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## SGA candidates kick off campaign

By Tony Kluemper  
News Editor

With three candidates running for both president and vice president of the undergraduate SGA, this year's race appears to be one of the most contested in recent years. Each candidate has been actively campaigning since the campaign kick off at midnight on Wednesday.

The three candidates for the presidential race are Ben Lawder, the current treasurer of UHR, Nate Watson, the current executive vice president, and Calvin John Yu, who does not currently serve in SGA. In the vice presidential race, Public Policy Rep Michael Handelman, Freshmen Rep Danny Puckett and Junior Rep Chris Rankine will face off.

While the top races feature numerous options, the Undergraduate House voted at its Tuesday meeting to extend the deadline for representative application until today. The extension came as a result of a low number of applicants for the positions. In fact, at the end of the day Tuesday, there were only applicants running for just over half of the representative positions in the House. This

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By Chris Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

SGA presidential candidates Ben Lawder and Nate Watson get an early start putting up posters all over campus. Campaigning began at midnight Wednesday and runs until elections end March 28.



By Tim Cailloux / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

## Tuberculosis case found on campus

A student has a confirmed case of tuberculosis. The student is being treated and will not return to campus until danger of transmission has passed. The Health Center and the Fulton County Health Department are working to identify and contact students who may have been exposed. For more information, see the website [www.health.gatech.edu](http://www.health.gatech.edu).

## RHA elects new president, officers

The Residence Hall Association held elections for next year's officers at this week's meeting.

Members elected Andrew Howard, who is currently serving as treasurer of the organization, as next year's president. Aaron Wroblewski, who has served as RHA's programs coordinator, won the treasurer race. And after over five runoffs Stephanie Johnson came out on top of the election for secretary.

Since there were no candidates for vice president, RHA has extended the deadline to turn in applications. Students have until this Wednesday to fill out an application at [www.rha.gatech.edu](http://www.rha.gatech.edu).

## Alumni offer Arch. scholarship

Tech graduates Michael Randall and Alex Paulson of Randall-Paulson Architects Inc. of Roswell have created a \$5,000 scholarship for Architecture students. Applicants must submit a 2,000 to 2,500-word essay on "the impact of non-traditional services on the business of architecture." For more information, see [www.randallpaulson.com](http://www.randallpaulson.com).

## Suspect still at large in spring break assault



Image provided by GTPD

The GTPD continues to look for the suspect in an assault that took place last week over spring break in a Student Services building bathroom.

By Daniel Amick  
Assistant News Editor

Over spring break, a woman was assaulted in the first-floor restroom of the Student Services Building. The incident occurred Tuesday March 4. Erin Mace had been studying for roughly two hours and entered the restroom at about 8 p.m.

"While in the bathroom, she heard some noise," said Lenford Forbes, a criminal investigator with the Georgia Tech Police Department. Mace opened the stall to find a white male standing in front of her. The man exposed himself before pushing her back toward the stall. Mace screamed "Fire!" and "Help!"

"[The attacker] grabbed her

by the throat, pushed her toward the stall, and told her not to scream or he would crush her throat. He told her not to say anything," said Forbes.

At that point, Mace kicked the attacker in the groin.

"He let her go and left the bathroom," said Forbes. According to the Incident Report, Mace followed the man into the hall and grabbed the back of his jacket collar, turning him around. The man then ran out of the southwest door of the building.

There were not many other people in the Student Services Building at the time and no one else is believed to have seen the attacker. Mace called the police and GTPD Officer Carla Gartner responded. A search for the

individual was unsuccessful.

"We've been checking with other local agencies, the City of Atlanta, [and] Georgia State Police Department to see if they have any similar incidents," said GTPD Public Safety Lieutenant Cecelya Taylor.

