BOOKSTORE PLANS APPROACH COMPLETION

By Daniel Anick
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ADMINISTRATION, SGA PLAN STUDENT LIFE FUND

By Tony Kluemper
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Since being named the second least happy campus across the nation by Princeton Review last fall, the Tech administration has been looking for ways to improve student life overall. At the same time, both houses of SGA passed a resolution to organize a Student Life endowment.

With both groups working towards the same goal, they recently decided to join forces with the establishment of the Student Life Fund. The Fund will provide $250,000 over the next two years.

The process initially began last semester when the brick project was proposed. Under the brick project, the students and alumni to be placed in areas around campus. The money raised would then provide start-up funds and student support for projects that impact student life.

Once both the Graduate Senate and the Undergraduate House agreed to spend $10,000 to start up the project, representatives from both houses approached the administration with the idea.

According to UHR treasurer Ben Lawder, who came up with the brick project idea last spring as a possible fundraiser, the representatives were trying to show the administration that they were serious about improving student life.

“Since we went into the president’s cabinet meeting with a passed resolution from both houses, it helped the administration realize what a problem this was campus wide,” said Lawder.

“I think we showed that we were ready to fund the project on our own if the administration wasn’t ready to at that point.”

After the presentation, the members of the cabinet discussed the issue and realized the need for more funding for student life activities.

“We discussed the brick proposal and we weren’t sure that that was...”

Above left: Lee Wilcox, vice president of student services, discusses the mandatory student fee at the Board of Regents meeting last Wednesday. Wilcox said the issues of new university revenue and the Student Life Fund were discussed.

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10 years ago: January 22, 1993—The President’s Parking and Transportation Committee debated whether freshmen should have parking privileges. The School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences announced a new degree program. The College of Charleston upset Men’s basketball, winning 84-67.

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30 years ago: January 26, 1973—There was “light at the end of the tunnel” for students “patiently enduring” Stinger service as Tech announced that it would hire an independent contractor. An SGA resolution condemning the Vietnam war died with the expected signing of a peace agreement. The Women’s bowling team began their first season with a loss.

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the best way to raise money, but did agree with the need that had been expressed in the various resolutions,” said Vice President of Student Affairs Lee Wilcox.

Although the decision had been made to take some steps to improve student life, the administration then met to discuss what specific ideas would be utilized.

“The president, the provost and the rest of us [on the cabinet] decided to put some money forward that could be used for the purpose [of improving student life] for the next two or three years,” said Wilcox.

The Fund will provide $50,000 for this semester and $100,000 during each of the next two years.

With the backing of the administration, student representatives from SGA began discussing specific details about the Fund. “With this backing, Dr. Wilcox, Dean Gail [DiSabatino], Ben Lawder, Tiffany Massey, Alan Michaels, Kelli Longshore, and I met to discuss specific intent and the policy on how to allocate the funds,” said SGA representative Joey Katzen.

The result of these discussions was the formation of the Student Life Allocation Board, which will be composed of members of the administration nominated by the Vice President of Student Affairs and four students nominated by the president of the Undergraduate House and the Graduate Senate.

According to Wilcox, the board should be formed in the next few weeks so that the Fund can be utilized in the near future.

“We really need to get going,” said Wilcox. “We really have to do double duty this spring because we have to set up the mechanism for the annual review and invite student organizations and Tech departments to submit proposals for next year. But we also need to decide the best ways to use the $50,000 available this semester.”

Wilcox, Lawder and Katzen agree that the Fund will be used to support activities that have a wide impact over all of student life.

“The purpose of this Fund is not just to be another bullet on a list of places traditional student programming seeks money,” said Katzen. “Instead, we hope this will inspire those in the community to develop and act on more creative programming on a much larger scale.”

Although the Fund will provide the resources for the next two years, the long term plan is to establish a $5 million Student Life endowment that will provide funding for large-scale campus activities for years to come in the same manner as the current Fund.
Wilcox, Steele update Grad Senate

By Tony Kluemper
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Although the Graduate Senate only had three bills on the agenda for Tuesday’s meeting, what looked like a short meeting on paper was actually one of the longest of the year. The great length was caused primarily by two guest speakers who presented information on two developing plans involving the entire campus, both graduates and undergraduates.

Vice President of Student Affairs Lee Wilcox informed the senate of a new endorsement being presented by the president’s office in collaboration with SGA to establish a student life fund.

According to Wilcox, the fund would allow improvements in student life by funding various campus activities. “This fund would be for large scale events that affect the entire campus,” said Wilcox.

Graduate president Alan Michaels went on to say that although the brick project, which was proposed by both GSS and UHR last semester, was the driving force in trying to develop new student life funding, the brick plan was currently on hold.

In addition, Rich Steele, director of the Student Center, announced the plans developed by the bookstore allocation programming committee along with architects released a plan with the space along with depictions of what the area would look like when completed.

