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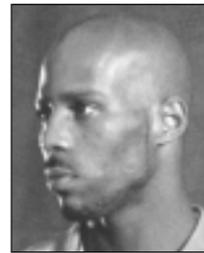
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Bookstore committee seeks input

By Tony Kluemper
Assistant News Editor

In less than two years the GT bookstore will have a new home with the completion of the Fifth Street project, thus leaving the space in the Houston Bookstore Mall open to new ideas and functions for students. Although the space will not be empty until the Fifth Street project is completed, the Tech community has already begun preparing plans for the old bookstore once it becomes vacant.

In fact, earlier this semester Senior Vice President of Administration and Finance Bob Thompson organized the beginning of a task force to look into the needs and wants of the student body in reference to the space. According to the task force chairman and director of the Student Center Rich Steele, the main objective of the task force was to perform a needs assessment of GT students.

"Bob Thompson asked us [the task force] to consider the overall needs of the campus by collecting

information from students and then provide a report to him," said Steele. "This report will deal more on function or purpose of the space and less on the physical layout of the area."

From the beginning of the planning process, the members of the task force have realized that the most important concept behind making the decision of how to use the old bookstore space should be made through student input. "Because it [the decision] is going to affect every student that comes through Tech in future years, it is important that the students' opinions are heard and their ideas are represented," said President's Council representative Natasha Goguts.

According to task force member and Associate Dean of Ivan Allen College Dr. Richard Barke, the main idea behind the task force is to gather information from the students and take this information when making the final proposal. "Our mission is to gather information about the students' needs and preferences

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By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
Adrienne Hairston and Shola Adeniyi shop at the current campus bookstore, which was recently privatized under a new contract with Barnes and Noble.

SGA elections next week

Voting for undergraduate and graduate student government officers will take place Monday through Wednesday. Voting begins Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. and ends Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Voting will be available at <http://elections.gatech.edu>. The server will be down each night from midnight to 4:00 a.m. for routine maintenance. A list of all USG candidates can be found on page 4.

Referendum scheduled

Members of the Undergraduate House passed a resolution that places a referendum question on the SGA elections website. The question concerns the two options offered by the President's Office. Further details about the issue and the referendum can be found on page three in the News Briefs.

Week of Greeks, honor

Monday marks the start of both Greek Week and Honor Awareness Week at Tech. Information about Greek Week activities can be found in Campus Life, and information about Honor Awareness Week events can be found on page three in the News Briefs.

Deck opening delayed

The North Campus parking deck, which was scheduled to open last week did not open. Neither Facilities nor Parking and Transportation administrators wished to comment on the issue.

GTPD arrests break-in suspect

By Jody Shaw
Managing Editor

The recent arrest by the Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) ends a month long string of illegal entrances into campus buildings and closes the investigation into the various break-ins.

"It turned out that it was a familiar face—a fellow by the name of Reginald Rogers who we had arrested back in December for stealing rolls of toilet paper from the Weber building and entering the Success Center," Jack Vickery, GTPD Chief, said.

Before GTPD actually caught Rogers,

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Wang elected RHA president

By Tony Kluemper
Assistant News Editor

On Wednesday, March 23, RHA held officer elections for next year's positions at their weekly meeting. Former RHA National Communications Director Jason Wang was named president for next year as he ran unopposed for the position.

Former treasurer Ryan Spanier was elected vice president, Bela Jacobson was elected treasurer, and Angie Pallen was elected secretary.

According to Wang, he ran for the position of president of RHA in order to build the relationship between the association and the numerous Hall Councils. "The position of RHA president allows me to build a better

relationship with the residents overall," said Wang. "I believe that I can go and make the Hall Councils better so that residents will enjoy their stay here on campus to make residents' life better."

Wang would like to see his term as president lead to a return to a more sense of community among Tech residents. "I plan to restore RHA to what it was before the Olympics. With the Olympics, they tore down the Techwood dorms to build the Georgia State Village and they built a lot of apartments," said Wang.

