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Greek events make strange things happen in Burger Bowl



By Michael Hsia / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Chariot Race in the Buger Bowl is just one of many Greek Week events. Other events include a wild obstacle course, a spring social and more. Greeks who attend get points for their houses, and get more for winning.

By Katy Jo Schroer
Greek Goddess

Imagine being at the Burger Bowl holding a flag next to a child's plastic pool in the rain and wind with vegetable oil getting all over your face and hair as you anchor the flag in that pool of Crisco shortening. Now, imagine being the one who dives into that pool to grab the flag and hurry on to the next task in the obstacle course, sponsored by Alpha Delta Pi.

This is just one of the many events that Greeks participated in during Greek Week, which was held from April 1 to April 9.

"A lot of time, effort, and planning went into this entire week, which has been coordinated by the Greek Week Committee," Cara Cocos, a member of the committee, said as she sat behind the check-in table where Greeks wore their letters and signed-in to earn points for their house.

Earning points for your house is

what this week is all about.

At each event you participate in, points are earned for Greeks' fraternities or sororities.

The better they do in the events, the more points they earn.

The whole idea of Greek Week is to bring the entire Greek Community together as a whole. Tonight, a Jimmy Buffett cover band will play at the Burger Bowl, and every Greek organization is invited to participate in the GT Spring Social sponsored by the Greek Week Social Committee.

This is one of the events that truly unites the Greek Community here at Tech.

Greek Week events include many different competitions such as the three-legged Jell-O race, the Slam-Dunk Contest, a reception with the GT Faculty, and Tug.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Slam-Dunk Contest was held at the Chi Phi house. Each participating

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45 years of wind at their backs makes GTSC special

By Matt Nugent
Kung Fu Masta'

On the average Saturday of March 24, the Georgia Tech Sailing Club (GTSC) held its annual open invitation New Members Barbeque.

Free food and plenty of opportunities to sail on Lake Lanier were provided in order to let interested students discover if sailing would be something that they would personally enjoy.

The group met at 9:00 a.m. at the water sports clubhouse, directly across the street from the 10th Avenue Papa Johns, to caravan up to the lake.

After a 45-minute drive up 85, they arrived at the Lake Lanier Sailing Club, where the club sails out of and stores the majority of its boats. Once there, members and guests alike started to set up the club's boats and move them onto the water.

The new members had their choice of craft to sail on. The C-15's, which are two to five person, 15 foot dinghies with two sails, provided an entry level exhilarating ride for the new members. These boats are small, quick, and very agile, and require constant adjustment of weight by the crew in order to prevent capsizing.

A special thrill is available to the person riding the trapeze, a cable and harness set-up that allows crew members to hang in mid-air off of the side of the boat. The "trap," as its called by the experienced members, is used during races to allow the boats to catch more wind yet still remain stable, or just to provide some extra fun during non-race con-

ditions.

Also sailing at the New Member Barbeque, was a Hobie Cat, a 16-foot catamaran, also with two sails. A catamaran is a boat with two hulls, one on each end, that are separated by a deck, cabin, or in the case of Hobies, a trampoline.

Even though the club sails these boats at the lake, they are designed to be sailed up and down beaches and as they have no underwater fins, and can be pulled right up to the shore. The club will be using their fleet of Hobie Cats this upcoming weekend when they travel down to the Florida coast for a few days of sailing.

An interesting craft that drew the interest of a select group of the club's members was the wind surfer. Wind surfers resemble large surfboards with sails attached. Instead of waves, the riders use wind power to skim across the water.

The club has several windsurfers and will also be taking them to Florida.

The more timid members, or those just seeking to relax, set sail on one of the club's two larger keelboats. Both boats, around 25 feet, resemble large C-15's with cabins. The real difference lies under the water.

The keelboats have a large metal fin sticking down into the water from the underside of the boat.

The keel makes up a large portion of the boats entire weight and helps to keep the boat upright in the water. It takes a truly determined sailor or truly strong wind to

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FACES at Georgia Tech

- Profile on Will Roper -

By Rina Bala
Not a Physics major

Not many students would spend a 17-hour bus ride in high school memorizing a thousand digits of Pi, but Will Roper, Tech's fifth Truman scholar, did.

Over 1000 students nationwide apply for the Truman Scholarship annually. Roper was among the 70 students awarded the scholarship this year and the only one from Georgia.