Steele spoke on what will be included in the renovated space. “We are looking at putting in an Italian eatery similar to many of the brick oven pizza places in the area,” said Steele.

In other business, the senate discussed four bills, two of which were tabled after some discussion. The first bill considered was an allocation to the Black Student Association. Senator Kasi David presented the bill, which asked for funding.

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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.

Earthquake hits Mexico, kills at least 23

A magnitude 7.8 earthquake hit a remote region of Mexico at 8:06 p.m. Tuesday, killing 23 people and injuring more than 160. The quake was centered near the Pacific coast in the largely agricultural state of Colima. At least 21 people were killed. Many Colima residents live in fragile houses that suffered severe damage in the quake. The shaking could be felt 300 miles away in Mexico City. Colima’s governor declared a state of emergency and ordered small planes to survey the damage.

France, Germany oppose war in Iraq

President Jacques Chirac of France and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder announced Wednesday that they would stand together in opposition to a US-led war in Iraq. Chirac said weapons inspectors need additional time to look for weapons of mass destruction. In a demonstration of Franco-German cooperation, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was unable to approve advanced military planning in preparation of a possible war. Both the US and Britain continued a military buildup in the Persian Gulf. Britain announced it will send a quarter of its entire armed forces.

Toothbrush voted king of inventions

A recent survey conducted by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology asked people to rank five inventions: The car, the personal computer, the microwave, the cell phone, and the toothbrush. Respondents named the toothbrush as the one invention they could not live without. The first toothbrush was made in 1498 by a Chinese emperor who embedded hog hair in a bone handle.

Chi Omega Tau sisters Alyssda Ribeiro and Ana Remy talk with rushee Mrinalini Radhakrishnan. Although the local sorority hoped to achieve national status, Panhellenic members voted not to pursue expansion.
Activism and Remembrance during MLK weekend

Students participated in a wide range of events over MLK weekend from protesting the war in Iraq to remembering King in an ecumenical service on campus. GSU student Birt Gardner and Tech students Jeremy Farris, Randall McElroy, and Sean Schaeffer attended a protest against the conflict with Iraq in Washington, DC on Saturday. On Sunday, Tech hosted its annual ecumenical service in the Ferst Center. Various student leaders lit candles in remembrance of King during the ceremony. The keynote speaker at the service was Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children’s Defense Fund. Numerous campus pastors also participated and readings from various religious scriptures were presented as well.

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Crocker named first new police chief in 22 years

By Tony Kluemper
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Although most students may not realize it, the Tech police department has been operating without an official chief since last June when Chief Jack Vickery stepped down after 22 years on the job.

That interim period ended on Jan. 6 when Teresa Crocker became the new director of security and police. The job is Crocker’s first outside of the state of North Carolina. She previously served as the chief of police at East Carolina University, a position Crocker held for nearly ten years.

According to Robert Thompson, senior vice president for Administration and Finance, Crocker’s police credentials were highly impressive. “She brings considerable experience in higher education (settings),” Thompson told The Whistle.

“We are delighted that she has agreed to join the Tech team in this extremely important position and look forward to working with her in creating an even safer, more secure campus environment.”

Crocker became interested in the Tech job last summer, not long after Vickery retired. She had been in the Atlanta area a few years ago and had decided she would be interested in working here someday. When the Tech job opening was posted, Crocker decided to look into it.

“Georgia Tech was honestly the only school in the area that I was considering. It was a great opportunity.”

Teresa Crocker
Director of Security and Police

After deciding to apply, Crocker came to campus in the fall to interview with the search committee. She then returned later in the semester for a day full of interviews with different departments across campus.

“I interviewed with some individuals including the president,” said Crocker. “I also interviewed with different groups from the Police Department, Auxiliary Service and Fa-

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tioned the resolution’s length and potentially inflammatory statements, arguing instead for a short one or two line statement of concern. “I ask ‘Is this the best thing to do [for foreign students]?’” he said. Some representatives asked for additional time to study the revised resolution, and the House eventually voted to table the bill until next week.

In other business, Reps began considering the new FY 2003/2004 Student Activity Fee Budget, asking general questions of Joint Finance Committee (JFC) Chair Chris Webb.

The consideration process barely got out of the starting blocks before the budget was tabled. Reps will need several more weeks to plow through the lengthy document.

Undergraduate Student Body President Tiffany Massey tried to rally the troops for the task ahead, but admitted that budget consideration can often be “time-consuming, annoying, and detailed.” She urged them to look at the budget as a whole and to be careful when considering potential changes.

“We have to answer to a lot of people,” she said.

The House also spent time trying to decide whether they could allocate money to the Georgia Tech Tournament Paintball Team. The JFC failed the allocation bill because the Team is not an official student organization, has no advisor, and does not have insurance. The organization representative, Mike Evans, countered that the official Tech Paintball Club is inactive at this point and that his team is currently working to take over its operation.

