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Tech Square ribbon-cutting today

Stores offer free food samples; planned IFC concert cancelled after artist declines

By Stephen Baehl
Senior Staff Writer

The Technology Square grand opening celebration takes place today, offering students and members of the community free food, entertainment, building tours and more.

Festivities began yesterday with a forum on the globalization of technology. Major ceremonies started this morning with a procession scheduled to include President Clough, Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin and Susan Mendheim, President of the Midtown Alliance. They were scheduled to cross over the interstate from the Carnegie Building in the Ramblin' Wreck. Also included in the procession was a Tech Trolley filled with other dignitaries.

Student Center Director Rich Steele said it was meant to be a

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> **Rosalind Meyers**
> Assoc. VP Auxiliary Services

"symbolic crossing of the interstate for the Georgia Institute of Technology."

Once the procession arrives, a ribbon will be cut to mark the official opening of Tech Square.

"This is a huge deal," Steele said. "Tech Square is the most ambitious construction project that Georgia Tech's ever done."

Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services Rosalind Meyers said a committee was formed six months ago to plan the event.

"[Tech Square] is such a big project for Georgia Tech, because of its size, because of its scope and because we're moving into Midtown, that we felt we needed to have some kind of a formal recognition and celebration for the campus and the community," she said.

"The real push was to have

*See **Square**, page 8*

By Nicole Cappello / ICPA

Georgia governor Sonny Perdue speaks in the LeCraw auditorium at Technology Square Thursday morning. Grand opening festivities continue all day today with music, free food and tours.

Boston College accepts ACC invite

By Kimberly Rieck
Sports Editor

After months of speculation and rumor, Boston College announced Oct. 12 that it was accepting the Atlantic Coast Conference's invitation to become the league's 12th member. The ACC's nine presidents voted unanimously to extend an invitation to Boston College.

A recent modification to the Big East Conference's bylaws means Boston College may not join the ACC until 2006.

After the University of Miami and Virginia Tech left the Big East to join the ACC, the Big East presidents modified their bylaws to increase the exit fee from $1 million to $5 million should a school give less than 27 months notice of its intention to leave the conference. However, Boston College will try to join the ACC as soon as the Big East will legally allow them to leave.

"I would imagine with all the reshuffling going on in all the conferences that it would be the 2005-06 school year. They will not be in it [the ACC] next year," Athletic Director Dave Braine said.

Boston College was a key part of the ACC's expansion plan for many reasons.

"[Boston College] is a school that is academically very compatible to the schools in the ACC," Braine said. "It is also in the sixth best television market in the country.

*See **BC**, page 6*

GTRI to develop artillery spy device

The Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) is developing a reconnaissance device that can be fired like an artillery shell to give soldiers a bird's-eye view of the battlefield.

The two pound device is six inches long. It is fired like a mortar shell high into the air and then deploys a parachute.

As the device floats down, an onboard digital camera takes pictures and transmits the images to soldiers on the ground. It can detect a human from an altitude of 1,800 feet. Charles Stancil, a senior research engineer at GTRI's Aerospace, Transportation and Advanced Systems Laboratory, developed the idea.

Run for Success benefits scholarship

The Run for Success race takes place tomorrow, Oct. 25, at 9 a.m. on campus. The race will benefit the Run for Scholarship Fund which supports high school students in the Tech community.

First place male and female non-NCAA athlete finishers who are Tech students will receive gift cards with credit good for use at on-campus dining locations. Various door prizes including health club memberships, restaurant gift certificates and airline tickets will also be given out.

RHA upgrades seek to rejuvenate Brittain Rec

By Laura Masce
Senior Staff Writer

The Residence Hall Association is trying to revitalize Brittain Rec and turn it into a social center on east campus.

Brittain Rec is the laundry and recreational area behind Brittain Dining Hall. The facility is divided into three sections: a laundry room, a hall council meeting room and a recreational room. RHA is focused on upgrading the recreational area.

Andrew Howard, president of RHA and third year Computer Science major, explained the project.

"It's not so much a remodeling as it is an addition. We [RHA] are not renovating it in any way. What we're doing is adding amenities to the location," Howard said.

"Up to five or six years ago there had been pool tables in there, and the Student Center had operated it as a recreation area," Howard said.

