Health Services offers flu shots

The department of Health Services will be providing complimentary flu shots to Tech students starting Nov. 1. Faculty and staff will also be eligible to receive the flu shots at a cost of $10.

Red Carpet Day festival arrives

Red Carpet Day Extravaganza, a festival that raises money and awareness for a weekend retreat for cancer-afflicted children, is being held this evening from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. at Yellow Jacket Park.

The festival will feature an assortment of Atlanta bands as well as performances from a capella group Nothin’ but Treble. Other events include an artisans market and a poker tournament.

Represents from cancer-related organizations such as Relay for Life and the United Way will also be in attendance.

SGA to hold town hall meetings

The Student Government Association will be holding a town hall meeting about academic advisement on Tues., Oct. 11 at the camphouse. The meeting will feature a panel of students, faculty and administration. Another meeting is tentatively planned for Thurs., Oct. 13 in the management quad.

Honors program ad-hoc committees form

Three new ad-hoc committees were formed to determine the direction of the new honors program. In an effort to attract more students, the committees plan to form a program for those who want a more active approach to education through smaller classes and more student-faculty interaction.

Randall Engle, chair of Philosophy, and Gregory Nobles, a professor in History, Science and Technology, have been named co-chairmen.

These three groups hope to start identifying students for the new academic year by the first of next year. Currently the goal is to put together courses by the end of the academic year.

The honors program hopes to complete plans and open for students to apply by Fall 2006. As of now, the committees are still waiting on approval of the program from the President and Provost. Meanwhile, they will work on establishing the curriculum and looking for ways to identify candidates. They also plan to have a common housing program for the program’s participants and are seeking space for living arrangements.

The new classes will differ from current Tech classes in that they will encourage interaction between students and professors with the help of smaller student-faculty ratios.

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By Darshini Nanavati  Contributing Writer

Greeks change party policy

Interfraternity Council (IFC) policy on band parties recently changed after the Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) shut down all Greek parties at midnight the night before the first home football game.

The Greek community lost thousands of dollars according to Buck Cooke, alyman of Delta Upsilon at Delta Upsilon as an example of the cost of the shutdowns. “Delta Upsilon had their foam party that night so they had sound, light and foam equipment, and they had rented a DJ for the party, ‘They only get paid for about an hour,”’ Cooke said.

IFC Social Policy at the time allowed parties to extend past 12 a.m.

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Task force evaluates grad health insurance

By James Stephenson  Contributing Writer

A task force of representatives from four Georgia universities are working on a new mandatory health insurance policy for their schools.

The Board of Regents’ Student Health Insurance Task Force includes representatives from UGA, Georgia State University, Medical College of Georgia and Tech.

“We’d like to get the best possible insurance for the students. The rates continue to go up and the benefits have not gone up as the rates have,” said Cindy Smith, director of Health Services and task force member. “By combining with the other universities in Georgia, we’ll get a bigger pool of students, which will get better premiums and better coverage.”

Current policy only requires international students to have health insurance. “Fvisa international students already have insurance charged to their bursar accounts,” said Mitch Keller, graduate vice president and member of the task force.

“Domestic students have the option to sign up for insurance with a different vendor under current policy; ‘The advantage of having mandatory insurance is it will keep their premiums down. With a set number of students [the insurance company] can plan and set their premiums,” Keller said.

Recent cost increases are one reason the task force is working on a new policy. “If you look based on recent trends, you can pretty much count on costs going up. Last year, the costs went up even though we had a contract. For international students, the premiums went up 30 percent and the coverage decreased a little bit,” Smith said.

Smith said that Tech students currently pay less than the other three universities. “Domestic insurance is $1095 as year. A bit expensive for the amount of coverage they get,” Keller said.

Keller said the task force is looking to broaden the mandatory health insurance plan to include new groups of students.

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The Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) passed a total of seven bills during its Tuesday meeting.

In her executive report, Sara Amir, executive vice president, reminded representatives about the absence policy for UHR. The maximum number of absences, she reminded representatives, was three, regardless of the reason for absence. After the absences they would be asked to resign from UHR.

Alison Graab, vice president of Administrative Affairs, encouraged representatives to attend the Oct. 11 town hall meeting regarding academic advising.