"In the apartments everyone just sticks to their rooms, they don't do anything. My plan is to get the residents back to enjoying what campus and residence

life is about by meeting people and getting along with people."

Spanier hopes to increase the publicity of RHA on campus. "I plan to increase the PR role during the year to make sure that RHAs' name gets out in the Georgia Tech community," said Spanier.

"I want to make sure everyone knows what RHA is, what we do, and what services we can provide for the residents."

Next year Wang hopes to accomplish this restoration of RHA by sponsoring such events as weekly barbecues and other large events on various parts of campus that help to make campus life better for the residents. "I don't think the residents are getting what they pay for at this moment," said Wang.

News Feature Grading Our Faculty

Teaching, research affect tenure process

By Nasir Barday
News Staff

The faculty tenure process, which heavily impacted undergraduate learning, includes components that evaluate both teaching and research.

According to Turgay Uzer, a professor in the School of Physics, the tenure process at Georgia Tech involves evaluation of four areas of performance for each candidate, including research, service to the industry, ability to attract funding, and teaching. "At the time of tenure, the person has to be an all-rounder," said Uzer.

In fact, according to Carston Schwan, a Professor in the College

of Computing, research and teaching are important factors in tenure decisions. "If you're an awful teacher, you're not going to get tenure. The same goes for research," said Schwan.

A candidate's service to his or her respective professional community also plays a role in the decision to offer tenure. "If [the faculty member] is well known in the community, they're adding to Georgia Tech's prestige," said Schwan. "That's not as important," added Schwan admittedly.

According to Schwan, "teaching performance is quite important." Another factor that affects the overall evaluation of teaching includes

innovation of curriculum while being a "creator of content that is important to the institution as well," according to Schwan.

After becoming "tenured", a faculty member's post-tenure performance in the classroom varies from case to case. "The faculty member's availability in the classroom is affected. They may have a lot of TAs to help with teaching", said a professor who wished to remain anonymous. But he does not believe that tenure adversely affects the performance of faculty once tenure is reached. "I think if they're good, they're still good," he continued.

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Guest Speaker Bob Barr



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
U.S. Representative Bob Barr spoke on campus Monday about the current political climate in Washington and his current legislation.

Renovations Britain's New Look



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Over spring break, Auxiliary Services began renovations at Britain dining hall to restore the building's historic Gothic architecture.

LCC creates digital media track

By Jennifer LaHatte
News Staff

Upon approval from the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and the Academic Senate this week, the school of Literature, Culture, and Communication (LCC) will be opening up a new path of study for its undergraduate Science, Technology, and Culture (STaC) program. This new initiative spearheaded by Dr. Robert Kolker, Chair of the LCC department, and Dr. Jay Telotte, professor in film, involves the creation of a new media and film studies track, similar to the options or certificate programs that are offered in other schools at Tech.

"It is the STaC major because the STaC major always had film and media courses. Our suggestion was to take and pull those out, keep them within the STaC major and then various faculty committees found ways of keeping it in STaC by making sure that the important fundamental STaC courses were also part of the new media track. So it remains a STaC major only with an emphasis on film and media," said Kolker.

Although approval for the track is now in its final stages, the process spans most of this school year, and it is a product of several committees within the LCC department. These committees included the STaC Steering Committee, the LCC Curriculum Committee, and the LCC Executive Committee, all consisting of members of the LCC faculty. The department hopes to begin advising students for this new track in

fall semester.

"Ultimately it was passed by the STaC Steering Committee and by our undergraduate committee unanimously," said Professor Alan Rauch, an elected member of the Steering Committee.

