Shaftnews.com offers new satirical parody of Tech

The ‘Nique's Jennifer Lee conducts an exclusive interview with the two creators of Shaft News, “The South’s Most Awesomest College Newspaper.” The parody website poke fun at campus events and personalities.

By Jennifer Lee

Staff Writer

Pssst… have you heard about www.shaftnews.com? This site, which parodies Georgia Tech, On-line style, is the home of Shaft News—“The South’s Most Awesomest College Newspaper.” Hey, we at the Technique can take a joke.

Having just gone online two weeks ago, Shaft News, with only one published issue so far, has been making the email rounds. “It’s generating quite a bit of buzz,” said Wes Reynolds, a Computer Engineering major.

“It is truly a funny site that gets its point across but doesn’t try to slam Georgia Tech. I think it’s awesome,” said Tyler Patterson, a third-year Management major.

We Reynolds, a Computer Engineering major, said, “I think it’s a good, fun way for students to see that we’re all in the same boat, sharing a lot of the same frustrations.”

And John Tolliver, a first-year CompE major, said simply, “It’s witty, sarcastic.”

And word is still spreading. We spoke with the two editors of the Shaft News, who prefer not to reveal their initials, to see what they had to say for themselves.

What was your motivation for doing this? JB: I’m fulfilling a divine purpose.

CA: I’d like to say it was part of my parole conditions, that I was ordered by a judge to do this. No, and me and JB and some people were just hanging out one day, and we were just like, “Wouldn’t it be great if Tech had something like The Onion?” — just to poke fun at the staff that’s going on.

TQ: How did you let people know about the website?

CA: It went online around midnight Sunday (January 12), and we just kind of com- posed a mass email to our friends. JB cleverly dis- guised it as, “Hey guys, there’s this new site, you should check it out.”

JB: I think I fooled everyone.

CA: I think you fooled no one.

CA: We also hung up about 15 flyers. And by the time we got back hanging up the flyers, we’d already had about 20 hits, and someone had already joined our mailing list.

JB: We’d have hung up more flyers and tried to get the word out more, but we got tired of walking around.

CA: We’re very lazy. If there’s anything that will de- feat us, it’ll be laziness.

JB: What goes into put- ting it all together?

CA: There’s actually a whole Shaft News team— which is basically all the peo- ple we steal our ideas from.

JB: A lot of people who will email us with ideas and suggestions.

CA: I think there’s always plenty of material that Tech provides us with kinds of stuff.

JB: Also, we do a lot of brainstorming. We sit around brainstorming for quite some time the other night and had a hell of a good time.

CA: Did it involve beer?

JB: It did, for me.

CA: There’s actually a lot more to what the scenes work that goes on. Obviously, only a small fraction of the stuff we show up on the site.

CA: It’s like being a mod- el—it’s not all glamorous.

JB: How often do you guys talk about stuff for the Shaft?

CA: Incessantly.

JB: We meet to talk about it at least three times a week.

CA: We definitely email each other daily.

TQ: I forgot my question. Why don’t you guys just talk?

CA: Okay…Well, there’s happening negativity semi-nar with student leaders, and first of all, our site got quoted in with the GT- Sun site, which is bound to happen. But we like Georgia Tech! We’re happy to go there. We’re just trying to be funny.

JB: Another source of confusion: one person didn’t realize that the articles weren’t real, so he posted an angry message to a message board about the cale professor article. But for the most part the response has been amazing.

CA: We were really surprised at how much it took off. See, our nemesis, the GT Sun website, I’d like to fight that guy in a boxing match. We looked at his logs—he got about 250 hits the first day, so our goal was to beat him and get 250 hits the first day. We ended up getting over 800 hits the first day.

CA: Yes, the website stars are evidence of that.

JB: We’ve had hits from four continents. The thing that over- whelms me the most are the alumni that have been emailing us and say- ing, ‘I wish they had this site when I was there.’

CA: One guy wrote, “It’s great to see that things haven’t changed.”

JB: Yeah, if the initial hits die down, but we got a couple hundred devoted readers every week, we’ll be happy to keep churning it out.

TQ: Do you guys get satirical emails in response?

