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## Tech makes a 'B' on Green Report Card

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The Sustainable Endowment Institute has awarded Georgia Tech an overall grade of "B" on its 2009 College Sustainability Report Card of 300 leading schools. Up from a "C" given last year, the grade moves Tech into the Campus Sustainability Leader category.

Tech improved from a "C" to an "A" in both in the Administration and Food & Recycling categories.

The addition of a full-time director to the Office of Environmental Stewardship along with a LEED-accredited building director, an alternative transportation manager and a recycling services manager, contributed to the "A" grade in Administration.

The Food & Recycling category received a boost from last year, as Tech currently purchases 40 percent of its produce

and 25 percent of all food from local sources and offers organic food, along with discounts given for students' having reusable cups and shopping bags. Students also have organized a campus community agriculture program. In March, the Office of Solid Waste Management and Recycling won the 2008 American Forest and Paper Association College and University Paper Recycling Award.

### 2009 Green Report Card

Administration	A
Climate Change & Energy	B
Food & Recycling	A
Green Building	A
Student Involvement	A
Transportation	B
Endowment Transparency	F
Investment Priorities	A
Shareholder Engagement	F

Source: [www.greenreportcard.com](http://www.greenreportcard.com)

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## A heated demonstration



During a fire safety fair held on campus last week in recognition of National Campus Fire Safety Month, students watched as a mock dorm room became engulfed in flames in a matter of minutes (above and right), were able to crawl through a simulated smoke-filled hallway (top right) and learned how to operate a fire extinguisher. For more information about fire prevention, visit [www.safety.gatech.edu/fire](http://www.safety.gatech.edu/fire).

## Program aims to keep parents aware of student life at Tech

With the fall semester break right around the corner, Parents Program Director Kimberly Sterritt and Communications Officer Rachael Pocklington prepare for the inevitable reactions and questions regarding students' mid-semester progress reports, released last week. "We are working with several departments to provide support to parents after these progress reports are posted," Sterritt said.

Formerly a part of the Alumni Association, the Institute's Parents Program was officially realigned with the Division of Student Affairs on July 1. This initiative was started by former Tech President G. Wayne Clough. "The goal was to dedicate the resources and really focus on providing parents

*"Parents are still the strongest influence in students' lives today. We need to be sure we are utilizing them to help with our students' success."*

—Kimberly Sterritt  
director,  
Georgia Tech Parents Program

with more in-depth information about student-centric services available at Georgia Tech. Parents are an extremely important variable in the student success equation. We are finding that parents can be a

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## Kosal aids in grading government on WMD and terror prevention

A year and half after the 9/11 Commission's call for "maximum effort" against Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) terrorism, the government's performance has been graded a "C" by Sam Nunn School of International Affairs Assistant Professor Margaret E. Kosal.

Kosal, a lead author of the "WMD Terror Report Card," joined U.S. Rep. Lee Hamilton and former Sen. Slade Gorton in debuting the Report Card, an evaluation by the 9/11 Commission + 6 Initiative of the Partnership for a Secure America (PSA), a bipartisan center for national security studies.

The report and supporting papers by Kosal and two other independent experts provide a straightforward assessment of the government's performance in three areas: Maximum Effort to Prevent Nuclear Terrorism ("C"), Maximum Effort to Prevent Chemical Terrorism ("B-") and Maximum Effort to Prevent Biological Terrorism ("C-").

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