Essentially the resources and the classes already exist for a media studies focus, as almost all of the full professors in the LCC department regularly teach in media areas. Rather than adding new courses for students, the media studies track will

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Brian Randall
STaC major

group existing classes in a way that focuses more specifically on new media areas such as film, web design, and television. In addition to the current STaC introductory course, students choosing the media studies option will be required to take an introduction to film studies or media studies course as well. All the LCC introductory-level courses (2400, 2500, and 2600), that previously did not count for STaC credit, but as free electives, will now be acceptable hours toward the STaC degree. STaC students that opt for

the new track are still required to take six hours of history oriented courses in the department, but will increase their required hours of media related courses (34XX, 44XX) from nine to 12 hours. Additionally, the STaC issues course requirement will remain at nine hours, but two of these courses will be specified as LCC 3414 Technologies of Representation and LCC 3352 Film and/as Technology. The senior seminar that is required of all graduating STaC majors will require those in the track to pick from LCC 4400 Seminar in Media Studies or LCC 4500 Seminar in Film Studies.

"What this does is it opens the door for us to see what other interests our students have and therefore what other tracks or options or focuses we might be able to create in the coming years," said Telotte. "I think a lot of the faculty like the notion of opening up the potential for other tracks."

While they didn't seek student opinion directly in the form of structured committees, they inferred the need based on the demand for media related courses and talking informally with both STaC students and individuals in other majors at Tech.

"We didn't have student committees, it's mainly been a case of constantly fielding student questions about media courses and also looking at our graduate students in Information Design and Technology (IDT) and how successful they've been with their media background,"

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News briefs

Will Roper becomes Tech's fifth Truman Scholar

Today the Truman Foundation announced the selection of William Bruce Roper as Georgia Tech's fifth Truman Scholar. Roper, a double-major in math and physics and a native of Madison, was the only student selected from Georgia. He has excelled in academics at Tech, making only one "B" in the process.

The Truman is a national scholarship comparable to the Rhodes or Marshall for students who are interested in pursuing public service as a career. It is awarded to approximately 75 students from across the nation each year, and it provides a stipend of \$30,000 for each student to apply to graduate school.

Roper's particular interest in public service in education, specifically math and science. In high school Roper created a tutoring program for middle school students that received funding from the state legislature. He continued with this activity at Tech, where he created a math tutoring program for inner-city students.

In addition to being an outstanding student with an interest in public service, Roper is also an accomplished singer and athlete. He recently sang with the Atlanta Ballet's production of *Carmina Burana*, and he lettered in three sports in high school.

Training, education part of Honor Awareness Week

In addition to being Greek Week, March 26-30 is also Honor Awareness Week. Members of the Honor Advisory Council plan a variety of activities to educate the Tech community about academic misconduct issues.

As part of this educational initiative, the Council developed the Seminar on Ethical Leadership (SoEL), an hour long training program that will teach students and organizational leaders how to deal with matters of academic integrity. Topics to be covered include honor code meaning, judicial process, and real-life applications, and they will be taught through small group discussions, role playing and games. The Honor Advisory Council will hold SoEL three times next week: Monday, March 26 at 7:30 in Student Services Room 117; Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 in the VanLeer Auditorium; and Wednesday, March 27 at 7:30 in the VanLeer auditorium. Students interested in attending can register in advance at www.honor.gatech.edu.

The Council also plans a guest lecturer for Thursday evening. Deni Elliot, a renowned ethicist with a doctorate from Harvard University, will explain "How College Encourage Cheating" at 7:00 p.m. in the President's Suite of the Student Success Center. All members of the Tech community are invited to attend, and a reception will follow the engagement. Additional information about any and all Honor Awareness Week activities can be obtained by e-mailing honor411@prism.gatech.edu.

Students to vote on potential graduation options

In addition to voting for Student Government representatives and officers, students will also be able to state their opinion on the two graduation options offered by the President's Office.

The members of the Undergraduate House resolved that the graduation ceremony should be held immediately following exams, but the student body will be able to affirm or reject that decision. A vote of yes supports the resolution, which also means students will not receive real diplomas. A vote of no rejects the resolution, which indicates support of a delaying graduation up to a week to receive real diplomas.

This referendum is binding, and the result will determine the graduation format in the fall. Previous information about the graduation options can be found in the February 16 edition of the Technique. Students can vote on the referendum at <http://elections.gatech.edu> from Monday at 8:00 a.m. to Wednesday 4:00 p.m.

