Fire hits Bobby Dodd stadium

By Danie Amick
Senior Staff Writer

A firebreakout occurred at 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 resulted from 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 Rob Harty, director of international communications and public affairs. "The Atlanta Fire Department in clearing out. After about 20 minutes, various clean-up crews were reported seeing flames coming from the press box and club level seats. The fire was contained before the end of the game and the stadium was opened up.

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"I can't put a dollar figure on the fire caused minor damage to the West stands of Bobby Dodd stadium," said Harty. "We didn't have melting of seats, but we do have some smoke damage that will require cleaning." 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.

Under the Couch plans major changes

By M adhu Adiga
Senior Staff Writer

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O I F begins search for new director

By Tony Klump
News Editor

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Dean's office expands with new positions

By Sriram Narasimhan
Senior Staff Writer

T he Office of the Dean of Students recently posted three new positions in order to expedite investigation and 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.

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D irector of assistive technology hired

Stephen Sprigle was recently hired as the new director of the Center for Assistive Technology and Environmental Access (C A T E A ), 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.

H ouse candidate to speak next week

Phil Gingrey, a T echnology graduate, will speak at the next meeting of the College Republicans. Gingrey will be a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in N ovember. The presentation will take place M onday at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Center.
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.
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 JCC 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.

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In actual GSS business, the Senate passed three bills during the meeting. The first was a joint allocation to the organizers of 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 Kossowsky and Duke, the co-organizers of the events, the atmosphere was different than usual as the new members were introduced to many aspects of student government.

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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 Georgia Tech crafted program called ‘Cheatfinder’ caught distinct similarities between individual’s separate computer code. Until this 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.

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of the game. “This certainly won’t impact fans,” and will not “in any way, shape, or form, jeopardize the up-coming 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 D apartment 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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swokey, the event will take place from Oct. 4-11 and will feature a wide variety of events topped off with a guest speaker. T he organizers wanted 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 PC. The bill then passed by a large majority.

In other business, Coordinating Officer Jennifer Matthews asked that with little discussion.

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 the Couch,” said Morrison.

The administration provided M usican’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 lack of communication,” said Daniele M C donald, Student Organizations Advisor.

In response, to this, some of the members and officers of M usician’s Network outlined proposed changes to operation of Under the Couch. For the time being, they have suspended all concerts that aren’t 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 M usician’s Network.

“The Couch serves two functions: a concert venue and a place for musicians to practice and record. M usician’s Network is currently making an effort to improve the venue aspect of Under the Couch,” said M C donald.

To return the focus to Georgia Tech students, M usican’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 G-Tech guest is allowed per T ech student.

To improve communication between M usician’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.

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

M usician’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. M usician’s Network will also employ security guard at the show if numbers warrant it, and the guard would enforce institute policy and keep non-paying people out of the facility. In addition, M usician’s Network is willing to consider using closed-circuit security cameras and a Buzz Card access system.

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 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 storm and his two-way radio failed. While at sea, Van Pham was able to survive by grilling turtles and seagulls.

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 M ississippi, 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 expected to get up to 15 inches of rain over the weekend. As the heavy rains and winds head toward the coast, tourists began to head inland, heeding the advice of local safety officials to evacuate the area.

Senate Majority Leaders slash ocean funds at Bush

Wednesday Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle accused Pres- ident Bush of using the threat of war in Iraq as a way to gain political support. D aschle, 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. D aschle made his comments as members of Congress negoti- ated on legislation that would authorize Bush to use force to elimi- nate Saddam Hussein’s weapons of mass destruction.