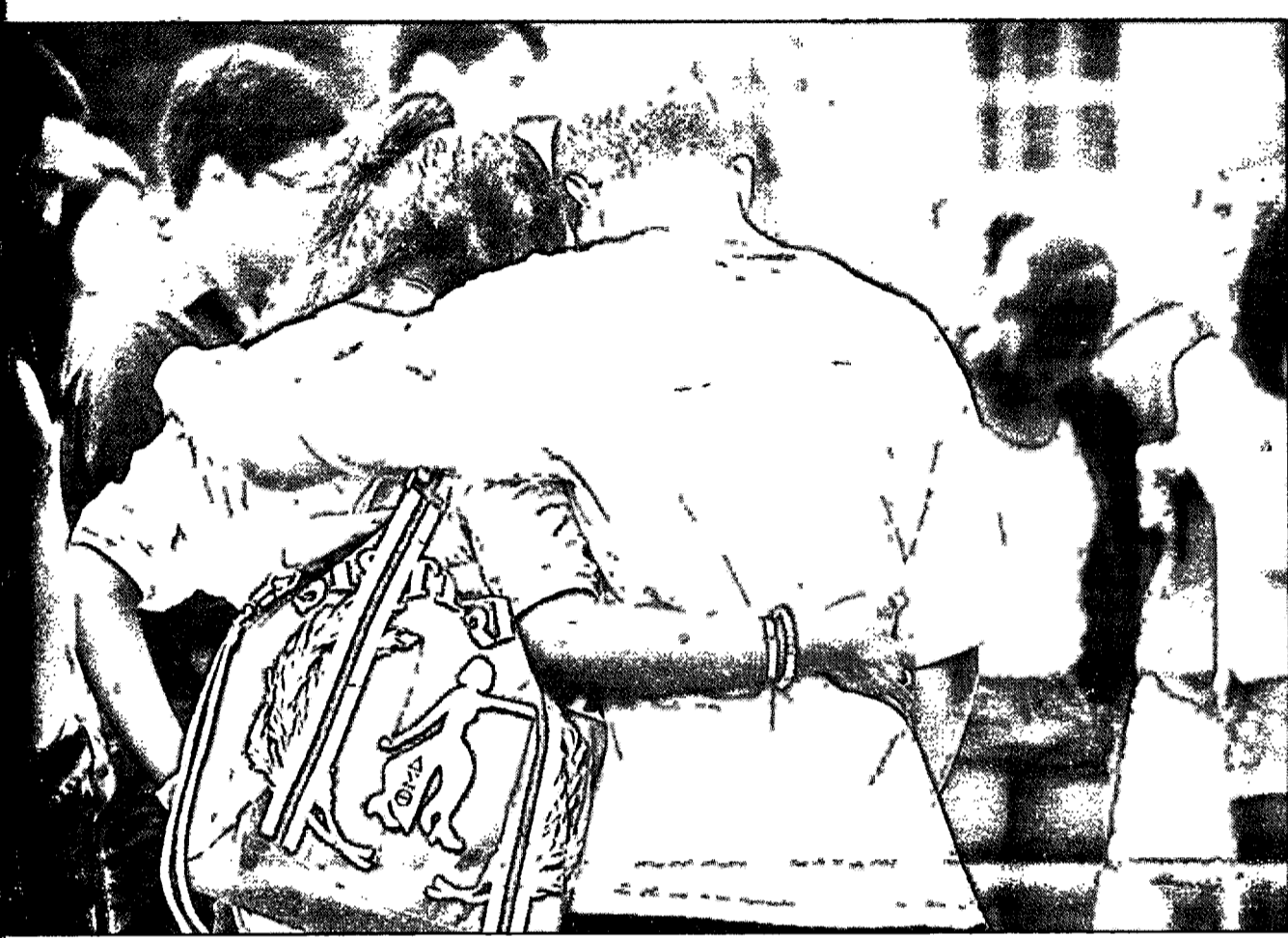


## Students share moment of silence for Boston



During Common Hour yesterday, students and faculty members gathered around the flag pole for a moment of silence for those affected by the Boston bombing. Brothers of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity planned the gathering. Photo courtesy of College Communications