Council Clippings Undergraduate House of Representatives Graduation referendum passes

By Mary DeCamp
News Staff

Assistant Vice President for Development Patrick McKenna came and spoke to the Undergraduate House of Representatives at the March 20 meeting. He discussed the Capital Campaign. He also reminded the crowd that people who make donations are not only giving money to Tech but also investing in a cause that they believe in. McKenna also listed some of the benefits that are available to students through such campaigns. Some of these include scholarship funds, the renovation of Stamps Field, and money to groups such as the co-op program and club sports, among other organizations.

Joey Katzen, Vice President of Administrative Affairs, authored the first bill that the reps addressed. This bill dealt with adding a question to the elections voting page on the web asking students if they would prefer graduation right after exams with no real diploma or a week after exams with the real diploma included. After some discussion, this bill passed.

Two bills came out of a conference committee to be reconsidered by the representatives.

The first bill, authored by Biology Rep. Rameem Ghorieshi, was for the allocation of money to the

Muslim Students Association for Islamic Awareness Week. The amount agreed on by the Conference Committee was \$2,165.50. This bill passed.

The second bill, proposed by Sophomore Rep. Tiffany Massey, was for an allocation of money to Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority for a fashion show to benefit charity. The amount agreed and voted on was \$4,701.50. This bill passed as well.

Chemistry Rep. Rusty Johnson authored a bill asking for the allocation of money to the Caribbean Student Organization for a Haitian Conference. The representatives amended this bill per Joint Finance Committee recommendations and then passed it.

Tiffany Massey also authored a bill proposing the allocation of money to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of students to show a movie about gay issues in the student center. After amending this bill to match JFC's recommendations, this bill passed.

The next bill to be considered, authored by Freshman Rep. Nate Watson, proposed the allocation of money to the Honor Advisory Council to fund speaker fees for Honor Awareness Week. After much debate, this bill was passed. Rusty Johnson then proposed the allocation of money to the Musician's Network for various equipment in

the next bill which later passed.

The next bill presented asked for the allocation of money to many student organizations to pay fees for a leadership conference at UGA. This bill passed and was authored by ECE Rep. Eric Woods. ECE Rep. Brian Lasseter authored a bill asking for the allocation of money to the Georgia Tech India Club to rent the Ferst Center for a show. This bill passed as well.

Watson, Economics Rep. Stephen Popick, and ECE Rep. Luis Salas co-authored a bill proposing adding an amendment to the Undergraduate Student Government Bylaws. The proposed amendment would set a limit on how many meetings reps can miss before being relieved of their duties as well as requiring all reps to join an SGA committee. After much discussion, the clause requiring all reps to be on an SGA committee was removed, and this bill was sent to the Internal Development Committee for further discussion.

Two bills concerning the Student Advisory Board's budgets were considered. The first had to do with amendments to the 2001 SAB Budget. The House decided to match the graduates and pass the bill. The second bill dealt with the 2002 SAB Budget. After a few amendments, the representatives passed this bill.



By Rob Hill / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Biology Representative Brad Bolton poses a question during the debate at Tuesday's meeting of the Undergraduate House. Highlights of the meeting included a presentation by Assistant V.P. for Development Patrick McKenna and the passage of a referendum on graduation that will be included in next week's elections.

Undergraduate Student Government Executive and Legislative Candidates

President

(Vote for 1)

Chris Kavanaugh
M. Rameen Ghorieshi
Luis Salas
Erik Gordon
C. Travis Bowles

Clark Nelson

Srikanta Banerjee
Andrienne J. Hairston
Colin Gillens
Vishal Arya
Michael L. Powell
Carmen Jackson

Executive Vice-President

(Vote for 1)

Nate Waston
Joey Katzen

Junior Representative

(Vote for 5)

Ankur Goel
Tiffany Massey
Lindsey T. Mazza
Dusty Riddle
Jon Bonus
Jeremy Collins
Camille Y. Allen