The scholarship committee looks for college juniors with exceptional leadership potential who are committed to careers in gov-

ernment, the non-profit or advocacy sectors, education, or elsewhere in public service.

It then provides the winners with financial support for graduate study, leadership training, and fellowship with other students who are committed to making a difference through public service.

Will, who was awarded a \$30,000 scholarship from the foundation, has always been devoted to the service and education of others. In high school, he started GUIDE (Guiding Underclassmen In Directions of Excellence), a tutoring program where high school students tutored mid-

dle school students.

He proposed a bill in support of this program to the State Legislature and got State-implemented funding.

More recently Will helped start a national program called GRADS, funded mainly by Coke, which prepares inner-city students for college.

He has spent the last two years doing the behind-the-scenes work, such as setting up seminars.

At the moment, Will is a third-year graduating senior majoring in Physics.

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By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Will Roper can memorize 1000 digits of pi and still win the extremely prestigious Truman Scholarship. One of the reasons for his success is his devotion to service in tutoring and teaching younger students.

Buzz Around the Campus



Danielle McDonald
Student Organizations Advisor

"I've already thought about it—Elisabeth Shue."



Mark Douglas
Coordinator of Greek Affairs

"Tom Hanks, because of his all-star performance in 'Bosom Buddies.'"



Stephanie Ray
Associate Dean of Students

"Oprah Winfrey, because people used to think I was her when 'The Color Purple' came out."



Dan Carlson
Assistant Dean of Students

"Tom Cruise, since we look so much alike."

Question of the week

"Who would play you in a movie about your life?"

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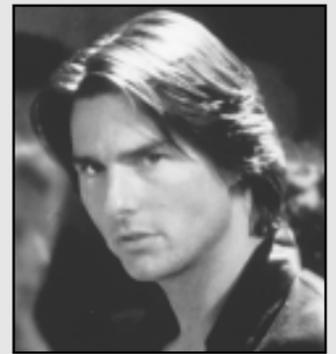
Elisabeth Shue



Tom Hanks



Oprah Winfrey



Tom Cruise

Campus briefs

Spring musical "Forum" begins at Drama Tech

This weekend, Drama Tech will begin its production of, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. The musical will be performed in Drama Tech's Dean Dull Theatre on April 6, 7, and 11-14. It will also be performed in the Robert Ferst Center for the Arts on April 19-21. Student tickets are \$4 at all showings; faculty/staff tickets are \$6 in the Dull Theatre and \$8 in the Ferst Theatre; and general admission tickets are \$8 in the Dull Theatre and \$10 in the Ferst Theatre. All shows are at 8 p.m. For reservations, call Drama Tech at 404-894-3481, or the Ferst Theatre at 404-894-9600.

Dean Griffin Day celebrates faculty and staff

Dean Griffin Day is a day of faculty and staff appreciation, sponsored by the Georgia Tech Ambassadors. To get involved, submit a letter to those professors or staff members to whom you want to show your thanks at <http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/ambassadors/dgd.html>. Please submit as many letters as you like until Sunday, April 8. The letters will be delivered on Thursday, April 12. The letters can be signed or delivered anonymously. For more information, e-mail Whitney Setzer at gte799p@prism.gatech.edu.

Road Race and volleyball tournament this weekend

This Saturday, April 7, the Georgia Tech Alumni Association and Student Alumni Association are co-sponsoring the 29th Annual Pi Mile Road Race. It begins at 8 a.m., and registration for students is \$8. Awards will be presented to the top finishers in eleven categories for male and females, and there will also be food and music. For more information or to register, go to <http://gtalumni.org/pimile>. Later in the afternoon, Delta Tau Delta will be holding their 10th Annual Volleyball Tournament, benefiting the Ronald McDonald House, at their house. The first match will be at 11 a.m. There are four players per team, and there is a \$40 entrance fee per team. There will be a first place cash prize as well as other prizes. For more information or to register, go to <http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/delt/philanthropy>. Teams may also register the day of the tournament. Fraternity and sorority members receive philanthropy hours for participating.

WLC 2002 looking for committee chairs to plan

The 2002 Women's Leadership Conference is looking for male and female students from all areas of campus to fill several committee chair positions. Positions such as finance, marketing, logistics, technology, and conference chairs are available. Applications are available in room 217 of the Student Services Building or online at <http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/wlc>. The conference chair position application is due by 5 p.m. on April 11, and all other committee chair applications are due by 5 p.m. on April 16. For more information, contact Jill Pollyniak at gt5225a@prism.gatech.edu.