"They weren't making enough money, so they pulled out, and since then that space has gone downhill. The tables are old and wobbly. It's not a very attractive area," he said.

Amy McDaniel, a freshman Aerospace Engineering major, noted a need for an activity area for the residents on the east side of campus.

"I really think that Eastside needs more of a community space because it's pretty far from things. It's a walk to the Student Center and to the CRC (Campus Recreation Center) and to any of those places, so it would be nice to have a hangout place. Right now [Brittain Rec] is just a place where people go to do laundry or study," McDaniel said.

Michael Forde, another Aerospace Engineering freshman, also expressed an interest in Brittain Rec's enhancement.

"It would be good to make it a little more homely because everyone has to wash clothes there, and at certain times you have like thirty people in there, and they have noth-

ing to do," Forde said.

The idea to improve Brittain Rec started last year. Installation of new amenities started a few weeks ago. Already a pool table has been added, and Howard has other plans, as well.

"We're going to install between three and five video games," Howard said. "Three of them are already in place—Mortal Combat III, Area 51 Site 4 and Ms. Pacman. They aren't working yet, but they will be very soon. They will be free [to play]," he said.

"The next step we're looking into

*See **Brittain**, page 9*

New project pushes electronic thesis publication

By Narayana Varahabhatla
Contributing Writer

After over a year of planning, Tech now offers a program that allows graduate students to publish theses and dissertations online.

In the past, doctoral and masters students submitted their work to be printed and bound as a book.

The new project, called the Electronic Thesis and Dissertation (ETD) Collection, will allow students to submit their work electronically, bypassing the printing,

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> **Catherine Jannick**
> Digital Initiatives Manager

binding and cataloging altogether.

Catherine Jannick, the library's Digital Initiatives Manager, commented on the new system.

"Right now we're on a pilot project where [electronic submission] is not required. We're hoping that it'll be so popular that it'll just de facto

become required," Jannick said.

Even as a pilot project, ETD offers several benefits in comparison to the old system.

"It'll save our binding costs, because the library has always paid for binding. [In addition], we're in Midtown Atlanta, and that's very valuable storage space required [to keep copies of paper dissertations]," she said.

"The really great part about this is that people can submit multime-

*See **ETD**, page 9*

Technique Online Voice Your Opinion!

Last week's question garnered 37 responses:

How will Housing changes affect FE?

Better PL supervision 11%
No Change 22%
Don't Know 16%
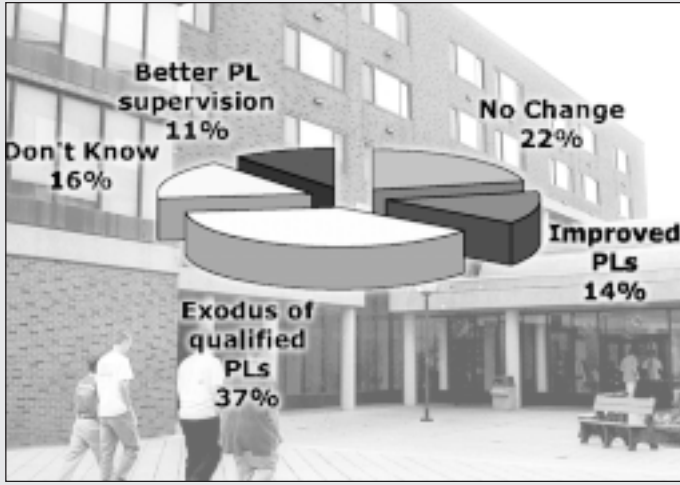Improved PLs 14%
Exodus of qualified PLs 37%

Image by Lauren Griffin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:
What do you think of grade forgiveness?
Tell us what you think at **www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique**.

Health-safety
10/20/2003 **21:01:00 hrs.**
LOCATION: Eighth Street Apts.
INCIDENT: Report that a student needed medical attention for depression.

DUI
10/21/2003 **1:41:00 hrs.**
LOCATION: Spring Street @ Eighth Street.
INCIDENT: Offender arrested for driving under the influence.

Recovered
10/19/2003 **4:53:00 hrs.**
LOCATION: Techwood Drive @ Fourth Street.
INCIDENT: Report of a recovered golf cart.