JB: We had, well had an email from a former Tech president with a sub- ject line that said we were going to be taken to court for copyright vio- lation and libel. It was funnier after we had the true email.

CA: Did you see that your mom sent a fan mail to the site today?

JB: My mom did!

CA: Yeah, it was really sweet. She’s really proud of you.

JB: Maybe we’ll have her put it on the site.

CA: “Letters from the Editors’ Mothers.”

CA: There was also this one guy who emailed us saying, “Dear Guys Who Rock, Your site rocks,” and I thought that was the greatest email ever. I like to read them whenever I feel bad about myself. It helps my ego.

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CA: Shaftnews.com co-editor

JB: We’ve had a lot of a people ask us that, because of the articles being fake. I guess. But yes, you can buy the stuff on the website.

CA: We’ve sold a couple of T-shirts and some bumper stickers. Not enough to retire yet—we’ve made about $2.53. We’d rather people buy the shirts and wear them than make a profit.

CA: We’re really love everybody, so we’d feel bad if we hurt some- one’s feelings.

JB: Except for the GSUn guy.

CA: We really love everybody, so we’d feel bad if we hurt some- one’s feelings.

JB: We’re shooting for every two weeks. It’s a fair amount of time because we spend more time talking about what we’re going to do than actually writing the articles. Writing the articles is sort of the easy part.

CA: We’re trying not write too many. We noticed that The Onion has really long articles sometimes, and we don’t have the attention span to read those kinds of articles. So we go with shorter articles, it’s easier that way, too. But I think it’s good that there are two of us that decide the content, because we end up with the best stuff.

CA: Maybe we’ll release a direc- tor’s commentary of the site that’ll have all the extra articles in there.

JB: I have a question for you: what was your favorite article?

CA: I think the one about Pres- ident Clough’s holiday card.

CA: I actually have on good authority that President Clough forwarded our site and his response— this is all purported—was, “It’s a shame to see creative people wast- ing their time.”

JB: The reason I asked is that we’ve gotten emails about every ar- ticle or headline saying, “This is my favorite feature.” It’s cool, because everyone identifies with something different.

TQ: Do you guys consider yourselves funny?

JB: I think it’s relative.

CA: I consider myself funny if I can sit down and work on some- thing, but I know tons of people who, when they’re hanging out with them, are a hell of a lot funnier than anyone who’s working on this.

JB: I agree to some extent. But I really don’t think that I’ve ever met anyone funnier than my right side here. I would not be doing this if he weren’t involved.

CA: I feel the same way about JB, and we’re going to hug (awkward hug) think the dynamics of it— we really play off each other well.

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New sterilizing technique developed by professor, area dentist

By Christine Rutz
Contributing Writer

Ever wonder how doctors clean their machinery, with all its intricate and delicate parts, without damaging any of the components? After all, medical instruments must be cleaned regularly to avoid transferring infections from patient to patient. The answer is—not very easily. Up until now, technicians have used a combination of heat and harsh chemicals, which can sometimes damage the equipment.

An ongoing research project involving Georgia Tech professors stands to revolutionize the medical instrument cleaning process. Cavitation, a phenomenon previously studied for its adverse effects on submarine propellers operating in deep waters, is the basis for this improved infection-killing technique.

Cavitation is a procedure in which acoustic energy applied to a liquid induces the creation of bubbles. When the energy is taken away they collapse. Powerful cavitation occurs naturally in environments with high atmospheric pressure, such as the deep ocean, because the enhanced surrounding pressure substantially increases the energy released by the bubbles. This so-called "anomalous depth effect" has helped scientists to understand how to control the energy release by the surrounding atmospheric pressure.

Dr. Stephen Carter, an Atlanta dentist, has been experimenting with the cavitation process since 1994. He had been intrigued by the idea of using rapid decompression to kill microbes on his instruments. Decompression theoretically breaks the cell walls of the microorganisms and kills them.

Carter told Georgia Tech Research news: "Complex and extremely expensive endoscopes and related surgical equipment are very vulnerable to heat, and they are challenging to clean. We believe that our methods will sterilize in shorter periods of time, which would be a substantial advantage for expensive medical equipment."

Throughout 1994-1997, Carter continued testing with cavitation, trying to find that perfect combination of decompression and ultrasonic energy exposure, but the technique was not able to kill the hardest microbes.