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flip a keelboat.

The GTSC also has a fleet of Lasers, smaller, single-sailed boats that only carry one person. Of course the new members did not sail on these as no experienced crewmember would be able to ride with them.

In between the many trips out on the water, members and guests alike enjoyed plenty of burgers, hotdogs, chips and sodas.

When the grill proved to be too slow in cooking for the 30-plus people there, many members turned to roasting hotdogs and marshmallows on sticks in the campfire. Frisbee, football, tanning, and other typical beach activities also took place on the sand shore of the lake.

The day was cut slightly short when in the late hours of the afternoon a sudden storm swept over

the lake. The club members raced to get the boats out off the exposed water and into the docks and up on land. However, soon after the boats were settled, the storm had passed over.

After some final clean up, most everyone started heading back to campus, while a few members stayed for an overnight campout.

The sailing club has been around since 1961 and throughout its history has been one of the largest clubs on campus. This year it is celebrating its 45-year anniversary.

Throughout the year, the sailing club participates in races throughout the south east, plans longer trips, and almost every other weekend you can find some member from the club sailing at Lake Lanier.

The club also takes an annual

skiing trip to Snowshoe, West Virginia, an annual trip to the Bahamas over spring break, and every semester they head down to Ft. Walton Beach, Florida for a weekend of sailing.

Whether you are an experienced sailor looking for opportunities to get out on the water, someone that wants to learn how to handle a boat, or if you just want to meet new people, the sailing club has opportunities for you.

To learn more about GTSC, visit the club's Web site at <http://www.gtsailing.org>. The club holds weekly meetings at the water sports clubhouse every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Its also tradition for the club to go out to dinner after their meetings so don't eat before hand.



By Becca Cutri-Kohart / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Two of GTSC's smaller boats, a C-15 and a Laser meet up on Lake Lanier. This year, sailing club celebrated its 45th anniversary of providing opportunities for the student, faculty and alumni community to sail in Atlanta.

FACES

In all his years at Tech he has earned straight A's in all his classes except for the one B he got in a Quantum Mechanics.

He has done research for the Physics department and is applying for the GTRI (Georgia Tech Research Institute) this summer.

After graduating, he intends to do his masters in Physics while working part time for Tech, and then consider doctoral programs.

Will is a member of the Madison Baptist Church and usually spends his summers going to impoverished countries as a missionary.

For example, last summer he went to the Blue Mountain region of Jamaica, and before that he visited one of the central regions of Haiti.

When not excelling in studies and serving his fellow man, Will likes to spend his time "doing anything which involves buying a tick-

et," such as going to the movies, the opera, the Shakespeare Tavern—you name it.

He sings for the Chamber Choir and is considering employment with Ferst Theatre management and fundraising while he completes his Master's.

Will even sang with the Atlanta Ballet for the "Carmina Burona" show at the Fox Theater not long ago.

Aside from all this, he is also in very good shape.

He likes to work out and runs with the vice-president of Student Affairs, Dr. Lee Wilcox. He is also a second-degree black belt in Karate and used to teach it, too, a while

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back.

His parents, he said, are of course very proud, but not at all surprised.

They are indeed lucky parents, for even their young son, Lee Roper, is someone to contend with. He is an All-American Wrestler—third in the nation—and wants to go to North

Carolina State University after high school.

Will also wanted to express his gratitude to a few people without whom he said he would probably not have been able to achieve the Truman scholarship.

Paul Hurst, Director of Enrollment Services and Special Programming, helped Will prepare his application and guided him throughout the way.

Marti Moore, his girlfriend, not

only supported him throughout the entire process, but also helped him make up work for the classes he missed, informed him on political happenings, and basically kept him plugged in on everything.

Chris Young, former recipient of the scholarship two years ago, also helped him prepare for it.

Will's classmate, Marian Bachman, also lent a hand by taking notes in class and supplying them to him so he would not be missing out on anything.

Will wanted to thank these specific people for helping him so much, as well as Tech itself and its faculty and staff.

As for the future, Will hopes to be a professor for ten to fifteen years and then go into politics, preferably in the Department of Education specifically dealing with Math and the Sciences.

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Greek Week

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fraternity and sorority had three chances to dunk a basketball in the goal (7.5 feet high for girls and 9 feet high for boys) and were judged by GT basketball players.

