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## Fire hits Bobby Dodd stadium

By Daniel Amick  
Senior Staff Writer

A fire broke out under the stands at Bobby Dodd Stadium last Saturday night, injuring one person and damaging the interior of the press box and club-level seats. The fire started about three hours after the conclusion of Tech's home game against Brigham Young.

"It wasn't a raging inferno, but it was a very smoky fire," said Robert Harty, Director of Institute Communications and Public Affairs.

Harty indicated that about a half-dozen people, including Athletic Association Director of Communications Allison George, were in the stadium press box at the time and reported seeing flames coming from an electrical box on the west side of the stadium.

While there were no fans to evacuate, various clean-up crews were scattered throughout the stadium. Georgia Tech Police Department officers aided members of the Atlanta Fire Department in clearing people from the stadium and directing traffic while the fire was put out.

"[The GTPD] got the call about 10:10 p.m.," said Pat Wypasek, the GTPD's Interim Police Chief. The

flames had been extinguished by 11:30 p.m.

An unidentified white male in his 20s was rescued from beneath the stands. According to Harty, the individual was "pretty seriously hurt" from smoke inhalation, but he was not burned. The man was taken by ambulance to a local hospital, where he remained under treatment Tuesday. Harty had no identification on his person.

"It will still be another day or so before [investigators] can talk to him," said Harty.

The fire apparently caused no structural damage.

"We didn't have melting of seats, or anything like that," said Harty.

However, the fire did burn some of the electrical infrastructure in the press box that is used by television broadcasters during the games. There is also black charring on one of the stadium's red brick walls, which will have to be cleaned.

"I can't put a dollar figure on the damage yet," said Harty.

He stressed that the fire should not affect the next home game at Bobby Dodd Stadium against Wake Forest Oct. 5, nor should the electrical damage affect any broadcast

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On Saturday night, less than three hours after the BYU game, an electrical fire caused minor damage to the West stands of Bobby Dodd stadium.

By Jerome Reyes / SPECIAL TO THE 'NIQUE

## HOPE scholarship anniversary at Tech

Governor Roy Barnes, Lieutenant Governor Mark Taylor and U.S. Senator Zell Miller will make a presentation honoring the tenth anniversary of the HOPE scholarship at the campanile Monday Sept. 30 at 9:30 a.m. All students and faculty are welcome to attend.

## Director of assistive technology hired

Stephen Sprigle was recently hired as the new director of the Center for Assistive Technology and Environmental Access (CATEA), a unit of the College of Architecture that develops assistive technology for the disabled. He will also serve as an associate professor in Industrial Design. Sprigle previously served as the director of the Center of Rehabilitation Technology in New York.

## House candidate to speak next week

Phil Gingrey, a Tech graduate, will speak at the next meeting of the College Republicans. Gingrey will be a candidate for Congressman in the November election. The presentation will take place Monday at 7:00pm in the Student Center.

## OIE begins search for new director

By Tony Kluemper  
News Editor

Since the beginning of the semester, the Office of International Education (OIE) has been running without a director. However to bring an end to this hiatus, a search committee was recently formed to begin the process of choosing a new director. The committee, chaired by Doug Allen, an Associate Dean in the College of Architecture, will start the process of reviewing applications next month.

Looking ahead in the process, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs Bob McMath hopes to have someone named as director by the end of this semester.

"In addition to finding someone who can manage our ongoing activities in support of international students and student abroad programs, we are looking for an individual who will interact effectively with the faculty," said McMath.

The events of September 11 have somewhat changed the duties that will be expected of the new director. Beginning Jan. 30 of next year, the OIE will need to have the Immigration and a new international student information system up and running. The new system will be used to contact INS electronically if there is any change in an international student's status or address.

Fortunately for the new director, the staff of OIE is already working to make sure that these changes take place as smoothly as possible.

## Dean's office expands with new positions

By Sriram Narasimhan  
Senior Staff Writer

The Office of the Dean of Students recently posted three new positions in order to expedite administrative tasks concerning hearings, facilitate greater communication between the office and student body and, most enthusiastically of all, to foster a greater understanding of academic honor code.