Kenneth Cunefare, a Georgia Tech mechanical engineering professor who also specializes in acoustics, was approached by Carter to assist with the research. Cunefare realized that Carter was onto something, and he experimented with increases in ultrasonic energy and changing the pressure to optimize the effects of cavitation.

Together, Carter and Cunefare successfully combined energy, high pressure and isopropyl alcohol to make the process work. For their purposes, cavitation requires the alcohol to be present and does not succeed with plain water or a standard atmospheric pressure. Their experiment consisted of a vial containing bacteria and an alcohol solution, which they subjected to short applications of cavitation over 10-15 minutes. During the power bursts, the vial appeared to foam, and the foam subsided when the power was turned off. The process created active cavitation for up to 60 seconds.

This successful combination of forces and liquids killed more than 90% of the bacteria during testing. Although the scientists do not currently understand the mechanism by which these forces kill the microbes in as short a time as 10-15 minutes, the technique is clearly superior to the current methods. Carter said, "We can heat, but we can’t cavitate, and we can cavitate, but we can’t heat. That’s a problem." Cunefare, on the other hand, said that a "combined approach may be the key to solving the problem of cleaning medical instruments.

The researchers are currently conducting experiments to determine the optimal conditions for sterilization by cavitation. They hope to have a fully functional sterilization system ready for use in hospitals within the next year.

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You guys are both graduating this spring. What’s going to happen to The Shaft when you graduate?
CA: We’d like to find people to write and do the kind of stuff we want to do, and hopefully turn it into an institution at Tech when we leave. We actually considered trying to start a campus club to do this, but we decided that there was no way we could write all the stuff we wanted to write if we were governed as a Tech organization.

TQ: Anything else?
CA: Our next issue comes out this Friday the 24th. Be sure to check it out.

You can find the latest issue of Shaft News, which comes out today, at www.shaftnews.com. If you have opinions about Shaft News, email its editors, but also write to the ‘Nique at opinions@technique.gatech.edu.

Shaftnews.com received over 800 hits in its first day of online publication; many more than GTSux.com, as its editors are proud to point out.

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crobases, they are continuing to study and perfect the process. Assisting researcher Donald Ahearn, a Georgia State professor, said, “We don’t exactly know how the cells die, but we know the end phenomenon…Increased pressure and disinfectant molecules are somehow enhanced by the cavitation process, but the physiology of the death has yet to be determined.”

Cunefare theorizes that the process is similar to ultrasound, which makes the skin cells permeable enough to accept drug compounds. He believes cavitation acts likewise, making cell walls permeable enough to admit isopropyl alcohol molecules contained in the solution, killing the cell.

In December 2002, the researchers presented their findings to the First Pan-American/Iberian Meeting on Acoustics in Cancun, Mexico.

The implications of Carter and Cunefare’s research are immense. The cavitation technique could easily reduce the costs and time of cleaning expensive and sensitive medical equipment. It has a tremendous advantage over chemical treatments because it is fast and does not harm the equipment with abrasives. Cunefare believes that cavitation has potential to treat water and wastewater, and even pasteurize milk and orange juice someday.

Last October, Carter and Cunefare applied for and received a U.S. patent for their work, titled “Apparatus and Associated Method for Decontaminating Contaminated Matter with Ultrasonic Transient Cavitation.” They are also trying interest medical equipment companies in commercializing the cavitation technique.

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Student earns five degrees in four years

By Jennifer Lee
Staff Writer

With difficult classes, co-op, and frequent major switches, a fifth-year student at Georgia Tech is nothing out of the ordinary.

Alan Michaels, however, takes being a fifth-year student to a whole new level. Currently a Ph.D student in Electrical Engineering, he wanted to change his major when he first came to Tech. "But instead of changing," he said, "I just kept it and kept going."

Kept going, indeed. After May of 2003, he will have five degrees: a B.A. in Electrical Engineering, a masters and interned at Tech at the University, where she earned her masters and interned at Tech at the Center for Rehabilitation Technology. She then moved on to the University of Georgia and obtained her Ph.D in Counseling Psychology. Yet she attributes these later successes to her experiences as an undergrad.

