at his desk, Clark types at his laptop, then fiddles with a printer that he saved from the scrap heap before making some final note on his palm pilot. Meet Dr. Clark, Georgia Tech's new Director of Music.

Clark officially started his new role Aug. 1. Still fresh from his move into the area, Clark has to pause to recall his telephone number.

"I have to remember the pattern. I can look at the phone, and I've memorized the sound of the touch-tone," he said.

This unusual talent is not surprising, given Clark's background. A native of Brentwood, California, Clark earned a Ph.D. in Music Theory from the University of Arizona and a Master's in Horn Performance from Leland Stanford Jr. University. Clark also holds a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from the Conservatory of Music at the University of the Pacific.

Clark plays horn, piano and string bass as well as computer-generated music.

This desire to combine music and technology likely played a role in pairing Clark and a technologically advanced school like Tech.

In mid-July, while chairing the Department of Music at the University of Southern Alabama, Clark was offered the chance to come to Georgia Tech. It was not a hard decision to make.

"It took me about a heartbeat to say 'yes,'" said Clark.

"We really have the opportunity to create something that is the

hallmark of Georgia Tech: a program that is unlike any other. I didn't come here to try to duplicate someone else's program or to find a way to transplant an existing program here," he said.

Clark is now in the process of assessing the current state of Tech's music program and setting goals for the future. "We're formulating a strategic plan for music," said Clark.

One of Clark's immediate goals is to initiate "desperately needed repairs and upgrades to the Couch Building." The aging Couch building houses Tech's music facilities. Clark addressed UHR to try to gain support in pushing for improved facilities.

A longer-term goal of the strategic plan will be to identify ways the music program can better interface with other Georgia Tech programs.

"There are obvious, obvious ties between computer science, electrical engineering, architectural acoustics [and music]," said Clark.

Among the best musicians he has ever performed with, says Clark, were radiological technicians from a local radiation lab.

"What I discovered is that there is not a barrier, in fact there is a complementary relationship, between people who think and are attracted to math and science and people who are involved in music," said Clark.

"There are lots of different possibilities. Whether those are realistic and practical at this point in time, I don't know."

While still settling in to his new position, Clark said he has already been made to feel at home.

"I have been a faculty member at a number of institutions, but never have I been greeted so warmly nor had so many kind offers of assistance," said Clark.

"We're formulating a strategic plan for music."

**Frank Clark**  
Director of Music

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ment event.

Although the debate seemed evenly distributed between those for and against the bill, when the vote was called, the bill passed by a large majority.

Next on the agenda was an allocation to the Tech Cycling Club to fund its recent trip to the national

# Computing names new Dean

By **Sriram Narasimhan**  
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Richard A. DeMillo was recently selected as the new Dean of the College of Computing (CoC), previously holding the position of first Chief Technology Officer for the Hewlett-Packard Company. DeMillo is taking over for Dr. Peter Freeman, who left in May for the National Science Foundation, and interim Dean Dr. Ellen Zegura.

The former executive originally left Hewlett-Packard midsummer to take over as the director of the Georgia Tech Information Security Center (GTISC), but quickly learned that he had also become a candidate for the vacant CoC dean position, both of which had formerly been held by Freeman. Although this came as a surprise, his decision to leave HP was well-intended.

"My job at HP was to pull together technology and technology strategy under one umbrella, especially during the HP-Compaq merger. When the merger closed, a lot of that work was done," said DeMillo. "But the real reason was that this was the most attractive place I could be. Universities, from an industry standpoint, are where a lot of the action is these days."

In fact, during the mid-1990's Hewlett-Packard's top executive officers only consisted of the CEO. The structural changes that took place within the corporation were intended to bring the disconnected businesses of the computer company giant, such as the printing industry, under common investment dollars.

When these industries had finally reached a sound business model, DeMillo felt that much work could still be accomplished in the field of information security, a growing issue in industry and academia. Although this is what brought him to

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**Richard A. DeMillo**  
New College of Computing Dean



Tech, it was not much sooner that he learned of his appointment in the College of Computing.

As the new Dean of Computing, DeMillo has a number of agenda items for the upcoming year, including the much-publicized policy changes for undergraduate Computer Science students and those taking the introductory computing courses.

"The thing that excites us is an opportunity to apply as much energy and technology into the undergraduate program as we have into our research program," said DeMillo.

DeMillo did not disclose the specifics of the changing introductory Computer Science class curricula, but he was enthusiastic about their potential in giving Tech students a rounded education.

"It really is a conscious choice; you can train people narrowly or you can give people a broad set of tools to equip them well for the future," said DeMillo.

"The whole policy of non-collaboration was a symptom, not a cause. It has to do with the expectations: for example, how hard to make the assignments. If you are clear with expectations, then lots of things take care of themselves."

Prior to being CTO at Hewlett-Packard, DeMillo directed computer science research at Telcordia Technologies, once a spin-off of Bell Labs called BellCore. Much of the work he did was in the beginning stages of e-commerce and telecommuni-

cations consulting. Before that, he was the director of the Computer and Computation Research Division at the National Science Foundation.

This is certainly not the first time that DeMillo is a face at the Institute. He received his Ph.D. in Information and Computer Science from Tech, at a time when the program was not yet a separate college but reported to the College of Sciences. One of the first graduates in the nation to obtain this kind of degree, he later taught at Tech as a professor from 1976 until 1987, and was the founding director of the Software Engineering Research Center.

Until he officially fills the position Dec. 1, DeMillo will spend his time with many of the student, faculty and administrators in the College of Computing.

"I just want to hear what people have to say about what's working and what isn't working. I have no resources to give yet, but I can certainly absorb information," said DeMillo.