In his executive report, David Anderson, undergraduate student body president, introduced Greg Nobles, a professor in History, Science and Technology, who spoke about his committee’s proposal of the Honors Program. In a PowerPoint presentation Nobles presented the information he told the Provost: that the program would promote inquiry-based learning and student-teacher discussion. He also said that the program was not meant to be any harder or easier than any regular degree program.

The first bill considered was a joint allocation to TEAM Buzz, which generated some discussion. Organizational representatives spoke about the weekend’s projects, after which Micah Lucas, chair of the Joint Finance Committee (JFC), gave his committee’s recommendations for the bill.

Lucas said the bill was in accordance with JFC policy, but part of the $7,301 requested in funding needed to come from the Prior Year Outlay account as indicated. The bill was tabled until the end of the meeting because of a lack of information to guide the representatives. At the end of the meeting, a representative pointed out that the bylaws do not specify that the account allocations cannot be switched, and an amended version of the bill was passed.

Next, three bills, which jointly granted charters to MediaTech, Yellow Jacket Fencing and Global Ambassadors were slated together and approved by unanimous acclamation.

Finally, two appointment bills, appointments to institute committees and an appointment to Joint Campus Organization Committee (JCOC) Chair, were moved from New Business to Old Business and approved by unanimous acclamation. Adam Brancato was appointed to JCOC chair.
After facilities gave Ray an estimated value of over $5,000 for the "T," which is kept in case of one of the Ts on the tower is stolen, she said her fears were confirmed. "That’s when we knew that we were in serious trouble, because the money we would have to be taken from the Office of the Dean of Student’s budget," she said. "But even as student leaders, asking them to return the ‘T.’"

Ray found the 'T' Friday morning in the hall outside of Cooke’s office along with a handwritten note stating that the student meant for the theft to be a prank in accordance with the tradition of stealing the "T." "I was acting under the assumption that it was the actual 'T’ from Tech Tower, and foolishly acting in accordance with tradition to proceed to steal the 'T.' Because of the continued celebration of tradition at this school I was unaware of the graveness of the situation."

Excerpt from letter accompanying returned 'T'

“Because of the continued celebration of tradition at this school I was unaware of the graveness of the situation,” the letter said. "We have to return all the fraternities the same," Hembree said. "We enforced the policy as it was written at the time. When we spoke with the sergeant [that night] he said that there was no agreement. They acted on what they thought was a rule. So completely understand," Edwards said.

Cooke said that the noise complaints that evening occurred after the parties had already been shut down. “There were two noise complaints that night at 12:22 am [against Delta Chi], and at 12:31 a.m. [against Delta Tau Delta and Beta Chi].” I was on campus at that time and they had already been shut down, Cooke said.

Following the incident the ICC passed a new policy that says that a party can go until midnight, and if there are no noise complaints it can extend past midnight. If noise complaints are reported then the party has to be shut down. “This policy is so (a fraternity) could handle (disputes) internally before having their party shut down,” Cooke said.

The new policy…reflected the original agreements that the students had made, Edwards said. "The new rules allow parties to continue past midnight unless the ICC receives a complaint. ‘[Atlanta City] noise ordinances cut off everything at 9 p.m.,’ after that time just by the grace of the ICC [that the parties continue],’” Cooke said.

Cooke said that the reason that fraternities and other organizations, throwing events on campus can host past 9 p.m. is that no one else is affected by what happens except members of campus. "A campus policy should be able to regulate noise,” Cooke said.

Hembree said that the GTPD would enforce the policy as it is in the future. “We’re not against them partying,” he said.

Ray said the administration has been clear in communicating the decision of shutting down the ‘T.’ Stealing the ‘T’ is no longer considered a Tech tradition because of the danger (it poses) to the students themselves and to others,” she said.

"I was very disappointed, and it was very sad because [the presentation of the 'T'] was my going-away present to Dean Boyd, and I wanted to do something special for her. To have the 'T' stolen put a damper on the whole situation for me,” Ray said.

"I’ve just been really bad to stomach. There has to be some trust there for you to be able to work as a member to have a house. That was the hardest part of the situation—knowing that someone who is part of your extended family here in the office did that," Ray said.

"The call is up to the officers…but James Hembree said that the decision was up to the officers,” Ray said.

While the Task Force is currently limiting the scope of the project to the three groups listed above, the project may be expanded in the future. “Further down the road, insurance may be mandatory for all students,” Keller said.