Walker finally felt like all of the things I did really supported myself and kept going. Ultimately, Dr. Walker remembers Tech as being one of the most positive and important experiences in her life. She attributes these later successes to her experiences as an undergrad. "What was so wonderful was that even though I went into the more humanities-oriented fields, I always was able to support myself by teaching statistics, getting a computer-based job within my department. I really felt like all of the things I did as an undergrad really helped me. Now that I'm out working in our own company [Assessment Plus], even more so."

Ultimately, Dr. Walker remembers Tech as being one of the most positive and important experiences in her life. "I think, overall, Georgia Tech is a wonderful place where you can really understand the way the world works," she said. "I really felt like all of the things I did as an undergrad really helped me. Most importantly, Dr. Walker's experiences indicated that Tech had moved forward considerably in its acceptance of women since Shirley Mewborn set foot onto campus four years earlier whereas women once felt discriminated against."
50 Years of Women At Tech: Walker started color gaurd

By Joshua Cameo
Staff Writer

Assessment Plus’ Director of Cli-
enations had an extraordinari-
ly positive career at Georgia Tech.

“I thought it was very support-
ive,” said Dr. Karen Steadman Walk-
er, a 1993 graduate in Industrial
and Systems Engineering. “Of course,
like anywhere else, you gotta seek
opportunities. You gotta seek assis-
tance.”

Dr. Walker had settled on Tech
years before she submitted an appli-
cation. Her brother was a student
while she was still in high school, so
she frequented the campus on visits
and familiarized herself with its strong
engineering background, affordability
and other benefits. Furthermore, as a
woman born and raised in the
city, she developed a strong fascina-
tion with Atlanta, which attracted
her to the idea of attending school
in the city’s midtown district.

Dr. Walker recalls the inval-
ualeness of Tech’s rigorous academic
program. “I think that’s helped me
now since I learned how to really do
a lot of different things,” she said.

“I had to be able to study for that many
classes and do well in that many
classes. I had to really learn how to
study. You had to be on top of it and
plan well. You know, like one quar-
ter I had five finals in two days. Just
being able to back that up and plan
for that is quite a challenge.”

She discovered that she worked most
effectively in study groups, which
helped her maintain a healthy social
life at the same time.

She recalled an undercurrent of
prejudice because, as a woman, she
was still in a noticeable minority.
“I was one of very few women, espe-
cially in some of my engineering
and calculus classes, so it was a little
overwhelming at first that everyone
knew who I was but I didn’t know
as now-defunct “You Know You’re
a Tech Girl If…” annual feature. “I
wrote in one time because a woman
had been raped on campus, and that
exact same week they ran all these
ads about how Auburn girls looked
better than Georgia Tech girls and all
this kind of stuff. I wrote in say-
ing, you know, people were getting
raped on campus. Maybe we need
to be either promoting women or
talking about serious issues, nor who’s
got better figures.” Such features
would later encourage Dr. Walker
to initiate the now famous “Tech
Avenue Review” with some friends.

Nevertheless, despite these as-
pects of Tech, Dr. Walker found
plenty of assistance and support from
the Institute when she sought it out.
She fondly remembers the encour-
agement of Professor Kim Vicente,
human Factors Engineering
instructor. “I think he really was
able to help me figure out what my
strengths were and to help me apply
them,” Dr. Walker recalled. “He
seemed to really care about his indi-
vidual students and not just getting
the class done.” The Dean of Stu-
dents was another important fig-
ure. “There were several things that
happened to me on campus where I
wanted to have…a female leader,” Dr. Walker said. “She’s very involved
with women’s issues and sorority
issues.”

When she wasn’t studying, Dr.
Walker kept herself busy in an ex-
ceptionally wide variety of social ac-
tivities, most notably her involvement
in creating the Georgia Tech Flag
Corps (known to some as the Color
Guard) in 1990. “I wanted some-
thing creative to do… and [the Flag
Corps] wasn’t there. They didn’t
have it, and it was something I could
do. I’d done it in high school and
thought it was needed.” She and a
friend went to the band director
and earned enough funding and sup-
port to start and maintain the pro-
gram. She recalled that it required
a lot of physical training, but when
the Flag Corps began traveling with
the marching band and the football
team, she was treated to several ex-
hilarating-out-of-state trips, including
New York and Orlando when the
football team won the national cham-
pionship in 1991. As a bonus, her
training made her eligible to partic-
ipate in the Olympic Color Guard
with the rest of the Flag Corps when
the Georgia Tech Band was helping
Atlanta place a bid for the 1996
Olympics, earning her a spot on the
front page of The Atlanta Journal-
Constitution.

