Flaherty, Amir garner Mr. & Ms. Georgia Tech honors

By Nikhil Joshi
Assistant News Editor

The announcement of Kevin Flaherty and Saira Amir as Mr. and Ms. Georgia Tech during halftime at Homecoming took an unexpected turn when Flaherty proposed to his girlfriend, Christine Grabowski.

Amir, a fourth-year Public Policy major, serves as executive vice president of student government. Flaherty, a fourth-year Aerospace Engineering major, is currently the chief justice on the Undergraduate Judicial Committee (UJC). Grabowski is a fourth-year Polymer, Textile and Fiber Engineering major.

"Chris always likes to knock people over at football games and get on the big screen. Put that together with the fact that I'd be on the field… if I actually won Mr. Georgia Tech, it was pretty much a golden opportunity," Flaherty said.

Flaherty received his Mr. Georgia Tech plaque, shook hands with administrators and then returned to the field instead of climbing into the Ramblin’ Wreck.

"I definitely did not think it was going to be such a surprise in front of so many people. After he won, he started to walk towards me. I was thinking, what is he doing, did he forget something, is he lost? He just said, ‘Marry me,’" Grabowski said.

Amir missed the proposal because she quickly entered the Ramblin’ Wreck, after being told earlier that the entire ceremony would be done in eight minutes from start to finish.

She described her time on the field as one of great excitement. "I’d never been down there before. By the time [that we were on the field], we were all pretty anxious. Going out on the field was a really incredible experience," she said.

"It was such an honor. I respect every one of [the candidates],” she said. "Between the five of us we really represented every facet of campus."

A successful candidate, according to Amir, must "have a genuine passion for Georgia Tech. That’s something that all those girls had," she said.

The list of candidates was narrowed down to ten by a faculty, staff and alumni panel and then the five finalists and winner selected by student voting. Judging criteria included communication skills, self-assurance, activities and honors, career goals, enthusiasm and school spirit, campus and community involvement and leadership ability.

"It was just fantastic to realize the support of friends and people I’ve worked with around campus," Flaherty said.

Kevin Flaherty and Saira Amir ride in the Ramblin’ Wreck after being named Mr. and Ms. Georgia Tech during halftime at Homecoming.

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Thief targets West Campus

By Grace Mookten
Contributing Writer

Nine rooms in the Woodruff Residence Hall were robbed over Fall Break. A total of eight laptops were stolen between Oct. 16 and Oct. 18. Other items taken from rooms ranged from iPods to wallets.

"I was sleeping when I kind of heard the door open and sensed someone in the room, but didn't wake up since I figured it was one of my roommates. In the morning, I woke up and my wallet was gone," said Rich Ward, a second-year Industrial Engineering major.

Rich Ward, like others who were victims of the burglaries, had his door unlocked. "In all the recent reports of burglaries, all affected rooms had been unlocked. There was no evidence of forced entry," said Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) Public Safety Sergeant Carla Cook.

After closing for construction in April, the Swann Building报复ed. The building now houses the Janie Austell Swann Building, which was opened in 1991 as the first open dormitory, is now complete. The building now houses the School of Modern Languages, which largely occupied the building prior to the renovation.

The Swann Building now has five new classrooms, each consisting of portable student desks, a high-tech podium with a central computer, a DVD player, a VCR and access to foreign television, along with LCD projectors and electronically-controlled screens.

After closing for construction in 2003, the Swann Building’s renovation added a student lounge that has rolling leather couches and flat screen televisions. The learning atmosphere is very active in making Woodruff a safer place," Hulst said. "It’s great to be in a building that is so state-of-the-art. It has such a positive effect on teaching and learning," said Frank Pilipp, a professor of German.

Returning language students were also very appreciative of the changes. "The learning atmosphere is very comfortable and facilitates discussion really well, especially with the rolling chairs." In addition to the technology upgrades in the classrooms there is now a multimedia lab with 28 computers.

An investigation is taking place, led by GTPD Captain Ronnie Weaver. "Though we do not have any solid leads on the person responsible, we are working on the leads as we receive them. We have accounts from students and have our officers on the look-out for any suspicious behavior," Weaver said.

The burglaries have affected students who were not direct victims. However, some students said that they were not fazed by the crimes. "I've always locked my door," said Maria Geonczy, a second-year Civil Engineering major.

Other students said they have changed their habits since the burglaries. "Before these incidents, my roommates and I would try to lock the door if we were the last to leave. But now we make sure to lock all the doors, all the time. This is Georgia Tech and electronics like laptops are important," said Chris Martin, a second-year Chemical Engineering major.