From the files of the GTPD...

CRIME REPORTS

Larceny-theft
10/20/2003 **11:14:00 hrs.**
LOCATION: 750 Ferst Drive/CRC Construction.
INCIDENT: Report of a stolen Gator utility buggy.

10/20/2003 **11:41:00 hrs.**
LOCATION: 801 Ferst Drive/ MRDC
INCIDENT: Report of a stolen Club Car.

Entering auto
10/17/2003 **22:12:00 hrs.**
LOCATION: 200 North Avenue/ Burge Parking Deck.
INCIDENT: Report that a black 1995 Mitsubishi ES Galant was entered and no items reported missing.

10/17/2003 **22:38:00 hrs.**
LOCATION: 200 North Avenue/ Lower Burge Deck.

INCIDENT: Report that a tan 2001 Nissan Sentra was entered and no items reported missing.

10/17/2003 **22:49:00 hrs.**
LOCATION: 200 North Avenue/ Lower Burge Deck.
INCIDENT: Report that a blue 1993 Honda Accord was entered and no items reported missing.

10/18/2003 **10:51:00 hrs.**
LOCATION: 200 North Avenue/ Burge Deck
INCIDENT: Report that a white 1989 Volvo 740 GLE was entered and no items reported missing.

10/18/2003 **23:33:00 hrs.**
LOCATION: 200 North Avenue/ Burge Deck Middle Deck.
INCIDENT: Report that a blue 1997 Subaru Impreza was entered and no items reported missing.

====== **Council Clippings** Senate and House ======

House leaders urge members to carefully consider bills

By Edward Tamsberg
Contributing Writer

Undergraduate House leaders stressed the need to tighten the belt and look carefully at all allocation bills at Tuesday night's meeting.

UHR treasurer Amy Phuong began the evening with a report of allocated funds to the entire house.

She compared the amount of monies spent in previous years at this time to past year, and said "we have about the same amount of money that we did at this time last year, it has just been spread out differently due to some different spending trends."

Phuong urged all members of House to look closely at every bill and consider each one's effectiveness on the student body. The Undergraduate House has about $105,251.50, give or take

a little, left to allocate until the end of next semester.

Vice President of Administrative Affairs Tiffany Turner then gave her report to the house. She also urged members of UHR to

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> **Amy Phuong**
> Treasurer

carefully look at spending amounts of every bill they consider.

Vice President of Campus Affairs Ben Lawder, Student Body President Nate Watson and Dean

of Students Gail DiSabatino continued the trend during their reports.

They reminded representatives that while the money left may look like a great deal, in reality it quickly moves through the hands of undergraduate representatives every year and would be gone before the end of next semester if they were not fiscally conservative with the funds.

The first bill up for consideration was a conference committee version of a joint allocation to the Cycling Club for the purpose of competition.

This bill was amended to a smaller amount because of a mistake in the amount of cyclists it was written for. The bill was then passed by the house with little debate.

The next bill up was an allo-

By Ayan Kishore/ STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Alan Bakowski raises his hand to vote at Tuesday's Undergraduate House meeting. Both the House and Senate failed an allocation bill funding a CS honor society.

CS honor society funding bill fails

By Daniel Amick
News Editor

Again this week, the Graduate Student Senate meeting was cut short after the body lost quorum. However, senators did manage to deal with eight bills before adjourning.

Senators rejected a joint allocation bill that would have paid the $750 initiation fee for a Computer Science honor society. The Association for Computer Machinery requested the funding.

Several senators questioned whether student government should pay when potential members of the society have not been

asked to contribute any start-up funds.

"When in the last two years have we paid for initiation fees?" asked International Affairs senator Jim Barnes.

The organization representative said that there were 297 potential members. One senator questioned the usefulness of that number in making a funding decision, saying that many potential members would not join.

In a close vote, the measure failed 12 to 13 with four abstentions.

The next bill up for consideration was an allocation to the Water Polo team for dues and

balls. According to the organization representative, student government generally funds these items in the annual activity fee budget, but this year the team did not submit its budget on time.

International Affairs representative Adhil Shetty expressed concerns about casting consistent votes.

"How is this [bill] qualitatively different from the last?" he asked.