"[Other local agencies] don't have any similar incidents with people of the same description. They've been given fliers, as have other law enforcement agencies close by," said

Investigators have released a description and sketch of the attacker. The man is between 20 and 25 years old. He has a slender build and is about 5'10" or 5'11." He has short, dark hair,

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## Housing plans smoking ban for fall '03

By Laura Masce  
Contributing Writer

It looks like the number of smokers who congregate outside dorm entrances may soon be increasing. The Department of Housing announced this week that it would be enforcing a no-smoking policy beginning Aug. 3, 2003 for all campus resident halls. The new policy has been enacted as a result of the RHA's proposal for a smoking ban, which appears to have much appeal among residents based on a survey sent out in fall 2002.

Jason Hurley, vice president of RHA, was one of the first members of the organization to bring up the idea for a student survey regarding a smoking ban,

"[Housing] said that until RHA and others stepped forward...we did not feel that we could impose a ban."

**Dan Morrison**  
Associate Director of Residence Life



and RHA chose to work with the Wellness Center and Residence Life in order to create an unbiased means to chart residents' attitudes.

"I wanted every student to have a voice," said Hurley, "and the method we chose was an online survey that was emailed to everyone."

The survey generated a re-

sponse from over 44 percent of residents (2,881 students), and when asked, "should smoking be permitted in residence hall buildings," 82.6 percent of the respondents said no.

"The response from the survey was enormously in favor of moving smoking outside the resident halls," stated Hurley. "From the survey, we think that stu-

dents want this to happen."

After the survey's positive response for a smoking ban, RHA then organized several student focus groups in order to further explore campus opinions regarding possible changes to smoking guidelines. Once these initial examinations were completed, RHA unanimously voted in January for a resolution to make housing smoke-free. This resolution was then submitted to housing along with the survey results and other findings.

"They [the Department of Housing] agreed that the survey showed a significant portion of the resident body wanted smoking out of the resident halls,"

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## Post office changes to come this summer

By Tony Kluemper  
News Editor

In an attempt to respond to student opinion, officials in the Student Center announced this week numerous changes in both space and procedures to the campus post office system for on-campus and off-campus students beginning this summer.

According to Student Center director Rich Steele, all of the changes will be made as part of the renovation process associated with the old bookstore space.

"The expansion will require that we eliminate approximately one-third of the post office boxes in order to create a connection between the two buildings," said Steele.

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**Technique Online** Voice Your Opinion!

Last issue's poll garnered 48 responses to the question: "When would you like to have spring break?"



Image by Ian Clark / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's poll is related to the current SGA campaign. Have you decided how you will vote in this year's elections? Tell us what you think at [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique).

# From the archives...

## The Nique's top stories from:



**10** years ago: March 5, 1993—SGA cut \$180,000 from the student activity fee budget. GSS recommended that all students take a lab safety class to comply with OSHA regulations. Residents of Burge, Callaway, and Healey formed the Family Housing Association because of increased crime.

**20** years ago: March 4, 1983—Ballots in the SGA election were declared invalid after an Elections Committee member tampered with them. Committee Chairman Dick Murdock found "seven distinct stacks of ballots, all facing the same direction" inside a locked ballot box at the library.

**30** years ago: March 9, 1973—The Athletic Association Dining Hall reopened as striking dining hall workers and management reached an agreement. The agreement didn't raise wages but did give workers paid vacation time, paid overtime, and ten paid holidays per year. Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter visited Tech for a banquet for the State Legislature.

## Graduates amend, pass '03-'04 budget

By Tony Klumper  
News Editor

After two weeks of amendment debates, the graduates were refreshed enough from spring break to call for a vote on next fiscal year's student activity fee budget.

The vote capped off a meeting, that original featured very little debate outside of the budget. Senator Kasi David made the original motion to untable the budget bill in order to ask for an amendment, which had already been approved by the Undergraduate House, who had passed the budget two meetings earlier.

David's amendment called for the removal of the budget of the Yellow Jacket Flying Club. The status of the club in accordance with SGA policy is currently under debate, and many senators felt it was best to cut the budget since these issues had not yet been resolved.

"They can always request the money through bills next year," said ECE Senator Pelham Norville. "There is some legal ambiguity as to whether it is actually a club, which presents a reason to cut its budget."

