Two injured in on-campus sword attack

By Vijal Narayanan
Assistant News Editor

Kshitij Shrotri, a Tech AE PhD, 2008, has been charged with aggravated assault after he allegedly stabbed a yet-unnamed post-doctoral fellow on Thursday, Feb. 4 at approximately 1:15 p.m. at the Weber Space Science and Technology building. The victim was taken to Grady Hospital for treatment of his injuries. Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) arrived on the scene shortly after the incident. In addition, Robert J. Turner, a GTPD officer sustained injuries while apprehending the suspect.

According to GTPD, the suspect is a former graduate student and used a sword to attack the victim. The motive for the attack is unclear, but witnesses on the scene stated that the attacker had been seen asking for funding for a postdoctoral fellowship for several days. The victim was taken out of the building on a stretcher. As of 5:20 p.m. on Thursday, the victim was in the operating room. "They sat there [the ambulance] for five minutes or so, but one of the officers had his... it looked like his hand was cut," said Sims.

Although there was no emergency notification made after the attack, Tech issued an official statement on its main website at 2:40 p.m. stating the following, "The victim was reportedly injured and was taken to Grady Hospital. During the arrest, a police officer was slightly injured by the attacker. There is no further update at this time.

Campus government connects with students

By Kamna Bohra
Contributing Writer

As part of SGA Week, representatives spent last week reaching out to undergraduate student body to promote student governance and seek input on issues that impact students the most. SGA sought to capture student concerns by hosting five days of events including skate night, meet-and-greets, open forums and a volunteer event.

"The overall purpose of SGA is to represent the interest of the student body and to work toward initiatives. SGA needs to be accessible, and we need to be transparent in our practices," said Elle Creel, second-year EIA major and SGA public relations committee chair.

SGA invited students to experience a typical Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) meeting and participate in an Open Forum, allowing them to voice their opinions in front of SGA representatives.

"We can't serve the student body effectively unless we know what their opinions of us are and where they would like us to concentrate resources," said C.T. Boone, third-year MGT major and vice president of SGAs communications committee.

Organizers also put together a week-long Post-It note campaign to evoke more student response. Easels of Post-It notes filled with student responses were located in the library rotunda. "[The Post-It Note Campaign] was exceptionally creative and effective. What I was particularly happy to see was people advocating more class offerings. I hope that [the campaign] will be given the weight it deserves and actually be read and processed," said Hunter Hammond, first-year BME major and member of freShGA.

According to Boone, various SGA executives visited Brittan and Woodruff dining halls on Tuesday and Thursday of last week respectively to gather more input at a more personal level. The final event of SGA Week was a volunteering event with the Angels for Haiti organization on Fri., Jan. 29. "Haiti relief is something that a lot of Tech students care about. It's important for us to be there with the students who want to help Haiti, working toward that common goal. Tech's motto is 'progress and service,' we always have a big push toward progress, but we want the other part of that as well," Creel said.

Blood Drive held at Student Center

The American Red Cross Club at Tech, Mobilizing Opportunities for Volunteer Experience (MOVE) and Delta Sigma Pi hosted a blood drive last week. The blood drive lasted Monday to Thursday, Jan. 25-28 in the Student Center Ballroom. The groups collected blood each day from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. during the blood drive they collected 394 pints of blood from a total of 427 donors. The blood drive filled a bit short of its record of 599 units of blood collected. The blood collected has the potential to help up to 1182 patients who are in need of blood transfusions. Donors received snacks, drinks and a T-shirt after donating blood. The groups host blood drives every year in the spring and fall semester.

T-Square to be down for system upgrades

T-Square will be down on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. as a result of server and system upgrades. Representatives for the website have asked for students to prepare ahead of time for the duration of the outage.

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Campus Crime

The Bong Song

GTPD was called to Howell Residence Hall after an RA reported seeing two bongs from a student's window while doing a Fire, Light and Safety Inspection on the building. He called police and the hall director, who reported to the room in question, which was answered by the two residents.

When asked as to whether the bongs were still there, one resident presented one but stated that he disposed the other one after it did not work. He also stated that he had smoked marijuana in the possessed bong and was the only one in the room who did so, but had no more drugs left. In addition, he stated that the bong was not his, but he was borrowing it from a friend.

GTPD officers then took the bong, photographed it and observed its disposal.

Screaming out obscenities

Officers reported to a fraternity house Jan. 29 at 2:55 a.m. while on a traffic stop. While at the traffic stop, the officers witnessed a male subject yelling from the second floor of the fraternity house.

According to police, the subject yelled, "(Expletive) the police" and "(Expletive) you" repeatedly with fraternity members encouraging them on the porch.

Police then approached the house and asked for the president, who was hesitant to comply with the officer's demands. When the police stated that they would file a report on the fraternity, the president complied and located the subject. The subject was both intoxicated and underaged; however, when questioned the subject denied any such claim. The subject was nervous and additionally refused to say that he was the person yelling out the obscenities.

