The face behind AASU
Meet Candace Swint, one of the organizers of the Black History Month activities on campus and learn how to get involved. Page 12

Everyone watches football
Not really, they really watch the Super Bowl for the commercials. Read Buzz Around the Campus to find out the highlights. Page 15

Innovative kayakers form new group
By Matt Flagg
Not quite row, row, rowing a boat

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Go to college, build plane, fly around the world
By Cecilia Le

U-WIRE—Almost five months ago, Class of 2000 graduate Dan Dominguez and his friend Chris Wall stepped into a small aircraft to begin living their dream of flying around the world.

On December 15, Dominguez and Wall, a 2000 graduate of Rice University, arrived back in Charlotte, NC with an admirer army of press and a throng of adoring schoolchildren.

Their project, World Flight 2000, made them the youngest pilots to fly around the world. "The world's a lot smaller now that we flew it around," Dominguez said. "In 36 hours you can be anywhere in the world."

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India Club helps earthquake relief
On January 26, India's Republic Day, an earthquake measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale hit the state of Gujarat in India, interrupting the celebration. The earthquake was billed as India's worst in the last 50 years. It left almost 30,000 dead, many more injured, and over 500,000 homeless. Many of the dead were children who were in class when the earthquake struck. The earthquake flattened 90 percent of the buildings in Bhuj, a walled city of 150,000, and has severely affected Ahmedabad, a city of 3.6 million people and a major industrial and educational center.

Due to the earthquake's proximity to urban centers, the cost in lives and property has been huge. Hospitals are flooded with patients waiting for attention, and crematoriums have been unable to accommodate the constant stream of bodies waiting for funerals. After shocks continue to happen rescue efforts, and several remote villages are still waiting for help.

The India Club CRY Gujarat Relief Fund has taken upon itself the task of raising $10,000 in the course of one week for this cause. There will be a stall placed by the Georgia Tech India Club outside the Stuedent Center until Wednesday, February 7, for accepting student contributions.
Faces at Georgia Tech

- Profile on Candace Swint -

**By Leslie Smith**
*Black History Correspondent*

Candace Swint, a senior History, Technology, and Society major and the Vice President of the African American Student Union (AASU), said one of the biggest problems African American students at Tech have is that “there’s no where to hang.”

There is no central meeting place for African American students to meet and gather with people who understand their unique issues.

Swint overcame this lack through her involvement with AASU. AASU is the only black student organization on campus that is not profession specific or associated with a fraternity or sorority.

AASU’s purpose is to provide a voice for African American students at Tech.

AASU hopes to encourage achievement and unity of African American students by providing a social and cultural outlet for them on campus.

This can be a great challenge because only about 10 percent of the almost 1000 black undergraduates at Tech are paying members of AASU. This means that the cultural base they are working with is very small.

If African American students want to get more involved on campus, Swint suggested that they join NSBE [National Society of Black Engineers] and AASU and attend the meetings.

“Make sure that you are on the BSO [Black Student Organizations] e-mail list,” Swint also said.

The BSO list advertises events of interest to African American students.

Besides being a medium for black students to meet socially, AASU also sponsors events that encourage giving back to the community. Some recent projects have been an ongoing mentor program at the Bellwood Boys and Girls Club and hosting eighteen high school seniors from the Chicago-based Manley Career Institute while they were visiting Georgia Tech.

While she is graduating this year, Swint has no regrets about her involvement at Georgia Tech. “I feel like I have a purpose at Tech. By being involved in AASU, I have found my reason for being here.”

When asked if she had any advice for next year’s Vice President of AASU, she said, “Be organized, stay in contact with your commit- tee chairs, and know what’s going on.”

Since February is National Black History month, AASU has a variety of events planned. From Step Shows to Quiz Bowls there is something for everyone to get involved with. “I hope everybody will come out and show their support,” Swint said.

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**This Week’s Campus Black History Month Activities**

**Step Show**

On Saturday, February 3, Black History Month kicks off with the annual Step Show at the Robert Ferst Center for the Arts. The show includes 10 acts, including Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Phi Alpha, Phi Beta Sigma, and other acts from the Atlanta area.