However, others wished to wait until the actual status of the club was decided before cutting its budget. "Why can't we wait until the waiver is discussed next week before we decide?" asked AE Senator Kent Siebenek.

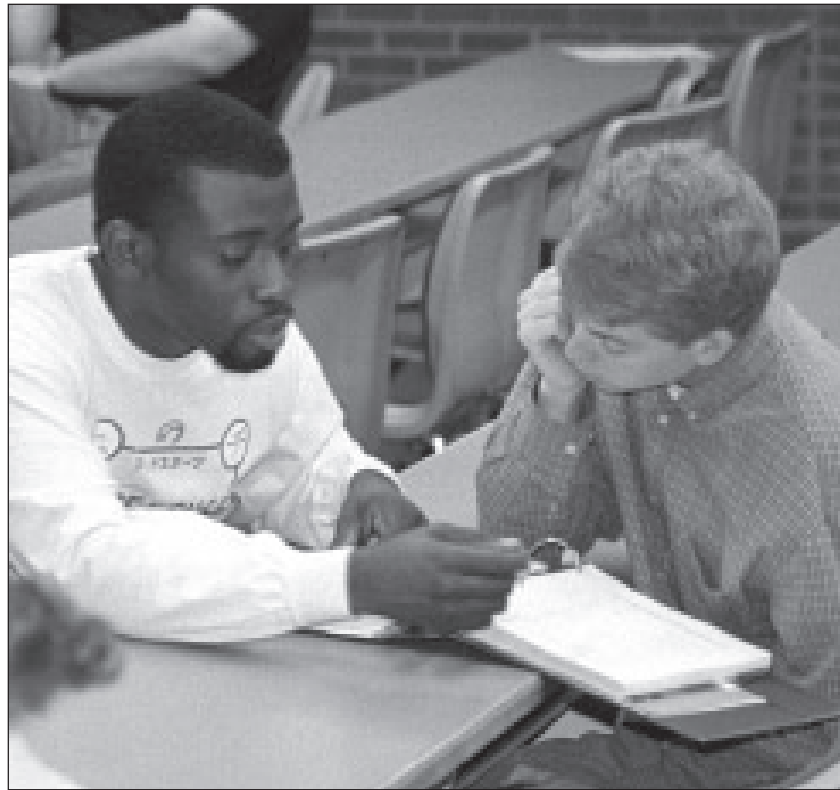
When the vote was called on the amendment, more senators carried Pelham's opinion and the amendment passed by a wide majority.

Once the single amendment had been passed, another motion was made to approve the entire budget including all of the amendments made by the senators in past meetings. After debating the issue for over a month, there was ironically no debate when the vote was called. In the end, the budget also passed with little opposition.

Although both parts of SGA have now passed the amended budget, the process is

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## Council Clippings Senate and House



By Daniel Lane / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Graduate senators Kasi David and Pelham Norville discuss an amendment to next year's student activity fee budget. Both the amendment, which eliminated the budget for the Yellow Jacket Flying Club, and the overall budget were approved.

### Bills Considered

#### Undergraduate House of Representatives

Joint Allocation to Amer. Soc. of Civ. Eng.	Author: Ford Burgher	passed
Joint Allocation to Tech Beautification Day	Author: Cristina Baccay	passed
Joint Allocation to Tech Beautification Day	Author: Cristina Baccay	passed
Appointments of Council Representatives	Author: Tiffany Massey	passed
Joint Resolution on Spring Break	Author: Tiffany Massey	passed
Joint Allocation to Culture Tech	Author: Michael Handelman	passed
Joint Resolution on Flying Club	Author: Keith Becker	tabled

#### Graduate Student Senate

Joint Allocation to Amer. Soc. of Civ. Eng.	Author: Sean St. Clair	passed
Joint Allocation to Tech Beautification Day	Author: Jennifer Matthews	passed
Joint Allocation to Tech Beautification Day	Author: Jennifer Matthews	passed
Joint Allocation to Tech CCF	Author: Adilka Fernandez	tabled
Joint Resolution on Jacket Flying Club	Author: Kent Siebenek	tabled
Joint Allocation to Culture Tech	Author: Gaurav Asthana	passed
Amendment to 2003-2004 Budget	Author: Kasi David	passed
2003-2004 Stu. Activity Fee Budget	Author: Alan Michaels	passed