Another senator wondered why, if the team seeks such funding every year from student gov-

UHR: Bills Considered		
Title	Author	Status
Joint allocation to Cycling Club	Alan Bakowski	passed
Joint allocation to MOVE	Ashley Case	passed
Joint allocation to Apple Users Group	Adam Bernstein	passed
Joint allocation to ACM (b)	Hussain Ali	failed
Joint allocation to Water Polo	David Bryson	passed
Appointments of JFC members	Nate Watson	passed
Joint allocation to IEEE Hardware Team	Marion Vittes	passed
Joint allocation to Chinese Student Association	Zhe Fan	passed
Allocation to Paul Supawanich for the NCSS	Amy Phoung	tabled

GSS: Bills Considered		
Title	Author	Status
Joint allocation to Mock Trial Team	Beth Carey	passed
Joint allocation to Cycling Club	Alan Michaels	passed
Joint allocation to Apple Users Group	Roy Furbank	passed
Joint allocation to ACM (a)	Beth Carey	passed
Joint allocation to ACM (b)	Beth Carey	failed
Joint allocation to MOVE	Beth Carey	passed
Joint allocation to Water Polo	Eric Clopper	passed
Joint allocation to IEEE Hardware Team	Eric Clopper	passed

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cation to MOVE authored by Freshman President Ashley Case.

The bill asked for funds to support a charitable fundraiser being held on campus by an organization established for the specialty cause of children with brain tumors.

Students and children would attend the event filled with games and booths set up by various Georgia Tech organizations and the Burger Bowl would be fenced off for a game of "Barnyard Bingo."

There was heated debate on this bill as representatives, questioned whether or not the event should be considered to be beneficial for the entire student body.

Members argued that the charity should cover the costs themselves, while other spoke of the need to send a message that Georgia Tech supports its community and humanitarian organizations. Debate on this bill went on for quite some time, but it was passed in the end.

The House then looked at a bill for allocation to the Apple Users Group. The bill asked for funds to support the upcoming i-MovieFest that is held annually on Tech campus.

Representatives expressed concern about an issue brought up last year when a similar bill was considered. They asked if any of the members of the group were paid by Macintosh to promote the event.

The representatives for the Apple Users Group said that Macintosh supported the event but did not pay any of its members, and the chairman of the group spoke out, saying that he did not even own an Apple computer. The House then passed this bill with little debate.

During the remainder of the meeting, the House considered allocations to the Association for Computing Machinery, the club Water Polo team, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Hardware Team and the Chinese Student Association.

A bill proposed for GT Coming Out Week was withdrawn due to the fact that all its event costs had already been paid for. Another bill for allocation to Paul Supawanich for the National Conference on Student Services was postponed due to Supawanich's absence.

The only bill of the night not to be approved for allocation was the bill for the Association of Computing Machinery.

Representatives agreed with their graduate counterparts and felt that the new honor society for Computer Science majors could be chartered by its first class without support from UHR.

Turner reminded members that applications for elections committee and chair positions were available. She encouraged members to apply.

Lawder spoke about upcoming events on campus. He highlighted the success of Yellow Jacket athletic teams, including football and volleyball, and encouraged all students to attend games in support of the teams.

He also mentioned the grand opening of Tech Square today, and said that while there will be music at the event, no group could be secured for the event on such short notice.

The $9,000 in funding given to the IFC by UHR two weeks ago for the purpose of securing a band for the event has been returned.

Tech-Savannah campus opens

By Daniel Amick
News Editor

A Tech campus in Savannah will officially open for business at a ribbon-cutting ceremony next Friday.

"[The campus] is literally sort of a microcosm of the campus in Atlanta," said David Frost, Director of Georgia Tech-Savannah.

The 50-acre complex, called Georgia Tech-Savannah, includes three buildings with 25 laboratories and six classrooms.

The campus is designed to support students enrolled in the Georgia Tech Regional Engineering Program (GTREP).

Under the system, Tech partners with three area universities: Armstrong Atlantic State University, Georgia Southern University and Savannah State University.

Students take core classes at one of these partner schools for two years. They then transfer and become official Tech students. However, instead of uprooting and moving to Atlanta, these students will now be able to take courses from Tech professors who live and work in Savannah.