A necessary addition to the office included an administrative assistant in charge of filing much of the paperwork that has, as recently as the spring, been a hailstorm of case hearings and appeals, namely associated with the 187 students suspected of cheating last fall in two introductory computer science courses.

"I was asked what it would take for us to do our jobs right

so students wouldn't have to wait forever to get what they needed," said Karen Boyd, Associate Dean of Students.

In fact, by the summer, the office had amassed over 400 pending appointments and at least 450 overtime hours. The lack of additional administrative support forced the current administration to draw attention away from the judicial cases and the graduate assistant to spend less

time on Greek affairs, an area that also requires support.

"You don't have cases like [the computer science ones] often and that's the thing that pushed the system to the brink," said Boyd.

The other positions include an Assistant Dean for Academic Integrity and reporting to the dean, an Ethics Education Spe-

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## Under the Couch plans major changes

By Madhu Adiga  
Senior Staff Writer

Musician's Network, the student group that manages the concert venue Under the Couch, has drafted a proposal for changes in the way they run the venue in response to concerns from the administration.

Concerns first began about three years ago when a committee headed by Senior Associate Dean of Students Karen Boyd was formed to investigate the administration's relationship with Under the Couch and Musician's Network. The members raised concerns about the noise level during shows and the large crowds, mainly because of the location of the venue.

"The noise level in Under the Couch has a definite impact

on residence halls because of its location on West Campus, particularly its closeness to Folk, Caldwell, and the ULC," said Dan Morrison, Assistant Director of Housing.

Along with noise and alcohol-related complaints, the concern was also raised that Under the Couch has been losing its focus on Georgia Tech. Many of the acts booked are not Georgia Tech-affiliated, and the venue attracts an off-campus crowd that is, on occasion, younger and high-school age.

"As of now, there is a definite push, not to close down the venue, but to see if the concerns that have been brought up can be rectified. This semester, there have already been complaints

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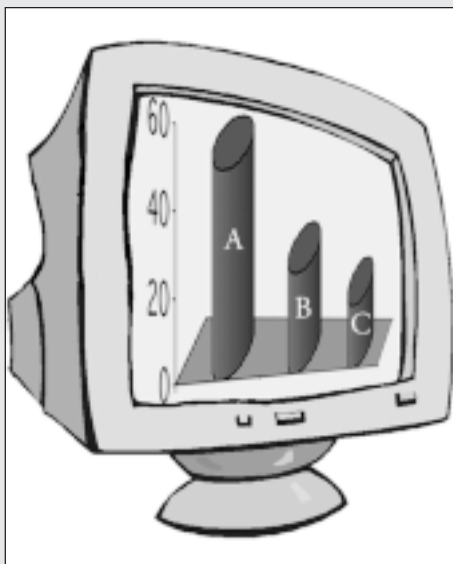


By Chris Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Under the Couch, which is located in the center of West campus, is currently looking to focus on more Georgia Tech related events.

**Technique Online** Voice Your Opinion!

Last issue's poll garnered 30 responses to the question: "What is your opinion of the new CS 1321 alternative?"



A. Good idea for non-engineering, non-sciences majors: 57.58 %  
 B. Don't care either way: 15.15 %  
 C. Devalues a non-engineering degree: 27.27 %

Image by Ian Clark / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's poll is related to changes in SGA's funding policy. How do you feel about the recent changes of funding to Tier III groups? Tell us what you think at [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique).

# From the archives...

## The Nique's top stories from:



**10** years ago: September 25, 1992—SAT scores of the incoming freshman class rose from 1196 to 1226. In an oft-repeated statement, then-President John Crecine proclaimed, "This is the best class ever at Georgia Tech." Head Football Coach Bill Lewis led Georgia Tech to a 37-19 win over West Carolina.

