Familiarization with the myriad of clubs, groups and organizations at Tech is no small feat for incoming freshman. Most students settle into their niches, they tend to stay there and ignore the activities they might have been previously involved with.

In an attempt to greater involve the freshest of the freshmen in campus activities, the Georgia Tech Community Service Council and the Department of Housing have created a new “Summer of Service” program. Open to all incoming freshman, the program seeks to provide a hands-on introduction to the philanthropic side of Tech, as well as to foster connections between new students.

Gay rights debate becomes integral part of election

While the 2008 electoral debates focus on economic stability, the War on Iraq, and other foreign and economic issues, a significant matter has that taken the backseat is same-sex marriage. Though both candidates have discussed the topic, many who are affected by the same-qua-same marriage law and activism have yet to hear a great deal of chatter from the candidates, even though the presidential campaign for presidency is still in its earlier stages.

Though the issue has been debated vigorously in the past few years in the United States, but federal government has recently taken a more cautious approach to it.

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