Fun, rule changes mark homecoming events

By Madhu Adiga
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Homecoming Week 2002 has been successful so far, with a few key changes. The Homecoming committee is made up of three student committees, the Ambin’ Rack Club, IFC (Panhellenic, and Student Center Programs Council).

"All three of the committees got together and discussed how better to make Homecoming something that every student can enjoy, not just certain groups," said Kim Love- lane, faculty advisor for Homecoming. The traditional events such as the T-shirt Show and Toss T trivia remain a part of Homecoming, but additional events were added to the "Home at the GT Corral" theme, drawing considerable interest.

So far, general response has been positive. All of the events were well attended by the end of the week, and an estimated 10,000 people showed up to kick off the celebration. "Home at the GT Corral," held Tuesday on Skiles walkway, the event featured rides on a mechanical bull, a shooting gallery, eating contests, and country music blasted from Kicks 101.5 radio station. T-shirt events drew good turnouts as well.

"We had 25 teams sign up for the O Atlas water gun shootout, and considering that the last time we had a water gun contest only nine teams participated, this is definitely an improvement," said Love-lane.

From 1:00 to 8:00 p.m., performances included a mechanical bull ride, a shooting gallery, eating contests, and country music from Kicks 101.5 radio station. Students were able to participate in a wide variety of western-themed entertainment.

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Former ECE prof suffers fatal stroke

Professor Emeritus Daniel Fielder of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) passed away Oct. 4 due to complications from several strokes, at 84. Fielder received both his master's degree and Ph.D. from Tech in 1945 and 1957.

He began teaching in the ECE department in 1948, and helped design new courses ranging from transmission line combinatorics to advanced circuit theory.

Headsley and Calloway Graduate family living centers will be demolished this summer to make room for new family units to be completed in 2004.

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The Departments of Housing and Residence Life have been联手 to immediately demolish Headsley and Calloway apartments.

The project should be completed by August 2004, lasting a total of about 14 months.

"It’s a quick, quick turn-around," said Dan M. Ornstein, the Department of Housing’s Associate Director for Residence Life. "But [the plan] is doable on the timeline that’s been established," he said.

"Headsley, Calloway, and Burrey apartments currently provide on-campus living space for about 300 couples and families with children, 236 of them normally reside in Headsley and Calloway. The goal is to increase the total number of spaces by about 100.

"Part of the ability to attract the best quality graduate students is to have a live-in program with a convenient, safe, efficient family housing," said Ornstein.

The Department of Housing, he says, has a responsibility to support the academic goals of the Institute.

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Tech to pay for new portal provider

By Tony Kluemper
News Editor

With students returning to campus at the beginning of fall semester next year, they may be surprised to find a new look for web communications at Tech.

The change will take place with the introduction of a new web portal to serve all members of the Tech community.

Although the actual portal has only been in development for a few months, the idea of such a web based communication center is far from a new idea. In fact, according to Associate Vice President of Enroll- ment Services Marth Hall all, the plan started in 1998 when different people on campus came to the conclusion that we needed more and better communication.

The idea of a web portal system came about in 2000 when faculty began to complain about problems with the WebCT system that they used to communicate with their classes.

On this point that many adminis- trators realized Tech had fallen behind in the technological ad- vances in the area of communication through the web.

On the other hand, Tech has seen a growth in online commer- cial products that could be used to establish a portal on campus.

Halle explained why the deci- sion was made to use Campus Pipeline in the preliminary stages. "We settled on Campus Pipeline because it was built on an open platform. [The system used for all student records]," said Halle. "So if it had native integration with both Banner and WebCT. It seemed like a good idea to at least look at something because we were trying to decide where to go."
The ‘Nique’s top stories from:

10 years ago: October 23, 1992—A proposed Undergraduate Student Council resolution called for a referendum among students concerning President Pat Crecine’s actions of serving alcohol to minors. Roger Wehrle, acting dean of students, said that he would take a list of student concerns to Crecine.

20 years ago: October 22, 1982—The Registrar’s Office announced that online registration would replace manual and batch registration. Students would not have to wait until the next day to find out if their schedules were cleared.

30 years ago: October 27, 1972—The Student Center cafeteria decided to roll back its hours and close at 8:00 p.m. James R. Greene, Director of Food Services, said that there was not enough business after 8 to justify keeping the cafeteria open any later. To make up for this, additional vending machines were expected to be installed in the Student Center Recreation Area.

Last issue’s poll garnered 24 responses to the question: “What are you doing for fall break?”

- Going Home: (20%)
- Going on Vacation: (48%)
- Staying in Atlanta: (32%)

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This week’s poll is related to Homecoming. How do you feel about the changes made in the Mr./Miss GT contest this year? Tell us what you think at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique.
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"Parking was happy with moving the race back to Peters, because it is easier to ask the students who park around the deck to move their cars rather than to clear out faculty and staff who park at the Coliseum on their workdays," said Lovelace. Facilities was slightly more wary because of all the areas around East Campus that would have to be cleared off in order to avoid hitting stu-dents in the race. "Facilities was willing to compromise, however, and as far as I know, there was no frustration in getting approved to have the Mini 500 at Peters," said Lovelace.

Another major change has been in the rules for the Mini I.M. 500 Georgia Tech competition. Andree Gearhart and Andley Gearhart, co-chairs for the event, evaluated how best to recognize those who have truly been outstanding members of the Tech community and found two issues. One of the issues was the age of the nominees. In the past, nominees for Mr. and Ms. Georgia Tech could be any year or class status. "We had gotten a lot of complaints about the fact that sophomore and juniors were up for the award, when people felt like this should be an honor for older students," said Gearhart. Therefore a new rule states that nominees must have entered Georgia Tech in fall 1999 or before, having completed at least three years.

