Students traveled to New York over spring break to volunteer.

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Students board seeks to reform Psych 1000

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Psycho 1000, a course designed by Success programs to prepare new students starting at Georgia Tech, will meet incoming students with a new face this fall. According to Wendy Anderson, a member of the Team Leader Advisory Board (TLAB), the focus of the course will change from “success in the real world” to “success in college.”

The Team Leader Advisory Board was organized in January by Paddy Kennington and Bill Oliver of Success Programs to give incoming students a head start to succeed. The TLAB aims to make changes. The new material will center on campus and college issues rather than future career plans and goals. For example, “the networking in the workplace component is now going to become networking on campus,” Anderson said.

Currently, the information-al interview is in the industry. It’s going to be changed so [students] interview upperclassmen,” Anderson said. By changing the focus of the course to success in college, “it makes [the material] something that the team leaders can relate to,” Anderson continued.

“We are looking at the effectiveness of the class and trying to make it more effective,” Anderson said. The TLAB is working closely with Ocher in instituting changes to the course. The TLAB is making the course more dynamic. “We are trying to make it more interactive class,” Anderson said. She pointed out one addition: a “Take an upperclassman to lunch” component, which will be included in one of two units—networking or planning your major.

The “Take An Upperclassman to Lunch” component would require students to take a fourth or fifth year students in their 2002 academic year and for the Fall and Spring semesters of the 2002-2003 academic year. Dr. G. Wayne Clough, President of the Institute, identified some of the needed resources that the additional funds will satisfy in one of the two letters that were sent this week to parents of incoming out-of-state freshmen and to parents of returning students.

“While we are proud of our

Weber face tuition increase for fall

By Jennifer LaHatte
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In an effort to keep up with its peer universities around the country, Georgia Tech will be raising the cost of tuition by 15 percent or 2,000 dollars for out-of-state students over the next two years. This initiative, prompted by a study conducted by the Board of Regents, also calls for a five percent increase for all undergraduate students in the University System of Georgia.

This benchmark study formed a peer group for Tech of comparable private and public institutions from around the country based on a variety of factors, one being tuition. Some of the public schools within Tech’s peer group included Pennsylvania State University, Virginia Polytechnic and State University, and the University of California at Berkeley. The results from the study showed that Tech’s tuition level for out of state students was more than 2,000 dollars below the average of the public institutions within the peer group.

According to Dr. Bob McMath, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs, the vote to increase all undergraduate tuition is an action that the Board of Regents does in varying amounts every year to keep up with inflation. Unlike past years, this study prompted the Board of Regents to adopt a policy allowing research universities in the University System to increase tuition level to that of its peer universities.

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Parking hits the Web with updates

By Tony Kluemper
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Last Monday, the Department of Parking began its second year of online registration for students and faculty parking permits. For those who do not remember the long lines that once accompanied parking registration every online year registration may not seem like such an inconvenience. However, according to Director of Parking and Transportation Services, Red Weiss, those who do remember the lines are thankful that the process has changed.

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corresponding majors and find out what [the upperclassmen] worked as, what classes they took, and what opportunities they have,” Anderson said.

The Psych 1000 TLAB has also “taken the busy work out, so that everything [students] do will have a purpose,” said Anderson. The textbook, *Building Success*, will still be used, but only as a reference instead of an assignment book.

“We’re trying to [create] assignments that don’t require students to use the book, but they would need the book to get the information they need to do the assignment,” Anderson said.

The book itself cannot immediately be eliminated from the course because Tech has a one-year contract with the book’s publisher.

“We haven’t decided what to do with the book,” said Anderson, explaining that the TLAB has not made a decision to eliminate or embrace the textbook from the class’s curriculum. Along the same vein, coop students will be given the opportunity to do a co-op resume instead of a typical resume, as the one required in the course.

“In order to change the program, we need enthusiastic Georgia Tech students to Team Lead the classes,” Moister said.

“We are working towards giving the TLs a great deal more control over how Psych1000 evolves from class to class and year to year,” Moister said.

Anderson also underscored the program’s need for volunteers to serve as Team Leaders for the course. Right now the program only has half the number of needed staff.

“Psych 1000 reaches over 1000 freshmen every week,” said Moister.

“We want to use it as a class that will motivate, inspire, and guide them.”