Freshman Representative

(Vote for 5)

Adam Bernstein
Rod Drews
Ken Franklin
Theodore Choc
Caroline Pflueger
Katie Rhode
Jeremy Talley
Nadia A. Mahmood
Normer Adams
Linda T. Kang
Mike Comer
Calvin John Yu
Andrew Padgett
Chris Mardis

Senior Representative

(Vote for 3)

Craig Tommasello
Niraj Patel
R. Jason Fowler
John Englehardt

Aerospace Engineering

(Vote for 1)

Brian W. George
Keith Becker

Sophomore Representative

(Vote for 5)

Victor Allen
Brent Baldwin
Carrie Anderson

Architecture

(Vote for 1)

Dan Moore

Biology

(Vote for 1)

Brad Bolton

Chemical Engineering

(Vote for 2)

Lance Hollner

Chemistry

(Vote for 1)

Rusty Johnson
Dan Robinson
Rex Kwok

Civil Engineering

(Vote for 1)

Michael O'Rourke

Computer Science

(Vote for 1)

E.W. Looney
Bryan Billings
Jesse Shieh
Trent Roche
Danielle Dees

Earth and Atmospheric Sciences

(Vote for 1)

Brandon Lenfest
Justin Bartlett

Economics

(Vote for 1)

Stephen Popick
Kevin Hellemons

Electrical & Computer Eng.

(Vote for 5)

Eric Woods
Youn Hur
Mark Allers
Andrew Morris
Craig Kronenthal
Flynn Williford
Bill Asher, III
Adeshola Adeniyi
Mark Hallyburton
Brian Brady
Bob Czaplicki

History, Technology, & Society

(Vote for 1)

Jason H. Garnett
Kristin Parker

International Affairs

(Vote for 1)

Andrew Hamilton
John Turner

Industrial Engineering

(Vote for 3)

Sunny Singh
Yaser Sagha
Carolina Andrade

Materials Science & Engineering

(Vote for 1)

J.P. Coughlin

Management

(Vote for 3)

Allan Coye
Andrew S. Keen
Jim Paisley

Math (Vote for 1)

Anthony Ritz

Mechanical Engineering

(Vote for 3)

Mark Rudolph
Michael Corcos
Josh Alexandes

Physics

(Vote for 1)

R. Scott Fletcher
Justin Barnes

Psychology

(Vote for 1)

Dae (Daniel) Kim

Public Policy

(Vote for 1)

Chris Webb

Fall Co-op

(Vote for 2)

Billy Dondero
Shaun Black
Ji H. Bae
Daniel Sims
Matthew Davis

Arrest

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they had already identified him as a suspect using the security camera system located in the College of Computing. Vickery and others examined tapes from the system where they recognized Rogers.

While he did not actually take anything from the College of Computing, Rogers entered the building, used a ladder to examine the ceiling tiles, and left. After viewing this tape, GTPD made him a suspect.

Officer Susan Huberty actually apprehended Rogers on east campus in the early morning hours of Monday, March 11.

"Officer Huberty, who had arrested Rogers in December, saw him and recognized him. She saw him and yelled at him to stop so she could talk to him," Vickery said.

"He took off running with a bag in his hand. They chased him down. The bag he had contained a bunch of sweatshirts he had just stolen from under the east stands of the Athletic Association. He had found a way into one of the storage areas and took the stuff."

Once apprehended, officers took Rogers into custody, took him to the station and called an investigator.

He eventually admitted to burglarizing several campus buildings, including: Student Services, where he took T-shirts from the Women's Resource Center and petty items from several offices; Student Success Center, where he tampered with the vending machines and took some office clocks; the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, where he stole a CD player; Campus Christian Fellowship, where he took several items before dropping them mid-flight; the Industrial and Systems Engineering building, where he took a clock radiator, Russ Chandler Stadium, where he removed some soft drinks; and the

College of Computing, where he did not actually take any items.

