

# CAMPUS LIFE

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## Behind the camera

Becky Bardwell is the lady behind the camera. A video producer for GTCN, she records all many happening events. Page 15

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# Spy on your roommates, babysit pet goldfish, keep up with relatives all over the world and socialize—all with webcams

By Michael Barton  
As you've seen on TV

Web cameras (known as "webcams") seem to be coming into fashion across Georgia Tech campus. Webcams can be used in online chats, video conferencing, live video broadcasting on the Internet, and snapshot pictures.

These little devices are compact and normally can be hooked up through a USB port or parallel port.

Some upshot companies, such as Intel, have created software to allow the user to play several games using their camera, increasing consumer interest.

Basketball, ghosts and goblin shooting, and games such as hitting a ball around the screen are a few games invented by these software companies.

Another reason cited for using webcams is a social one.

Students connect to other webcam or non-webcam users across the nation to either show them how they look, to see how the other user looks, or to see each other while talking through a microphone at the same time if audio is available.

These devices can also be used to talk to friends and family across the world whether or not the other party has a webcam, a very popular use for college students that find them-

selves far from home.

Ali Tariq, an EE sophomore, recently acquired a used webcam "for five bucks."

"[I plan on using it] mainly to keep in touch with people in India," said Tariq. Of course, webcams can be used worldwide using the Internet.

Netmeeting is the prime software used for webcams due to its availability as a free download on the Internet.

This software uses IP addresses as the calling number and easily rings the other user to ask if they want to take the call or not.

Audio, whiteboard, chat, and video conferencing are available options for this software.

One of the more entertaining uses of webcams is to broadcast live video all day long.

Teveo and Inetcam are two live personal webcasting sites allowing usage of any type of webcam to broadcast real-time video.

Jesse Shieh, a computer science student who broadcasts his webcam using Teveo, said, "Everyone gets a real kick out of it."

Streaming video is not limited to a single person. Laboratories at Tech also use webcams for real-time viewing of the labs, such as the ME2110 lab (<http://precision.me.gatech.edu/class/me2110>).



By John Jewell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Michael Enos is one of the students on campus who has taken to using webcams. Enos's cam is broadcast in real-time, for anyone in the world to see. Other uses for webcams range from surveillance to communication.

The Georgia Tech Aerial Robotics lab has a web cam that is best viewed between 9 a.m.—3 p.m. when there have been reports of some very unusual flying robots. ([http://www.cad.gatech.edu/~gtar/html/live\\_video/livepic.html](http://www.cad.gatech.edu/~gtar/html/live_video/livepic.html)).

The GVU Center at the College of Computing has two more cams so you can watch people sit and

stare at computers (<http://www.cc.gatech.edu/gvu/lab/cam/>).

There are some practical uses for streaming videos.

People may watch their house, business, dorm room, pets or children using live streaming.

Personal streaming can be seen from anywhere in the world using the Internet.

Considering the technical aspect, the bandwidth varies with the type of server. Bandwidth is definitely going to be high when using webcams.

According to the Office of Information Technology (OIT), however, there is enough supported

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## Women's Awareness Month Doria Roberts



By John Jewell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A highlight of Women's Awareness Month was the folk musician Doria Roberts at Under the Couch on Tuesday. Events continue through March.

# More lawyers thanks to PAD

Phi Alpha Delta, the pre-law society, helps nurture and prepare future attorneys for law school and eventually, the courtroom

By Katy Jo Schroer  
Will see you in court

Are you interested in law school, or are you thinking you may be, but are not sure? Phi Alpha Delta is the newly chartered Pre-Law Fraternity at Georgia Tech.

Formerly the GT Pre-Law Society, Phi Alpha Delta is supervised by Professor Roberta Berry.

This organization is designed for students with an interest in law who may or may not pursue law school in the future.

Russell Blythe, a member and a Biology senior, said that he joined to "learn more about legal profession and to explore an interest in public policy issues."

Students are provided with opportunities to learn more about law in order to be successful in making a decision about law school and applying, as well as achieving a successful career in the law field.

Phi Alpha Delta sponsors speakers and hosts reviews for the LSAT tests.

Club President and Public Policy junior, Chad Sleiper, said, "The biggest thing Phi Alpha Delta does is bring in guest speakers, especially attorneys who did their undergraduate work at Tech."

Under the previous president, Hannah Moon-McSwain, a management junior, the Pre-Law Society became the organized GT chapter of the nationally recognized fraternity Phi Alpha Delta.