“We’ve wanted this to happen for so long. It’s exciting to finally see it happen.”
North deck to receive inspection

By Nazir Barday
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Two weeks ago, the Department of Parking announced the expected opening of the North parking deck, located on State Street. However, days before the deck was to open, “a visual inspection showed cracks in structure,” according to Bob Harty, Executive Director of Institute Communications and Public Affairs.

“The Georgia State Finance and Investment Committee (GSFIC), the entity that will own the North Parking deck, decided to evaluate any short-term and long term problems,” Harty said.

To accomplish this, the GSFIC has hired an independent consulting firm, WJE Associates, to perform an independent analysis of the deck and determine its stability.

WJE Associates began the analysis near the beginning of April, and the communications director was reluctant to disclose any preliminary decisions that had been made; he insists that there is no cause for alarm.

“There might be some structural problems, but it’s not a safety hazard,” Harty said. “Everyone just felt it would be better to do a comprehensive analysis.”

Harty added that the analysis of the structure includes a radar analysis, which entails “X-Raying the structure to make sure there that no structural problems exist.

The fact that Tech will not own the parking deck is not unusual.

 “[The GSFIC] owns a whole bunch of properties in the University System of Georgia. It’s standard operating procedure,” Harty said.

“We hope that we would open the deck by the end of May or early June,” Harty said.

He emphasized, however, that the opening date would be totally dependent on the analysis currently being performed.

“If the consultants at WJE Associates come back and say that it’s only a cosmetic situation in the deck, we might open it sooner,” Harty said, re-emphasizing that the latency of the opening date “would depend on the extent of remediation”.

Whether there will be any legal action taken against the parties involved in the construction of the North parking deck remains to be seen.

“We don’t want to give the illusion that there is anything wrong with it,” Harty said.

The extent of any problems is still unknown; he also explained that a number of businesses were involved in erecting the North deck. Any litigation that is required will probably involve a number of parties.

When asked about the steps that Georgia Tech would take if the analysis found major problems with the deck, Harty reiterated that nothing could be ascertained at this point because the extent of the flaws in the deck, if there are any, is not yet known.

“There is a plethora of state regulations and statutory laws,” Harty said.

“It’s next to impossible to know what procedures are next.”

Harty further explained that Georgia Tech is working with the State Attorney General’s office to make sure Georgia Tech is protected during the process.

Harty was very careful not to cause any premature judgement on the situation of the North Parking deck, since no problem has yet been detected.

“We have to be very circumspect, so that we don’t cause any prejudice in case there is any litigation,” said Harty.

It’s more than a newspaper. It’s a way of life.
Music demands dominate bookstore townhall forum

By Jody Shaw
Managing Editor

A group of zealous representatives from the Tech music department aggressively pushed their agenda highlighting the recent bookstore reallocation town hall meeting, hosted by the student center expansion task force. About eighty individuals were on hand in the D.M. Smith lecture hall to hear a presentation by members of the Student Center Expansion Task Force. In the open discussion that followed their presentation, however, music sounded the loudest horn.

Prior to the question and answer session, members of the task force presented their findings to the public. Rich Steele, student center Director and Chair of the task force, explained the charge of the group—to create a plan of action and function for the 36,000 square feet of space that will become available when the bookstore moves to Fifth Street as part of Technology Square.

According to Steele, the task force gathered information by meeting with student and departmental representatives and considering written recommendations from members of the Georgia Tech community. The committee is currently in the process of constructing a formal report based on those needs.

Chris Young, student life fellow, presented the committee’s thoughts on the environmental attributes and philosophy of the building. The task force wants to create a central 24-hour gathering place that acts as a “vibrant hub” with and “open and inviting environment.” Natasha Goguts, the Presidents’ Council representative, discussed the committee's visions of blending meeting space, organization space, study space, food service, performance space, and service areas.

The meeting space would be open areas with comfortable seating and Internet connections. The organization space would provide private offices for some organizations, but also shared storage space, conference rooms, and work areas. The study space would be lounge areas conducive to both individual and group work. The food service would have extended hours and offer a variety of foods. The dining area for the food service would double as entertainment and performance space. The service and resource area would build on the currently existing services in the Housing building and add other essential needs in a central location.

