Getting on a soap box
College Democrats holds public debate

TEAM Buzz sign-up available for a week
Individual registration for the annual TEAM Buzz community service day event is now available on the organization’s website at www.teambuzz.org. This will be available until Oct. 11. The event will be held on Oct. 19.

Tech Coming Out Week starts Oct. 4
Gay, lesbian, and bisexual students will host the first annual GT GLBTQ event. Events include an information booth and a speaker from MTV’s Road Rules.

ECE professor seeks portion of spectrum
Professor and radio astronomer Paul Steffes served on a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) panel discussing interference protection for the highly sensitive radio portion of the spectrum. Steffes argues that passive, or receive-only, services such as radio astronomy and remote sensing are more likely to encounter “pollution” from other electronic signals and should be granted their own bandwidth.

Ramblin’ Night 3
at Student Center
Tech’s third Ramblin’ Night in the series will be held at the Student Center tonight from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Free food, live music and prizes will be available.

IPST announces merger with Tech in 2003
Georgia Tech and the Institute of Paper Science and Technology (IPST) have agreed to pursue a merger. The IPST is currently an independent graduate school and research center on Tech’s campus. The merger, expected to take place July 1, 2003, will formalize the integration of research and academic programs that already exist between the two organizations.

Economic decline lowers TEAM Buzz funds
With a shortage of corporate sponsorships, TEAM Buzz is looking for alternative ways to fund the community service day event this year. Despite getting two funding bids from SGA this week, TEAM Buzz is still looking for funding, with an operating budget of $22,000. SGA recommended that the organization seek an endowment.

AKA hazing results in year probation
Recently, the Dean of Students’ office released the final sanctions for violations by the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority that occurred over the course of last year. The sanctions were not only ordered by Tech officials, but also from leaders at the national headquarters at AKA.

A problem because TEAM Buzz traditionally depends on corporate sponsorships for money. This year, however, they have received few corporate sponsorships compared to years past. Last year, corporations were more than happy to sponsor an event like TEAM Buzz because it was very soon after the September 11 attacks and everyone had the desire to help out in any way they could,” said Jonathan Duke, Logistics Director of TEAM Buzz.

“Now, because of the downturn the economy has taken, corporations are more wary about donating money, not just to TEAM Buzz, but to any nonprofit organization,” said Pendleton-Parker.

The organization is receiving money from other sources, however. Theta Xi fraternity has donated

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Last issue’s poll garnered 153 responses to the question: “How do you feel about the recent changes in JFC funding policy for Tier III organizations?”

Don’t care either way (5%)
Charges should have been better publicized (6%)
Unwise decision due to popularity of many club sports (89%)

This week’s poll is related to GT Coming Out Week. How do you think the Tech community will react to the events? Tell us what you think at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique.

From the archives...

The Nique’s top stories from:

10 years ago: October 2, 1992—The Academic Senate rejected an Administration proposal to completely ban alcohol on campus. Plans for the location of the Olympic swimming pool were under review. The Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets “crushed” the 16th-ranked Clemson Tigers 20-16.

20 years ago: October 8, 1982—David Meyers, a Georgia Tech graduate student, was found dead in his apartment just off campus. The College of Management decided to add to its program a degree concentration in sports administration.

30 years ago: October 3, 1972—The theme of “Tech Today: Beginning of a New Era” marked the numerous changes for Homecoming 1972. The Ramblin’ Reck parade underwent a major facelift after a student was killed in a bathtub race at Southern Tech. Another major change was the restructuring of the Miss Homecoming contest.
In one of the busiest meetings of the year, the Graduate Senate allocated almost $5,000 and approved the appointments of three new senators Tuesday.

The majority of the meeting was spent discussing two bills presented by organizers of the annual TEAM Buzz event. When the first bill asking for $8,000 to go towards the purchase of T-shirts was brought to the table, many members wondered what those in TEAM Buzz had been doing to raise money on their own.