When police asked the subject if his brothers were lying, the subject did not respond. All brothers present stated that the subject was indeed the culprit and had been lying. The police turned the subject in to the dean's office.

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Tell us at nique.net
This edition of Council Clippings covers the UHR and GSS meetings from Feb. 2, 2010.

**Black Leadership Conference**
The African American Student Union (AASU) submitted a bill to SGA this past week requesting funds to host multiple speakers at the Black Leadership Conference (BLC) on Feb. 19-21. The organization submitted a bill last semester to host a different set of speakers at the same event, but the bill ultimately failed to meet the enactment ratio.

The organization stated that since then they had worked with corporate sponsors to reallocate funds and cover the cost of events on Feb 21. The organization requested funds to invite Chuck D, a radio producer and publisher to speak and Dr. Mae Jemison, the first African American woman in space. The bill was amended from $17,500 to $11,250 in order to conform to JFC policy for funding honorariums. The bill passed UHR 32-7-2 and GSS 36-10-1.

**College Republicans**
SGA considered a bill to fund a trip for the College Republicans to the Conservative Political Action Conference. The bill requested funding for 14 members and travel to the conference in Washington, DC. The bill was originally $1,750, but amended due to JFC restrictions. UHR waived JFC policy limiting registration funds for four people to travel to a conference and funded all 14 members going on the trip. As a result, the bill totaled $1230.60 and passed UHR 31-9-1 and GSS 19-6-1. The bill will go to conference committee for revision. Erato

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The Erato literary magazine put forward a bill requesting $300 to attend a literary conference in Denver, Colorado. The bill was passed unanimously in both houses with a vote of 39-0-0 in UHR and GSS 26-0-0.

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GTPD sponsors campus severe weather week

By Rebecca Tattersfield
Contributing Writer

The Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD), in collaboration with the Georgia Tech Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and the National Weather Service (NWS), participated this week in the Severe Weather Awareness Week. From Feb. 1 through Feb. 6, the GTPD’s Office of Emergency Preparedness offered demonstrations and classes aimed to prepare students and faculty for the potential and possibility of severe weather in the Atlanta area.

This year’s Severe Weather Awareness Week follows a number of extreme weather incidents to have hit the city within the last two years. These include the tornado that hit in March 2008 and the flooding that occurred in Georgia and metropolitan area last fall. Topics covered over the week were family preparedness, thunderstorm safety, tornado safety, and flooding. The Office of Emergency Preparedness was to inform the campus community of precautionary procedures that will be taken by the Institute in the case of severe weather.

The second and more heavily stressed goal was to teach proper response and preparationinitiative to students, faculty and staff. “The best thing to do to protect yourself is to have a plan of action before a threatening tornado or other weather event develops,” said Andy Altizer, the director of Emergency Preparedness.

Not only did the events instruct those on campus, but the week also included testing of the Georgia Tech Emergency Notification System (GTENS) and Siren Warning System (SWS). These tests have not only been able to check systems but also highlight different resources for students stuck in a storm. “Know what to do and where to go if there is a tornado warning,” Altizer said. “Don’t depend on us to have enough time to alert you to sudden weather changes. If there is a chance of severe weather, pay attention and be prepared to take action.”

Some advice given to all students on campus during a severe weather warning is to stay inside. The organizers of the week stress for students to be able to recognize severe weather as it progresses. This spring will bring showers and thunderstorms which under the right conditions can become tornados. Lightning is also considered a heavy threat on a green space campus.

Altizer recommends keeping in mind the 30/30 safety rule: go inside if you cannot count to 30 before hearing thunder after seeing lightning, and stay inside for 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder.

Emergency Preparedness also recommends signing up for the following: Georgia Tech Emergency Notification System (GTENS) at https://passport.gatech.edu/. Georgia Tech Police Department tweets at http://twitter.com/GTPolice , and Skywarn at http://www.police.gatech.edu/weather.htm. They also recommend that students, faculty, and staff have an emergency kit readily available.

Being prepared for possible outages and limited transport is all part of the non-complacency that Emergency Preparedness stresses most heavily.

Town hall updates CULC construction

By Vijai Narayanan
Assistant News Editor

The Office of Capital Planning and Space Management hosted a town hall event on Jan. 28 to update the ongoing construction of the Clough Undergraduate Learning Center (CULC). The event included an overview of the project and an update of construction activities undertaken thus far, in addition to a town hall session for attendees to ask questions and voice their concerns about the project.

Concerns were raised about street closings around the construction site and as to how they would affect traffic through campus. According to John DuCogne, a senior project manager for the facilities department, no additional street closings have been planned except for during May 2011 on a short stretch of pavement on 4th St. adjacent to the Rich building. Skiles walkway will be reconfigured to accommodate a wider path and more seating areas. Work on the CULC began last year, with the rerouting of utilities around the site. Crews have since cut into the side of the hillside adjacent to the Price Gilbert Library and installed structural shoring walls.