"Admissions criteria [at the Savannah campus] are the same," Frost said. "This is not 'Tech light' or anything like that," he said.

Courses will combine distance learning and on-campus professors. The campus is equipped with 12 telecollaboration studios that allow individual students to talk with Atlanta-based professors during their office hours.

"This room becomes an extension of the professor's office," Frost

The new campus consists of three buildings with over 100,000 square feet of space. The campus acts as a hub for students enrolled in GTREP.

said.

About 520 undergraduate students are participants in GTREP. Of that number, around 100 are juniors and seniors studying at the new campus. Nearly 30 graduate students also participate.

"A lot of people wonder, 'Is this competing with Atlanta?' The simple answer is 'No,' " Frost said. "The footprint of what Georgia Tech is is changing," he said.

Through collaboration and communication at all levels between Atlanta and Savannah, Frost said he hopes to maintain a consistent student and faculty culture at both locations. Faculty will have joint appointments. Frost himself is a Civil Engineering professor who came to Tech in 1992.

Areas such as admissions and co-

oping will be handled through Atlanta.

"The idea is that they're all part of the same campus," Frost said.

The concept of a Savannah campus began to circulate in 1998. A team including Frost came to Savannah in the summer of that year to assess the possibilities. He was then appointed interim director before becoming permanent head.

Frost said that in roughly 15 years, he expects as many as 2,500 undergraduates and 400 graduate students to participate in the program.

Institute President Wayne Clough, Chancellor of the University System of Georgia Thomas Meredith, the president protem of the state senate and speaker of the state house of representatives are expected to attend the ceremony.

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If we were going to make the expansion work, we had to have them. Financially, it wasn't going to work with just 11 teams. We needed Boston College to make it work."

With only 11 teams, the conference would not have been able to hold a lucrative championship football game, a venture that can net up to $8 million.

In addition, having captured the large and lucrative Boston market, the ACC will now be in a better bargaining position when the conference renegotiates its television contract in 2005.

In athletics, many feel Boston College brings a rich history and tradition of success to the conference.

Boston College has consistently ranked highly in many sports ranging from football and men's basketball to ice hockey and women's basketball.

"It only adds to our league and strengthens our competition," said MaChelle Joseph, head women's basketball coach. "Definitely now we can rival the SEC as the premier conference in women's basketball without a doubt. Boston College and Miami and Virginia Tech are all three NCAA tournament teams with the potential to beat anybody on any given night," she said.

In addition to financial benefits, Tech may reap other rewards from the ACC's expansion.

"One of the reasons I like it is because we can get into the northeast market to recruit," said Paul Hewitt, head men's basketball coach. "We've always been able to get into it but now we have the opportunity to offer things like the ability to go home. Going into the Boston area to recruit will help us," he said.

Boston College was one of the original three schools the ACC targeted for expansion last June. Miami and Syracuse University were also targeted but, due to a series of complications, the league invited only Miami and Virginia Tech on June 30. Boston College received six votes at the presidents' meeting in June,

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> Athletic Director

only one vote short of the necessary number for acceptance. Duke, North Carolina and North Carolina State had voted against Boston College originally.

In the wake of Boston College's decision, four Big East schools have filed a lawsuit against the ACC, Boston College and four ACC officers.

West Virginia, Rutgers, Connecticut and Pittsburgh allege in the suit that the ACC and Boston College conspired to weaken the Big East and gain a larger share of television broadcast revenue. The lawsuit also makes several claims of unfair trade practices, civil conspiracy and breach of contract.

The four schools and the Big East had already filed a lawsuit against Miami and the ACC. Miami remains a defendant in the suit, but the complaint against the ACC was thrown out last week on jurisdictional grounds.

A judge ruled the plaintiffs could not prove the conference did enough business in Connecticut to merit a lawsuit in the state. In both lawsuits, the Big East schools seek unspecified damages.

On Monday, Miami filed its own lawsuit against the Big East Conference and the four schools in which it claimed it suffered monetary damages by remaining in the league. The school has also filed a separate lawsuit against the University of Connecticut for defamation. Both lawsuits were filed in state circuit court in Miami.