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Last issue’s question received 403 responses.

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Sure, if I did not have so many required classes -7%
I will be the first one in line- 2%
I’d take one if I could get a certificate - 4%
I could not be bribed to take them - 87%

This week’s question:

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He took IT out?

Crime Reports

Information

Location: 205 Fourth St. / Alpha Omega Fraternity
Incident: Report of a stolen bicycle
Disposition: Active

10/3/2005
04:40 am hrs.

Traffic Accident

10/2/2005
13:29:00 hrs.
Location: Tech Pkwy/Means St. / Northside Dr.
Incident: Report of a two-vehicle accident
Disposition: Exceptionally clear

10/3/2005
20:08:00 hrs.
Location: 351 First Dr./Student Center Winn Building
Incident: Report of a stolen tote bag
Disposition: Exceptionally clear

10/4/2005
9:42:00 hrs.
Location: 331 Sixth St. / Kefee East Parking Lot
Incident: Report of a one-vehicle accident
Disposition: Exceptionally clear

10/3/2005
20:33:00 hrs.
Location: Ethel St.
Incident: Report of a stolen strap and heavy duty chain.
Disposition: Exceptionally clear

10/3/2005
14:33:00 hrs.
Location: 630 Williams St. / Smith Hall
Incident: Report of a stolen bicycle
Disposition: Unfounded

10/3/2005
20:08:00 hrs.
Location: 351 First Dr./Student Center Winn Building
Incident: Report of a stolen tote bag
Disposition: Exceptionally clear

10/4/2005
12:30:00 hrs.
Location: Centennial Card Lot
Incident: Report of an accident
Disposition: Exceptionally clear

Agency assist

10/3/2005
8:46:00 hrs.
Location: 879 Hemphill Ave/ITPD
Incident: Officers assisting in arrest made by MARTA police department
Disposition: Exceptionally clear

10/2/2005
12:11:00 hrs.
Location: 227 Fourth St. / Delta Tau Delta Fraternity
Incident: Report that several items were damaged in the kitchen
Disposition: Active

10/8/2005
17:59:00 hrs.
Location: Bunger Henry Building
Incident: Report of a gas leak
Disposition: Exceptionally clear

From the files of the GTPD...

 WeedWhacking outside my window at 8am, not cool. 

The reason why the bagpipe dude sounds like he’s right beside your window is simple: He IS right beside your window.

Who is the guy who said going to the crc will get you laid?

I’ve been going for so long, and I still haven’t gotten any :(

that was Georgia Tech sex Band: You’re Fixed Body float sucked. You just stuck three cars together, and then got on top and played.

Did that take a whole three hours? Maybe next time build a real Deck and don’t just put the band on top of it to compensate for how much it SUCKED.

Dr. Eyovoy is the man. Best statics teacher ever.

I have no food except ramen. I survived on ramen and store-brand cola last year. Now I don’t even have any cola.

Rocky Horror Picture Show at The Plaza on Ponce every Friday at midnight.

so i saw a rollerhockey guy rent a gay porn yesterday, the cashier looked a bit freaked out, but the rollerhockey guy looked quite happy.

my philosophy goes against everything tech stands for, this might be a problem

He took IT out?

nothing better than a chick in a beater whatcha gonna do with all that a$$ in those jeans?

why can’t my roommate LEAVE ME ALONE? stop hovering over my desk, stop inviting yourself to go wherever I do, just FIND OTHER FRIENDS

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Senate postposes Golf Club allocation

By Arcadyl Kantor
Senior Staff Writer

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GTRI helps train relief workers

By James Stephenson
Contributing Writer

The Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) is starting a project to help train workers in the hurricane disaster areas. The project, funded by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) through a Susan Harwood Training Grant, is starting the second month of the year-long project.

“The focus of the project is going to be worker safety and health for the hurricane response workers,” said Paul Schlumper, head of the Safety Engineering branch of GTRI. “We are going to be concerned with people doing clean-up work, reconstruc-
tion, new construction, demolition and debris removal in the hurricane devastated areas.”

Tech is one of eight entities receiving funding from OSHA for funds ranging from $250,000 to $999,000. Tech received a $460,000 grant to support this project. The grant is the fourth and largest grant yet that the GTRI has received in the past three years.

“Our focus will be in the Biloxi/Gulfport area, Mobile, Alab-
a and also now down in south Florida with Hurricane Wilma,” Schlumper said. “The project is in its early stages and we must be flexible because it is a fluid process and there are a lot of dynamics going on down there. Everything is changing.”

