Chemical reaction sends three students to hospital

By Matt Schlichte
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Three students were hospitalized Thursday evening after an unintended chemical reaction took place at the College of Computing at 801 Ferst Drive. The unplanned reaction occurred in the basement of the building near the freshmen Chemistry labs. The graduate students were preparing chemicals for undergraduate experiments when potassium thioctate and nitric acid were inadvertently mixed to form nitrogen dioxide—a toxic gas.

The incident was reported at 7:30 p.m. Members of the Atlanta fire department, Georgia Tech Police Department and the Institute Environmental Health and safety units promptly responded to the scene. The Atlanta fire department personnel tested the lab the same evening of the spill. The building reopened at approximately 7 a.m. Friday morning after Tech EHS officers had removed the newly formed nitrogen dioxide.

Nitrogen dioxide is a reddish-brown toxic gas noted for its pungent smell. Some more frequent producers of the noxious gas include internal combustion engines and thermal power stations. It is also responsible for the reddish hue of mushroom clouds produced by atmospheric nuclear tests. When inhaled, it can negatively affect a number of physiological systems in the body, most notably lung tissue.

The students were able to respond quickly and sealed the heavy-gauge plastic container after the chemicals began to react.

"[The nitrogen dioxide] was..." See Reaction, page 5

Dead Week policy to be reviewed

By Kamna Bohra
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Following years of undergraduate student complaints about the "Week Preceding Final Examinations" (WPFE), more commonly known as "Dead Week," SGA is now making a move toward a defined policy to be reviewed in November.

If the Academic Senate passes the policy, then it will be implemented in Spring 2010. In addition, the policy will also be found in the Registrar’s catalog for students to use familiarize themselves with.

The only current mention of WPFE is found in a single clause of the Faculty Handbook, which prohibits faculty from giving quizzes or tests after the Wednesday of a week preceding final examinations," said a member.

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Atlanta Mayor, City Council elections: Elections take place next week on campus

By Rebecca Tattersfield
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The City of Atlanta will hold municipal elections on Tuesday, Nov. 3 in an effort to fill the offices for Mayor, multiple City Council seats and the Board of Education. The incumbent mayor, Shirley Franklin will be ineligible to run for re-election due to term limits on her office. As a result, the mayoral campaign has been left wide open and has led to a hurdles and candidates.

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USA Today/WPFE

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What do you think of the goal post coming down?

Based on 252 responses

- It was fine once, but should not be repeated. 44%
- It put students at risk and should not have been done. 2.8%
- It was an amazing experience and should be repeated when the moment calls for it. 81.4%

What happened to the goalpost?

- It confirmed the prescription that was given to the student. The pharmacist stated that the prescription looked to have been altered for 45 pills, which seemed to be an odd amount requested. Upon questioning the suspect admitted that he had altered the prescription and apologized. Police will continue this investigation.

- The suspect was arrested and taken into custody for possession of marijuana.

From the files of the GTPD...
This edition of Council Clippings covers the UHR and GSS meetings from Oct. 27, 2009.

No Quorum

The Undergraduate House of Representatives had a low turnout this week, resulting in the postponement of several bills. The House was unable to achieve quorum at the start of the meeting and attending representatives were asked to contact additional representatives to come to the meeting. In order to achieve quorum, UHR must have 38 representatives in attendance. Only 36 members were present at the start of the meeting.

The House held a discussion forum until more members came to the meeting. Upon achieving quorum the House decided to postpone several bills in an effort to allow more representatives to get involved in the decision-making process.

Golf Club

The Golf Club requested funding from SGA for approximately $1200 in order to enter a match play event with Clemson University. Clemson is one of the club’s biggest rivals in the National Collegiate Club Golf Association (NCCGA). The Golf Club holds try-outs for the tournament team at the beginning of each semester. The competition will be held on Nov. 1 and will be a one day, 36-hole event (two rounds) with 12-man teams. The bill was amended to $1000 in accordance with JFC policy regarding funding amounts for club team play. The club requested funding in order to cover the greens fee charged to use the course on competition day. The Golf Club has received funds for five tournaments in FY 09-10, and requested additional funding for this tournament only. The bill passed UHR with a vote of 37-1-0 and GSS 17-3-1.

Twin explosions kill over 100 in Baghdad

Twin car bombs targeting government buildings in Baghdad exploded on Sunday, killing at least 155 people and wounding more than 500. The explosions ripped through traffic and buildings in the vicinity, including a bus-load of children leaving a day care center. The first bomb targeted the Justice Ministry and the second was aimed at a nearby provincial government building.

The bombings are seen as an attempt to undermine Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki’s government prior to crucial national elections in January. The explosions also indicate that militants have the capacity to strike key targets, despite repeated claims of progress by Iraqi security forces since the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraqi cities earlier this year.

The blasts present a problem for the current White House strategy for Iraq, which aims to have combat forces out of Iraq by next August and complete a full military withdrawal by 2012.

NASA launches new rocket after delays

After experiencing several delays, NASA launched a test of its Ares I-X rocket on Wednesday, thereby taking a first step towards returning to the moon by 2020. The launch was postponed two days as a result of poor weather. The rocket is approximately 327 feet tall and is labeled by the agency as being the largest rocket in the world.

The Constellation Program has been developing the rockets in an effort to replace the space shuttles, which will be phased out in 2010. As the program moves forward, NASA hopes to mount the Orion space capsule for manned space flight atop the rocket by 2015 for testing. The launch comes at a crucial time, as the Obama administration plans to unveil its plan for space exploration later this month.
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CULC construction plans, designs revealed

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Staff Writer

Construction on the Clough Undergraduate Learning Center (CULC) has begun in earnest. The design process has been ongoing for years, and finishing touches will continue through the Spring of 2010. Current estimates have major construction taking 18 months. The opening is scheduled for Fall 2011.

“What we’re trying to do now is to wrap up the design, actually all the big decisions have been made,” said John Ducogne, project manager. “We’re getting ready to enter the next phase which is construction documents which is the more technical side of the design process … to prepare some documents that the contractor can use to build from.”

Features students can expect out of the CULC are classrooms, labs for freshmen and sophomore science courses, study lounges, tutoring zones, OIT support and a café.

Concurrent with construction with the CULC will be renovations of Skiles Walkway. The plan is to reduce the grade of the walkway by spreading the rise over a distance three times greater than the current length of the staircase. The walkway will remain open until the end of Fall 2010.

“Until we get to the point where we work on [Skiles], it will remain open as is. So starting next December are plans to construct a half of a new walkway and over the other half we will provide a temporary walkway for pedestrians and once we finish construction we will flip flop and reverse it,” Ducogne said.

Construction will also affect areas outside of Skiles. The CULC will connect with the library west commons, and renovation of the Hinman building is scheduled to begin early next year.

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