Some reps seemed hesitant to give money to an unofficial student organization. They moved to table the bill for about three weeks to give the Paintball Team time to become official.

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**RECORDS FOR A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION TO ATTEND A NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN BOSTON**

ECE Senator Roy Furbank questioned the reasoning behind only sending one member of the organization. David felt that sending one member was the most cost effective way for the organization to have representation at the conference. The bill passed with little to no discussion by an overwhelming majority.

The second item up for discussion looked to be one of the most controversial of the session. The resolution calling for responsible immigration policies for international students caused quite a stir in UHR last week even before it had reached old business. However, after the resolution was presented, ECE senator Pelham Norville felt that the bill should be tabled until next week. “This bill is worthy of serious consideration,” said Norville. “Therefore, I think we should table it for a week so that we will be able to do our own research and check out the figures in the resolution so that we can have a well-informed discussion on the issue.”

Although some senators opposed tabling the bill saying the bill had been available for research for the past week, the motion to table passed by a large majority.

In one of the more confusing items of the night, coordinating officer Jennifer Matthews made a motion to untable the Student Activity Budget bill to make an amendment raising the Graduate Conference Fund to $55,000. The amendment passed, at which time Matthews made a second motion to retable the bill for discussion at next week’s meeting.

In a final order of business Matthews made another motion to move a bill considering the chartering of an organization from new to old business. The motion and bill passed.

**MARC sparks fly**

Last Friday afternoon the MARC building was evacuated after a chemical spill was discovered. Hazardous Materials crews were called in to clean up the spill, which was completed by later that day.
interested in slipping through just to see what’s going on,” said Shuck. The “anchor” of the Houston Building will be food service, said Steele. Two concepts for restaurants are under consideration. The first would be an Italian-style facility dubbed “Pandini’s.” The other option is a sports bar/non-alcoholic pub with a “beyond casual” atmosphere. Both concepts offer seating for about 160 people.

The success of any restaurant, said Steele, will depend on its ability to draw large crowds, not only during the day but also during dinner and late-night hours. Administrators are exploring the possibility of integrating student meal plans.

Across from the restaurant, there will be a combination bookstore-convenience store that will be comparable to Burdell’s. The store will sell school supplies, snack food, GT apparel, and other everyday items. The design also calls for a small copy center adjacent to the store. Kin-ko’s has expressed an interest in running such a facility, said Steele.

Between the restaurant and the bookstore, directly under the central skylight, will be a 300 square-foot stage for music and other live events.

The first floor will also house a new Student Government suite and a 1200 square-foot meeting room with seating for between 70 and 100 people.

It is “highly likely” that WREK Radio will also relocate to the Houston Building from its current location in the Coliseum Annex, said Dr. Lee Wilcox, Vice President of Student Affairs. Comfortable couches, out-of-the-way study areas, and small, multi-purpose kiosks will be scattered throughout the entire floor.

The Cyber Café, Hair Cuttery, Buzzcard Center, and College Optical will remain in the Houston Building, although the size of their individual spaces may change slightly. STA Travel will move to the area now occupied by Burdell’s to make room for a “grand staircase” leading to the second floor.

Upstairs, the giant room now dedicated to textbook storage will be converted into work space for various student organizations. The organizations still have to decide among themselves exactly how to allocate the available space. Three to five new meeting rooms will also be located on the second level.

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Project Architect

In total, 31,000 square feet on the first floor and 9,000 square-feet on the second floor will be remodeled. Now that Programming is complete, a core team can begin the next phase, Detail Design, in which the “nitty-gritty” elements of the design will be worked out in the “many hours of meetings ahead.”

Student input has been critical to the formation of the design. Student representatives formed part of the Planning Committee.

The total cost is expected to be $6-7 million. Administrators are still trying to come up with about $2 million in funding, but Steele expressed confidence that the money would be available in time.

The project is expected to begin July 1, 2003 and be completed by Jan., 2004.
ed among organizations. This way, Tier 3 organizations’ budget requests were cut by only 70 percent as opposed to 80 percent. Cultural organizations faced only 50 percent cuts, while competitive organizations received 30 percent cuts, not 25.

Another difference in the budget that created additional cuts comes from the Student Center. Said Webb, “The Student Center Programs Council actually has a huge increase mainly due to a concert that has actually got cut dramatically, but they were never given budgets before.”

In all, with $3.3 million dollars requested for the student activity budget, JFC allocated $2.7 million to all organizations.

If any students have questions about the budget, they can contact Chris Webb at chris.webb@sga.gatech.edu or email their respective representatives with questions.

“The one thing they need to realize,” said Webb, “is that everyone takes cuts. Basically, the money that’s going to something is coming out of something else, so just look at the whole picture.”