Following the presentation by Goguts, the task force opened the floor to questions. The first question, posed by Rusty Johnson, a music student, asked the task force, “I thought some of their comments were very apropos. The comment about needing music practice space and the concept that we could take a small conference room and equip it properly to support music practice was very appropriate. It added another function that we had not considered.”

In addition to the suggestions by members of the music department, individuals also suggested including a community art center and avoiding duplication of services like study space, which is available in several academic buildings and will also be included in the new Undergraduate Learning Center.

“I thought the forum went well in terms of the presentation of what we will be presenting. I am glad that the music representatives were there and that their voices were heard. Students have been given the opportunity to voice their opinions, and unfortunately, many have not,” Goguts said.
The Technique vs. SGA softball challenge.


**SGA announces executive positions, committee chairs**

Undergraduate Student Government President-elect Chris Kavanaugh announced his choices for the various positions in the executive branch of SGA including committee chairs. The following individuals were chosen to serve during the 2001-2002 school year:

- **Executive Positions**
  - Vice President of Administrative Affairs: Julie Johnson
  - Vice President of Campus Affairs: E.W. Looney
  - Vice President of Finance: Dave Maybury
  - Executive Assistant: Joey Katzen

- **Administrative Affairs Committee Chairs**
  - Course Critique: Nareen Dirikta, Shera Shah
  - Elections: Justin Hargrove
  - Government and External Affairs: Andrew Keen
  - Information Technology: Eric Chopp, Shawn Duhman
  - Public Relations: Jennifer Smith
  - Internal Development: Chris Mardis

- **Campus Affairs Committee Chairs**
  - Academic Affairs: Cassie Pope
  - Athletic and Recreation Services: Ashley Wallin
  - Campus Services: Stephen Popick
  - Cultural Affairs: Michael Handelman
  - Parking, Transportation, and Facilities: Rusty Johnson

- **Planning and Development**
  - TBA

**Tech celebrates Earth Day today on Skiles walkway**

Tech's fourth annual earth day celebration takes place today from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Skiles walkway and at the Student Center Plaza. The event features local environmental artists, live music, a tree-planting ceremony, demonstrations of alternative-fuel vehicles, Reiki massage treatments, Raku pottery firing, the Atlanta Zoo-Mobile, and an interactive Earth Day trivia maze.

At 11:45 keynote speaker Catherine Ross will give an address at the Plaza. Ross is the Director of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) and a former Tech city planning professor. She is an expert on air pollution, traffic congestion, and urban sprawl and development issues.

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**UHR ends session with action**

By Mary DeCamp
Senior News Staff

The April 17 Undergraduate House of Representatives meeting marked the end of the year for the 2000-2001 representatives.

The chairs of all of the Student Government committees spoke about what their respective committees had accomplished over the course of the year.

President JR Spriggle voiced his concern about an article in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution saying that tuition for out-of-state students will increase by $700 per semester beginning in the fall.

Stephen Popick reminisced about FOCUS, an extensive survey that attempted to pinpoint the needs and issues of the student body, Popick stated that over the course of this semester it was able to address four out of five student issues that were identified as major concerns by the participants.

Student Affairs Vice President Daniele McDonald announced the winners of the Burdell's Best Awards for this year.

Over seven bills were addressed and debated during the meeting.

The first bill discussed included amendments for the fiscal year 2002 Student Activity Budget Amendment, authored by David Stopp. This bill passed.

Several bills asked for charters for new organizations. These bills were slated together, and they all passed granting charters to the Tech Speech and Debate Team, the Italian American Association, the Role Playing and Board Gaming Society, the Global Exchange Organization, the CT Paint Ball Club, the Falan DaFa Association and G.I.F.T.E.D.

Several bills allocating money to various student organizations were also passed.

The organizations that were allocated money include GT Motorsports, the Sailing Club, the Rowing Club, the Entertainment Software Producer Organization, the Cricket Club, Georgia Tech Inline Hockey, President's Council, Earth Day, and the Lacrosse Club.

The passage of two more bills updated the JFC and Panhellenic By-Laws and Constitutions.

Another bill, authored by Robert Fletcher, proposed that the Office of the Registrar announce the time schedule for final exams earlier in the semester so that students who travel can make travel plans earlier and therefore save money.

This bill also passed.

Victor Allen authored another passing bill requesting a resolution to commend Tech’s Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit, which will be celebrating its 75th anniversary at the end of April.