While Rogers did not admit to entering the programs area of the Student Center, Vickery believes that Rogers is responsible for that crime as well.

"The MO is similar, so there is a

"There is no magic bullet. There is no perfect security that comes with any guarantees."

Jack Vickery
GTPD Chief of Police

good chance [he committed the Student Center break-in]," Vickery said.

During the initial investigation, Rogers also admitted to having a drug problem. He entered the buildings at Tech to find small items that he could easily steal and easily sell. Rogers has no association to Tech, and according to Vickery, he most likely resides on the streets.

Rogers faces initial charges of burglary, criminal trespassing, and resisting arrest, which stem from his burglary of the AA and subsequent arrest. Once the county district attorney is done with the investigation, however, Rogers will mostly likely face many more counts of burglary.

Because Rogers did not have to force his way into but two of the buildings he targeted, new issues about security have been raised by members of the Tech community.

"In the case of Student Services, we have a physical security specialist who is working with one of our contractors to see what can be done. There is no magic bullet. There is no perfect security that comes with any guarantees, but there are things that you can do to prevent break-ins," Vickery said.

Tech women start local sorority

By Andrew Santelli
News Staff

Tech women may soon have a seventh choice when selecting a sorority. Chi Omega Tau is a new group dedicated to establishing themselves as a local sorority at Georgia Tech, with the goal of being recognized by the Panhellenic Council—the governing body for female Greek life at the Institute—at its upcoming meeting Tuesday, March 27.

The group began its recruitment and establishment efforts last fall, and it has grown in numbers to their current membership of 30 women.

Chi Omega Tau president Jordan Dudney said "Chi Omega Tau would provide variety" in Greek life,

and that "the underlying basis of our sorority is to try to be open and accepting." Vice President Sonali Vedak noted that the founding of

"If every member felt comfortable in one of the six other sororities, they would be in them,"

Sonali Vedak
Chi Omega Tau Vice President

the sorority would alleviate some of the "difficulty in this male-dominated school to find people of simi-

lar beliefs and ideals."

Over the past years, female enrollment at Georgia Tech has increased, but rush numbers have not. Dudney found a problem with this fact, and said that "sororities are a good way to meet people," and that Chi Omega Tau's establishment would help increase those rush numbers. "We're trying to add to the Greek system."

Another goal of the group is to give a place for Tech women to find comfort.

"If every member [of Chi Omega Tau] felt comfortable in one of the six other sororities, they would be in them," Vedak said.

The road to Panhellenic Coun-

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Ivan Allen College Gala Dinner



By Scott King / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Atlanta City Councilman Michael Bond presents President G. Wayne Clough and Ivan Allen College Dean Sue Rosser with a proclamation declaring March 15 Ivan Allen, Jr. day in the city of Atlanta.

Tenure

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A process exists that regularly reviews the performance of tenured faculty. According to the Georgia Tech Faculty Handbook, "All tenured faculty... shall undergo a post-tenure review at least once every five years." "[The process] insures that none of the important areas are neglected," said Uzer.

But according to the faculty interviewed, non-performance has not usually been a problem. "The department looks really bad if we don't perform. It's not an option," said Schwan. If a faculty member's performance falls below par, a review

can be scheduled on a 3 year basis, as opposed to the traditional 5 year interval, according to the Faculty Handbook.

In the College of Computing, the control instituted on bad performance is an annual review, performed by the administration within the school. "You get salary cuts if you don't perform," said Schwan.

While the annual review process provides the administration's view of faculty performance, the tenure review process provides the view of tenured faculty performance by fellow faculty, according to Schwan.

When being reviewed under the post-tenure review process, a tenured faculty member can request distribution of the weight of his

review in each of the four areas, said Uzer. "That doesn't mean that teaching is ignored," he added.

According to the anonymous professor, the post-tenure review process can be negative. "It raises the spectre of uncertainties." But according to him, the process is not intimidating. "It's more disciplinary, it's not threatening."