## House reps approve spring break vote

By Daniel Amick  
Assistant News Editor

A quick look at the agenda for Tuesday night's meeting of the Undergraduate House suggested a repeat of the ultra-short meeting two weeks ago. Controversial issues like a resolution on the Flying Club's funding eligibility and a new incarnation of the immigration bill were pushed off until next week, leaving only a handful of bills.

However, there must be a bylaw somewhere that precludes the possibility of back-to-back brevity, because the pace of the meeting quickly dropped to a crawl, beginning with the appointments of eleven new representatives.

CS Rep Adam Bernstein made a motion to hold off on appointments until the end of the meeting. He argued that new reps should not vote on bills up for consideration this week because they had not had time to study the issues.

"There's a reason we have new business and old business," said Bernstein.

Public Policy Rep Michael Handelman and ME Rep Josh Alexander countered that the appointees are intelligent people and should be allowed to participate in the meeting. Bernstein's motion failed, and the reps took their oaths of office.

Reps voted to override the Joint Finance Committee and fund T-shirts for Tech Beautification Day and food for Culture Tech.

Sophomore Rep Amy Phuong and Management Rep Ben Lawder argued that T-shirts were a "vital part" of Tech Beautification Day, providing both publicity and a reward to participants.

MSE Rep Glenn Matthews opposed the funding of Culture Tech food, saying that reps should apply an even standard to all organizations. ECE Rep John Parsons countered that food is an essential part of the event. After discussion, both allocations passed by a wide margin.

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## Peering into the future



By Charles Frey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Student spectators look into the windows of one of General Motors' newest models, the Pontiac Solstice roadster. GM brought the cars on campus as a preview to the Atlanta Auto Show, which will be held in the upcoming weeks. The event also featured a model of the world's first convertible sport utility vehicle.

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still far from complete. Since the undergrad reps approved additional amendments, the budget will now go to a conference committee where it will be debated further.

In other business, the graduates debated four allocation bills before moving on to the budget discussion. Two of these bills were requests from representatives organizing Tech Beautification Day. The event is set to take place in late April, and according to the organization's rep Ben Lawder, hopes to attract nearly 800 faculty, student and alumni participants.

"We want to make this event as big as TeamBuzz, but with more

focus on internal improvement [to Tech]," said Lawder.

The bills asked for the funding of T-shirts for the participants and supplies that will be needed for the individual projects. Lawder was quick to point out that the graduates approved similar bills for TeamBuzz last semester, which led the Beautification Day reps to request similar items.

"We tried to focus our outside funding to things that are not directed at Tech students so that SGA wouldn't be funding those," said Lawder.

JFC Chair Chris Webb reported that JFC had failed the first bill because it is their policy not to fund items such as T-shirts.

After a small amount of debate

on the funding of T-shirts, the senators chose not to follow JFC recommendations and passed both bills.

The senators also went against JFC recommendations when approving funding for Culture Tech. Webb reported that the committee cut the funding of the Food Fair, an event where students pay to try food from many different cultures.

According to senator Gaurav Asthana, the cut would force students to pay higher prices for tickets to the event.

"Student tickets would increase from \$3 to \$8 for the event if the funding is not passed," said Asthana.

Even after many senators raised questions about funding of food, in the end the bill passed.

## Assault

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brown eyes and a facial piercing of some kind.

The individual was wearing a dark-colored, heavy, canvas-type jacket, dark pants, and dark loafer shoes. He is being sought for Battery and Public Indecency.

If you have any information regarding this case, contact Investigator Forbes at 404-894-9966 or by email at [lenford.forbes@police.gatech.edu](mailto:lenford.forbes@police.gatech.edu).

According to Forbes, crimes like this are not common on-campus.

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said Hurley, "and they decided to change their policies to reflect that."