Tickets are $10 in advance and $13 at the door. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the show begins at 7:00 p.m.

**African Dance Classes**

Beginning on Tuesday, February 6, free African dance classes will be held every Tuesday in February.

The classes will be held in the Center Street Activity Room from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. They are taught by Dance’s Warehouse.

**Next Week**

Quiz Bowl; Keynote Speaker
Kayak

Eventually the club will compete with other collegiate canoe and kayak teams once other clubs have developed. Hagler said, "UGA has been pitifully trying to get a club together. So far it consists of 3 people. I had heard a rumor that a club at Dartmouth is forming, also that a couple schools on the West Coast like Stanford are looking at forming clubs."

The USA Canoe/Kayak organization (USACK) fully supports the creation of a collegiate league for sprint canoe and kayak events. The Canoe and Kayak Club at Georgia Tech was recognized and commended for its pioneering efforts during a nationwide conference call in December of 2000. "We pretty much inspired the creation of the [collegiate] committee by showing that collegiate padding can be done," said Ty Hagler. "They were all enthusiastic and encouraging, then moved on to discussing strategy for forming other college clubs."
**Buzz Around the Campus**

**Steven Feigh**
CompE Sophomore
“The one with the monkey on the horse, picking up the sock puppet.”

**Shane Owens**
EE Senior
“I don’t know, I watched figure skating instead.”

**Teri Will**
ID Junior
“Victor Petrenko is sooooo dreamy.”

**Jenny Schwerman**
ChemE Junior
“The one where everyone wished they were from Wisconsin.”

**Katie Neal**
STAC Sophomore
“The Doritos girl getting hit in the head.”

**Joon Ok**
ME Graduate
“Coca Cola! Oops, I didn’t watch the Super Bowl.”

**Guy Ettinger**
CS Senior
“The Pepsi one with the chess player and Big Blue.”

**Megan Lutz**
ISyE Sophomore
“What are youuuu doing?”

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*Proprietary information for the week: Team names Forpoutri don’t cut the cheese. Not menacing enough. Our airplane will look like a guppy with claws.*
The question of my life: Should I move to the ocean? The mountains? The desert? Or Switzerland? East Coast? West Coast? Canada?

Earthrounders

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vation to high school students in six states. The five-week flight made more than 30 stops.

After that, the two started the Global Advancement Foundation, a student-run nonprofit organization which gives kids the ability to fund their dreams through sponsorship. From there, World Flight 2000 began.

"When I first saw this ugly-looking airplane appear in the airport, I could not believe that anyone would like to fly it," Professor of Physics Frank Wolfs, a former teacher of Dominguez, said in the months before the flight.

The World Flight Team restored the airplane themselves. Dream Catcher, the twin-engine Aero Commander 560E, took off on September 1 and made it through 10-to-11-hour flights every four or five days.

"I look at it and I say, 'This plane was in Africa.' It's kind of mesmerizing," Dan Dominguez

World Flight Pilot

two took more than 3,000 digital photographs and plan to release a book.

The World Flight crew includes senior and school coordinator Beth Begy and two recent UR graduates

—— photographer Jesse Weisz and international director Jenni Powers.

Students, it appears, have taken the pilots' message to heart. Danny Brown, a sixth-grader at Apollo Middle School, followed the flight's course every Friday in class.

"They've really inspired me," Brown said. "I'd given up on my dream to be a baseball player. They kept my dream going."

And these feelings are exactly what Dominguez and Wall wanted to perpetuate. "What kind of world do you want to live in?" Dominguez asked the schoolchildren assembled at his Rochester homecoming.

"We were just two crazy kids with a dream. You can accomplish anything you want."

For more information, visit the World Flight 2000 Web site at http://www.worldflight2000.org/

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These members of the World Flight team displayed their aircraft at EAA Airventure Air Show only a month before departing for their Earthrounding.