According to TEAM Buzz steering committee chair Laura Frick, the committee has currently raised almost $3,000 towards this year’s event, which is just under 15 percent of the operating budget for TEAM Buzz. The funds have been made available through other campus organizations and corporate sponsorships.

Once debate began on the issue, senators addressed the fact that last year, members of TEAM Buzz had also asked for money to provide T-shirts. According to one senator, the Senate had approved the bill with the stipulation that TEAM Buzz would find some other way to fund the purchase of T-shirts.

Frick pointed out that the current economic situation is making fundraising more difficult than it has been in the past. “The current economic situation is causing many companies that once sponsored our event to make cuts in their philanthropy budgets,” said Frick. “Many are only sponsor-

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The debate on TEAM Buzz continued as the Senate discussed the second bill proposed by the event organizers. This bill asked for funds to rent and purchase numerous tools and supplies needed for the various service events that take place as part of TEAM Buzz.

According to Frick, the organization rents the many of the supplies they need because they don’t have the storage space available to purchase the tools and use them over several years. However, many senators wondered if it would be cheaper in the long run to purchase supplies and rent a storage space for them.

In fact, a motion was made to table the bill until TEAM Buzz organizers could present prices for purchasing the supplies as well as a storage unit so that a comparison could be made. The motion failed due to concerns that they would result in a lower volunteer turnout. It eventually passed, unamended though.

The other major area was to add two sections about FreShGA into the bylaws of the constitution as a permanent committee, since it had remained an ad hoc group from its conception. Advisors were asked about the quality of the program and benefits to SGA. They explained that “out of 16 members of FreShGA last year, 9 are currently active in SGA this year while the others continue to be involved in other organizations on campus.”

“Every freshman to go through TEAM Buzz will really know a lot about this body and it does.”

There was an amendment to remove two lines regarding the FreShGA’s selection process, which were described as “vague” by some representatives. The two lines in question stated that “applicants appointed shall be the ones that are most able to demonstrate an ability to contribute to SGA.” Several other members agreed that this particular quality in the application process was extremely difficult to quantify in an individual.

It was also announced that a discussion on the new JFC policy would be held the following week.

TEAM Buzz is also still waiting on proposals from such organizations as the Alumni Association, the Residence Hall Association and the Georgia Tech Student Foundation. TEAM Buzz has about $20,000 in reserve that is traditionally only for emergencies, but it is an option for the organization should the proposals not come through.

The Steering Committee is grateful for the recent victories in SGA, however “Having these shirts to identify the participants and project coordinators will not only recognize them for their hard work, but will communicate to whoever sees them that students care about communi-
Breaking the Bubble
www.bubble.nique.net

A lot of things went on outside of the bubble of Georgia Tech this week. Visit www.bubble.nique.net to find links to complete articles about the stories below and other important issues.

Bush, House reach Iraq resolution

Bush, with members of Congress, announced Wednesday a resolution that gives him broad authority to take military action against Iraq. He suggested that military force "may become unavoidable" if Saddam Hussein does not disarm and comply with all of the United Nations Security Council demands. Party leaders predict passage of the resolution by next week. As a nod to the Democratic party, Bush promised to certify to Congress at least within 48 hours of a military strike that diplomatic strategies alone are not enough to protect America.

Genes decoded, could lead to malaria prevention

Over 100 scientists from the Malaria Genome Project have reported that they have coded the genes for both the mosquito and the parasite that cause most malaria cases. This common case results from a symbiosis between the Anopheles gambiae mosquito and the Plasmodium falciparum parasite, and it infects 500 million people each year. The information gained from this research will make it easier to find drug targets. The research on the parasite is published in this week's Science and Nature.