She also participated in the cam-
pus Greek life, although in an un-
conventional move, she avoided the
sororities and pledged the Fiji (Phi
Gamma Delta) fraternity, becom-
ing a formal sister to this male Greek
organization. “They actually had a
formal program… That was prob-
ably because I was at a mostly male
school. I don’t know if any other
schools have little sisters at their fra-
ternity house,” she said. Her pledge
made her eligible to participate in
all of Fiji’s activities, such as the
dance formals and other social func-
tions. “I could eat lunch at their
house (and) go to parties and stuff
like that,” she said. She recalled that
they always made her feel welcome.

In addition, Dr. Walker was also
a member of the Humane Society
and ORGT and a DJ for WREK
her freshman year. She exercised and
swam at the SAC, attended football
games and, indulging in her love for
the city, spent a notable amount of
time off-campus at Atlanta’s restau-
rants, movie theaters and music clubs.
She dated frequently, an indication
that much of Tech’s male student
body was getting over the “don’t
date Tech women” stigma. Further-
more, she recalled that she had full
access to all of Tech’s facilities, in-
cluding the swimming pool, which
by then had been opened up to wom-
en for some time.

Dr. Walker’s business-oriented

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**FRIDAY 1/24**
- 12:00 Phat Videos
- 12:30 Flava 101
- 1:00 UK Today
- 1:30 French Focus
- 2:00 SGA Today
- 4:00 RHA Today
- 6:00 Secrets Through Smoke
- 7:00 Panic Room
- 9:30 Girl Interrupted
- 12:00 Dead Poets Society
- 2:00 Jumanji

**SATURDAY 1/25**
- 12:00 Burly Bear
- 4:00 Crazy/Beautiful
- 6:00 The Dating Bill of Rights
- 6:30 The Dating Bill of Rights
- 7:00 Sorority Boys
- 8:30 Get Over It
- 11:00 The Virgin Suicides
- 1:00 Girl Interrupted

**SUNDAY 1/26**
- 12:00 Girl Interrupted
- 2:30 Jumanji
- 4:30 Dead Poets Society
- 7:00 The Virgin Suicides
- 9:00 Panic Room
- 11:00 Crazy/Beautiful
- 1:00 Get Over It

**MONDAY 1/27**
- 12:00 Phat Videos
- 12:30 Flava 101
- 1:00 Sorority Boys
- 3:00 Panic Room
- 5:00 Secrets Through Smoke
- 6:00 Phat Videos
- 6:30 Flava 101
- 7:00 Jumanji
- 9:00 Get Over It
- 10:30 Crazy/Beautiful

**TUESDAY 1/28**
- 12:00 Burly Bear
- 4:00 The Virgin Suicides
- 6:00 The Dating Bill of Rights
- 6:30 The Dating Bill of Rights
- 7:00 Dead Poets Society
- 9:30 Jumanji
- 11:30 Girl Interrupted

**WEDNESDAY 1/29**
- 12:00 It's a Lifestyle
- 12:30 World Business Review
- 1:00 Get Used To It
- 2:00 First Amendment
- 3:00 Get Over It
- 4:30 Girl Interrupted
- 7:00 Crazy/Beautiful
- 9:00 Sorority Boys
- 10:30 Panic Room

**THURSDAY 1/30**
- 12:00 Zilo Network
- 3:00 Sorority Boys
- 4:30 Crazy/Beautiful
- 6:00 Dating Bill of Rights
- 6:30 Dating Bill of Rights
- 7:00 Get Over It
- 9:00 Dead Poets Society
- 10:30 The Virgin Suicides

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- Jumanji

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Tech earns grant, implements rape awareness programs

By Kimberly Rieck
Senior Staff Writer

One in four women will be the victim of sexual assault at one point in her lifetime, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. In the United States, a woman is raped every two minutes, the highest rate of any industrialized nation in the world.