## SGA elects new diversity coordinators

*Four SGA senators elected to promote interests of underrepresented campus groups*

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This semester, SGA has elected four members to serve as diversity coordinator council senators: Jamie Durling '14 of GSA, Lexi Mann '15 of OLAS, Arielle James '14 of Shades of Brown and Kassim Alani '15 of ACAA. The diversity coordinators ensure that the cultural organizations on campus are adequately represented within the SGA. This is the second year SGA has elected diversity coordinators to the Senate.

In speaking with Alani, the most recently elected diversity coordinator early this month, he emphasized SGA's role in addressing diversity issues. "The role [of these senators] is to promote and make sure that cultural group interests are heard and represented, to provide assistance to them and to make sure that cultural organizations and underrepresented groups are properly represented," he said.

"We [the SGA] are supposed to play a role in making sure their events are promoted and that they are heard throughout campus so it is not just those groups that are the ones attending their events, the whole campus is."

Alani hopes to change the perception that events hosted by cultural organizations, such as ACAA, are intended for its members. Rather, these events are for the entire student body. Just as the majority of the student body attends Union Board events, he hopes that SGA can help students of all backgrounds feel included in events hosted by these minority organizations.

James considers her role to be "to facilitate communication between the minority who is not represented by Patterson Court and SGA."

Durling was elected at the end of March and represents GSA. "Within larger SGA meetings, I simply view myself as trying to represent the perspectives of diversity groups on campus generally, and GSA more specifically (because I know the views of GSA better, and I was nominated by GSA)," he said.

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## Technical difficulties hinder downlink with astronaut alum, second session in planning

*Video feed successful, but transmission glitch obstructs two-way conversation*

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Due to technical difficulties, the link with astronaut Dr. Tom Marshburn hosted by the Physics department and College Communications did not proceed as planned Friday afternoon in the 900 Room. The audience in the 900 Room was able to watch and hear stream-

p.m. as planned. After a few moments it became apparent that although audio from Larry Cain, Richardson Professor of Physics, was being received at NASA Mission Control in Houston, Texas, the audio was not being successfully transmitted to Marshburn.

As a result, the planned student question-and-answer session with Marshburn did not happen. Instead, Marshburn gave the assembled audience a verbal tour around the space station and entertained the crowd with several antigravity tricks using his microphone and a bag of hazelnuts.

"We are flying, right now, 17,500 miles per hour. Right now I think we are above Peru. We are heading east, of course, and by the time I'm finished talking with you we'll probably be over the Atlantic Ocean," Marshburn said from a laboratory module in the ISS. "I'm at the

front of the space station. Behind all the walls around me is the vacuum of space."

Marshburn spoke about living aboard the ISS 230 miles above the earth. "We have sleeping quarters, kitchen, bathrooms, everything we need to stay up here and live for a long period of time. I've been up here four months now. I'm starting to get really adapted to zero-gravity." Marshburn then demonstrated with several mid-air somersaults.

In lieu of answering questions asked live by students, Marshburn was able to answer questions sent to him via email. One question concerned the relevance of physics in his daily life in space. "When you remove the effects of gravity you can see things here that you could never see on earth," he said.

To demonstrate, Marshburn took out a

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Do you want to change the world? If you did not have the chance to attend the "What it takes to change the World" lecture, check out staff writer's Jackson Mauze's coverage of the event featuring alumnus Andrew Lovedale '09.



Professional trumpeter Alan Vizzutti will join the Jazz Ensemble in their performance this Friday evening. Read about the upcoming concert and Vizzutti's musical background.

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The women's lacrosse team set a winning streak record with seven consecutive victories. This past weekend, they defeated rivals Highpoint University and Coastal Carolina University.

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