Accused 'Shoe Bomber' will plead guilty

Richard Reid, the man accused of trying to blow up an American Airlines flight from Paris to Miami December 22 with explosives in his shoes, is now going to plead guilty to the eight counts of terrorism. Before he pleads guilty before U. S. District Court in Boston, however, Reid wants a judge to consider his request to throw out allegations that he was trained by al Qaeda forces. It is not yet known if Reid will remove his guilty plea if his request is not granted.

Three dead in Philippines bombing

An American Green Beret and two Filipinos died Wednesday due to a nail-packed bomb hidden on a motorcycle that went off near a base in the southern Philippines. The blast wounded 25 others, and Muslim extremists are suspected, though no one claimed responsibility for it. Philippine soldiers walked sniffer dogs through the blast site. One of the Filipinos killed was the driver of the motorcycle and was suspected to have brought the bomb.

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the IPST's Director of Institute Development and Assessment.

The specifics of the merger plan have yet to be worked out. For that reason, Bell could not speculate on possible downsides to a merger until a specific plan is proposed. The IPST will keep its current building on Tenth Street and will be known as the IPST at Georgia Tech.

Over the next six months, teams of representatives from IPST, Georgia Tech and the paper industry will develop operational details. Any final plan would be subject to the approval of the Board of Regents and the IPST's Board of Trustees.

The IPST was founded in 1929 in Appleton, Wisconsin and originally named the Institute of Paper Chemistry. In 1989, the IPST moved to Atlanta. In 2000, Georgia Tech's Degree College of Management and Ivan Allen College, along with IPST, jointly sponsored the creation of the Center for Paper Business and Industry Studies.

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All members of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, which governs African-American Greek organizations, have similar policies in order to insulate themselves from lawsuits. Nationally, AKA has publicly felt the sting of hazing lawsuits after the deaths of two prospective members in a local chapter at California State University late last month.

According to accusations, the two women drowned after being forced to enter the rip tide conditions of the ocean while they were blindfolded with their hands tied behind their backs. Although the Tech incident did not involve such serious events, nationals and Tech both realized that sanctions had to be placed on the organization nonetheless.

In fact, the most serious hazing-related accusation against Tech's AKA chapter involved a much less drastic blindfolding ritual. "The incident which I think was the most problematic occurred when members would tell their prospective members to meet in parking lots and in May, the fact finding team placed the chapter on inactive status," said Boyd. "AKA leaders had to meet with national representatives to appeal the Tech sanctions in front of the judicial board, a statement from the national office of AKA has been nothing but a positive result." said Boyd.

Although the sorority could appeal the Tech sanctions in front of the National Pan-Hellenic Council judicial board, a statement from Valerie Standifer, the current president of AKA, shows that the organization is taking the sanctions seriously.

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The allegations were brought to the attention of the Dean's office last spring and an investigation began to look into exactly what had transpired. The administration used a technique they have used in many similar cases over the past few years. "We met with the folks (AKA) and we had enough to know in general what we were probably dealing with and we said 'tell us the truth, tell us everything,' said Boyd. "If after we verified it they had told us everything we would take this less severely than if they had tried to keep us from getting the truth."

AKA went along with the plan and, according to Boyd, told the Dean's office everything—even more than they had known beforehand. However, Tech officials and local AKA leaders had to meet with nationals in order to come up with a viable solution for everyone.

The national office of AKA also began its own "fact finding" investigation. Nationals automatically placed the chapter on inactive status while the investigation took place and in May, the fact finding team sent its sanctions to Tech officials. It recommended that certain members of Tech's chapter of AKA be placed on a one-year suspension for breaking AKA's national anti-hazing policy.

Although nationals found these women guilty of breaking these policies, this does not mean that the suspended members were committing hazing acts. "They didn't find them guilty of hazing but guilty of violating the policy that made it less likely people would haze," said Boyd. Tech officials then took the sanctions from nationals and combined them with on-campus sanctions for the sorority. In order to determine what type of punishments should be used, the Dean's office looked at previous cases where similar levels of violations had taken place. They also took into effect that the members of AKA had been very straightforward with information.

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