In the Atlanta area, there have been two high-profile rapes in the past six weeks. On Monday a female Georgia State student was kidnapped on Meritt Street and Centennial Olympic Park Drive, a frequent parking spot for GSU and Georgia Tech students. The woman was subsequently sexually assaulted by an unidentified man. This attack was six weeks after the on-campus attack of five women, four of them GSU students, in the Spartan dormitory at University Village. Two of the women were sexually assaulted.

At Georgia Tech, there have been seven reported cases of forcible sex offenses between 1999 and 2001. Other Atlanta area schools have reported similar figures for the time period.

However, the figures are misleading. Rape is one of the most underreported crimes. Most reported sexual assault crimes involve crimes committed against a victim by a stranger. The number of reported sexual assault crimes by someone the victim knows is significantly smaller. A U.S. Department of Justice study found fewer than five percent of completed and attempted rapes were reported to law enforcement officials.

According to preliminary data from the 2001 Georgia Tech Health Risk Behavior Survey, 10.1 percent of female students indicated that they had been forced to have sex against their will. The Georgia Women’s Health Survey indicated 37 percent of first rapes in Georgia occur in the age range of traditional college students.

“Women are not feeling comfortable coming forward and telling people what has happened. We would like Tech to be an environment where men and women come forward when something has happened to them,” said Heather Heppler Surrency, Director of the Women’s Health Center.

The Department of Justice created Grants to Reduce Violent Crimes Against Women to reduce the number of sexual assault crimes against women on college campuses. Recently Georgia Tech received one of the Justice Department’s grants. The $200,000 grant is good for two years. The Institute was one of twenty schools nationwide to receive the award. Georgia Tech was unique because of the high percentage of male to female ratio.

Georgia Tech will use the money to implement the Georgia Tech Violence Prevention Project (GTVPP). The GTVPP will establish the first official campus protocol for responding to survivors of sexual violence. While there is the Georgia Tech Policy on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct and the Sexual Assault Task Force on campus to define unacceptable behaviors, this will be the first official victim advocacy support network.

“One problem that we’ve had at Georgia Tech is that everybody’s really interested in this issue, but we all have so many things that we’re working on. We’re going to be able to hire a full time Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator. We’re also hiring a part-time Victim Advocate,” said Surrency.

Victims of sexual assault crimes currently can go to the Dean of Students Office to report the crime or to the Georgia Tech Police Department. It is up to the victim whether or not to pursue charges. Surrency said victims can see the Police Department and report the crime and then decide to press charges at a later date if they choose to do so.

Another focus of the grant will be to establish separate training programs for college men and women, faculty, staff and students. In order to establish this, Surrency, Yvette Upton and others worked with several on campus groups including the IFC, Panhellenic, FASET, Women’s Resource Center, Health Center, Dean of Students, Auxiliary Services, Housing, Georgia Tech Police Department, HYPE( Helping You Through Peer Education), Office of International Education, RHA, UJC, SGA, the Georgia Tech Interfaith Council and the GTAA.

Among others, the coordinator and the victim advocate will train members of each of the preceding groups in advocacy skills, sexual assault prevention information and how to be a resource for victims in need.

For example, each of the six Panhellenic sororities will train one member to be a victim advocate. The Housing Department pledged to the grant proposal to offer additional training in rape prevention to its Residence Life Coordinators and staff. Similar programs will occur in the aforementioned groups.

The program will also include Atlanta outreach programs. Among the programs in Atlanta that will aid in the prevention efforts are the Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault (GNESA), the Feminist Women’s Health Center, the Grady Rape Crisis Help Center and the Men Stopping Violence organization.

Several of these groups have already helped Tech in the Take Back the Night, Women’s Awareness Month and other awareness programs.

The GTVPP will be launching a media campaign, starting its advocacy training programs in the near future and hiring its first employee, Andy Peck, the Sexual Violence and Prevention Coordinator. Peck has experience working in the field when he worked with the Atlanta-based group Men Stopping Violence. He served as the group’s Youth Coordinator.

“My hope is that once we get this program going for sexual violence that we can expand the advocacy to all crimes,” said Surrency.

For more information, check out www.sexualassault.gatech.edu and www.gnesa.com
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