"The process is intended to be constructive", said Uzer. If negative points come up in a post-tenure review, recommendations are made to the faculty member to correct them, he said.

"I would say," said Uzer, comparing the two faculty review processes, "the requirements [for tenure review] are less stringent."

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said Telotte.

"It allows another option for STaC students and opens up the opportunity for students who do want to go into film by giving them a more focused route," said Brian Randall, a third year STaC major.

"We're hoping it will contribute in two ways. As one it will lure more people who are at Tech and are not happy with their particular major, because that is for good or ill, been one of the major ways that the STaC program develops its constituency. But, by the same token, people who would not normally apply to Tech, and who might look to a place like Georgia State or the University of Georgia because they offer programs in communication, would certainly have a whole new path they can follow here," said Telotte.

This is just one in a series of initiatives that the LCC department

has been working on this year. In addition to the new track for STaC majors, they have also restructured the graduate IDT program to allow more junior and senior level STaC students to take graduate-level courses in the design and production of digital media.

LCC has also created a new technical writing course that will be offered in sections, according to students' major school. While the LCC faculty has designed most of the content for this course, the major schools have been able to choose the documents used in the course to better meet the needs of their students.

A freshman writing course that puts more emphasis on written and oral presentation, as well as collaborative writing and editing has also been added to the list of new classes. With an increased emphasis on new media through the STaC track, a new digital video lab has been added to support both undergraduate and graduate courses.

CORRECTION

On page 4 of last week's issue of the *Technique*, we incorrectly reported that student government elections are over at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28. The elections actually close at 4:00 p.m. The *Technique* regrets the error.

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Input

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ferences," said Barke.

"We would like to do something that is unique and different, while at the same time learning from other universities experiences what works and what doesn't. This is where student input can come in greatly."

In order to reach the entire Tech student body the task force looked at many different options to really see what the needs and opinions of the students were. In late February and early March, the first of these options took place in the form of student focus groups. "We had students of various aspects of campus come together and meet in these focus groups to discuss what they felt was needed in the space," said Goguts. "We wanted to get a wide range of people so we looked for both campus leaders and those who are not so involved as well."

Barke felt that this ability to reach all types of students was achieved through the student focus groups.

"[Reaching all students] has been a concern of ours from the very beginning," said Barke. "We wanted to use outreach processes that would tap all students interests. We knew that getting input from those in organizations would be easy, but getting info from those not as involved or commuters would be more difficult. The focus groups help to reach many different groups."

In addition, the task force has also provided another outlet in which students and organizations can suggest their ideas about the use of the old bookstore space. An email account has been set up so that students and organizations can comment about what they would like to see the space used for.

However, Steele hopes that students won't look at this as a way only to promote their own self-interests. "We want to discourage people from supporting their own interests," said Steele. "They need to show that there is a deep need on campus for their suggestion, and how it will benefit the entire campus and build a sense of community."

Although the task force has until the end of the semester to submit their ideas to Thompson, they are now beginning to take the ideas from the focus groups and work with these ideas to see how feasible and functional the students opinions would be in the space provided. In the four focus groups that were held earlier this month, many of the groups found common ground on numerous ideas. Each of the focus groups wanted to see more meeting space and a multipurpose lounge area included in the space. Many

also suggested that some of the spaces be multi-functional such as using the meeting space for study spaces at times and converting the lounge area into a dance or music area if needed.

In addition to these general ideas, the groups also suggested many proposals for different types of retail space that would contribute greatly to the campus as a whole. These retail ideas included a Kinko's, a restaurant such as Applebees or Houstons, and an upgraded movie theater. Furthermore many of the groups also commented that they would like to see some type of offices or cubicles for student organizations in the space.

At the same time, Steele hopes students realize that space may not allow for some of the retail space suggested. "We don't have a ton of space," said Steele. "Therefore, in general we're looking at what is happening in the Fifth Street project or the proposed Undergraduate Learning Center to make sure that we don't duplicate ideas while at the same time suggesting that maybe the larger ideas such as a full-blown Kinko's could serve better in the Fifth Street project."