"We felt that even though a second-year or third-year nominee might be an outstanding student, this event should be geared more towards seniors, since it is at the end of Homecoming and it is to honor students who have really rep-resented the Georgia Tech community well. It seems more appropriate to recognize students who have put in more time at this school, and competent underclassmen will have a chance to be nominated in the future, when they will have even more credentials," said Lovelace.

The other change implemented was to set a minimum GPA requirement of 3.5, which is the GPA required to graduate with high honors from Georgia Tech. Previously, results of the competition were determined by one-third GPA, one-third student vote, and one-third interviews. "I want well-rounded students for this event. With this system, we had students with a 4.0 who may not have been as involved as a competitor with a lower GPA, but still advanced because of the high emphasis GPA," said Stevens.

"We also did this to weed out people who had lower GPAs. We don't feel that a student with a 2.5, for example, no matter how much they're involved, is a good represen-tative, because we do want peo-ple who are academically strong," said Gearhart.

Lovelace says that she has heard of two types of student responses regarding this change. "People come to my office all the time to give me feedback, and I've never heard that students think the minimum GPA is a positive change, or they think that the re-quirement is too high. With any change you make, you can't avoid some negative feedback. Overall, though, I think this is a good thing for the event," Lovelace said.

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ment event. Although the debate seemed evenly distributed between those for and against the bill, when the vote was called, the bill passed by a large majority.

Next on the agenda was an allo-cation to the Tech Cycling Club to fund its recent trip to the national bicycle competition in New Mexico. Although the bill was submitted at the beginning of O-cter, since JFC did not have a scheduled meet-ing due to fall break, the bill was not presented before the event actually took place.

Due to these circumstances, un-der JFC policy, the bill was not pre-sented at the meeting due to the lack of funding. Therefore, Norville motioned that the bill be tabled so that a fur-ther investigation could take place before next week's meeting.

**New music director seeks strategic plan**

**By Daniel Amick**

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The folding tables lining the pro-fessor's office are still piled high with cardboard boxes full of files and manila folders. Sitting at his desk, Clark types at his laptop, then fiddles with a printer that he saved from the scrap heap before making some final note on his pilot palm. Meet Dr. Clark, Georgia Tech's new Director of Music.

Clark officially started his new role Aug. 1. Still fresh from his move into the area, Clark has to pause to recall his telephone number. "I hate to remember the pattern. I can look at the phone, and I've memorized the sound of the touch-tone," he said.

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Computing names new Dean

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Richard A. DeMillo was recently selected as the new Dean of the College of Computing (CoC), previously holding the position of first Chief Technology Officer for the Hewlett-Packard Company. DeMillo is currently serving as the director of the Georgia Tech Information Security Center (GTISC), but quickly learned that he had also become a candidate for the vacant CoC dean position, both of which had formerly been held by Freeman. Although this came as a surprise, his decision to leave HP was well-intended.

"My job at HP was to pull together technology and technology strategy under one umbrella, especially during the P-Compaq merger. When the merger closed, a lot of that work was done," said DeMillo. "But the real reason was that this was the most attractive place I could be. Universities, from an industry standpoint, are where a lot of the action is these days."

In fact, during the mid-1990's Hewlett-Packard's top executive office was only composed of the CEO. The structural changes that took place within the corporation were intended to bring the disconnected businesses of the computer company together, such as the computer and software business, under common management dollars.

When these industries had finally reached a successful business model, DeMillo felt that much work could still be accomplished in the field of information security, a growing issue in industry and academia. Although this is what brought him to Tech, it was not much sooner that he learned of his appointment in the College of Computing.

As the new Dean of Computing, DeMillo has a number of agendas for the upcoming year, including the publicized policy changes for undergraduate Computer Science students and those taking introductory computing courses.

"The thing that excites us is an opportunity to apply much energy and technology into the undergraduate program so we can have an influence on our research group," said DeMillo. "I'm not going to say it's not working; I have no data, and what isn't working. I have no data, and what isn't working. But there are many good things that people are doing."
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.

Sniper death toll continues to rise, suspects caught

Tuesday's fatal shooting of Conrad Johnson in Silver Spring, Md., is the tenth attack blamed on the sniper since the shootings began Oct. 2. According to law enforcement sources, a note was found near where Johnson was shot. The note was similar in language to the letter found after a Virginia shooting and on the T-shirt card left behind near a shooting at a Maryland middle school, both linked to the sniper. Two men wanted for questioning in the wave of deadly sniper attacks were arrested early Thursday morning. Though they have not been charged, they are considered suspects.

Theater audience in Moscow held hostage

Twenty armed men took a theater audience hostage Wednesday and threatened to blow up the theater if police got involved. Police estimated that between 700 and 900 people were held hostage, although the gunmen allowed children and Muslim audience members to leave. Police and an Alpha special forces unit went to the theater and sealed off the area. According to the Interfax news agency, the gunmen were part of a Chechen rebel suicide unit, which includes 40 widows of rebels killed in Chechnya.

Attack against Iraq could be pushed into 2003

It is uncertain that an attack to force Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to disarm would begin this winter as previously predicted. An attack in December or January is still possible if Iraq refuses to accept a U.N. resolution restarting weapons inspections, but the U.N. Security Council still has yet to agree on the resolution. Military action could be delayed beyond winter and spring if Hussein agrees to cooperate with weapons inspections.

Federal Reserve may cut rates next month

The Federal Reserve, based on surveys done by its twelve regional banks, has reported that the economy is still performing at sluggish levels, trying to recover from last year's recession. The survey has suggested the possibility of further cuts of interest rates in the upcoming months before the end of the year. Some analysts predict that the Fed will cut rates for a 12th time this year in November to make sure that failing consumer confidence and a possible war with Iraq do not prompt another recession.