Earlier this month, Tech was attacked by a group of hackers who gained illegal access to servers within the OIT business office. The exploitation of the servers took place on March 9, and since that time OIT has been conducting an investigation to determine exactly what happened. After preliminary investigation officials at OIT were able to determine that the security of the system was compromised, allowing nearly 550 gigabytes of data to be transferred from the business server.

Once inside the system, hackers were able to view files from as far back as July 3, 2000 that were available on the server; this is a potentially serious issue due to the information provided in the files. According to OIT, the information found in these files included travel vouchers for employees as well as basic personal contact information. Travel vouchers often include the credit card numbers and social security numbers of numerous employees. At this point OIT is estimating that nearly 1,000 faculty and staff could be affected by the hackers’ actions.

Another problem could result from the network attack caused by the hackers: the information provided in the P-Card system was used to allow on-campus credit card purchases could be compromised. The P-Card files were also accessible to the hackers and included credit card numbers as well as employee identification numbers.

Although nothing may come of the network invasion, OIT officials warn that there could be potentially “serious ramifications” to members of the faculty and staff. According to OIT, the foremost concern at this point is the integrity of any personal information that the hackers may have acquired. The most alarming possible ramifications of the attack could include identity theft as well as unauthorized credit card usage. OIT is warning anyone who submitted travel reimbursement vouchers or used the P-Card system since July 1, 2000 to contact their credit card companies and inform them of the situation.

In addition, the Institute itself has taken steps to ensure that the information found on the server cannot be used to the advantage of the hackers. Tech officials have been working with the Bank of America over the past few weeks to cancel the 1,000 P-Cards in the system and have them replaced as soon as possible. Although the cards were not used, the objective of the data included in advertisements as well as the effects such ads have on audiences. The following night, WAM sponsored a concert at Under the Couch. Local folk musician Doria Roberts performed.

Thursday night, students gathered at the Campanile for “Take Back the Night.” The annual event aims to reduce incidents of sexual violence through education. Rap survivors spoke about their experiences and participants held a candlelight vigil and marched around campus.

Overall, “the response this year has been great,” said Morris. Numbers decreased somewhat because, last year, Panhellenic members were required to attend some lectures and events, he said. “This year, we decided we didn’t want people there unless they wanted to be there,” Morris said.

So obviously numbers went down, but the discussions at the end of the programs have increased dramatically.” Smaller groups, he said, permit freer exchange of ideas and allow for more of a round-table discussion. See WAM, page 4.
Last issue’s poll garnered 46 responses to the question: “Have you decided how you will vote in the SGA presidential race?”

From the archives...

The ‘Nique’s top stories from past April Fool’s:

1 year ago: April 1, 2001—Since there was no April Fool’s edition 30 years ago, the Archive Staff has found more recent history. Last year the Technique staff announced a new initiative formed by Tech administrators called GT STUPID—Students Trying Unusually Intoxicating Drinks.

10 years ago: April 1, 1992—Tech president Pat Crecine officially announced that the April Fool’s edition of the ‘Nique would be the last for the student-run newspaper. NationsBank donated $20 million to Tech for a new basketball area.

20 years ago: April 1, 1982—Members of the ‘Nique staff created their own tabloid entitled Irrational Enquirer for the celebration of April Fool’s ‘82. Stories included the reported romance between Dean Dull and Elizabeth Taylor, a new scientific cure for calculus, Satan worship at a local emporium, and a coed possessed by the devil.
Ask President Clough

Clough answers student questions from fall

How does Georgia Tech plan to increase the number of women and minority students? What strategies are in place to utilize student organizations and external resources such as Tech's connection with metro-Atlanta HBCU's in our recruiting efforts?

As a national leader in bringing women and minority students into the professions represented in its mission areas, Georgia Tech appreciates that no single strategy is adequate if progress in this area is to be made. Today, we support and fund an array of programs ranging from the K-12 to the Ph.D. level with both a campus impact and a national reach. While there is no specific measure of such activities, we know from the experience that we are one of the most active universities in the nation in support of the participation of women and minorities in the professions represented in our curriculum. Even so, we appreciate we have much to do.

