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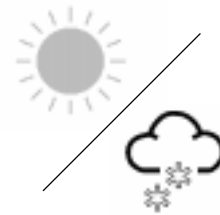
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SAC to close for summer '03

By Daniel Amick
Senior Staff Writer

Students trying to stay in shape over the summer may have to work a little harder than usual. The SAC will shut down May 2 a full two months before SAC II, the new facility now under construction, is scheduled to open. In the meantime, students will be left without a centralized place to work out.

Original plans called for a smooth transition from SAC in the existing Callaway Building to SAC II, with no interruption in service.

"Well, there's a glitch," said Butch Stanphill, Director of SAC.

The Callaway building "is full of asbestos and mercury," said Stanphill. Asbestos is the name given to a group of minerals added to some building materials to resist heat and corrosion. These minerals can cause lung damage if inhaled in large amounts.

Workers discovered the problem during demolition of the Auxiliary Gym. Administrators were not expecting to find asbestos because the Auxiliary Gym and Callaway are relatively young, built in the late 1970s.

"We started doing research and found that this [remaining] part is full [of asbestos], too," said Stanphill.

The two-month closure will give crews time to conduct asbestos abatement before Callaway is demolished in late summer or early fall.

Asbestos is dangerous when it is disturbed and becomes airborne. Construction workers involved in the demolition would be at high risk of exposure. Georgia Tech, says Stanphill, has a legal responsibility to hand over a "clean" site to Beers-Skanska, one of the construction companies working on SAC.

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Defending the home court



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Swarm fans cheer on the Jackets in their ACC home opener against the Wolfpack of NC State. Tech captured its first conference win of the season by a final score of 85-61. The winning ways continued as the Jackets faced FSU and came away with a close 81-74 victory. For more information check out the story on pg. 32.

New parking policy answers student concerns

By Tony Kluemper
News Editor

Nights owls wishing to use the 24-hour services offered at the Tech library will no longer have to walk across campus or wait for a Stingerette for fear of getting a parking ticket.

Auxiliary Services and the president's office announced early this month that with the beginning of spring semester parking would no longer ticket cars parked in the lots surrounding the library. The decision came after numerous students

expressed concern over the fact that no permit free parking was located near the library.

According to executive assistant to the president Gary May, the complaints increased after the completion of the renovations of the West Commons area of the library.

"The president's office had received several complaints from students who felt that we have this great library West Commons facility," said May. "However when students want the 24 hour facility after hours they have to worry about getting ticketed."

After the president had received the complaints, he asked May to arrange a meeting with representatives from both Auxiliary Services, which controls parking, and the library.

"At the meeting, both departments were very helpful and easy to work with," said May.

"We all decided that the best thing to do was to say that there would be no ticketing in the lots around the library on evenings and weekends regardless of permit status."

Vice President for Auxiliary Ser-

vices Rosalind Meyers, who attended the meeting, hoped that the new policy would encourage more library use. "[At the meeting] we all agreed that we want to encourage student(s) to use the library," said Meyers.

Although student inconvenience was a major factor, May felt that another issue prompted the change.

"There were also safety and security issues for students who had to walk across campus at all hours of the night after using the library facilities," said May.

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Tech, Chi Phi reach long awaited agreement

By Tony Kluemper
News Editor

After a semester worth of discussions that often ended in a dead lock, Tech administration and Chi Phi fraternity have finally reached an agreement. The resolution occurred just after the end of fall semester when the Chi Phi alumni board decided to accept the sanctions issued by the Interfraternity Council and the administration.

The sanctions, which were issued against the fraternity late last spring and included ceasing fraternity operations until fall 2004, were resisted by the alumni board throughout fall semester.

In fact, according to Vice President for Student Affairs Lee Wilcox, numerous talks between the administration and the alumni board had been held since last April. How-

ever, Wilcox had almost reached the conclusion that no agreement would be made in the near future due to a decision made by the board in early December.