Rusty Johnson, Stephen Popick, and the Campus Services Committee authored a bill giving freshmen in the Freshman Experience Program more voice in their meal plan.

The bill will allow these freshmen to opt out of the new mandatory meal plan after their first semester at Tech. Also suggested in this bill was an idea that Dining Services and the Department of Housing should try to come up with a meal plan that includes not only the dining halls but also the Student Center, Junior’s, and West Side Diner.

After some discussion, this bill passed.

David Stopp authored a bill proposing that $30,000 of the SGA Budget be used to enter into a contract with the Robert Ferst Center for the Arts. This $30,000 contract would allow student organizations to use the Ferst Center at little or no cost for an unlimited number of times. This would save organizations who want to use the Ferst Center a substantial amount of money. This bill passed.

The final bill that the House discussed dealt with separating the activity fee for the fiscal year 2003. This would include allowing the Student Activities Complex (SAC) Board to have at least eight student members, four of which would be chosen by SGA. The SAC Board would be given control over the amount of SAC usage fees for non-students and would approve all budgets and fee increases before they are brought before the Mandatory Student Fee Advisory Committee, among other things.

There was a lengthy discussion on this bill, and questions were brought up about its constitutionality. Nevertheless, the representatives eventually voted on and passed this bill.
College of Computing turns ten

By Mary DeCamp
Senior News Staff

"Knowing nothing about these computers, but I have a feeling they are going to be important for us, and I know we have to do something." These words, spoken in 1963 by the late Dorothy Crosland, former Director of Libraries at Tech, helped to set the foundation for one of Tech’s most successful and respected colleges.

The College of Computing recently celebrated its Tenth Anniversary with a two-day celebration that included distinguished speakers, special events, and the reunion of former and current faculty and staff members of the College.

"The night before the celebration began we held a dinner hosting faculty and staff, Advisory Board members, and other distinguished figures involved with the College," Mary Alice Isele, Director of Development for the College of Computing, said.

The celebration began on Thursday, April 5 with an Awards Ceremony, and the activities that day concluded with a lecture on Information Security from former United States Attorney General Janet Reno.

The festivities resumed on April 6 with lectures from three distinguished computing professionals.

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Another major concern for students is the price of parking permits for next year. According to Weis, although there will be an increase, the increase will not be as great as some have predicted.

"The majority of the permits will be $340 next year," Weis said. "That's only a $10 increase over this year for gated lots. However, the major change is that we are making both gated and ungated lots the same price next year."

"The main reason for this decision is that we now have control of the situation of enforcement, therefore it is reasonable that if you have a permit, you will find a space," Weis said. "In the end, a gate doesn't solve all of the problems." Lange also wanted to point out that although no major changes have been made to the process since last year, one minor change has been made to the program. "We have actually eliminated one click from the process students have to go through since last year," said Systems Support Manager Peter Lange.

Now that students have begun to register for parking, many are left wondering exactly how spots and permits are assigned. According to Lange, the entire process of deciding centers on the priority system established in past years. "Under the system, we have three main priority groups: renewals, people that have permits but want to change, and new requests," said Lange.

"The renewals are a close as we can get to guaranteeing parking, because everyone who renews their permit is the highest priority." In addition, Lange explained that in each separate group there are also set priorities from faculty/staff at the top of the pile and freshman at the bottom.

"One point that I want all students to realize is that the time you sign up doesn’t matter," said Weis. "It doesn’t matter if you sign up on the first day or the last day, everything is still sorted by the priority system."

However, many students feel that some type of priority should be given to those who sign up the earliest. "I really don’t understand why a person who signs up in June is treated the same as a person who registers this week," freshman CS major Greg Youree said. "I think that the earlier you sign up, the higher priority you should receive."

Although time is not a consideration in determining the status of a student’s permit, that fact has not stopped numerous students from rushing to sign up for a permit next year. According to Lange, the number of students who had registered by Tuesday afternoon was approaching 3,600. "Right now, during the really busy times of the day we are averaging 5 or 6 students registering every minute," Lange said.

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"In addition, co-op students who will be working next spring but have a permit next fall will retain priority when they return to register next year."

The last major change, due to space constraints, dealt with a student who receives none of the parking choices he registered for. "We will no longer be placing student’s who don’t get any of their request- ed zones in another lot or the remote lot," Lange said.