This past fall semester over thirty members were chartered

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into the formal fraternity.

All students are welcome to attend, although new members are selected once during spring semester and once during fall.

The group of members represents the spectrum of students, with majors ranging from Public Policy to Engineering.

There are many opportunities relevant to Phi Alpha Delta.

Students can, through the organization, become a member in the fraternity, volunteer for events, and be informed about careers in law.

This also allows participants to network with those who share their interest in law.

"Tech doesn't have a large pre-law community," Sleiper said. "This organization brings you into a loop."

"We get together and share information about law schools and how we prepare for the LSAT," said Blythe.

This year, Phi Alpha Delta has sponsored a number of presentations under the "Biotechnology, Ethics, and Policy Spring Speaker Series."

This series is also co-sponsored by the Institute of Bioengineering and Bioscience (IBB) and the School of Public Policy (SPP).

The first guest, on March 13, was Prof. John Robinson of the University of Notre Dame's Law School and Philosophy Department.

Prof. Robinson's lectures were titled, "Managed Death and Organ Harvesting," and, "How Glucksberg trumped Roe v. Wade and what that Means for American Political Life."

The next speaker is Prof.

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# Buzz Around the Campus



**Question** of the week

**“Who is your pick to win the NCAA tournament?”**

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**Katherine Duncan**  
ID Freshman

*“Stanford, because it’s warm in California.”*



**J.P. Coughlin**  
MSE Freshman

*“Arizona, because I’m from Arizona.”*



**Collins Westcott**  
CE Freshman

*“Indiana State. Larry the Legend’s alma mater.”*



**Phil Campbell**  
EE Freshman

*“GT, because we have the Goose. The Goose solves everything.”*



**Nicholai Dessypris**  
ISyE Junior

*“Maryland, because I hate Duke.”*



**Kristen Parks**  
EAS Sophomore

*“Duke, because I hate Maryland.”*



**Aaron Hurst**  
ISyE Senior

*“Southwest Texas A&T. My dad went there.”*



**Jim Whitehead**  
ISyE Senior

*“Gonzaga all the way.”*

# Campus briefs

## *Winter Buzz semi-formal to be held this weekend*

This Friday, March 23, is the annual Winter Buzz, a semi-formal for the entire school. The event is at the Biltmore and runs from 8 p.m. until midnight. There will be coach buses going back and forth between campus and the Biltmore. There will be a DJ, door prizes, food, and drinks. The cost is \$11 without a T-shirt and \$15 with a T-shirt. Tickets are on sale at the Student Center Box Office. If you would like more information, contact Angie Pullen at [gte824r@prism.gatech.edu](mailto:gte824r@prism.gatech.edu), or visit <http://rha.gatech.edu>.

## *SAE hosts campus-wide car show with \$50 award*

This Saturday, March 24, the Society of Automotive Engineers is sponsoring their First Annual Campus-Wide Car Show. It will be held in the MRDC parking lot from 12 p.m. until 4 p.m. Divisions for entrants will be Antique, Stock, Audio, Modified, and 4x4 classes. A \$50 award will be given to "Best in Show," and \$20 awards will be given to the first place finishers in each division. For more information, visit <http://www.me.gatech.edu/sae>, or contact [faris@resnet.gatech.edu](mailto:faris@resnet.gatech.edu).

## *Alcohol Policy Revision meeting next week*

This Monday, March 26, there will be an Alcohol Policy Revision Meeting in Room 117 of the Student Services Building. It will be from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

## *Alpha Xi Delta holds golf tournament for charity*

Alpha Xi Delta is sponsoring a charity golf tournament, which benefits the Atlanta Children's Shelter. It will be held on Sunday, April 22, at the Southernness Golf Club in Stockbridge, GA. There is a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start, and the tournament will be played in teams of four. The cost is \$85 for adults and \$65 for students, which includes cart rental, greens fee, range balls, dinner, and a T-shirt. There will be prizes for closest to pin, longest drive, longest putt, and more. Entry forms can be obtained from any Alpha Xi member, or by contacting Anne Bradford at [gte412j@prism.gatech.edu](mailto:gte412j@prism.gatech.edu). Entry forms are due by Friday, April 6. Contact Anne for more information.

## *Sailing Club new member barbeque coming up*

The Sailing Club is hosting its annual open house and new member barbeque at Lake Lanier on Saturday, March 23. The group will go to the lake for a day of sailing and a beach barbeque. For more information, contact Phil Timm [gte955k@prism.gatech.edu](mailto:gte955k@prism.gatech.edu) for more information.