We have had some visible success in our efforts. For example, in engineering, Georgia Tech is currently ranked number one in the production of all degrees for African-Americans, number one in the number of undergraduate degrees conferred to women in the top five among graduate degrees conferred to women and to the top five among graduate degrees conferred to women. The publication Black Issues in Higher Education recently hosted a reception for Georgia Tech, citing us as the first university in U.S. history to have graduated the largest number of African-American engineers at all degree levels, bachelors, M.S. and Ph.D.'s, in the same year. According to national statistics for the year 2000, Georgia Tech graduated 13 percent of the African-Americans with a Ph.D. in engineering.

In addition to engineering we are seeing positive growth in minority participation in other areas. For example, over the past three years, we graduated the largest number of African-Americans with Ph.D.'s in Chemistry. Overall, we experienced a 3.4 percent increase in the percentage of African-American students over the past five years. The number of African-American students at the master's level grew from 129 in 1997 to 149 today, and grew at the undergraduate level from 867 in 1997 to 886 today. Over the past decade, the number of women students increased 42 percent from 3,025 to 4,292 in 2001.

What lies ahead? My goal for Georgia Tech is to continue to be a leader in the nation in helping address the disparities created by the discriminatory practices of the past. I want to see the day when the term 'under-represented minority' no longer has any meaning.

2. Compliment everyone and their favorite professor on how great they’re doing at fighting the system. Do this on your website especially. This method is good to prove to people that you’re human, too—that you like people and gosh golly they like you too!

3. Complain about how misused student funds are. Watch if you’re a candidate, you must already be an SGA lacker. Still, you are different. You have new ideas. Check them out at my spiffy website: www.iamatool.com.

4. Curse that stingy Ferst Center, charging student organizations! The undergraduate level from 867 in 1997 to 886 today. Over the past decade, the number of women students increased 42 percent from 3,025 to 4,292 in 2001.

What lies ahead? My goal for Georgia Tech is to continue to be a leader in the nation in helping address the disparities created by the discriminatory practices of the past. I want to see the day when the term “minority” or “under-represented minority” no longer has any meaning on our campus. The road is not made easier by the absence of affirmative action programs, but in every challenge lies an opportunity.

First, we have to recognize the inherent value in programs that work. One of these is the outstanding partnership that is found in the Dual Degree Program. This program was developed to allow students from the Atlanta University Center schools and institutions like Agnes Scott to spend two years gaining their liberal arts background before transferring to Georgia Tech to complete an engineering degree. This program is unique in that the students obtain two degrees, one from Georgia Tech and one from the institution they matriculated in, as opposed to conventional “3-2” programs where only one degree is obtained. As of today, over 800 students from the AUC schools have participated and a growing number of women from Agnes Scott are using this route.

Another success story is the FOCUS program, which was founded ten years ago to encourage minority students to undertake graduate study in professions like architecture, business, engineering and science. With Georgia Tech’s encouragement and financial support for accommodations and travel, junior and senior level students from around the nation come to our campus for a conversion during Martin Luther King, Jr. week. This program started with 40 students, but

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WAM

WAM continues with more events next week. Monday the CAN Film Group presents a showing of Boys Don’t Cry, and Tuesday Anime-O-Tekku presents “Women in Anime.” WAM concludes Thursday with an Open-Mic night at Under the Couch. Students will have the opportunity to share poetry, prose, and musical works related to the theme, “closing the gender gap.”

WAM began in 1997 as Women’s Awareness Week. Then-president of the Georgia Tech Women’s Student Union, Jennifer Orr, began the program with the goal of increasing awareness of women’s issues at Tech. The program was extended to the entire month of March beginning in 2000.

If you would like more information on WAM, or would like to get involved, stop by the Women’s Resource Center or go online at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/wam.

Steam

With steam piping out of the third floor’s bathroom windows, observers became afraid that the building was on fire. Firefighters rushed in soon after the police. When housing officials became concerned about water damage to the rooms they keyed into them to check. A preliminary walk through did not result in any reports of damage.