While the ACC and its new members may be facing lawsuits, "Georgia Tech is not part of any lawsuit at the present time," Braine said.

When Boston College becomes a full member, the conference will split into two divisions. Tech will be in the same division as Virginia, Virginia Tech, Duke, Miami and North Carolina. Boston College will be with Clemson, Maryland, Wake Forest, North Carolina State and Florida State.

With a conference that now spans the entire eastern seaboard, the ACC's expansion plans appear to be complete.

"I think 12 is where we need to be," Braine said.

Breaking the Bubble

A lot of things went on outside of the bubble of Georgia Tech this week. Below are summaries of a few of the important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

Bush praises Indonesia for anti-terror efforts

On Wednesday, President Bush concluded a tour of Southeast Asia with a trip to Australia and Indonesia. During his visit, Bush stopped at the site of the October 2002 nightclub bombing in Bali that killed over 200 people. He applauded efforts by Indonesian leaders to combat global terrorism. Earlier in the week, Bush attended the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in Thailand. The ongoing nuclear standoff with North Korea and the war of terrorism dominated Bush's agenda.

China launches manned spacecraft into orbit

China became the third nation, along with Russia and the United States, to successfully launch a man into space last week. A Shenzhou-5 rocket carried Yang Liwei into orbit last Tuesday. He landed safely in Inner Mongolia late the next day. The capsule was carried by train to Beijing, were it will be put on display. Chinese officials plan a second space flight as soon as next year.

UN condemns construction of Israeli wall

The United Nations General Assembly passed a nonbinding resolution Tuesday which calls on Israel to halt construction of a security barrier in the West Bank, a barrier some Israelis see as a vital protection against Palestinian terrorists. Despite the resolution, Israeli officials said they would continue construction. The resolution passed with the support of 144 countries. The United States and four other countries voted against the resolution.

Man survives plunge over Niagara Falls

Early this week, a man jumped over Niagara Falls without any type of safety device, and survived. Kirk Jones, from Canton, Michigan, is the first person known to survive such an unprotected fall over the waterfall. Jones called it an impulsive decision, but his friends and family claimed that he had been talking about the stunt for years. Jones fell headfirst down the falls and sustained no serious injuries. He will be charged by police with illegally performing a stunt and could be fined $10,000.

Helping hands

By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Beth Keen helps clean a cafeteria at the Boys and Girls Club. Last Saturday, approximately 1,350 Tech students participated in TEAM Buzz over 50 community service projects throughout the Atlanta area.

By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Trey Clark, Leslie Smith, Jennifer Grabowski and Jodie Siebold prepare to depart for their service project.

By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

TEAM Buzz founder Tony Chan addresses the crowd before individual teams set out.

Out of class connections

By Charles Frey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Biology professor Paul Edmonds talks with Stephanie Carter during Take a Professor to Lunch day Tuesday. The event is designed to allow students and faculty to interact outside the classroom.

Square

this be a grand opening celebration to say, 'Hey, we're here,'" said Katie Shoemaker, president of the Student Center Programs Council. "We also wanted to showcase Tech to the Atlanta population to show we're ahead in technology."

To accommodate the day's carnival-like festivities, Fifth Street will be closed from Williams to Spring streets and from Spring to West Peachtree, Steele said.

However, not all of the events planned for the grand opening worked out successfully.

Originally, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) planned to host a 9:30 p.m. concert, free to students, at Tech Square to go along with the event, even though the council was not a participant in the grand opening's planning committee.

With an allocation from student government, IFC placed a bid of $5,000 to $8,000 to book Butch Walker, former lead singer of Marvelous Three, to play at Tech Square.

However, "he did not accept our offer," said Adam Callner, social co-chair of IFC. "When we started the planning for the event we had set some goals, and one of them was to get a band that would draw in the crowd," he said. Callner said that bands without good name recognition lead to poor overall turnout.

Since Walker's rejection of the bid came only a week and a half ago, "we felt it would be better to just cancel the concert instead of trying to put on a show with a band that no one has heard of and have a poor turnout," Callner said.

IFC hosted a large block party in 2000, featuring the band Black Hawk. Callner said the organization has tried to organize a similar event each year since, but has not been successful.