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## Islamic Awareness Week Mystery Behind the Veil



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Islamic Awareness week brought programs to campus to raise awareness of the Islamic culture. These programs included the role of Jesus as a prophet, the status of women, science, and the modern world.

## Greek Week 2001 Schedule of Events

### Sunday, April 1

9:00 a.m.—Olympus Derby, the Hill  
11:00 a.m.—Car pull, O'Keefe parking lot  
11:05 a.m.—Climb Mt. Olympus, the Hill  
12:00 p.m.—Chipping Challenge, Burger Bowl  
2:00 p.m.—Pass the Torch, track  
4:00 p.m.—Arm Wrestling, TKE house

### Monday, April 2

3:05 p.m.—Homerun Derby, Burger Bowl  
4:15 p.m.—Chariot Chug Race, Burger Bowl  
6:00 p.m.—Greek God & Goddess, SC Theatre

### Tuesday, April 3

11:05 a.m.—Human Pyramid, Burger Bowl  
3:05 p.m.—Sack Race, Burger Bowl  
3:15 p.m.—Three-Legged Jello Jam, Burger Bowl  
4:05 p.m.—Frisbee Golf, Student Center Stairs  
4:15 p.m.—Obstacle Course, Burger Bowl  
7:00 p.m.—Limbo Contest, Phi Sig House

### Wednesday, April 4

2:05 p.m.—Watermelon Chase, Sigma Nu House  
3:05 p.m.—Bat Race, Burger Bowl  
3:15 p.m.—Slam Dunk Contest, Chi Phi House  
4:30 p.m.—Faculty Reception, Student Success

### Thursday, April 5

2:05 p.m.—Hula Hoop Race, Burger Bowl  
3:05 p.m.—Stampede, Burger Bowl  
5:05 p.m.—Hail Fein, SAC  
7:05 p.m.—Bail Out & Pool Events, Bubble Pool

### Friday, April 6

4:05 p.m.—Rack 'Em Up, SC Game Room

### Sunday, April 8

12:00 p.m.—Tug, Vacant Lot

### Monday, April 9

8:00 p.m.—Greek Sing Finals, Ferst Theatre

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## Webcam

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bandwidth for the current webcam usage on campus.

Michael Estler, a Systems Support Specialist at OIT, said, "If everybody on campus were to start using webcams, it could possibly cause a bandwidth problem; however, there is no problem at this time." In other words, webcam usage on campus is not too massive. An average of 1 in 10 students on Tech campus actually use webcams.

If you feel the desire to broadcast your image over the Internet to friends, relatives, and complete strangers, you may now be wonder-

ing where to go to buy a webcam, how much they cost, what companies produce them, and how easily the installation is.

On average, a good webcam costs anywhere from \$50-\$100 at most electronic stores, such as Best Buy, CompUSA, or Circuit City.

Intel, Ezonics, Logitech, IBM, and 3COM are just a few of the companies that make quality webcams.

Most webcams come with their own company software or have downloadable drivers on the Internet.

## Pre-Law

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Haavi Morreim of the University of Tennessee College of Medicine.

Prof. Morreim is a bioethicist who focuses on the law and economics of medicine and managed care.

Dr. Morreim will deliver two lectures on Friday, April 6, at 12 p.m. at the IBB and 3:30 p.m. at the Clary Theatre in the Success Center (titles of talks are still TBA).

Phi Alpha Delta's new leadership was sworn in just this past February.

They are currently working on a schedule of speakers and events for the members of "PAD" for the next year.

Prof. Berry brings resources through the pre-law seminar she teaches, her oversight of pre-law cer-

tificates, and her work to creating a pre-law minor at Georgia Tech.

"She's played an incredible role in sponsoring the society... she's very open to helping anyone who's interested in going to law school," said Blythe.

Over the next year, Sleiper said, "I'd really like to see PAD grow on campus, and become well known [and] also establish relationships with law school admissions offices, so that they can come in and speak."

*If you would like more information, visit Phi Alpha Delta's website at <http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/pre-law>, or e-mail them at [PreLaw@gatech.edu](mailto:PreLaw@gatech.edu). The group holds meetings Mondays at 6 p.m. in the Student Center.*

## Civil War ad sparks controversy at universities

By Sarah Salwen  
Cavalier Daily

(U-WIRE) University of Virginia—A student coalition at Brown University has become so incensed by The Brown Daily Herald, the school's student newspaper, that it has demanded the paper cease distribution on campus and remove the word "Brown" from its title.