An email to residents advised, “If you notice anything please tell (your PA or PI) immediately and fill out a maintenance request online. The email asked for reports of harm to any common areas as well.

By 1:30 p.m. the steam was successfully turned back on and hot water was restored to the building.

Friday’s incident was the first time this semester an alarm was to signal a valid alert to vacate the building. An informal survey of Harrison inhabitants reveals that they’re forced to evacuate the building due to an alarm almost once a month.

There is a $50 fine for all people caught not leaving when an alarm sounds to prevent residents from letting a false sense of security allow them to stay in their rooms.

When rooms were keyed into by housing employees, many people were found still in their rooms. Freshman ME major Meagan Pittman was sound asleep when the pipe’s rupture caused the halls to ring. With her bed situated in the far end of a quad room, the alarm did not wake her for ten minutes.

“I woke up to the sound of a fire truck outside my window,” said Pittman.

“Then I realized the alarm was going off and my room was empty, so I just went outside—no contacts, pajamas, completely confused. Then I had to stand outside for like 45 minutes without being-able to see!” Pittman was not fined.

Residents’ apathy to alarms worries Kruse, who stated in her email to residents that, “[We] admit that most alarms are false but please don’t test it, because one day it might not be [false].”
Graduate elections remain uncontested

By Jody Shaw
News Editor

At Tuesday’s GSS meeting, Graduate Student Government President Troy Childress announced that the races for both executive Graduate Student Government offices—President and Vice President—remained uncontested. Alan Michaels, who is running for President, and Douglas Des-Camps, who is running for Vice President, are both graduate students in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

The Senators only had enough time to consider one bill before their noon adjournment—a joint resolution to the MOVE Office and President’s Council. The bill, authored by At-Large Senator and Vice President of Finance Dave Maybury, allowed the two organizations to move up to Tier Two status for budget considerations.

The move to Tier Two allows the groups to come into compliance with SGA funding policy. Tier Two groups, like Student Publications, Drama Tech and ORGT may hire staff to assist in their administration and do not have to charge their members dues. Though the Senators quickly accepted the idea of placing the MOVE office into the higher tier, they extensively debated moving President’s Council into the same bracket. The PC representatives attempted to justify the move.

“All Tier Two organizations are members of the President’s Council. All of our members are members of other organizations in which they pay dues,” said Natasha Gogurs, PC Governing Board Chair.

Still, some senators argued that PC did not do enough to warrant Tier Two status. “It does not seem that the President’s Council serves a function other than communication,” said Chemical Engineering Senator Roy Furbank.

Civil Engineering Senator Michael Dodd in favor of moving PC, cited that the group has great potential to positively change the way student organizations are run and that it could be better utilized as a Tier Two organization. The senators passed the bill.

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House adds issue meetings to bylaws

By Jody Shaw
News Editor

The Undergraduate House of Representatives flew through one of its longer legislative agendas in recent memory and adjourned its meeting at 9:30; a change welcomed by Executive Vice President Nate Watson and many of the other representatives. In the short amount of time it met, the House made a number of important decisions; the most important being a change to the UHR bylaws that fundamentally alters the way it conducts business.

The bylaw amendment, which was conceived by Watson and endorsed in bill form by President Chris Kavanaugh, creates a new type of meeting—issue meetings. At these meetings, representatives will work to discuss issues, craft resolutions and create plans of action to solve problems that affect the general student body. These meetings will be a change of pace for a group that at this time spends almost all of its time considering financial allocations and crafting a budget.

UHR will continue in its role of allocating funds, but new allocation bills will only be considered at general meetings, which will still be held a majority of the time UHR convenes. Originally Watson hoped that issue meetings would be held every other week, but some representatives felt that new financial business would become too delayed, and, therefore, Brian George offered an amendment to provide the House with more flexibility.

George’s amendment stated that the House would hold at least three issue meetings, with the representatives setting the schedule in the beginning of each semester. The other members of the House seemed to like Watson’s concept, and with the added flexibility provided by George’s amendment, the House approved the bill nearly unanimously.

In order to aid in keeping its normal business moving along in a timely fashion,
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Hasn’t every SGA President attempted to do the same thing? What makes you any better? Are you the magical parking fairy who’s going to tap me on the head at night with an R01 pass? Don’t tell me what you want to do, but how you plan on accomplishing something that even someone who had such adoring fans that they dressed in cows suits couldn’t do. Thanks. And my personal favorite method:
6. Recruit the most personable CS majors to man your staff, have him rig Technique polls, infect student computers with a running banner that opens along with internet explorer boasting your campaign (ok, so that was my idea—not one currently used by one of our candidates). Then complain about the CoC and its cheating ways.
7. If you need one last thing to push yourself over the winning edge, talk about the lack of liberal arts and lack of support for them. Or just repeat the argument found in number 4.

UHR

the House will continue to consider conference committee bills, budget bills and appointment bills, provided that they were in new business at the previous general meetings, at issue meetings as well.

In other news, the representatives unanimously passed a resolution authored by At-Large Representative Stephen Popick. Popick’s bill encouraged an amendment to the campus master plan to allow for late night Stringer service for students who will use the library and Innovative Resource Learning Center, when it is complete in several years. The bill proposed to gate Atlantic and Cherry Streets rather than closing them as is included in the current plan. Popick and the other representatives felt that such an action could create an unsafe situation where students have no transportation to and from the center of campus at night.

The House also failed an allocation bill for the first time in several meetings, denying funds to T-Book.

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achieve with its student leadership initiative. He assured that the Institute would continue to seek out for new ways to fund its programs to foster more leadership skills in Tech students.

“Tech will continue to seek more funding for its leadership initiative,” said Wilcox.

For more info about the leadership initiative, check out the November 21, 2001 issue of the Technique.
because of its success over time, this year attracted 346 students from 105 universities around the nation. And this year we added two new elements to FOCUS. First we included a group of very bright minority high school students from local schools and invited their parents to join us. Second we added 20 “fellows” at the senior level consisting of Ph.D. students about to obtain their degrees or those already in post-doc positions. In post-FOCUS surveys we have found wide appreciation for the elements added this year.

Once female or minority students are here, Georgia Tech seeks to retain them through resources provided in the Office of Minority Education and the Women’s Resource Center. In 1996 we created the Office of Diversity Programs, and in 1997 the Women’s Resource Center in the Division of Student Affairs that delivers programs across campus to help everyone understand the need for an appreciation of the value of diversity and to support women students. Today Georgia Tech has one of the highest retention rates for women and minority students in the nation.

Other efforts designed to help us recruit minority students include the work of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, which now has an advisory board of current African-American and Hispanic students who serve as hosts to selected campus events, provide support—telephone and e-mail—in recruiting students, and serve as ambassadors to their home high schools. We work closely with the Atlanta school system to support students with strong qualifications to come to Georgia Tech. And this past year we received a gift from a major foundation that has allowed us to hire a recruiter who specializes on Hispanic students.

Georgia Tech has sought special funding in national competitions to support our efforts at the graduate and post-graduate level and to allow us to build our national leadership role. We are one of only a few schools to have received two multimillion-dollar grants from the National Science Foundation, one to support recruitment and retention of women and the other for similar purposes for minority students. Four years ago with the help of Dr. Mark Smith of Electrical and Computer Engineering, we set out to use our strengths to create a national network of universities and federal agencies that would work together to help improve the role of women and minorities in engineering and science. This effort, entitled EMERGE, now has over twenty top universities and many federal agencies as members, and has been cited by the National Science Foundation as a model for success.

Beyond the activities described to this point at the Institute level, many units at Georgia Tech have their own programs that are tailored to meet specific needs. The College of Engineering has been a leader, but today all of our Colleges are active and visible programs. The Ivan Allen College, through the national leadership roles of its faculty and Dean Sue Rosser and Chair Willie Pearson, is playing a significant role not only in improving conditions here, but nationally.