Brian Waits, a Greek Week Executive, said, "The Slam Dunk contest brings out the best in the Athletic Association (LaBarrie, Aikens, Vines, and Babul) and the best in the Greek Community."

Jon Babul, a Tech basketball player and judge of the creativity and originality the dunkers used, said, "I am just waiting for someone to funnel a beer and dunk."

The finalists for the fraternities were Beta, FIJI, Chi Phi, Sigma Nu, Theta Chi, and Pi Kappa Phi, and for the sororities they were Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi, and Alpha Xi Delta. The first place winners were FIJI and Alpha Chi Omega. The event turned out to be a

crowd-pleaser, and there were even some moms there for cheering and support.

The Tug-O-War (a.k.a. Tug) is probably one of the most competitive and worked-up for events in

"I am just waiting for someone to funnel a beer and dunk."

Jon Babul
Greek Week Basketball Judge

the entire week. The goal is to pull the end knot from the other team's anchor or to gain the majority of the rope at the end of the time limit.

Because there is a weight limit for each team of 1600 pounds using 13 girls, or 2000 lbs. using 14 boys,

team members fast for weeks before weighing in. They practice several days a week for a month beforehand.

The actual tug consists of a central pit (approximately 8 feet wide by 10 feet long by 8 feet deep) filled with water and two tugging pits on either side.

The two teams line up on either side of the pit along the tug rope and attempt to pull the tug rope from the other team. The event takes place this Sunday afternoon.

Overall, Greek Week is a fun time to get together and relax with friends. Kelly Farell, a first year Alpha Delta Pi, says, "Greek Week has been so much fun, it actually got me excited to be Greek and made me feel proud to be a sorority girl here at Tech. I can't wait for the next few years of my Georgia Tech future."



By Michael Hsia / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

There were many athletic events during Greek Week, where fraternities and sororities proved their skill and tried to earn points for their House.

Campus briefs

Registration Fair from SPAARC advisors next week

On Tuesday, April 10, SPAARC will host a Registration Fair from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The fair will be in room 110 of the ESM Building. Discuss with advisors what classes you should take, how many hours you should take, questions about your major, how to get an overload, and more. For more information, e-mail spaarc@gatech.edu.

Alpha Xi Delta charity golf tournament coming up

Alpha Xi Delta is hosting their 13th annual charity golf tournament, which benefits the Atlanta Children's Shelter, on Sunday, April 22, at Southernness Golf Course. There will be a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. The cost to play is \$65 for students and \$85 for adults. Cost includes carts, green fee, range balls, dinner, and a T-shirt. There will be various prizes and a raffle. Please contact Anne Bradford at 678-612-5093 or gte412j@prism.gatech.edu by Sunday, April 8, if you would like to register a team or get more information.

Be a liaison for incoming students with GTLINCS

Georgia Tech Liaisons for Incoming College Students (GTLINCS), is a program sponsored by the Student Alumni Association in which current Tech students call incoming students and answer any questions they might have about student life at Tech. This year's program is from April 9-11 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. each night in the Alumni/Faculty House. If you are interested in participating, sign up online at cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/saa.

Freshman Psych course looking for team leaders

The Psych 1000 Advisory Board is currently recruiting Team Leaders for the fall of 2001. The Board is looking for leaders who really care about helping incoming freshmen at Tech. For more information, there will be two information sessions on Thursday, April 12. They will be held from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. in room 217 of the Student Services Building, and from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in room 301 of the Student Center. If you cannot attend either of the information sessions, e-mail the TL Advisory Board at wannabeTL@hotmail.com.

Angie Aparo concert at the Ferst Center for the Arts

On Tuesday, April 10, Angie Aparo will perform at the Robert Ferst Center for the Arts. The show will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the Student Center Box office for \$5 with a Tech ID. There is a limit of two tickets per ID. General public tickets are \$12. To purchase tickets, visit the Student Center Box Office, or call 404-894-9600. For more information on the artist, visit www.angieaparo.com.

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Women in Engineering Awards Banquet



By Rob Hill / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The WIE Banquet, planned by Dr. Mimi Philabos (left), celebrated women engineers with high GPA's. Marsha Hurtado and Katie Bailey (top) are two honorees. The events included speaker and alumni, Cheryl Perkins (right) who presented one of many scholarships for women to Natasha Goguts (far right).