“Hook up” without ever leaving your room

New website allows students to find out if their crushes like them back, using nothing but their GT number

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The buzz around campus recently has focused on a new website for Tech students called githookedup.com that allows them to ‘hook up’ with their peers.

The website, called githookedup.com or simply gihookedup, is not designed solely for the socially inept. In theory, “anyone who is attracted to someone willing to say it” is a potential user, according to the site’s creator.

Removing the fear of rejection is another one of the goals of the site. Future versions will also include a love advice column written by “Dr. Love.”

Several people are currently working on the web site, but the original creator of the site wrote the code and maintains the database on which the website is based. He also has plans to redesign the site for the upcoming fall semester.

The individual wished to remain anonymous because of the fear that he may be known as “that dating guy.” He also saw the possibility of misinterpretation of the web site and its objectives if its creators are revealed.

The creators of the website hope to solve this problem by creating an anonymous way for Tech students to find out if their crush has the same feelings for them. The site has been attracting students since early last semester.

Though Tech has a reputation for being incredibly slow and lazy during the summer, students find ways to remain busy throughout the long summer haul. They point to their calendars, filled with meetings and concerts and special summer events, as evidence to keep idle hands busy.

Take, for instance, one of the most active groups on campus this summer, the Student Center Programming Council. Most of the Council’s ten committee chairs make an effort to put on at least one major activity or event every summer. According to Elizabeth Costner, the council’s Activities Chair and the SCPC’s president, the council had already made a list of ideas for summer 2003.

“We’re showing H isaid of State, we’re doing a trip to L.A. and then we’re doing sidewalk chalk,” she said. “Our movies are always popular, [and] ice cream is always popular. [Since] it’s free. Most of our events are free.”

Also on call for student recreation are the Residential Halls All Association and the three summer Halls Councils. “We are doing an event called Films on the Fountain, where we get a recently-released movie, [and] we show two or three of them on the fountain at the Campus lake on a Saturday. We’ve had pop corn out there, [and] we’ll even planning to use the H ampshire courtyard,” said Andrew O hward, president of RHA, “and that will just wrap us right through finals week and into Welcome Week.”

The Halls Councils run the majority of the activities, though, since they receive money from the resident hall associations. “Our movies are always free,” said Mandy Zielonka, 4th-year CS major.

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Despite Tech’s seemingly dead campus over the summer, students find numerous ways to keep themselves amused, whether it’s through organized activities, days at the beach or random get-togethers with friends.

There are interested in finding activities to do, even if they are busy with work or study. “I’m going to work around these difficulties, for instance, arranging some events for the evening,” said O hward.

But a shortage of events haven’t stopped students from seeking out alternatives forms of recreation. “Interesting movies, concerts and interesting other social activities and get-togethers with friends are the most popular uses of students’ off hours. Road trips to visit thecian or other exotic locales or old friends at other places are also popular choices.”

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colleges are also common.

"I take the metro hang out with friends that I haven’t seen in a while, and I take advantage of the outdoor weather by doing things like going to the lake," said Mandy Zielonka, a rising fourth-year CS major. "Also, I catch up on all the summer movies."

For the city-goers, Atlanta hosts an assortment of tourist attractions and various summer events, such as this month’s Atlanta Film Festival or the Screen on the Green at Piedmont Park, and discount tickets to Six Flags are available at the Box Office.

There’s bound to be plenty of leisure reading as well, with the release of the much-anticipated Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire. The soccer and baseball teams are both in full swing, and the campus’s recreation facilities are available for use.

Furthermore, while most sports are out of season, there are a few that thrive during the summer. Tech’s track and field team doesn’t wrap up their season until next week, and the baseball team recently finished their season. For the other athletic opportunities, the student body is encouraged to participate in the various intramural and club sports offered by the Student Activities Center.

And lastly, students interested in more information can visit www.rha.gatech.edu for more details on upcoming events and activities.