Dan Morrison, Associate Director of Residence Life, acknowledged RHA's role in creating the new policy. "It was really RHA's initiative that brought about the changes," said Morrison.

"We [Housing] said that until RHA and others stepped forward to address smoking, we did not feel that we could simply impose a ban. That would not have been the right way."

Morrison also believes that the survey will be important in enforcing the new smoking guidelines because it quantitatively displays student desires.

"The survey has made the policy easier to implement," he said.

"I think after students read the survey results, they will realize that this wasn't something that was forced."

Michelle Grant, a CA, had fairly optimistic views about the adopted policy. "I think it's good that housing is looking out for people who are allergic to smoke," she stated.

"As a resident, I think it [the ban] is great. I just don't like the idea that people could be sharing smoke. I like my lungs."

"We might have one or two [a year]" he said.

Mace fought her attacker, but anyone faced with the same situation should judge for themselves whether to do the same.

"If the person is armed, we wouldn't recommend anything like that," said Forbes.

He said that students be aware of their surroundings in and around campus buildings.

"Call transportation and parking if you need an escort," said Taylor.

"That's very important." She also suggested traveling in pairs.

Leah Melnick, a second year International Affairs major, has a different view on the new smoking policies, for she feels that students who choose to smoke, like herself, will be greatly inconvenienced by having to go outside.

"If two roommates are living together and they both agree about smoking, then it should be up to the roommates in that room," Melnick said. "I don't think it should be the decision of other people on campus about what people can do in their own rooms."

Michelle Grant also recognizes possible problems with the new policy. "I can see the ban becoming an issue with people getting upset that Georgia Tech is mandating policies about things they like, but past that, I don't think it will be that big of a deal. The ban is healthy," said Grant.

Morrison sees many benefits resulting from the no-smoking policy, as well, such as better rapport between roommates. "I am hoping this will improve roommate relations," he stated. "The number one problem prior to these smoke-free housing initiatives was almost always the debate between smoking and non-smoking."

"This policy is something that came from students, and that we worked through with students," said Morrison.

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The other changes are completely separate from the physical renovations, however, as those involved hope to work to make the mail system more efficient. Steele said that over the past three years, numerous task forces have looked at the issue and recommended many of the same steps. "The first task force made a recommendation a couple of years ago that we reduce box assignments so that only campus residents would be automatically assigned a box," said Steele.

With the removal of nearly 5,000 boxes definite, the Student Center used this opportunity to begin this process. The first step was to survey students, both on-campus and off-campus, on their opinion of the need for campus mail boxes. According to project manager Carter Green, over 2,500 students responded.

Green said that the results clearly showed that off-campus students did not feel the use of a campus box was needed. In fact, nearly 76 percent answered that they either definitely or probably would not want to retain a box on campus, while only 5 percent felt that it was very important to maintain the box.

These results led Steele and Green to develop a new plan where stu-



By Daniel Lane / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Project manager Carter Green presides over a Town Hall meeting on Thursday concerning changes to the current campus post office service.**

dents not living on campus this fall would not automatically be assigned a box beginning this summer. However, off-campus students who want to keep their boxes will still have that option.

"There would be an application that would need to be completed and we have stated that it's on a first-come, first-serve basis," said Steele.

Green wanted to make sure to clearly define the term "on-campus" housing. "By on-campus we mean students who are living in Tech housing over the summer or have applied for the fall," said Carter. "This doesn't apply to Greek housing or housing through student organizations."

"We have also talked about the fact that there may be a fee. However, what we are now currently considering is more of a refundable deposit of \$30 that is paid on a yearly basis." Under this method, students would get the deposit back once the box is vacated. In addition, Steele pointed out that students who don't have a box on campus would still be able to receive packages.

The other main focus of the changes is to eliminate the need for students to share boxes. However, Steele is skeptical about whether this will happen next year. "That is totally based on the response we get from people when we offer the application for off-campus students beginning April 1," said Steele.

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marks the second year that the application deadline was extended due to lack of candidates.