**20** years ago: September 24, 1982—Two men pretending to be foreign students tried to con a student out of her money. She became suspicious and called the police. The men eluded capture. Tech lost 45-7 to the Crimson Tide of Alabama

**30** years ago: September 29, 1972—The School of Nuclear Engineering, once a graduate program only, began offering a Bachelor of Nuclear Engineering degree. A teletype system was installed in the Area III Dorm Commons Area so "students users can interact with the UNIVAC 1108 from their dorms rather than coming to the Computing Center.

## Newly appointed senators join GSS

By Tony Kluemper  
News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate conducted business with one of the largest audiences of the year, as many newly appointed senators were in attendance for the first time. Therefore, the meeting ran a little differently than usual as the new members were introduced to many aspects of student government.

Once the new senators were sworn in, both Vice President of Finance Chris Webb and JCOC Chair Tim Cailloux spoke to the Senate about their positions and the importance of the two committees. Also in response to questions raised at the previous week's meeting about recent changes in JFC policy, Webb discussed in detail some of these changes made at the end of last semester.

Dean of Students Gail DiSabitino also addressed the Senate, introducing a new program that hopes to address a concern many graduate students have expressed for nearly twenty years: the need for child care facilities near campus.

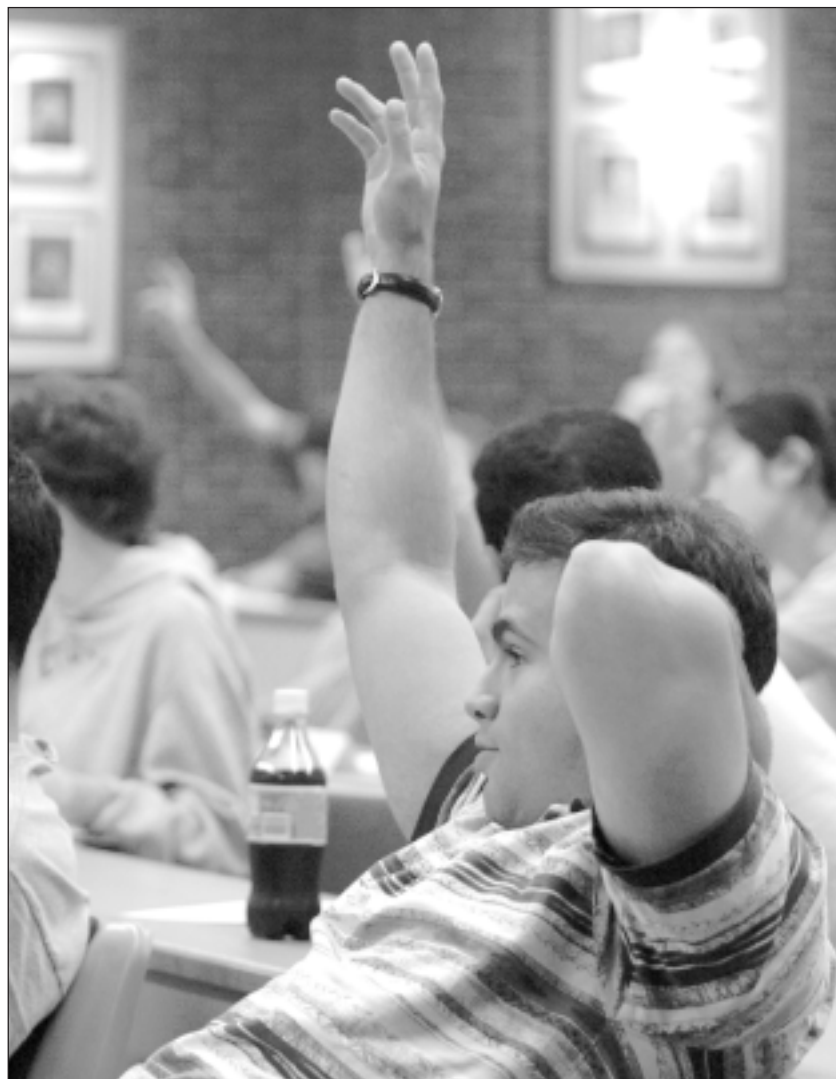
According to DiSabitino, the new facility will open sometime early next year in the Home Park neighborhood. "This will be a brand new facility that will work in conjunction with both Tech and the Home Park residents," said DiSabitino.