For any groups and organizations that still have ideas on how they would like to see the current bookstore space used, the task force is taking suggestions through email until March 30. Goguts encourages anyone with an idea to email stucencomments@stucen.gatech.edu and give a short description of their idea. Goguts wants to remind students that this not a place to request space but instead to submit a proposal on how the space should function for the students.

While the expansion task force has been preparing ideas for the current bookstore space, many behind the scenes changes have been taking place within the bookstore itself. In early February, the future of the Georgia Tech bookstore changed greatly when the management of the store was signed over to a private company. As of July 1, the GT bookstore will be under the management of Barnes and Noble College Bookstores, which operate on over 400 university campuses across the nation.

The decision was made in order to provide the Georgia Tech student body as well as all of midtown Atlanta a bookstore superstore that will include a college bookstore as well as a café and CD department once the bookstore moves with the completion of the Fifth Street project. When Barnes and Noble takes over operation of the bookstore in July, officials in Auxiliary Services feel that students will notice little change in the operation of the store.

Co-op goes online with new site

By Andrew Santelli
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Following the path taken by web-based class registration, the Georgia Tech Cooperative Division recently established a system for the approximately 3,200 co-op students to find jobs and schedule interviews online.

Career Connections, developed by a company called BrassRing Campus, a "comprehensive career-building service for young adults," revolutionizes the way Tech students will find cooperative jobs.

A previous computer system, First Place by Academic Software, was shelved with the release of the new, web-based system.

Phased in this past fall, Career Connections is aimed at giving students "a leg up in the process and better access to the companies who work in the system," said Harold Simmons, Associate Director of the Cooperative Division.

With the use of Career Connec-

tions, students can search for positions of interest with one of the 600-plus companies (both across the country and around the world) that are part of the cooperative program, as well as submitting resumes and registering for interviews.

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ISyE Sophomore

Simmons said the reasoning to switch to a web-based registration system was "to give us an easier way to have students submit biographical data and prepare resumes, register for job interviews, as well as

improve the job referral system."

An added benefit for the Cooperative Division is that the new system eases the burden on the eight advisors in the office, "giving them more time to counsel with students and give them a greater amount of information," said Simmons.

Josh Teyler, a 2nd-year Industrial and Systems Engineering student, said the new Career Connections site was "easy to use and remarkably efficient and powerful. When you click on the company you can immediately get an interview, it's very nice." He commented that he liked the ease of knowing which companies were having interviews and being able to sign up for one with one click, not having to give his resume to someone beforehand.

Career Connections also helps the Cooperative Division achieve its goal of finding a job for a student "that's closest to what they study, to supplement and complement what they learn in the classroom."

Tech Service TTP Picnic



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Ananni Mitchell and Melissa Dolgetta were among the many elementary students and Tech tutors who took a study break at the Burger Bowl on Saturday. The event was part of the Techwood Tutorial Project.

Sorority

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cil has been difficult for Chi Omega Tau. This past November, the Graduate Student Senate rejected a proposal for chartership due to their being female only.

Currently, Chi Omega Tau has a request submitted to the Georgia Tech Student Foundation for \$4,000 of funds for recruitment and promotions.

Susanne Hodges, president of the Georgia Tech Panhellenic Council said that Chi Omega Tau has a good chance of receiving a charter.

"I haven't been able to talk to the other presidents, but it seems like it would be a good idea," Hodges said.

Last year Panhellenic voted not to extend an invitation to bring a national sorority to campus, but this group is different. Hodges sees the success of Chi Omega Tau as "kind of a test for whether or not we need

a seventh sorority."

If Chi Omega Tau's proposal passes, they will be established as a local sorority and if they attract eighty members, then they may be picked up by a national sorority and be its Georgia Tech chapter. Their rush, however, would not be held concurrently with Panhellenic sorority rush.

Dudney and Vedak remain optimistic, but if the proposal fails, they said the project would not die. "We're still friends."