"This year, we tried teaming up with the school. With Tech Square, it was a great opportunity. It gave us

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>
> **Steven Chan**
> Owner, Tin Drum Asian Cafe

a place to have the concert, a date and a reason," Callner said. Despite the cancellation, committee members point to other events to look forward to at the opening.

"The biggest decision we discussed was food or no food," Meyers said. "And we said, if you want students to come, you have to have free food."

In addition, several retail stores will be open for the festivities and will participate in their own ways.

Deli Express managing partner Douglas Cleary, who is opening St. Charles Deli in Tech Square, said, "We'll be giving away free cookies, and we're also going to have coupons for everybody who comes back for a free drink."

Steven Chan, owner of Tin Drum Asian Café and a 1992 Tech graduate, said his restaurant will be open from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and will be offering free samples throughout the day.

"This is basically a dream come true for me—coming back here and starting a restaurant," he said. "When I was here in 1988 to 1992, there was nothing here. I'm excited to see the changes."

Retailers in the square plan to continue to accommodate students by accepting the BuzzCard, Steele said. He added that some of the retailers planned to help student groups by either catering or hosting meetings.

Steele said the grand opening planning committee hoped 5,000 students would attend in addition to 2,000 community members.

Tours of classrooms and buildings in the square will be held throughout the day for students and the public, while, according to Shoemaker, the evening has been geared more toward entertaining business community representatives that helped create Tech Square.

"It's walking distance to a free event, and I'm excited," Shoemaker said.

ETD

dia objects with it: photographs, video, and other files. We have such a creative student body here and have so much going on, that they should be able to do that instead of putting a disk in the back of a paper dissertation," Jannik said.

Graduate students who will use the system in the future see other advantages to the ETD system.

"[Electronic publishing] would be a lot easier and less time consuming than publishing on paper," said Marcus Smith, an Aerospace Engineering doctoral student.

"Now that it's available, it sounds like the way forward. Tech is taking the electronic method more seriously than the old one," Smith said.

Some see the system as a tool to allow more information sharing. Since publishing a thesis takes time in the old system, students have to wait for their work to circulate and become known among the academic community.

"[ETD] makes sense because oth-er researchers can go online and check the extent of your work," said Kartik Sundaeswaran, a Bioengineering doctoral student.

Jannik hopes all graduate students will be similarly excited.

"[With ETD], they take the work in the format they've done it in, make it a PDF and them submit it. That decreases the time theses and dissertations take to get on the 'shelves.' There's not as big a time block," Jannick said.

Since scholarly research is increasingly being published online, the system also affords graduate students the opportunity to dip their feet in the online publishing arena before they ever get a job or start working at a lab.

"It has been proven that if a document is available electronically, the number of citations to that document increase dramatically. It's something that's very well suited to this campus," Jannik said.

The system was adapted from a similar system at Virginia Tech.

Students used to have problems when trying to submit samples of their work to prospective employers or post-doctoral positions. Jannik sees a large advantage of ETD in this respect, as well.

"If [students are] applying for a post-doctoral position, instead of figuring out a writing sample to send, they can provide a link straight into their dissertation. The research is going to reach many more people," she said.

While most students show support for ETD, some still want to have a published, hard copy of their work.

"I wouldn't mind putting it in a book. It's good to have a hard copy for personal use," said Kartik Sundar, a Bioengineering doctoral student.

There are no plans to scan old theses into the system. Some students express concern that they will not have access to certain information.

"It's nice to have theses readily available. But more people would be willing to use it if they scan the old theses also," said Chris Alvino, a Electrical Engineering doctoral student.

GSS

ernment, did the team did not require higher membership dues. The organization representative responded that the team already charges around $65 in dues which go toward the cost of travel and equipment expenses.

When another senator asked to see the past budget requests, Graduate President Pelham Norville interjected.

Norville said that items like dues are almost always funded in the budget. He said that he was not speaking for or against the particular bill.

However, he advised Shetty and others that if consistency was truly their goal, senators might want to do further research because, he said, he did not think they had all the information. The bill passed with-out further debate.

Senators also approved a conference committee version of a joint allocation to the Cycling Club. Senator Alan Michaels said the version was no different from the one passed at an earlier session. The bill passed over the objections of Barnes, who said he was not satisfied with the answers organization representatives had given to his questions about alternative sources of funding.