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WingNuts to leave location early

By Emily Chambers
Editor-in-Chief

WingNuts will close its doors at its North Ave. location on Feb. 28, earlier than the expected relocation date of April 30. The restaurant previously announced plans to relocate to near West Campus, specifically to Marietta St. adjacent to Engineer’s Bookstore and Spoon restaurant.

The move was necessitated by Auxiliary Services announcement of plans to build a dining hall in North Ave, using the space that was previously reserved for retail. Construction for the dining hall has already begun in that area.

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Located just a short walk from campus, the $20 million arena will open in Dec. 2010 after final legs and continue until summer of 2011. Work on the CULC began last year, with the rerouting of utilities around the site. Crews have since cut into the side of the hillside adjacent to the Price Gilbert Library and installed structural shoring walls. The crew performed extensive geotechnical investigations during the planning phase.

“It is very common to have unexpected surprises during this phase of the project, particularly related to underground conditions [soil, rock, etc.]. So far we have not had any major surprises,” DuCogne said.

The project received funding from the state in Dec. and began work on the foundation shortly after. The biggest challenge facing construction crews thus far has been the weather.

“We intend to begin preliminary preparations for the wall opening during the winter break (Dec. 2010) and the opening will be cut during spring 2011,” DuCogne said.

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Health Center reflects, updates H1N1 impact on campus

By Matt Schrichte
Staff Writer

Since receiving its first shipment of the nationally scarce H1N1 vaccine, the Stamps Health Services Center has inoculated approximately 800 students, faculty and health services staff members.

The initial delay Health Services experienced in receiving the vaccines gave the administration and staff ample time to prepare a precisely measured and methodical H1N1 inoculation clinic, which has thus far been located in the Student Center.

"Initially [we] received our first doses via UPS. The shipment came direct from the supplier because Georgia Tech planned in advance this week I had access to the vaccine from the manufacturer," said Baker, director of Stamps Health Services.

The Student Services Center has inoculated approximately 2,800 students, faculty and staff were allowed to receive the vaccine in total, 200 persons were immunized during the initial round of vaccinations.

"That was a very efficient clinic. We had the right space. We had the right number of people. We brought in additional resources by hiring contract nurses. It was a joint partnership between Health Services, Emergency Preparedness, and Georgia Tech Police," said Baker. "We combined our resources to make the clinic operationally successful, orderly, and the feedback has been very positive. It was efficient for people to get through in a relatively short period of time. It took about 45 minutes to an hour. Some people could have been out within 30-40 minutes. You can't do it much faster than that. Our throughput was pretty impressive. We had pretty effective triaging. Obviously a number of students took advantage of that."

Of the 2800 people who have received the vaccine, students make up 63% of those vaccinated. Faculty accounts for 36% of the total and the healthcare staff constitutes the remaining 1%. When we get the vaccine, we will have a rolling lane in H1N1 media coverage recently, the Health Services Center and its staff are still administering seasonal and H1N1 vaccines and promoting traditional flu-prevention methods.

In response to some of the lessons learned from last semester, the Health Center has added some changes to better accommodate the student population. During the first week of classes this semester, on Thursday, Jan. 14, Health Services expanded and shifted the H1N1 clinic’s operating hours from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in order to accommodate students who might be unable to visit during the morning or afternoon.

"There is still plenty of time to get an H1N1 or traditional flu vaccine," Baker said. While there are no future flu shot clinics planned at this time, students can still receive H1N1 and seasonal vaccines at the Health Services Center. Students can register for either vaccine on the Health Services website at www.health.gatech.edu.

Like the traditional flu shot, the H1N1 vaccination comes at no additional cost to students. Faculty and staff can also receive the H1N1 vaccine for free, but must pay $25 to receive the traditional flu vaccination from the health center.

The website also includes a range of documentation for students on how to prevent themselves from getting the flu and how to respond when experiencing flu-like symptoms.

"We’re in traditional flu season," said Baker, "Vigilance is important. We’re back to prevention again."

In the past few weeks Health Services has reintroduced its prevention poster campaign around campus to raise awareness for preventative methods. The posters will serve as friendly reminders for students to cover their coughs, to stay at home when sick, and to avoid sharing cups.

"There’s nothing heroic about being sick. There’s no badge of courage that we award," said Bak- er. "The only thing that probably is at stake here is something with academics. And no one would want to blow their semester. Because the flu can knock you down for a week or two weeks and that’s just enough time. So the message for Georgia Tech students is stay healthy and take it seriously so they have a successful semester."

Stamps Health Services Center has received close to 5000 vaccines in staggered deliveries since receiving its first doses on Nov. 5 of last year.