When completed, the child care center will have over 90 spots open to children of Tech students, faculty or staff. The other spots will be open to children of Home Park residents. The spots will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

In actual GSS business, the Senate passed three bills during the meeting. The first was a joint allocation to the organizers of the Georgia Tech Coming Out week. Sid Kossowsky and Jonathan Duke, the co-organizers of the events, addressed the Senate saying that they hoped this event would help to promote awareness of the various lifestyles on campus. According to Kos-

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## Council Clippings Senate and House



By Peter Jensen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

CS representative Adam Bernstein raises his hand to vote on one of the allocation bills at Tuesday night's meeting. The House approved bills to allocate money to both the AIAA and the first GT Coming Out Week, which will take place Oct. 4-11.

### Bills Considered

#### Undergraduate House of Representatives

Joint Allocation to GT Coming Out Week	Author: Michael Handelman	passed
Joint Allocation to Tech AIAA	Author: Keith Becker	passed
Appointments to JCOC	Author: Tiffany Massey	passed
Appointments of unfilled Rep positions	Author: Tiffany Massey	passed

#### Graduate Student Senate

Joint Allocation to GT Coming Out Week	Author: Brian Timberlake	passed
Appointments to JCOC	Author: Alan Michaels	passed
Appointment to Institute committee	Author: Alan Michaels	passed

## Financial slate makes UHR debut

By Daniel Amick  
Senior Staff Writer

Undergraduate Representatives seemed to be taking a breather from last week's Issue Meeting. Indeed, there was nothing particularly out-of-the-ordinary about the two bills before the House Tuesday night. What was new was the fact that both bills were supposed to be considered together. And thus, after surviving yet another motion to suspend, the much-discussed slate voting procedure made its trial run.

This week's slate was composed of an allocation bill to the Georgia Tech Student Chapter of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) and an allocation to Georgia Tech Coming Out Week. At least, initially.

Citing a desire to ask technical questions of bill sponsors, representatives decided to remove the allocation to the Georgia Tech Coming Out Week from the slate for further discussion. With the approval of one quarter of the House, they proceeded to do just that. The slimmed down slate, now consisting of just the allocation to AIAA, passed 36-1 with 2 abstentions.

Organizers of Georgia Tech Coming Out Week, Sid Kossowsky and Jonathan Duke, then addressed the House. The purpose of this new event, they said, is "to educate the campus about Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender [GLBT] Issues" while creating a more tolerant on-campus atmosphere. They also discussed the group's other fundraising activities that would supplement SGA funding. Most of the money the organizers were requesting will pay for a guest speaker who appeared on MTV's Road Rules. Their questions answered, representatives passed the allocation bill 29-3 with 7 abstentions.

Having wrapped up old business in near-record time, members voted to suspend the bylaws and moved two bills out of new business and into old business. These were appointment bills. The first appointed new

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## Ramblin' Nights Casino Night takes over SAC



By Shelley Hoyal / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students enjoy the second Ramblin' Night of the football season as the SAC gym became a giant casino. There were over 1,000 students in attendance, which marked an increase over the first Ramblin' Night event. Students were able to enjoy the casino tables, as well as the live band that performed.

## UHR

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member to the Joint Campus Organization Committee (JCOC), which passed by unanimous acclamation.

The second bill filled four vacant seats in the Undergraduate House itself. The appointees gave brief speeches introducing themselves to their soon-to-be colleagues. This bill passed by unanimous acclamation as well. An enthusiastic

round of applause welcomed the newly appointed UHR members after they were sworn in. They are Physics Rep. Christina LoBracco, Senior Rep. Darryl Ward, Senior Rep. Jonathan Bonus, and Co-Op Rep. Shakti Saran.

