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**Funds unavailable for bookstore space**

By Sriram Narasimhan
Senior Staff Writer

Financial concerns have developed recently regarding the allocation of theirmansion building to students and student organizations after the bookstore relocates to the Technology Square project.

Plans to renovate the space had already been conceived approximately a year and a half ago by the Student Center Expansion Task Force, which felt that the quality of student life needed to be increased through additional organizational and meeting space. The opportunity to procure a facility had not arrived until that time.

"We eagerly anticipated short on meeting space," said Rich Steele, Student Center director and chair of the former Task Force. "We are creating an area where it is conducive for students to share resources in order to meet their needs. It is really to create a center to provide for student life."

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**Solar Jackets plan for cross country race**

By Chester Ong
Contributing Writer

Approximately 2076.8 miles.
Ten hours of driving a day. No air-conditioning. No gag. A very wild road trip by college students such as General Motors, the creation, or even major corporations. Stanford, MIT, international colleges, hobbyists, and sometimes even companies such as General Motors, the creation.

The idea to enter a Tech team into the competition began in Spring 2002 with the Solar Challenge held at the University of Michigan, a final challenge Conference held at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

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**U.S. poet laureate to speak on campus**

By Katie Nail
Sports Editor

This month promises to be an exciting one for Georgia Tech’s School of Literature, Communication and Culture. The school is instituting the first annual Bourne Poetry Reading, which will be held Oct. 28 in the Ferst Center for the Arts. The event will include one of the most famous literary names presently available, such as Billy Collins, Lucille Clifton, Stephen D'ors, and Rita D'ors.

Billy Collins is the country’s best-selling poet and is currently the post laureate of the United States. Lucille Clifton is a past laureate of America. The Academy of American Poets. Stephen D’ors, an acclaimed poet, novelist and fiction writer, has had his novels translated into twenty languages, along with two becoming films. Rita D’ors, a winner of both the Pulitzer Prize and the 2003 Duke El- lington Lifetime Achievement Award, was the poet laureate of the United States from 1993 to 1995.

The poetry reading is just a small component in the greater plan for the direction of Georgia Tech’s School of Literature, Communication and Culture. Although LCC offers undergraduates 35 different humanistic courses each fall and spring semester, many students don’t understand the extent of the department’s services.

“Every other semester or so, we plan to..."
Last issue’s poll garnered 114 responses to the question: “What effect will Coming Out Week have on Tech?”

A. No Effects  72%  
B. Increase Tension  
C. Increase Awareness  11%

This week’s poll is related to fall break plans. What did you do over the four-day weekend provided by the break? Tell us what you think at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique.

From the archives...

10 years ago: October 16, 1992 — Dan Quayle, Al Gore and James Stockdale, the three major candidates for vice-president, came to Georgia Tech to participate in the fourth vice-presidential debate in American history. The debate lasted an hour and a half and had many heated moments.

20 years ago: October 15, 1982 — Delta Sigma Phi fraternity organized a successful blood drive in the Student Center Ballroom between Tuesday, October 5 and Thursday, October 7. Students and faculty donated a total of 620 pints of blood.

30 years ago: October 13, 1972 — Tech President Joseph Pettit reviewed the first organized Student Conduct Code at a joint meeting of the graduate and undergraduate SGA. Pettit explained that the new code served to organize and clarify rules and regulations. Changes included the allowance of private alcohol consumption and the addition of a Student Faculty Appeal Board.
Senators revisit TEAM Buzz bill

By Tony Kluemper
News Editor

Although usually considered the calmest group in SGA, a slightly heated debate broke out in the Graduate Student Senate over a bill from the preceding week’s meeting.

The bill in question concerned the allocation of funds for the purchase of T-shirts for TEAM Buzz, which was failed by the graduates but was passed by the House at their meeting last week. Under the enactment ratio, which gives UHR the power to override legislation by GSS if there is enough support, the money was allocated to TEAM Buzz.

However, a small group of senators questioned Tuesday whether the representatives from TEAM Buzz had found the lowest possible price for the production of the T-shirts and presented evidence of lower estimates they had received. The group then made a motion to reconsider the bill at a lower amount than was first requested.

This motion resulted in one of the most heated debates of the year. According to Senator Pelham Norville, the motion was “ludicrous” and “childish.” “I ask the representatives from TEAM Buzz to explain why they think that’s the case and not to call a motion to reconsider,” said Norville.

Senator Joseph Jeong agreed with Norville and said, “I don’t think it’s the best way to approach the situation.”

“We should email the representatives (from TEAM Buzz) and tell them about the prices we have found rather than amend the prices we have found,” said Norville.

Throughout the debate, there was little support voiced for the motion and when a vote was called, the motion failed by a large majority.

In other business, the senators allocated funds to support the RHA Homecoming Formal that will take place Oct. 18 at the Fox Theater. RHA President Ryan Spanier expects between 300 and 500 students to attend.

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JFC policy debate attracts crowd

By Daniel Amick
Senior Staff Writer

Tuesday night’s issue meeting of the Undergraduate House of Representatives was unusually crowded. Apparently, the topic up for discussion, “Changes in Joint Finance Committee (JFC) Policy,” had generated significant interest among the student body.