These demands, the newest added to a growing list, were sparked by the publication of a controversial advertisement denouncing the payment of reparations for slavery.

"It is not the place of the editorial board to choose which opinions can run" in the paper, Herald Editor-in-Chief Patrick Moos said.

Written and paid for by conservative author David Horowitz, the full-page ad is headlined "Ten Reasons Why Reparations for Slavery Is a Bad Idea—and Racist Too."

Among the reasons the ad lists, "Reparations to African Americans have already been paid ... in the form of welfare benefits and racial preferences."

The ad also states, "The reparations claim is a separatist idea that sets African Americans against the nation that gave them freedom," and, "there is no single group clearly responsible for the crime of slavery."

Many of the 47 school newspapers that received the ad rejected it.

However, three other newspapers, including those at Arizona State, the University of California-Berkeley, and the University of California-Davis ran the advertisement but later published apologies.

"We decided to run the advertisement because [it was] a business decision," Moos said.

The ad ran in the Herald last Tuesday. But before distribution Friday, a coalition of mostly minority student groups seized nearly 4,000 copies of the paper to prevent its release in demonstration of their anger.

"I doubt that would be our first course of action" in a similar situation, said Mike Costa, president of the University's Black Student Alliance.

If facing a situation like the one at Brown, "we would probably want to contact the newspaper or write an opinion piece," Costa said.

The coalition also demanded the Herald not keep the \$580 paid by Horowitz and instead donate the funds to the Third World community, a campus minority fund, and it demanded a free full-page ad for response to Horowitz's ad.

The Herald has refused to fulfill any of the coalition's expressed

demands.

It also reprinted 1,000 copies of its Friday edition and redistributed them on campus Saturday.

"Gentlemen like [Horowitz] are entitled to their opinions," Costa said, acknowledging the First Amendment right to free speech. But "there are issues you have to be more sensitive to," and student newspapers should "have the foresight to know an ad like that could cause problems," he said.

Horowitz issued several statements on Frontpage magazine's Web site in response to the controversy spurred by his advertisements.

In a statement, Horowitz said the controversy remains very one-sided and said that "the critics' characterizations of my motives and perspectives are so hysterical and absurd that I have not even bothered to answer them."

The Herald receives no financial support from Brown University and is completely independent from the school.

As a result, the paper relies on advertisements for all its funding, Moos said. "We run every ad we get every day ... (but) we will not print ads that are illegal or obscene," he said.

*The Technique received the Horowitz ad last week and decided to decline it.*

# FACES

## - Profile on Becky Bardwell -

By Matt Nugent  
Imaginary byline

Meet Rebekah Bardwell, or Becky as she prefers to be called, because chances are that if you live on campus, you have already met her work.

The 23 year-old STAC Tech alumni is a video production manager for Georgia Tech Cable Network (GTCN).

While a student at Tech, she was the producer of Phat Videos, taped SGA, RHA, TechTalk, and other campus events, such as visiting speakers.

"As producer, I came up with the show ideas, shot the show, edited the show, made contacts to coordinate shows, anything necessary for the production of the show, I did everything," Becky said about her role in producing Phat Videos. "Except host it" she adds.

But now, being an employee of GTCN, she has stepped back from the actual taping and now manages different shows and events that appear on the network.

She manages both of Tech's music video shows, Phat Videos and Flava 101, and while she has nothing to do with the content, she coordinates the filming for TechTalk and the live broadcasts of both SGA and RHA meetings.

"I manage 4 to 6 students. Teach them how to use a camera, how to use the editing equipment here," she said.

"3 to 4 of the students work specifically on shows, and the others have editing jobs or nightly production positions... For the music video show students, I teach them

how to make contacts with record labels, how to coordinate interviews and find contacts for shows, pretty much what I did as a student for Phat Videos."

Becky is contemplating attending graduate school in a few years, but for right now she is happy where she is.

Whatever she does however, must be "fun". "I know that I will never be in a job where I watch the clock," said Becky.

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**Becky Bardwell**  
Video Producer, GTCN

"I got into television because I thought it would be fun. I had no prior experience and I didn't even know what being a producer meant. I got the position as producer of Phat Videos and I learned what the job entailed as I went... I learned a lot about producing music video shows as a student, and I think that helps me when managing students who have the same job I used to have."