Senators approved an allocation to the Apple Users Group to support the iMovieFest. On the advice of Joint Finance Committee member Kasi David, senators amended the bill to fund only one *Technique* advertisement, but chose to leave in place funding for several hundred DVDs.
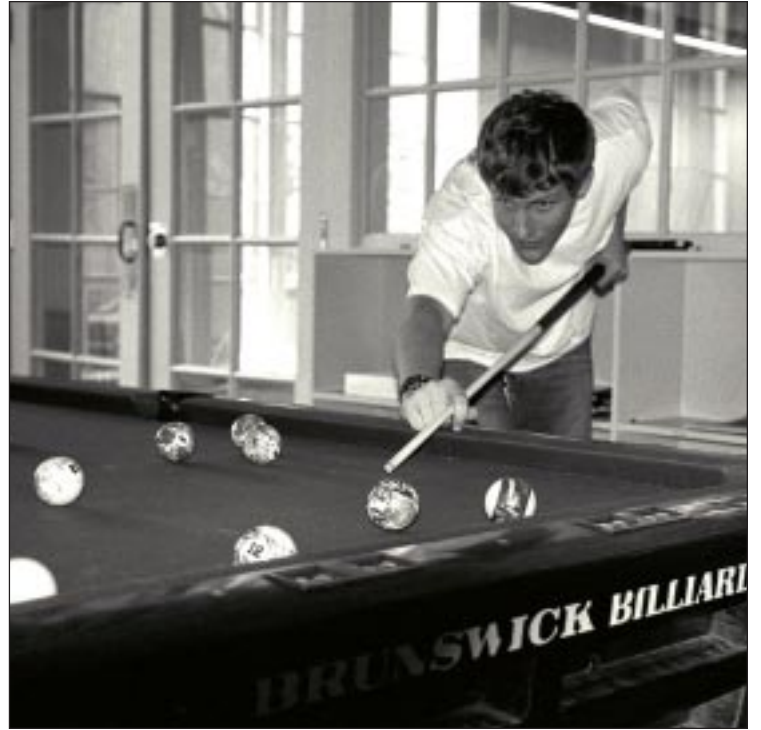
The Senate also passed a $1,700 joint allocation bill funding a trip by the Mock Trial Team to a com-petition in Miami. The organization representative said that active membership had doubled in the last year.

A second joint allocation bill presented by the Association of Computer Machinery fared better than the first. The bill requested money to fund a trip to a competition in Daytona. Senators cut money for van rentals, hotels and meals. They also reduced funding for travel from 50 cents per mile to 25 cents per mile after they learned that fewer students were actually going to the event. They then passed the bill without debate.

A joint allocation to MOVE was tabled because an organization representative was not present.

Graduate Vice President Robin Bechtel was unable to attend. Senator Roy Furbank was elected to lead the meeting in her absence.

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A student shoots pool in Brittain Rec. In addition to a new pool table, RHA plans to add couches and video games to make the space more exciting.

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is purchasing couches similar to those in the Student Center—anywhere from two to three. We are also working with the Student Center to get the tables replaced," Howard said.

In addition to the plans for new video games, couches and tables, RHA is working to buy a projector for the hall council meeting room in Brittain Rec.

"We've already gotten approval from Housing to purchase a projector to put into the meeting room for big televised events. We can open that area to residents for events like Super Bowl parties," Howard said.

With so many new additions, security of Brittain Rec may become an issue. Dan Matz, president of Glenn-Cloudman hall council and freshman Aerospace Engineering major, noted the possible problems.

"The main problem they have with putting new stuff in, like a pool table, is people stealing," Matz said. "To add a lot of entertainment stuff in there would probably cause a lot of security problems."

Security is an issue which is still being discussed, along with the possibility of a Westside Market and diner-type venue within Brittain Rec.

"The Student Center and Dining are throwing out the idea of putting some type of food or store in there. It's in the brainstorming process right now. It may or may not happen," Howard said.

"I would like to see that area used as a campus resource," Howard said.

"I'd be really excited if I walked in there every night and saw twenty to thirty residents using it as a recreational space and not just a place to do laundry."

The additions are expected to be completed within a month's time.