An attempt to bring one final bill, which included an allocation to FreshGA, out of new business failed, as members decided to leave the balance of new business to next week's meeting.

Perhaps the most exciting moment Tuesday came just before the meeting drew to a close. Textile Rep Joey Woodall stood and, with a sly grin on his face, made a motion that SGA President Tiffany Massey be supported as SGA's nominee for Miss Georgia Tech. Another motion quickly followed naming Executive Vice President Nate Watson the SGA nominee for Mr. Georgia Tech. Both were then duly "endorsed by unanimous acclamation."

## Dean

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cialist charged with encouraging students to make better decisions in the classroom. According to the office, these two positions, in particular, are very unique, mainly because of their measures for proactive support.

The most conspicuous reason for those was the familiar example of the Computer Science students caught cheating after a Georgia Tech-crafted program called 'Cheaterfinder' caught distinct similarities between individuals' separate computer code. Until the spring, the CoC publicly harbored a strict policy of non-collaboration on any assignment, creating the non-intended effect of a false impression of the academic honor code's severity.

The task that befell the Office for Academic Integrity, logically, was to better prepare Tech students for ethical decision-making as well as prepare the faculty for a different kind of approach in making aware the issues of academic honesty, in lieu of outside criticisms against the CoC's methods.

The new assistant dean position and the Ethics Education Specialist subsequently followed. The former is not currently filled, but is expected to be next spring. The latter was filled this past summer.

"Upholding and understanding honor code is what prompted this

office to expand and create this position," said Ericka Smith, Ethics Education Specialist.

"The need for the education is there. We have the opportunity to reach the students more effectively."

Smith comes to Tech with a degree from the University of Central Florida in Orlando. She received a Masters in student personnel in higher education. Later she worked as a residence life coordinator and in judicial affairs at Rollins College in Winter Park, FL and at Oxford in Emory.

Later this year, Smith will report to the Assistant Dean for Academic Integrity. She has already begun to assist the student Honor Advisory Council charged with promoting the honor code, one of her primary responsibilities.

Much of the effort from

Smith, as a result of the unique nature of the position, will be to take on a task that in the past has never been a direct administrative attempt to teach the honor code.

"I think a challenge will be trying to implement the honor code as part of Tech's culture where freshmen to seniors are very aware of it and how it can impact them as students," said Smith.

"That will take some time, but it's doable."

The office is expanding in other ways as well. The website has just been redesigned with more student-driven information.

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Ethics Education Specialist

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of the game.

"This certainly won't impact fans," and will not "in any way, shape, or form, jeopardize" the upcoming game, said Harty.

George echoed Harty's comments.

"We certainly expect to be able to play [at the stadium]," and "to be able to play in a safe environment," she said.

The Atlanta Fire Department is still looking into the cause of the fire. Initial newspaper reports suggested lightning from the strong thunderstorms that rolled across downtown Atlanta Saturday night may have sparked the fire, but officials have not reached any conclusions yet.

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sowky, the event will take place from Oct. 4-11 and will feature a wide variety of events topped off with a guest speaker. The organizers wanted the senators to be aware that the events would be open to all members of the Tech community.

"All of the events will be completely free," said Kossowkiy. "We want everyone involved, from students to faculty to staff."

After a brief discussion from the senators, it was determined that the bill had been approved by JFC. The bill then passed by a large majority.

In other business, Coordinating Officer Jennifer Matthews asked that two bills in new business be moved to old business so that they could be discussed and voted on at the meeting. The first bill asked for the approval of two appointments to JCOC made by President Alan Michaels. The bill was passed with little debate.

The second bill that was moved into old business also dealt with appointments. This bill centered around an appointment to an Institute committee. This bill also passed with little discussion.

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from residents and staff members who live near Under the Couch," said Morrison.

The administration provided Musician's Network with a list of recommendations, but not all of these changes have been taken into account.

"A lot of the problems that have risen between the administration and Under the Couch are the result from a lack of communication," said Danielle McDonald, Student Organizations Advisor.