Graduate senators also kicked off their election process this week. However graduate students will vote only on the president and vice president in the election.

The graduate election also features two candidates for president and three for vice president. Current senators Yasser Bhatti and Pelham Norville will campaign for the top job while current senators Roy Furbank, Deborah Middleton and Robin Bechtel will compete for vice president.

Campaigning will continue until March 26 when students can begin voting online in the general election. The polls will remain open until 4 p.m. March 28.

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Executive Vice President Nate Watson temporarily gave up the chair to speak in favor of a bill that he wrote, a non-binding referendum on spring break. The referendum gives students an opportunity to vote on whether to move spring break back one week, two weeks or to leave it where it is.

Watson said that administrators are willing to work with student government on this issue and to make a decision based on student opinion, but it is very difficult to determine what student opinion is. A referendum, he said, is appropriate.

Reps debated at length the format of the question. Rep Tegan Counts pushed for a two-part question, while Rep Eman Kirbah suggested that students rank the three

choices. In the end, reps approved a two-part question asking if spring break should be changed and, if so, how.

Reps also considered a resolution on new Stinger bus service routes. Administrators are developing plans for new routes once Tech Square and other new buildings are completed. The resolution would express dissatisfaction with currently plans.

Lawder said he thought the issue was important but urged more study before passing the resolution.

"I'm not sure that I know enough to make an informed decision," he said.

Matthews and EAS Rep Hunter Oates spoke in favor of the resolution, saying that they saw nothing wrong with expressing opinions to administrators. Reps voted to table the resolution until a later date.

## Breaking the Bubble

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A lot of things went on outside of the bubble of Georgia Tech this week. Visit [www.bubble.nique.net](http://www.bubble.nique.net) to find links to complete articles about the stories below and other important issues.

### *Egyptian al Qaeda turncoat gets \$27 million*

The U.S. will pay an al Qaeda foot-soldier \$27 million dollars for leading authorities to 9-11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed. The Egyptian radical was captured in Pakistan last month. He received the \$25 million reward plus \$2 million to move his family to Britain. Mohammed was arrested in a house outside Islamabad, Pakistan March 1. He is the 3rd highest ranking member of al Qaeda and has also been linked to the bombing of U.S. embassies in Africa.

### *U.S. and U.K. propose tests for Saddam Hussein*

British Prime Minister Tony Blair circulated a proposal this week at the United Nations suggesting six benchmarks that Saddam Hussein would have to meet in order to avoid a war. The measure is designed to convince crucial swing voters on the UN Security Council. Meanwhile, President Bush spent all day Wednesday on the telephone with world leaders trying to gain the support of at least nine members of the security council. The current resolution would require full and complete Iraqi disarmament by March 17. France and Russia have promised to veto such a resolution.

### *Air Force successfully tests Mother of all Bombs*

On Tuesday, the Air Force tested the Massive Air Ordinance Bomb (MOAB). Unofficially known as "The Mother of All Bombs," the 21,000 pound showers its target with flammable material before exploding. The MOAB is 40 percent more powerful than the 15,000 pound "Daisy Cutter" bomb. MOAB could be used in a war in Iraq. In addition to its destructive power, military commanders hope that the bomb will have "psychological effects" on Iraqi troops.

### *Anti-Milosevic leader assassinated in Belgrade*

Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic was ambushed and killed by gunmen outside the government complex in Belgrade. Djindjic spearheaded the revolt against Slobodan Milosevic in 2000. Two gunmen shot Djindjic in the back and abdomen. Djindjic was rushed to a hospital where he died of his wounds.

Police armed with machine guns and wearing bulletproof vests sealed off the government building and all bus, rail, and plane traffic out of Belgrade was suspended. Two suspects were arrested but it was not immediately clear whether those arrested were the gunmen.

Djindjic's efforts to hunt down war criminals made him many enemies among Serb nationalists. Organized crime is also on the rise in Serbia. In an apparent assassination attempt last month, a truck swerved in front of Djindjic's motorcade, narrowly missing the Prime Minister's car.