She feels that the other students at GTCN feel that same way as she,

and theorizes, "I would have to say that most students work at GTCN because they love it and not for the money. I remember when I first applied, I was willing to work for free, even sweep the floors, I really didn't care. I just wanted to get my foot in the door there. Even now, I am not too concerned with money. I enjoy my job and I am never bored."

Becky's main goal while at GTCN is to help it be "an asset to the Georgia Tech community." She notes, "By taping the RHA and SGA meetings and broadcasting them live, we are providing an awesome service to Tech students."

Her next goal is to ensure that every student-produced show on GTCN be of excellent quality. She wants the shows to "compare to music video shows you'd see on MTV or VH-1."

Finally, she would like to increase student viewership of the GTCN channels.

When asked how, she talked about quality programming, but of course what she really meant was free stuff.

Perhaps little known to the student body, GTCN is a major distributor of goods to its viewers.

On the first Monday of every month, students can find GTCN set up in the Student Center and play games for prizes, such as new CD's, T-Shirts, posters, and movie passes.

She also notes that students can vote for which movies they want to see on channel 21 at <http://www.gtcn.gatech.edu>, and GTCN has also set up a system where every 50th voter receives a prize.



By Robert Hill / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Becky Bardwell is currently a video producer with GTCN, with grand plans for improvement. Her shows range from live SGA to music videos.**

Becky has also started an initiative to expand GTCN to take a larger role on campus beyond the television channels.

An example of this is a GTCN sponsored H&R Block tax prep help session.

"We're having a representative from H&R Block come out on Tuesday, April 3 from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. in the Student Center, room

319 to give student free tax help," said Becky. "I came up with this idea because I thought it'd be cool to get our name out on campus, besides just with our relation to T.V."

She is also excited about GTCN's newest show, "The Latest Dish," which will be hosted by Matt Smith who you might remember from

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MTV's "Real World."

There have been many interesting moments for Becky while she has been recording life at Tech, but one of the most chaotic came from the taping of a free-style contest where participants rap on the fly.

She remembers, "Many of the contestants hadn't had enough home training, so they got up in front of a crowd of their friends and acted like total idiots and said things about 'your mama' that we couldn't even show. We don't like to censor what goes on our shows, but some of the stuff said was said at this contest was really inappropriate and offensive for television broadcast."

Also memorable is her interviews of musicians, such as Grammy nominated R&B singer Kenny Lattimore, JT Money, who might best be remembered for the old club hit "Shake Whatcha Mama Gave Ya",

and 'NSNYC.

Of 'NYSNC of all the people she has interviewed she quips, "I'd have to rate them most immature."

She was much more impressed by the professionalism of Lattimore, but was unsure of her time with JT Money mentioning that "somebody had smoked a little too much to be on T.V. that night."

Besides working with GTCN, Becky has played soccer at Tech, been a tour guide on campus, a D.J. at WREK, a sports writer for the *Technique*, and a Community Advisor in Woodruff Hall.

"I really enjoyed being a CA in Woodruff because I met so many people in that position. Students always felt like they could come in my room and talk to me, and that was nice, to always have friends in your room," said Becky.

Video production however, seems

to be the activity that kept her interest. "I had a really fun time learning. I learned a lot about growing up and making good choices from my manager at GTCN. That was probably one of the most valuable things I got out of my Tech experience."

*You can see first hand what Becky and the other GTCN staff do at Tech by catching any of GTCN's student run shows on channel 21. Check <http://www.gtcn.gatech.edu> for a schedule.*

### Join Campus Life Staff

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Yeah.

## CCF teams dominate "in motion" campus intramural basketball championships

By Matthew Bryan  
Sports Editor

The Christian Campus Fellowship male team Backcourt in Motion and female team Pom-Poms in Motion each captured the school championship in intramural basketball last week.

The men's team's performance in the regular season earned them the right to compete in the A-league independent conference championships where they fell to Germany.

The loss in the championship forced CCF to play the top fraternity seed, FIJI, to compete for the school championship. The match would mark the third year in a row that FIJI stood between CCF and the school champion-

ship. CCF won the game and a trip to the school championships against Germany, a team they had faced twice and lost to both times.

This time CCF overcame the team and a 10-point deficit to take the game into overtime, where they outscored Germany 10-2 to make the final 54-42.

The games MVP was Jode Ballard who earned a giant Crunch bar for his efforts.

The girl's road to the final was much easier, although they entered the tournament seeded below their opponent, Romans.

The girls easily captured the 40-24 victory over Romans, highlighted by the performance of Mariah Wilson who earned MVP honors.

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