In response to this, some of the members and officers of Musician's Network outlined proposed changes to operation of Under the Couch this fall. For the time being, they have suspended all concerts that are not Georgia Tech events until they can reach a clearer compromise.

"We really are trying to do the right thing, and working very hard at it,"

said Lauren Ellis, president of Musician's Network.

"Under the Couch serves two functions: a concert venue and a place for musicians to practice and record. Musician's Network is currently making an effort to improve the venue aspect of Under the Couch," said McDonald.

To return the focus to Georgia Tech students, Musician's Network is moving towards making the performance space primarily for the use of student organizations. For now, they propose scheduling only Georgia Tech events, or allowing only two or three off-campus acts per semester, all approved by Boyd. Also, at any Under the Couch show, only one non-Georgia Tech guest is allowed per Tech student.

To improve communication be-

tween Musician's Network and the Georgia Tech administration, the proposal requests the formation of an Advisory Board and professional advisor for Under the Couch, as was first recommended in 1999.

Many of the other points outlined in the proposal address ideas for operating the facility more efficiently and preventing problems associated with noise and security.

Musician's Network would appoint someone, preferably a graduate student worker or administrator, to inspect the facility after it is used and before its next use. This way, any illegal activity or damage done can be attributed to the last party who used the facility. Musician's Network will also employ a security guard at the show if numbers warrant it, and the guard would enforce institute policies and keep non-paying people out of the facility. In addition, Musician's Network is willing to consider using closed-circuit security cameras and a Buzz Card access system.

The graduate student worker in charge of booking for Under the Couch is responsible for coordinating quiet hours as agreed upon by the Music Department. The worker would also supervise staff for monitoring events and morning walkthroughs of the facility.

By suggesting these policies and more, the Musician's Network hopes to smooth over its relations with the administration and keep the facility running. "There has been a lot of campus response in support for Under the Couch," said McDonald.

"Our mission is to unite musicians and music lovers of Georgia Tech, and provide a space for them to display their talents, record, and practice. We are striving to keep Under the Couch," said Ellis.

"As of now, there is a definite push, not to close down the venue."

**Dan Morrison**

Assistant Director of Housing

**Breaking the Bubble**

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

**West Nile virus death toll in 2002 climbs to 98**

Health officials at the CDC announced this week that the number of deaths due to the West Nile virus has risen to almost 100 for 2002 alone. The states where the disease seems to have had the greatest effect are in the Midwest where Illinois and Michigan have both reported the highest number of fatalities in the past year. Officials predict that tens of thousands of people have most likely been infected with the disease, but most cases are never diagnosed. This is due to the fact that only 20 percent of the people who have contracted the disease experience symptoms.

**Man rescued after three months on the Pacific**

A 62-year old California man who had survived three months on the Pacific in a broken sailboat returned to his hometown this week. Richard Van Pham was rescued last week by a Coast Guard ship out of San Diego. He apparently set sail from Long Beach in early June of this year. On route to his destination, Van Pham's mast was broken in a rough storm and his two-way radio failed. While at sea, Van Pham was able to survive by grilling turtles and seabirds.

**Tropical storm Isidore slams into Gulf Coast**

Tropical storm Isidore dropped over 6 inches of rain on parts of the southeast this past week. The storm has greatly affected Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Florida with heavy rain and wind gusts up to 30 miles per hour. New Orleans, which is located 280 miles north of the eye of the storm, is expecting to get up to 15 inches of rain over the weekend. As the heavy rains and winds head toward the coasts, tourists began to head inland, heeding the advice of local safety officials to evacuate the area.

**Senate Majority Leaders lashes out at Bush**

Wednesday Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle accused President Bush of using the threat of war in Iraq as a way to gain political support. Daschle, a Democrat, also lashed out at Bush for implying that Democrats are "not interested in the security of the American people" because they are not pushing forward in the conflict with Iraq. Daschle made his comments as members of Congress negotiated on legislation that would authorize Bush to use force to eliminate Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction.