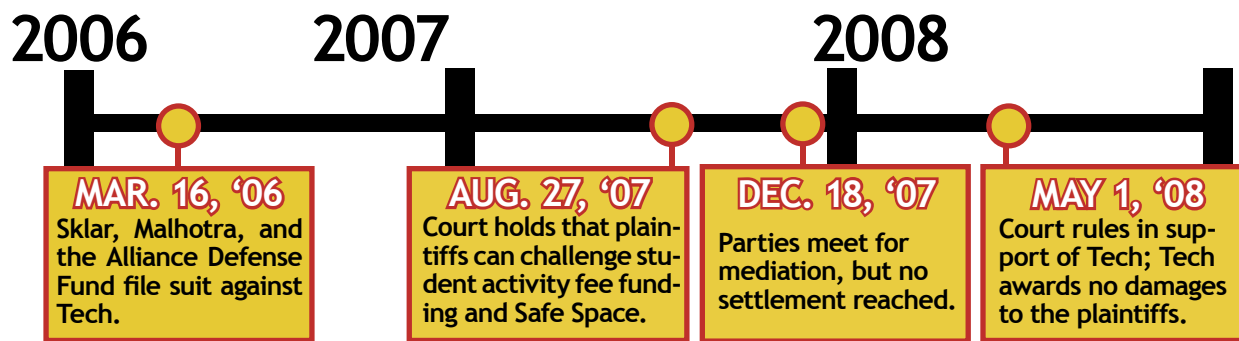




## Sklar v. Clough case resolves



By Sijia Cai  
Staff Writer

A long-standing legal dispute was resolved in April between the Institute and two former students, whose allegations included that their free speech rights were being infringed upon by Institute policies and through the misappropriation of mandatory Student Activity Fees, and disputed the legality of the Institute's involvement in programs such as Safe Space.

The final ruling, handed down April 29, does not require Tech to pay any damages or make any new changes to its policies beyond what has already been done during the course of the lawsuit.

Back on March 16, 2006, the Alliance Defense Fund, a Christian legal alliance created to "aggressively defend religious liberty," filed a lawsuit on behalf of the students against Tech for allegedly violating students' First Amendment right to free speech by proscribing certain types of speech in its Student Code of Conduct and Community Guide.

Institute President Wayne Clough, Gail DiSabatino (former Dean of Students), Danielle McDonald (Assistant Dean of Student Involvement), Stephanie Ray (Associate Dean and Director of Diversity Programs), and Michael Black (Director of Housing) were named as

defendants in the case.

"Our lawsuit has resulted in significant changes to the policies and practices at Georgia Tech," Malhotra said. "All students and student groups should enjoy the full range of First Amendment freedoms."

"We are pleased... [with] today's court ruling," said James Fetig, Assistant Director of Communications and Marketing. "No action will be required on the part of the Institute."

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Co-Plaintiff

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of two former students, Orit Sklar and Ruth Malhotra. The plaintiffs claimed that Tech's "speech code" contained unconstitutional guidelines regulating the speech and actions of individuals and student organizations as well as the locations where such opinions can be expressed.

Under the code, disciplinary action ranging from warnings to expulsion was prescribed for Acts of Intolerance directed against a person because of his or her race, religious belief, sexual orientation, gender, etc.

"We filed this lawsuit... because we

believe in legal equality for all students in the marketplace of ideas," Malhotra said. "Georgia Tech's policies were... disingenuous, unconstitutional and demonstrated selectivity in enforcement."

The plaintiffs also claimed that Tech discriminated unfairly against political and religious organizations since the Institute refuses to fund "partisan political activities" or "religious activities" with the Student Activity Fee, which is allocated to student organizations by the Student Government Association.

In addition, the plaintiffs accused the Institute of "religious indoctrination" through its Safe Space program, whose purpose is to "provide a supportive environment for GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered) members of the campus community" and "facilitate their 'coming out' process."

Since the initial filing of the suit in 2006, Tech has reached a settlement with the plaintiffs, modifying the speech code and repealing controversial provisions such as the ban on injurious verbal/written communication directed against an individual.

The Institute has also changed its Speech Zone policy and removed religious material from the Safe Space

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## Former President Crecine remembered

By Kaitlin Goodrich  
Staff Writer

Former Institute president John Patrick "Pat" Crecine died in his home in Pittsburgh, Pa. at age 68 on Monday, April 28, 2008. As Tech's ninth president, Crecine led the institute from 1987 until his resignation in 1994.

During this time, Crecine became best known for his restructuring of the college system, which included the creation of the College of Computing, the College of Sciences and the predecessor to what is now the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts.

The colleges developed out of a single catchall college named COSALS, the College of Sciences and Liberal Arts, which also absorbed the College of Management until it was restored when current president Wayne Clough succeeded Crecine in 1994.

"Not only did President Crecine create [the three colleges] that would have equal rank, if not size with the College of Engineering, but that level of reorganization turned Georgia Tech from a regional engineering school to the technological university that it is today," said Peter Freeman, Dean Emeritus and Founding Dean of College of Computing.

Crecine is also credited with having a large part in bringing the 1996 Summer Olympics to Atlanta. He created a multimedia presentation for the International Olympic Committee in September of 1989 that portrayed Atlanta as the city of the future with 3-D digitized graphical models of how Atlanta would look in 1996. Non-existent facilities

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By Michael Schneider /STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Congratulations!** Newly graduated students celebrate at Spring Commencement on Saturday, May 3 at the Georgia Dome.

## More crimes reported on East Campus

By Vivian Fan  
News Editor

Two instances of armed robbery and one aggravated assault of crime have been reported on East Campus from early to mid May. All crimes were reported on separate occasions.

May 2 at 3:35 a.m., a student reported an aggravated assault to the Georgia Tech Police Department on Techwood Drive between Bobby Dodd Way and North Avenue. According to the student, a man approached the victim and his friend. The subject was a black male in his 20's, approximately 5'9" and 170 pounds. He was reportedly wearing a pink/purple splatter colored shirt.

After a brief discussion, the subject pulled and pointed a handgun at the victims, asking them to

reveal the contents in their pocket. Soon afterwards, a red/maroon sedan picked up the subject and drove away.

In a separate instance on May 23 at 1:50 a.m., three students were reportedly robbed at gun point by two black males on Brittain Drive.

One male was described to be approximately 16-18 years of age, 5'5" tall with short hair. The second was about 6'1" tall and was wearing a grey/black hooded shirt and a mask.

The two subjects exited a red sedan holding two other individuals, and demanded the students' belongings. The subjects then returned to the car and drove off, last being seen traveling west on North Avenue.

The second instance of armed robbery occurred on May 14 at 11:50 p.m. A non-Tech affiliated male reported that three black males

in a Honda Civic approached him in the North Avenue tunnel area. The three subjects all of the victim's belongings, and the victim complied. The subjects then drove off. Only one subject was described; he was a black male in a black puffy jacket and a hat.

In each reported crime, no one was injured; however, the subjects in each crime have not been identified or arrested yet.

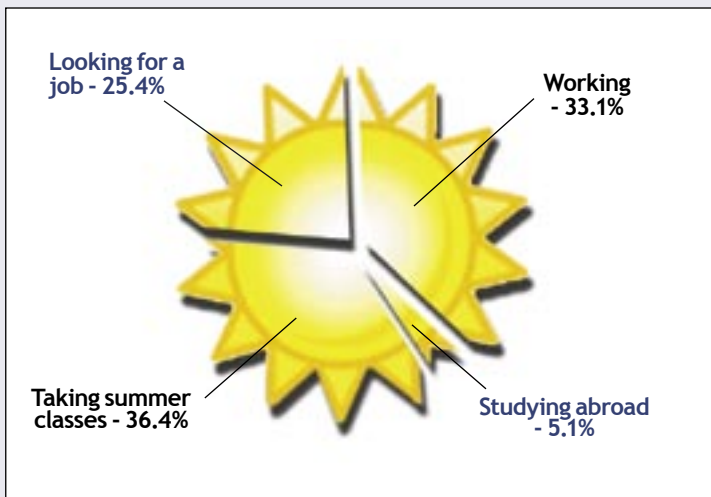
With the increase of violent crimes on West Campus, students and faculty traveling on East Campus at night should be cautious.

"I think it's important for students not to exclude themselves from the danger... People should be extra careful when they're walking around," said Mike Koh, a third-year Biomedical Engineering Major and former resident of North Avenue Apartments.

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**What are your plans for the summer?**



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This week's question:

**What do you think of the Sklar v. Clough outcome?**

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**Sorority pics found in pants**

Georgia Tech Police were called to Beta Theta Pi Fraternity House in the morning of May 5. Two residents of the house had two suspects in custody.

One of the residents said that he had been sleeping in the chapter room of the house when he heard the two suspects trying to gain entry into the house with a screwdriver. The resident grabbed the two males by the shirt and pulled them into the house.

In the pants of the two suspects, the residents found two pictures, each depicting members of two campus sororities. The pictures were later identified as taken from members of the respective sororities, who the residents claimed to know. The photographs were taken as evidence.

After completing a walk-through of the house to ensure that nothing else was taken, police handcuffed the two suspects and arrested them for burglary. The two were taken to Fulton County jail.

From the files of the GTPD...

**Campus Crime**

By Kaitlin Goodrich,  
Staff Writer



**Crimes of Science?**

Four suspicious individuals were discovered in an unauthorized area of the Molecular Sciences and Engineering Building. Two of the individuals were wearing white lab coats stolen from inside the building and they were carrying screwdrivers.

When police came to investigate, one of the males claimed to be a student at Georgia Perimeter College who was hoping to transfer, and that they were searching for the Administrative building.

The four were placed under arrest for Criminal Trespass and taken into custody. After searching their car, police found nothing more stolen. The four were taken to Fulton County jail.

**A tropical arrest**

Tech police were contacted during the weight lifting championship on May 15 by the Maui Police Department. There were several outstanding felony warrants, including robbery and assault, for one of the competitors. The Maui Police Department requested that the Tech police take the man into custody. He was arrested in the Ferst Center and taken to Fulton County Jail.

**Case of the bathroom bullet**

A bullet was found on the bathroom floor in the CRC of the family lockers. Police came and took the bullet into custody, but no leads were found as to why the bullet was there.

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were overlaid in proposed sites, making Atlanta seem the perfect fit for the high-tech theme of the Centennial Olympic Games.

"Pat Crecine had a vision for Tech to be a school that operated at a more international level... and Crecine grasped immediately that [the relationship between the Olympics] and Tech's greater global scope were symbiotic," said August Giebelhaus, HTS professor and historian who chronicled Crecine's presidency.

The Olympics not only left Tech a legacy as a more internationally recognized school, but also the more tangible legacy of the West campus apartments and the aquatic center, which is now the CRC.

"Pat's work with the leadership of Atlanta to bring the Olympics to town reconnected the city and Georgia Tech, and I think that one thing will be a legacy of Pat Crecine and

the Olympics," said Robert McMath, former assistant dean of the Ivan Allen School of Liberal Arts under Crecine.

Crecine created the Freshman Experience programs and began the process of trying to improve student life.

"For a very, very long time, Georgia Tech was known as an institution with almost a boot camp-like reputation... what Pat Crecine addressed was a change in the ethos on campus making Tech a less intimidating landscape," Giebelhaus said.

Crecine was known on campus as a "perfectionist and a visionary," Giebelhaus said.

"Crecine would have been proud to be remembered as a change maker. At times he ruffled feathers in his aims for his vision for Tech... but in the end, Pat will leave a legacy of being the stepping stone to bring Tech into the future as the technological university it is known as today."

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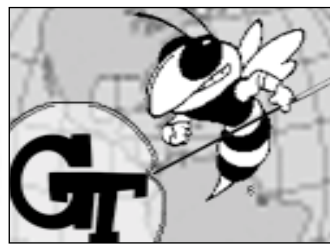
program's website and training manual.

In the final ruling, senior U.S. District Judge J. Owen Forrester did not order any changes to Tech's use of Student Activity Fees, but warned that though "this case [was] not the one to squarely challenge the

policy...no doubt that challenge [would] occur in the future."

"Overall, Tech has a fairly good policy on religious and political neutrality," said Duncan Osborn, a third-year Computer Engineering major. "But since everyone pays the Student Activity Fee, using the funds for religious or political groups in which students are involved ought to be allowed."

## Breaking the Bubble



A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past month. Here are a couple important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

### Myanmar government receiving criticism following cyclone

Following a cyclone that hit on Friday, May 2, the Myanmar (formally known as Burma) junta government has received intense criticism from foreign diplomats and officials.

According to the U.N., the Cyclone Nargis killed more than 135,000 people, and left more than 2 million people without homes.

However following the cyclone, foreign diplomats have criticized the lack of help offered by the military junta running the country. Response from the Myanmar government took days. In addition, the junta leaders have been hesitant to allow foreign aid into the country.

Myanmar leaders have limited foreign aid to one drop off point at the Yangon airport, but has allowed U.N. helicopters to enter deeper into the country. Junta leaders have requested no foreign relief workers, but only supplies and food. There is speculation that the foreign aid that has entered the country has been diverted by the government.

Although the country is not receiving financial assistance from the World Bank due to

unpaid debts, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the U.N. have pledged to donate food and money to reconstructing and aiding the country.

### Earthquake and aftershocks severely devastate China

An earthquake in Southwest China two weeks ago has left an estimated 50,000 people dead and five million people homeless. The quake, which hit May 12th, is also responsible for the 30,000 people that are missing as well as the 247,000 that were injured. The 7.9 magnitude earthquake toppled several buildings including schools and chemical plants.

Soldiers and relief workers were forced to travel by foot after rains and landslides made the road impassible. Survivors of the event were forced to stay in tents out of fear that any rain would cause more buildings to collapse. So far, the areas have received 280,000 tents and more expected to come.

Tyco Electronics has already pledged \$1 million in emergency wireless communications equipment. This pledge comes in addition to \$150,000 already donated to the Red Cross Society of China and \$90,000 in other products. The Chinese government also reported they have set aside approximately \$10 billion, the estimated cost of the earthquake's damage. President Bush met with the Chinese Ambassador to offer condolences as well as aid to the people in need.

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