The program will focus on some specific issues related to worker safety in the hurricane disaster area.

“Our biggest concern, as far as hazards, is work zone safety,” Paul Schlumper
Head of the GTRI Safety Engineering Branch

Training Institute,” Schlumper said. “Two of the people, Art Wickman and Thomas Dean, who are also involved in the World Trade Center cleanup, so they have some experience with this type of activity,” he said.

With thousands of workers in the hurricane disaster area, being able to train all of them is an issue.

“We are going to be doing some traditional training like sitting in a classroom, but a lot of the work we are going to be doing in these regions is going to be non-traditional,” Schlumper said.

Some of the traditional training includes week-long classroom courses with powerpoints and lectures.

“We offer a week-long construction safety course that deals with issues that construction workers may have to face everyday at the job site,” Schlumper said. “That includes anything from electrical safety to fall protection or working around concrete structures.”

The non-traditional training in-
volves the group going to where the workers are located, instead of having the workers come to them.

“We are going to have to go out to them and conduct smaller modules of training of about three or four hours sitting with the workers and discussing these issues with them,” Schlumper said. “We are going to be going out and visiting job sites and handing out leaflets and information right there at the work site.”

“We are going to be doing what we call intervention where we call the job site and if we see something that looks scary in terms of how people are working, or if we see an activity going on and we think we can help,” Schlumper said. He said they are going to talk to employers and contractors when they hand out information cards about worker safety.

They will also use bilingual materials because in the regions affected by the hurricanes, mainly Texas and South Florida, many of the reconstruction workers will not speak English fluently.

“We are going to be providing training materials in English, and Spanish. We’re going to be working with contractors who can translate material or do training in Spanish,” Schlumper said.

Schlumper said training is neces-
sary to make the disaster area safe for the workers as possible.

“These people have been through a terrible disaster and we certainly don’t want to compound what has already happened with tragedies of workers getting hurt or even killed at work,” said Schlumper.

Crime

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are preventative measures students can take.

“The biggest asset we have in crime prevention is the students. If students would lock their doors, not prop exterior doors and make sure doors are secure behind them, residential living would become much safer. If you see someone that you don’t recognize loitering in the hall, it’s okay to ask him if he’s a resident. If he is, great; if not, you may have just prevented a crime...from occurring,” Hulst said.

Cook said it is very important for students to call GTPD. “If students see any suspicious people in or around residence halls, they should report it to the police immediately. In the Woodruff burglaries, reports came in late, so not available options were limited,” Cook said.

Other housing buildings affected to a lesser extent were Center Street Apartments, Hemphill Apartments and Eight Street Apartments.

Police reports were made citing similar stolen items such as laptops and iPads. In many of these build-

ings, as well as in Woodruff, the doors do not lock automatically when shut.

Cook said she does not know if this is the cause of the burglaries. “We have no idea why Woodruff, Center Street, Eight Street and Hemphill were targeted. It may be the location, easy access, parking availability, etc. It seems as though campus crime seems to hop from one area to the next. This time, West Campus was the affected area,” Cook said.

Swann

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The lab has webcam collaboration
access with students in France, which is currently being used just for students studying French.

“The building is really changing the way we teach foreign languages,” McKnight said. “It plays a key role in [both] globalizing education for students in all disciplines and the new International Plan.”

The renovations included a student lounge on the first floor. The lounge has three state-of-the-art flat panel televisions with daily broad-
casts in Chinese, French, German, Spanish and other languages. It also has rolling leather couches.

“The lounge provides the opportu-

nity to meet with other students, study and learn [languages] from one another,” said Haynes Finney, a second-year Management major.

“The rolling desks allow for an in-

teractive classroom setting, because you can quickly reorganize into groups for discussion.”

After returning to the Swann Building this fall, Bentina Corbin, associate professor of German, said she likes the changes. “My teaching style has changed drastically. I make ample use of the technology podium and the classrooms have increased my effectiveness as a teacher,” Co-
thran said.

The School of Modern Languages itself has experienced unprecedented growth recently.

Since 2001, the school has experienced a 78 percent increase in language enrollment, one of the highest increases in the country. As a collaborative unit with the Sam Nunn School of International Af-
matters, Modern Languages offers joint degree programs in German, French, Japanese and Spanish. McKnight said that eventually Chinese will become a major.

“We are a very collaborative type of unit. Within the next five years, we are thinking about implement-

ing a graduate school program,” McKnight said.

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