Ultimately, the goal is to increase retention rates. It’s amazing how much medical costs can pull people out of school. It’s not just the cost of surgery or a broken leg…it even have to be life threatening surgery for a student. “It seems to be that the dangers and illegality of stealing the ‘T’ is no longer considered a Tech tradition because of the danger it poses to the students themselves and to others,” she said.

“Further down the road, insurance should be required for attracting graduate students. We did receive two bids but the task force felt that the proposal was not beneficial to students or the system so they are re-bidding the project with modifications,” Keller said.

“We have a tentative timetable of getting the new proposals back by early December, making a decision by March and implementing the new system in August,” Smith said.

A good health insurance policy is important in attracting graduate students according to Keller and Smith.

One of the things (the graduate students) look for when applying to schools has health insurance,” Smith said. “We want a really good policy that we can also use as a recruiting tool.”

Keller said that he hopes the new health insurance plan will also allow Tech to receive more funds from the Foundation and the Board of Regents to help pay for graduate student insurance.

“Don’t Work-EOE)
Katrina relief raises $45,000

By Jenny Zhang
Contributing Writer

The fundraising drive for the hurricane victims along the Gulf Coast raised $45,000, $5,000 short of the $50,000 goal student organizations had set to raise by Sept. 20. Fundraising was coordinated by the Office of Community Service in collaboration with many student organizations.

The campaign began Sept. 6 with Tech’s Mobilizing Opportunities for Volunteer Experience (MOVE) kicking it off by tabling along Skiles Walkway. Many other student groups, including several Greek organizations, the Student Center Programs Council and the Jewish Student Union, continued tabling efforts, which ended Sept. 19.

“The campaign went wonderful,” said Sarah Brackmann, assistant director of Student Involvement for Community Service.

“Tabling accounted for about half of all monetary donations.”

Money was also raised through bucket brigades, which were engi-

neered by the Student Government Association (SGA) in partnership with the Athletic Association. Volunteer collections also drew funds at the gates of the Sept. 10 and the Sept. 17 football games.

“The Student Athlete Advisory Board has been great about helping out with the bucket brigades, and they’ve been extremely successful,” said David Andersen, undergraduate student body president.

Several other organizations also helped collect donations at the football games, including Ambass-

adors, the Georgia Tech Student Foundation, African American Student Union, National Society of Black Engineers and Minority

Recruitment Team.

“$24,000 was raised at the first game [against UNC] alone,” said Sophia Huger, Student Involvement Assistant and Financial Manager.

This fundraising campaign raised the most money for relief efforts ac-

cording to Brackmann. “Both the 9/11 and tsunami campaigns had just as much student involvement and community spirit, but the community may not have been more willing to give to this fundraiser because [Hurricane Katrina] hit closer to home. Because [we] housed Tulane students and served as an emergency shelter, people could see the impact close up,” Huger said.

“Although Hurricane Rita followed Katrina, fundraising remained steady according to Huger.

“There were no significant in-

creases after Hurricane Rita, and most of the money was raised for Hurricane Katrina before [Rita] hit,” Huger said.

In all, the fundraising campaign for the hurricane victims has raised about $45,000 to date, short of the $50,000 goal set by students.

“Fundraising has been very successful, but it’s not over yet,” Andersen said.

Money is still being collected from staff offices and departments until the end of October according to Brackmann. Additionally, a new

link has been posted at the Office of Community Service website, www.

service.gatech.edu, that will allow people to donate online.

“I’m confident we’ll meet the $50,000 goal soon and even exceed it,” Brackmann said.

The student-teacher interaction can be really helpful in learning new

intellectual opportunities,” Nobles said.

We’re not lacking good students here at Tech. But we’re trying to find out what they are capable of,” Nobles said.

“We should not have a better shot of getting those students if we had an honors program.”

“Is it going to be harder or easier? I think it’s going to be more difficult than existing ones. New classes would not be necessarily

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hams, who were affected by the incident were encouraged to document the damage and salvage what they could.

Said Nobles: “This is just the worst, that someone would damage a stu-

dents work. It is the lowest of the low,” Dunham-Jones said.

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Engle and Nobles said they see the honors program as a significant recruiting tool. “There’s recent research showing that a significant number of preschool Schmidt.

Engle and Nobles were also concerned that the honors program was not yet been described the program as an “insti-

tute-wide incubator for intellectual inquiry and engagement.”

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