The JFC’s job is to look at budget requests from student organizations and then decide what student government can afford to fund. Last year, JFC members noticed two problems that prompted the changes that were up for discussion.

“We saw that JFC [budget] requests were ballooning,” said David Aybury, last year’s Vice President of Finance. This year, budget requests rose $500,000 over last year. The number of organizations requesting funding was also increasing, rising from 58 in fiscal year 1998 to 93 in fiscal year 2003. JFC needed a way to curb the increase in a systematic way.

The second problem was a perceived inconsistency in the organizations that received funding. “The [JFC] rules are intrinsically skewed toward sports organizations,” said Aybury. The numbers seem to back up that assessment. Chris Webb, this year’s Vice President of Finance, reported that last year, sports organizations requested about $300,000 in funding and received about $234,000. Non-sports organizations requested about $130,000 in funding and received just $30,000.

So, to solve both problems, JFC policy was changed. Student organizations can now only ask for funding of five trips in their JFC budget requests. To get additional travel funding, the organization would have to submit a bill directly to the UHR.

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bring in a new major writer and continue to respond to whatever the student needs are," said Dr. Peter McGuire, an Associate Chair of LCC. "A student who is here for four years should be able to be exposed to a nationally prevalent novelist or poet at least every semester." This series will be one of five major poetry events at Tech this year, each featuring some of the nation's most celebrated and distinguished poets. Every series is free for Tech students.

"Every time a major poet or novelist shows up and says that the last place he went was Georgia Tech and the students there were really dynamite, that puts us a step forward in the direction we need to be going nationally," said McGuire. While the LCC program is nationally recognized for its research and degree programs, the department is still trying to expand its breadth of humanities availability and offerings. LCC is preparing to not only offer a Humanities Minor in collaboration with other unison campus who offer humanities courses, but also hire on three new tenure-track professors in humanities this year.

"We want all the courses offered in the department to be available to every student here at Tech, resulting in a broader education for the Georgia Tech graduate," said McGuire.

For information and tickets call 404-894-9600 or visit LCC's website at www.iac.gatech.edu/poetry.

80 cm high. Carrying two passengers, the solar car is expected to have a minimum speed of approximately 30 mph and a maximum speed of about 75 mph. Though accidents are not common and the solar car will travel with a caravan, the trip from Chicago to Los Angeles is on a regular highway with no special accommodations made for the solar cars. In fact, this past year in Canada's solar race, a registered automobile collided with the University of Toronto's solar car, crushing the frame and totaling the solar arrays. Fortunately, the Solar Challenge guidelines are stringent enough that both drivers walked away with minimal bruises.

Regardless of the many design problems, Chief of Operations Justin Alspaugh comments that sponsorship and finances for solar car materials are the most difficult problem, as the minimum cost of the solar car without sponsorship is $75,000. While teams normally have an 18 month timeline, the Solar Jacks have less than eight months to finish their solar car, Ramblin' Wreck. However, the Tech solar team has received the full-fledged support of the ME, ECE and AE schools as well as various sponsorships from corporations such as Shell Electric and General Electric. The notable support spawns from the GT University Center of Excellence for Photovoltaic Research and Education (UCEP). Directed by Dr. Ajeet Rohatgi, ECE Regents' Professor, UCEP is a nationally-ranked research center in solar cell technology.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to build a solar car that will have silicon solar cells which is the focus of our program. We [at UCEP] work on silicon solar cells, and we plan to use crystalline solar cells for the car, which is entirely consistent with our goal," said Rohatgi.

Rohatgi also mentioned that the Solar Jackets "gives an opportunity to students from different disciplines to get involved and build a system with expertise from different disciplines."

According to ECE Associate Professor Dr. Christina Honsberg, the solar competition helps to prepare students for what projects will be like when they enter the work force.
Clough stated that Tech was proving to form a team that is just hard to come more competitive. "This says "even accelerating" even as of Tech research awards is increasing, to Georgia Tech," said Clough. According to Clough the value of Tech research awards is increasing and "even accelerating" even as the market situation when it is time to sell the last building. The availability of funding for this funding and is in the process of searching for a donor, but an available source is not identified yet. The administration has, however, offered a mitigating solution: to include some of the functional attributes, and an "one-stop shopping" that will include all freshman labs, academic support, and a "graduated" version of the West Commons area in the library are just preliminary measures. P looming steps will include the renovation of the Hoxton building now housing the bookstore to give student groups "24 hour access to high quality space."

A landscaped quadrangle will fill the space between the bookstore and in two to three years construction will begin on the undergraduate Learning Center. Clough called the ULC "one-stop shopping" that will include all freshman labs, academic support, and a "graduated version" of the West Commons area. Clough concluded by stating that a call had gone out for leadership in astrophysical age. "Georgia Tech's strengths and abilities give us the unique opportunity to answer that" in the west commons. The administration has, however, offered a mitigating solution: to include some of the functional attributes, and an "one-stop shopping" that will be released next April, with the allocation project continues on schedule. The bid for construction will be released next April, with the actual construction to begin July or August after the bookstore moves to Technology Square. The renegotiated building will be unveiled by the early part of 2004.