"It appeared that we weren't going to make it [an agreement] happen because they officially said 'no we are not going to accept the suspension,'" said Wilcox. "They were going to proceed to stay in the house and ignore the IFC sanctions."

This decision by Chi Phi prompted Wilcox and President Clough to send a letter to every Tech Chi Phi alumni expressing their concern over the situation.

"We reported that this had happened, how sad we were about it and that it wasn't the right path for Chi Phi to take in order to return to campus," said Wilcox.

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By Charles Frey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Chi Phi, which was suspended last spring, agreed to accept the IFC sanctions late last semester. The fraternity could return to campus in 2004.

Chess Team wins section in Miami

Four students of the Chess Team recently attended the PanAm Intercollegiate Chess Championship in Miami, Florida.

In only its second year at the Championship, the team beat a half dozen other teams, including teams from Emory and Augusta State University, to win its section. Team members were Anthony Ritz, Kevin Nagy, Boris Kerzhner and Aaron Fisch.

UHR announces open positions

The Undergraduate House announced that due to representatives leaving for study abroad programs and personal reasons there are currently nine representative positions open.

The open positions are:
Freshman Representative (2)
Sophomore Representative
Junior Representative
Senior Representative
Architecture Representative
ChemEng Representative
Industrial Design Representative
TextileEng Representative

Anyone wishing to serve in UHR must be in good academic standing and must have earned at least 48 hours. In addition, major representatives must be enrolled in the respective school they hope to represent.

For more information and to get an application go to www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/sga or stop by the SGA office in the Student Services building.

Technique Online Voice Your Opinion!

Last issue's poll garnered 89 responses to the question: "How successful was the Ramblin' Nights program?"

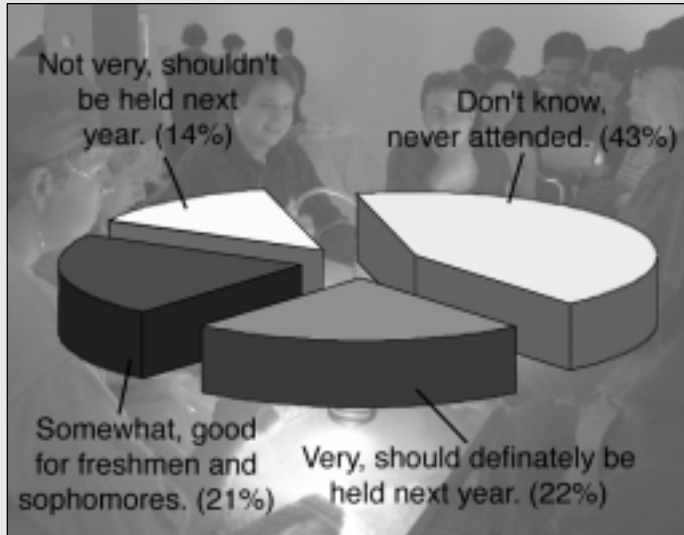
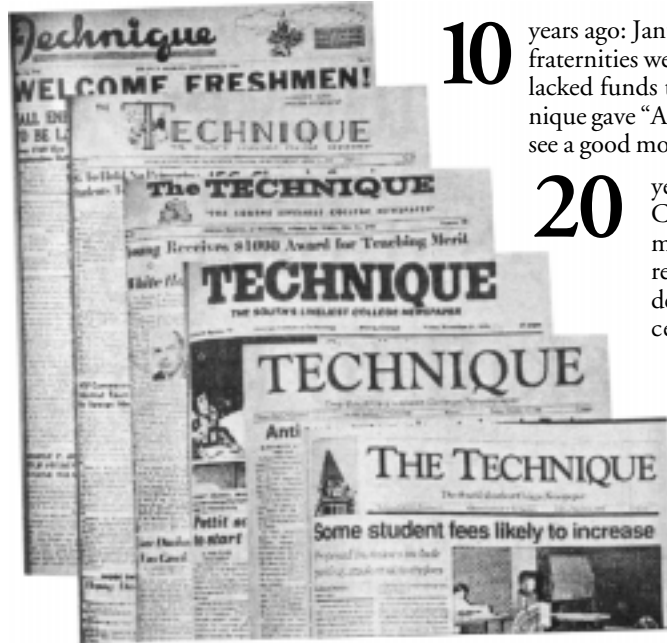


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This week's poll is related to the SAC closure. Should students have to pay the entire Student Activity Fee for summer 2003? Tell us what you think at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique.

From the archives...

The Nique's top stories from:



10 years ago: January 15, 1993—Seven residence halls and four fraternities were broken into over the Christmas break. Tech lacked funds to hire forty needed police officers. The Technique gave "A Few Good Men" five stars, saying it was nice to see a good movie that did not have "an obligatory sex scene."

20 years ago: January 14, 1983—The Optical Scan Computer Articulated Registration (OSCAR), meant to give students a response to a schedule request in "minutes instead of days," failed its debut, turning a normally "relatively orderly process" of registration "into a brouhaha."

30 years ago: January 19, 1973—The Student Government delayed passage of a Resolution condemning the Vietnam War until after President Nixon's January 20th inauguration. USB President Bruce Milligan called it "an action that borders on irresponsibility." Stunning the crowd, Tech "squeaked" by Hawaii Rainbows in overtime to win 85-82.

Chi Phi

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This letter may have had a direct impact on the decision to accept the suspension as a meeting of the alumni board was held Dec. 4, where they decided to accept the sanctions with only one condition.

"They decided that they would accept the suspension if we gave a little bit on the timing, which we were willing to do because we really wanted Chi Phi to be able to come back," said Wilcox.

Under this compromise Chi Phi

will be able to return to campus in the Fall of 2004, which is only one year and a half instead of the two year suspension recommended by the IFC judicial board last spring.

Although it somewhat reduced the punishments received by Chi Phi, Wilcox felt that the decision was a wise one.

"We just felt that since they [Chi Phi] were willing to proceed with the sanctions as originally intended, except for the two years, that we would go along with it," said Wilcox.

There are many speculations about what made Chi Phi accept the sanctions at this time. Greek coordinator Buck Cooke felt it had to do with other alumni becoming involved.

"As I understand it, some of their alumni thought about it more," said Cooke. "They basically realized that it wasn't necessarily the right direction to be going in."

Once the decision was made to accept the sanctions, Wilcox notified the current brothers of the situation and the fact that they would

need to vacate the house by the beginning of this semester.

Under the sanctions, Chi Phi must move out of the house and seize chapter operations entirely for the period. Cooke commented that the fraternity could hold no fraternity events even if they are off campus.

"Just moving off campus and having a house somewhere else and still having a chapter would be in violation," said Cooke.

According to Wilcox, although Chi Phi received a shortened sus-

pension, there were some additional sanctions added to the original ones recommended last spring.

"For Fall 2004 the chapter would be on social probation and they can have no alcohol in the house for that semester," said Wilcox.

Now that a resolution has been reached, Wilcox feels that the issue has helped show Tech's support of the Greek community without appearing as pushovers. "I think what this showed the Greek community was that Georgia Tech is willing to stand behind the IFC system."

GSS debates anti-war resolution

By Tony Kluemper
News Editor

At their first meeting of the new semester, the Graduate Senate discussed a wide variety of issues, from Tech's performance of "The Vagina Monologues" to the possibility of war in Iraq.

The first item on the agenda was a bill that was moved from new business regarding the appointment of two students to the Graduate Judiciary Committee. Graduate President Alan Michaels addressed the urgency of approving the appointments due to the upcoming GT Flying Club case.

"Two of the current members of the committee also served on Joint Campus Organizations Committee (JCOC) last semester and therefore will not be able to hear the Flying Club case," said Michaels. "Therefore we needed new members to hear the case."

Due to the urgency of the issue the bill was passed almost unanimously with little discussion.

In other business, the senate addressed two funding bills for Women's Awareness Month and the Tech Leadership Conference. Rachel Chesley, chairman of this year's Women's Awareness Month, presented a bill requesting funding for a Tech production of "The Vagina Monologues." According to Chesley, the event will have over 30 Tech students in feature roles and will raise money for women's awareness in the Atlanta community.

"The group we are doing this with asks that we give nearly 90 percent of the money we make back to the community," said Chesley. "In order to do this, we need to subsidize the cost of production."

Other members of the committee also pointed out that they expected the audience to be composed primarily of those in the Tech community both graduates and undergraduates. In addition, the ticket prices would be lower for students.

Joint Finance Committee (JFC) failed the bill in committee due to the fact that

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Council Clippings Senate and House



By Robert Hill / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students participate in last year's Take Back the Night as part of Women's Awareness Month. UHR and GSS approved bills allocating funds for the performance of "The Vagina Monologues" as part of this year's events.

Bills Considered

Undergraduate House of Representatives

Allocation to FAB, Fresh. Coun., FreshGA	Author: Cristina Baccay	passed
Allocation to Cailloux and Matthews	Author: Tim Cailloux	postponed indefinitely
Joint Allocation to Tech Leadership Con.	Author: Ben Lawder	passed
Resolution to Express Condolences for Deepak Kurup	Author: Tim Cailloux	passed
Joint Allocation to Women's Stu. Union	Author: Katie Rhode	passed

Graduate Student Senate

Joint Allocation to Women's Stu. Union	Author: Catherine Jamal	passed
Joint Allocation to Tech Leadership Con.	Author: Jennifer Matthews	passed
Joint Chartering of Fellowship of Faith	Author: Jennifer Matthews	passed
Resolution on Possible War w/ Iraq	Author: Gregorio Murtagian	failed
Appointments to Judiciary Committee	Author: Alan Michaels	passed
2003-2004 Student Act. Fee Budget	Author: Alan Michaels	tabled

Undergrads discuss immigration issue

By Daniel Amick
Senior Staff Writer

The Undergraduate House of Representatives kicked off a new semester Tuesday by speeding through a light load of bills.

Reps spent the largest chunk of their time on a bill that was still in New Business, and had not even come up for debate yet. Using an obscure, seldom-used motion, ECE Rep John Parsons attempted to quash consideration of a Joint Resolution sponsored by Sophomore Rep Eman Kirbah.

This lengthy resolution "for Responsible Immigration Policies and Treatment of International Students" would, among other things, condemn "draconian laws and ill treatment" by the Immigration and Naturalization Service of foreign students, highlight "the current incomprehensibility and seeming randomness" of the visa screening process, and urge congressional hearings on "the violation of civil rights" under the Patriot Act.

Parsons made a "motion to object to the consideration of the question," saying that to consider such a resolution would be "too divisive" and would address a matter beyond the scope of UHR's purpose. To succeed in killing a bill in this manner, the motion requires a two-thirds majority.

At least one representative rose to argue for consideration, but was cut off because the motion was non-debatable.

After a brief recess, a failed motion to adjourn and several false starts, representatives finally voted. The motion failed to receive the necessary two-thirds support. Barring any further motions next week, the Joint Resolution will come up for debate and consideration as usual at next week's meeting. If it does, expect debate to be long and fiery.

Reps also considered and passed without discussion an allocation to Freshman Activities Board, Freshman Council and FreshGA. Another bill that would have allocated money for T-shirts for Tim Cailloux and Jennifer Matthews, was postponed indefinitely, effectively killing it.

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Ask Dr. Clough

President Clough answers your questions from last fall's State of the Institute address



What is the status of the Georgia Tech Leadership Initiative?

The Student Leadership Initiative is a broad-based program that combines curricular and co-curricular experiences to enhance the leadership skills of all undergraduates. This year, we have added a new course in Servant Leadership (offered in the fall and spring) and received a \$1 million grant to support co-curricular programs. We are developing increased community service opportunities, a new Leadership portfolio and a new Leadership website. We are in the process of seeking a major grant to accelerate the initiative.

Will town halls concerning Georgia Tech developments be available for communication in the future?

Although there are no plans for regular town hall meetings, there are numerous communications vehicles we use to inform our community of developments. One of these is the State of the Institute Address and this follow-up to the questions that are asked. In addition, there are a number of other information channels available to Tech students, alumni, faculty and staff, including the *Technique*, the *Whistle*, various alumni publications and the new Georgia Tech home page. The latter is updated daily and provides an avenue for comments and inquiries about the items that are posted.

Are you going to encourage more problem-based learning courses outside the BME major?

I am delighted that our new undergraduate program in biomedical engineering incorporates the "problem-based learning" (PBL) approach into the first- and second-year curriculum. In their first two courses in the major students have a chance to work in teams to develop their problem-solving skills. The PBL approach is very labor-intensive and would be difficult to introduce in all majors, but I certainly encourage all schools and colleges to incorporate the basic concept of PBL into the front end of their curricula. I'm pleased to see that this is already happening in a number of situations, such as the sophomore design course in Mechanical Engineering.

SAC

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So what are students to do in the meantime?

"We don't want people not to work out," said Stanphill. "What we want to do is offer students alternatives." Stanphill's office is currently preparing a brochure that provides details about other options that will be available.

According to Stanphill, the Athletic Association and the Barbell Club have agreed to open up some of their exercise facilities to all students. Additionally, dressing rooms will be available at the Tennis Center and Georgia State University has agreed to allow Georgia Tech students to use its swimming pool. Administrators are now trying to set up a shuttle service to GSU facilities. Indoor basketball courts will also be available in O'Keefe Gym. Intramurals will be unaffected because the SAC field will still be available.

"Everything we have inside [SAC], we're going to try to provide somewhere else on campus, or at Georgia State," said Stanphill.

Because alternative spaces will be available, the Student Activity Fee students pay will remain unchanged.

"We're still going to have to hire workers for these new places," said Stanphill.

About 2,000 people use SAC everyday during Fall and Spring semesters, but the number drops substantially during the summer.

"Summer is kind of a slack time," said Stanphill. "Most people want to be outdoors. I think we've picked



By Peter Jenson / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

SAC II workers complete part of the new structure. The SAC facilities will be unavailable during the summer due to the need for asbestos removal.

a good time, when we inconvenience the fewest number of people."

Construction work on SAC II began with a groundbreaking ceremony in Nov. 2001. Phase I will replace the Callaway building in July 2003. The new building will completely enclose the 1996 Olympic swimming pool and diving well.

A floor of activity spaces built over the pool will house six basketball courts, three multipurpose exercise rooms, an auxiliary gym, a four-lane running track and spaces for cardio equipment.

After the Callaway building is

demolished sometime in Fall 2003, Phase II of SAC II will be built on the site.

This section will house four racquetball courts, a squash court, a climbing wall, and a 14,000 square-foot fitness center. The Bubble Pool will be converted to an indoor leisure pool complete with a water slide and a hot tub. Phase II should be completed by Fall 2004.

A multilevel parking deck for 500 to 600 cars will also be built between SAC II and the SAC field. The entire project will cost about \$44 million.

GSS

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JFC policy prohibits the funding of fundraisers. JFC chairman Chris Webb also had concerns with the amount of the Tech community that would actually be attending.

"I'm not sure if 80 percent of the audience would be from the Tech community as predicted," said Webb. "And if 50 percent of those attending are not from Tech, we would be paying for those people to see the production with Student Fees."

After debating the issue for nearly 20 minutes, a vote was called and the bill passed with little opposition. The most controversial issue presented at the senate meeting was a proposed resolution on possible war with Iraq. Senator Gregorio Murtagian asked the graduates to support his resolution against military action in Iraq which urged "President Bush to not unilaterally or preemptively start a war with Iraq."

However as soon as the bill was presented, Senator Kent Siebeneck called that it be tabled to give the senators more time to discuss the issue with their constituents. Some senators did not agree with tabling the bill because that would "achieve nothing". The tabling motion failed by a large majority.

Continuing the debate, Senator Dawn Rienhold and others asked questions about the exact wording of the resolution and weren't sure if they could support it as written. Michaels suggested that the group first decide whom they wanted to send this resolution and what action would have the most impact, before they passed it. In the end, the resolution failed with a large majority of senators abstaining from the voting process.

The budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year was then presented. Although many senators asked various questions about budgets for certain organizations, the bill was tabled at the end of the meeting.

UHR

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Three bills were moved from New to Old Business and considered. The first was a bill expressing condolences to the family of Deepak Kurup, a Georgia Tech student who recently passed away. Representatives approved the bill by unanimous acclamation.

Another bill requesting funding for the Georgia Tech Leadership Conference, passed unanimously with little discussion. Reps set aside a Joint Finance Committee (JFC) recommendation and funded an allocation bill to the Women's Student Union. The money will be used to fund a production of "The Vagina Monologues" at the Ferst Center.

Student Body President Tiffany Massey gave what amounted to a State of Student Government update in her presidential report.

Parking

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Meyers felt the safety issues were important as well. "We recognized the safety concern and decided to make the policy official and communicate it to students," said Meyers.

The areas that will be affected by the new policy are the B04 lot on the west side of the building and the A08 lot that surrounds the back and east sides. The lots will be open to anyone from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. and all day Saturdays and Sundays.

Most students like the new policy, but feel it is long overdue. "The fact that you can actually use the

"[Student Government] covered a whole lot of stuff last semester," she said. "You should all be proud of what we've accomplished."

Massey reported progress on plans to renovate the Houston building after the bookstore moves out. She

also reported that the memorial brick project designed to raise money for improvement of student life may not be necessary.

The administration, she said, is considering allocating money to support a student life fund.

The meeting ended

with an enthusiastic rendition of "Happy Birthday" for JFC chair Chris Webb and a tribute to the service of Freshman President Vickie Cherry.

Real work begins next week as reps delve into the new budget. It will likely take them several weeks to plow through each line and make any necessary amendments.

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Tiffany Massey
Student Body President

Breaking the Bubblewww.bubble.nique.net

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.

Clock is ticking for Saddam Hussein

President George W. Bush warned Saddam Hussein Tuesday that "time is running out" for him to voluntarily disarm. Meanwhile, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld briefed Senators on Capitol Hill regarding American war plans. Chief United Nations weapons inspector Hans Blix is scheduled to report Jan. 27 to the UN Security Council on his inspections teams' first 60 days in Iraq. More than 130,000 American troops have been deployed to the Persian Gulf region.

North Korea, United States send mixed messages

In what could be a major shift in policy, President Bush signalled that his administration would "reconsider" an aid package to North Korea if the reclusive nation stops purifying plutonium and uranium for the development of nuclear weapons. North Korea continued bellicose rhetoric against the US, despite ongoing talks with New Mexico governor and former UN ambassador Bill Richardson. China, South Korea and Japan are all pushing for a peaceful resolution and for North Korea to stop producing nuclear weapons.

Newest Harry Potter novel arrives June 2003

The long-awaited fifth book in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," is 768 pages long and contains a quarter of a million words, far outstripping the last "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire." The series brought in about \$200 million in 2001 alone. "Order of the Phoenix" will be released June 21, almost three years after "Goblet of Fire."

Gov. Perdue wants public referendum on flag

The first Republican governor in Georgia since Reconstruction was sworn in Monday. Sonny Perdue will likely keep a major campaign promise and urge the Georgia Legislature to allow a public referendum on the Georgia flag. The Legislature would not be legally bound to act on the vote. Perdue also released his budget for fiscal year 2004. The proposed budget would seek major increases of about \$500 million in tobacco and liquor taxes as well as a reduced homestead exemption, which would raise property taxes.