Provost Jean-Lou Chameau commented on DeMillo's qualifications to improve the College of Computing even further.

"Rich's vision and three decades of experience are precisely what is needed to lead the College of Computing to even higher levels," said Chameau. "He brings experience at the highest levels of industry, government, and academia."

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Healey and Callaway residents have been informed of the demolition plan and will be forced to find off-campus housing by the move-out date of May 15. To facilitate this process, the Department of Housing plans to communicate with surrounding area apartment facilities, hold apartment fairs for residents and provide families with a relocation stipend of between \$300 and \$500.

"What [the Department of Housing] is not going to do is go out and rent an apartment complex for these families," said Morrison.

"That's really not something that Tech can do, and is not something that is easily done," he said.

Morrison is confident that everyone who needs new housing can find it.

"Not everybody wants to [move], and let's face it, it's inconvenient, and we know that," he said.

Once construction of new facilities is complete, former Healey and Callaway residents will have priority access over any new residents. Morrison expects rent to go up in the new facilities but that it will be

kept below market level. Currently, residents pay between \$700 and \$900 per month.

The decision to replace Healey and Callaway rather than renovate came after several years of study. According to Morrison, cost-benefit analysis concluded that it would be "ridiculously more expensive" to renovate the 16 buildings of the 1940s-era Callaway complex than to demolish them and rebuild. The cost to renovate Healey was "within a few hundred thousand dollars" of the cost of new facilities. The 10-story Healey building was constructed in 1970.

The design of the Healey-Callaway replacement has not yet been determined, but some guidelines have been established. The new facility will most likely consist of several buildings no more than six stories tall. Families with children will live on the first three floors, limiting the need to use stairs or an elevator. The size of units assigned to couples will increase from Healey's studio-style apartments to full one-bedroom apartments. RES-NET, cable television, Georgia Tech telephone service, and controllable heat and air conditioning will be provided in all units.

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condition of the Couch Building, which houses the GT Music Department and Under the Couch. According to the report, Couch was constructed in 1935 as an elementary school and later "condemned beyond repair as it is infested with asbestos." Park also examined the music facilities of other comparable institutions, and found them to be generally superior to Georgia Tech's facilities.

New Music Director Frank Clark also addressed the House, saying that a unified message came from the student body would have a positive effect. What, representatives asked, should that message say?

"The time for music is now,"

replied Clark.

Other students described the failing condition of the Couch building, its undersized practice rooms, the holes in the floor, and unsuitable acoustics. Textile Rep. Joey Woodall said he thinks twice every time the band director tells him to "take a deep breath."

"Every time I hear that, I wonder, 'Will some asbestos get in my lungs? Will I die in 10 or 20 years of cancer?'"

Representatives seemed to support of the idea that SGA should take an active role in promoting better music facilities. Most speakers received prolonged applause or table-thumping. Members decided to draft a resolution to be voted on during next week's meeting.

## Breaking the Bubble

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A lot of things went on outside of the bubble of Georgia Tech this week. Visit [www.bubble.nique.net](http://www.bubble.nique.net) to find links to complete articles about the stories below and other important issues.

### ***Sniper death toll continues to rise, suspects caught***

Tuesday's fatal shooting of Conrad Johnson in Silver Spring, MD is the tenth attack blamed on the sniper since the shootings began Oct. 2. According to law enforcement sources, a note was found near where Johnson was shot. The note was similar in language to the letter found after a Virginia shooting and on the Tarot card left behind near a shooting at a Maryland middle school, both linked to the sniper. Two men wanted for questioning in the wave of deadly sniper attacks were arrested early Thursday morning. Though they have not been charged, they are considered suspects.

### ***Theater audience in Moscow held hostage***

Twenty armed men took a theater audience hostage Wednesday and threatened to blow up the theater if police got involved. Police estimated that between 700 and 900 people were held hostage, although the gunmen allowed children and Muslim audience members to leave. Police and an Alpha special forces unit went to the theater and sealed off the area. According to the Interfax news agency, the gunmen were part of a Chechen rebel suicide unit, which includes 40 widows of rebels killed in Chechnya.

### ***Attack against Iraq could be pushed into 2003***

It is uncertain that an attack to force Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to disarm would begin this winter as previously predicted. An attack in December or January is still possible if Iraq refuses to accept a UN resolution restarting weapons inspections, but the U.N. Security Council still has yet to agree on the resolution. Military action could be delayed beyond winter and spring if Hussein agrees to cooperate with weapons inspections.

### ***Federal Reserve may cut rates next month***

The Federal Reserve, based on surveys done by its twelve regional banks, has reported that the economy is still performing at sluggish levels, trying to recover from last year's recession. The survey has suggested the possibility of further cuts of interest rates in the upcoming months before the end of the year. Some analysts predict that the Fed will cut rates for a 12th time this year in Nov. to make sure that failing consumer confidence and a possible war with Iraq do not prompt another recession.

## TEAM Buzz Tech students give back



By Shelley Hoyal / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS



By Andrew Salters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The annual TEAM Buzz community service day took place last Saturday, Oct. 19, around Atlanta. Students participated in various community events in the metropolitan area for the sixth year in a row. Groups such as Hands on Atlanta and Trees Atlanta requested volunteers to improve numerous parks and wooded areas in the city. Participants also contributed their time to helping Atlanta's public libraries as well as children services. This year's event featured over 2,000 volunteers consisting of students, faculty and alumni. This year alumni clubs across the nation participated in the event as well by volunteering in their local areas. Although the group had experienced some problems raising funds in the beginning stages, these issues were solved by the day of the event. Organizers of this year's event were happy with the final outcome.



By Shelley Hoyal / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS