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Regents fund renovations to historic Coon

By Tyrus Gailey
Staff Writer

At its September meeting, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia approved funding for the restoration of the J.S. Coon Building to a modern version of its former self which will house the School of Psychology.

Located on Cherry Street across from Tech Tower, the Coon building is one of the oldest structures on campus. The first two units of what was then called the Mechanical Engineering or New Shop Building were completed in 1912. It would eventually be renamed in honor of John Saylor Coon, a very popular and unusual former professor. Currently, this historically significant structure is unsuitable for use as a program area, but a restoration and modernization project will soon change that.

The project has been budgeted \$9.5 million and will proceed in two phases. According to project manager Ron LeRoy, the Institute will soon be ready for contractor assessment and

bidding. The first phase of the project will involve removal of unwanted existing material, phase II design, and accessibility upgrades.

"The first phase that we are concentrating on is the selective demolition and remediation of the building. As you can imagine, the building has some hazardous material in there. So we're going to remove those materials and also do interior demolition and remove the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems. We're going to go back to the original wall, basically cut off all service to the building, and come back brand-new," said LeRoy.

Phase I will also include the construction of an external utility tower in the original courtyard area. The tower will allow for the addition of elevators in the building and utility upgrades.

"When you first look at that building, there's not a sufficient number of restrooms, there's no way for a person in a wheelchair to gain access to different areas, because there's no elevators in the building. So what a school is

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By Danielle Bradley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The J.S. Coon Building, one of the oldest buildings on campus, will become home to the School of Psychology in 2002 after a \$9.5 million renovation takes place.

Clough turns another year

Monday, September 24, Institute President G. Wayne Clough celebrated his birthday. He turned 60 years old.

New Wall Street section debuts

Today the *Wall Street Journal College Edition* makes its first appearance in the *Technique*. The two pages of financial news include weekly wrap-ups of national and international business issues written by the staff of the New York-based newspaper. The section starts on page five.

Greeks donate platelets to ARC

Members of Tech's Greek community donated blood platelets throughout the week to the American Red Cross in Atlanta. Tech Greeks competed with Georgia State University Greeks in a contest to donate the greatest amount of platelets.

Fans to face more security Saturday

By Jody Shaw
News Editor

Spectators headed to Bobby Dodd Stadium for this Saturday's home football contest against the Clemson Tigers may want to leave a little earlier than usual. The Athletic Association implemented a number of new security measures for the game, most likely resulting in delays for fans entering the stadium.

Security will be increased throughout the stadium. Both the Georgia Tech Police Department and the AA's security provider have increased the amount of officers at the stadium. Backpacks will not be allowed inside, and security will reserve the right to check all purses and other bags. The AA is discouraging fans from bringing any bags.

"I would say it will take longer for fans to enter the stadium, especially since bags are going to be searched. I don't think you can avoid that," said Mike Stamus of Tech Sports Information.

The number of security officers in plain clothes at the stadium will be also be increased. Stamus believes that there is little security threat to Tech and that these measures are merely precautionary.

"Unfortunately, at this time we have to take precautions. We are doing the same thing that every stadium in America is doing right now," said Stamus.

Besides bags, food, alcohol, bottles, cans, Thermos bottles, artificial noisemakers, umbrellas, and stadium seats with arms remain prohibited.

These restrictions will be in place for all remaining home football games, though currently, there is no increased security at other Tech sporting events.

New students orgs explode: sixteen seek charters

By Nasir Barday
Senior Staff Writer

A new wave of student organizations has arrived with the fall semester. Each organization is currently in the chartering process, which is coordinated by Danielle McDonald, Student Organizations Advisor. This type of activity usually occurs before the deadline for SGA budget proposals, which was today.

McDonald noted the benefits of chartering an organization. Chartered organizations receive web space and other resources on cyberbuzz.gatech.edu, copy code privileges in the student organizations office, discounts on rentals of the Ferst center, consulting services, and chairs of each organization can join the President's Council.

"Organizations have to actually be chartered to spend money they are allocated by SGA," said McDonald.

The process of starting a chartered organization is fairly involved. It begins when a group submits an initial application packet and a letter of intent to start a chartered organization. Once the organization has been formed for at least one semester and has a required number of verifiable members on its roster, the organization receives pending status, which can last for up to one year.

In that time, the organization can submit a budget for SGA to allocate funds to it for

disbursement once the organization becomes chartered.

Before the year of pending status is up, the organization must write and provide a constitution, which must be approved by McDonald. After McDonald approves the constitution, she submits the materials to the Joint Campus Organizations Committee (JCOC), which makes sure the new organization will not violate current rules and regulations or duplicate services already offered by other chartered organizations on campus.

After an organization receives the approval of the JCOC, the SGA and Faculty Senate vote on the chartering of the organization. Both houses must vote in favor of the organization in order for the chartering to occur.

"About one-half of the [or-

ganizations] that start the process actually finish," said McDonald.

The new organizations represent a wide range of interests, including disciplines such as meditation, dance, religion, and community service. A new medieval history organization, the Society for Creative Anachronism, rounds out the list of new student groups.

Tech Beautification Day (TBD) is a reincarnated initiative focused on improving the attractiveness of the Georgia Tech Campus. TBD provides an opportunity to "actively be involved with [the improvement of] the place where we live," said Ankur Goel, a co-Chair of the initiative. TBD has a list, formed with the help of a local landscaping firm of twenty projects devoted to "beautifying" locations all

around campus. Residence and central areas are all represented as locations for the initiative to improve. "There's an even distribution," said Goel.

MOVE, Mobilizing Opportunities for Volunteering Experience provides an "umbrella for community service organizations," said Rachel Giese, chair of MOVE.

MOVE was previously a department under Student Center programs, but with recent structure changes called for by President G. Wayne Clough, MOVE will now become part of Student Affairs this coming January. The organization decided to apply for a charter as a tier II organization so that it could receive a budget. According to Giese, MOVE will provide answers to the question: "what can we do to help?" for students interested in getting involved with community service.

Buzz Studios, started by Justin Escher and Ben Lawder, caters to those interested in film production. Activities for the coming year include screenplay writing and producing promotions for the Georgia Tech-UGA rival game. Escher indicated that this year will be devoted to preparing for a feature-length production next year. "We're definitely going to be ready for a production," said Escher.

The organizations highlighted here are just three of the many seeking charters this semester.

Student Organizations Seeking Charters

Iceskating Club	
Investment Banking Club	
Tech Beautification Day	
Photography Club	
Art of Living	meditation
Sahha Marg	meditation
Journal of Student Research and Technology	publication
Goldrush	dance team
Impact	racial issues
Society for Creative Anachronism	medieval education
Catalyst Ministries	Christian organization
Students for Sensible Drug Policy	war on drugs education
Buzz Studios	independent student films
Insight	encourages freshmen community
MOVE	community service umbrella group
Tech Corps	computer refurbishing for underprivileged

Technique Online Voice Your Opinion!

Last issue's poll garnered 79 responses to the question:

"What do you think about the new ticketing procedures?"

- They sound good, but will be hard to enforce: 8 %
- They should solve the problems: 8 %
- They are too restrictive: 4 %
- More security and policies are needed: 80 %

This week's poll is about cell phones in classrooms. Voice your opinion at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique.

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obligated to do, to the best of their abilities, is bring it up to those codes. In some cases, especially in the ADA area, it may be difficult for an institution to do that. But in our situation for that building, the programmer spent a lot of time, as well as the Georgia Tech staff, looking at that situation," said LeRoy.

Phase I will also include the employment of an architectural firm to design the interior program area.

Phase II will be the execution of that plan.

The completed building will become the new home for the School of Psychology, which is currently located in the former Naval reserve center. LeRoy estimates the school will be able to occupy the building by December of 2002. At that point, the vacated Naval Reserve Center is scheduled for demolition in order to make way for the Klaus Advanced Computing Building, which will be a major capitol outlay.

Students push human rights on campus

By *Daniel Amick*
Contributing Writer

Five Georgia Tech students have used their experience at the recent UN World Conference on Racism (WCAR) as a spring board to increasing the dialogue on human rights and world issues here on campus.

Last month, five Tech students traveled to Durban, South Africa. The group attended both the WCAR and the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Forum Against Racism. The two conferences attempted to address a myriad of social issues, ranging from equality for the Untouchables in India to police brutality in New York. Delegates, activists, youth, and national leaders from all over the world attended.

History, Technology, and Society majors Kristin Parker, Charlotte Wheeler, Russell Virgilio, and Christina Whittenton, along with Psychology major Nse Ufot went to

workshops and speeches, observed protests, and participated in a variety of seminars. They met the Reverend Jesse Jackson and saw Cuban leader Fidel Castro deliver a speech. In addition, the group attended "Voices of Victims," a panel organized by actor Danny Glover. The panel consisted of victims of racism from around the world who came together to share their experiences. The Georgia Tech students also had an opportunity to visit Umlazi, a large South African township where unemployment tops 45% and one person in four has AIDS.

"[The trip] was definitely an eye-opening experience. Simple things that [Americans] worry about don't compare to the hardships of others," said Parker.

Preparation for the journey began last year when the American Friend Service Committee (AFSC), a national organization committed to social justice, gave the Georgia Tech students NGO accreditation.

NGOs are extra-national organizations that work for social and political reform. Accreditation allowed the group to attend the NGO Forum in Durban.

At the same time, Parker, Ufot, Virgilio, and Wheeler gained permission from the CNN Student Bureau to observe the UN World Conference that was occurring simultaneously. In exchange, they filmed interviews and footage in Umlazi that will become part of future CNN stories on post-apartheid South Africa and environmental racism. With the assistance of the Ivan Allan College Dean Sue Rossler, Willie Pearson, Chair of the School of HTS, and Dr. Alice Bullard, the group then mounted a successful fundraising campaign.

In Durban, the group gained unique perspectives on the conference and its goals.

"The [WCAR] delegates were

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Newly-elected Senators sworn in

By Jody Shaw
News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate spent most of its Tuesday meeting on internal issues.

Elections for Graduate Senators ended last week, and when all the votes were tallied, twenty-one individuals were elected to the Senate, with six percent of the graduate student body voting in the online election. According to Internal Affairs Chair Daniel Lane, six percent turnout is fairly good for a graduate election. While not all twenty-one elected Senators were present on Tuesday, Graduate Student Government President Trey Childress swore in those who were in attendance. He also authored a bill to appoint Lane, who did not run for office while organizing the election to avoid a conflict of interest, Cecilia Curry, and Vice President of Finance David Maybury to the Senate. It passed by unanimous acclamation.

In his JFC Committee report, Maybury explained the new guidelines the committee will operate under for the remainder of the year.

A few restrictions have been put in place; for example, the Committee will not reimburse groups for past expenses or any items or facilities that can be obtained for lower cost on campus. Standards for funding public relations campaigns and international travel are now official, and the committee also adopted a policy on T-shirts.

JFC will not recommend funding for any T-shirts that stay with the organization. They will fund only T-shirts that are vital to the event or organization, free to all Tech students, and not given to non-Tech students. The shirts must also feature an SGA logo.

Several funding bills came before the Senate on Tuesday, but the most debated was a bill totaling over \$15,000 to pay for a new copier in the Student Government Association office. The bill was authored by Childress, who, along with Maybury, emphasized the increased productivity and cost-savings that the new copier would provide.

Senator Lane and ECE Senator Elizabeth Chesnutt seemed hesitant to pass the bill at first. Lane wanted to know the process by which the copier was selected, and

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Council Clippings Senate and House



By David Zisikind / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Undergraduate Executive Vice President Nate Watson presides over the House as it discusses a bill. The Team Buzz endowment recommendation was hotly debated.

Other Bills Considered

Undergraduate House of Representatives:

Allocation to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity for "A Cure is in Sight" Sickle Cell March; Author: Dusty Riddle—Failed.

Joint Allocations to GT Water Polo Club (two bills slated together) for travel costs and entry fees to upcoming tournaments; Author: Brian George—Passed.

Allocation to Caribbean Student Association for Regional Conference in Florida; Author: Tiffany Massey—Passed.

Appointments to Student Grievances and Appeals Committee
Author: Chris Kavanaugh—Passed.

Graduate Student Senate:

Joint Allocation to GT Water Polo Club (first bill); Author: Elizabeth Chesnutt—Passed.

Joint Allocation to GT Water Polo Club (second bill); Author: Elizabeth Chesnutt—Passed.

Joint Fund Resolution charging Student Government to pursue endowment for Team Buzz; Author: Laura Sheppardson—Tabled.

Joint Fund Allocation to Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society; Author: Laura Sheppardson—Tabled.

TB endowment barely clears UHR

By Mary DeCamp
Opinions Editor

Team Buzz was once again a topic of debate among representatives at this week's UHR meeting.

Management Representative Andrew Keen authored a bill proposing a Joint Resolution to charge Student Government to seek a permanent endowment for Team Buzz.

"The purpose of this bill is to show that SGA supports acquiring an endowment. The goal is to get the money from individual bodies like corporations and individuals. SGA will help to search for those funds," said Keen.

This sparked several questions from many of the reps.

"What if I want to propose supporting an endowment for another GT organization? If we do this for one organization how can we not do it for all of them?" asked AE Representative Brian George.

Keen's response to this was that Team Buzz is one organization that brings all students who choose to join it together no matter who they are, whereas many other organizations cater only to certain groups.

Sophomore Representative Carmen Jackson declared that all students can choose to be a part of the other volunteer organizations at Tech and that Team Buzz should not get special treatment.

"Other Tech volunteer organizations like MOVE can apply for a budget, but Team Buzz cannot do that," responded David Maybury, Vice President of Finance.

Treasurer Dusty Riddle said that his main concern was that the bill stated that several SGA officers would be an integral part in helping to search for a Team Buzz endowment and that might take them away from their SGA duties.

After many more opinions and statements were voiced, Senior Representative Craig Tommasello made a motion to cut the last eight lines of the bill which stated that certain members of Student Government play a major role in seeking the permanent endowment. His motion passed.

The reps then voted on the new version of the bill and passed it 19-16-8.

President Chris Kavanaugh authored a bill appointing new UHR representatives.

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Performing Arts Step Show



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The sisters of Delta Sigma Theta were some of the many performers at the step show last Thursday evening in the outdoor amphitheater.

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Chesnutt asked whether or not other tier II organizations receive such allocations.

Childress said the copier was selected at the advice of Georgia Braxton, who works in the SGA office. SGA makes copies of bills and agendas for many meetings, and the current ten-year-old copier has been extremely unreliable.

"It seems worth the money, to me, to save the time," said Math Senator Laura Sheppardson.

Other Senators seemed to agree, but the discussion about where the

old copier would go continued. Childress suggested giving it to the student organizations office, but the details were not hammered out. The bill passed 11-0-0.

Vice President Camille Foster-Lonon and Childress both hailed last Friday's Graduate Student Picnic as a success. The event drew an estimated 1,000 students—even more than was expected. According to Childress, Institute President G. Wayne Clough pitched in when food supplies started to run low. He took Childress to Kroger, and the two purchased more supplies to keep the picnic going.

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too concerned about the language of the documents they were drafting. At the NGO forum, [participants] were less concerned about how the document would be received by the government officials," said Parker.

Much of the news coverage in this country centered on the U.S. and Israeli withdrawal from the conference when Arab states insisted on labeling Zionism as racism.

"It is a shame that this issue overshadowed other important issues. The media does a good job of reporting only the things they want you to hear," said Parker. At the scene, the Tech students witnessed continued NGO participation despite the official US withdrawal.

"It was important that people saw that citizens of our country don't always agree with our decision-makers and their policies. I hope people were glad that U.S. citizens were there to show that they cared about what was happening around the globe," said Wheeler.

The group's return to Georgia Tech has not signaled the end of their involvement in social issues. All five students united to create the Human Rights Initiative (HRI). HRI is a new Tech organization dedicated to generating awareness of human rights by promoting dialogue on a local and national level.

"The most important thing that occurred at Durban was people learning about issues not related to their own," said Parker. She paraphrased Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations. "Without action there cannot be change. It is

very important for people to take that knowledge home with them and disperse it to their communities."

The members of HRI are attempting to do just that. After the recent terrorist attacks, HRI organized a peace rally urging temperance and condemning hate crimes against persons of Middle-Eastern descent. A Welcome Home Conference is scheduled from 3 to 5:30 p.m. October 3 in the Student Center Theatre. Group members will discuss their experiences and share video

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Kristin Parker
Human Rights Initiative

from the trip. Other upcoming events include the "Day Against Police Brutality," October 22, when group members will show an interview they conducted with the father of Amadou Diallo, the young African shot 41 times by the NYPD.

"I have shared all my experiences with my friends since I have been back. We must realize that there is a harsh world outside of Tech. I am hoping that with our education we can do something to help others." Parker said.

More information about the Human Rights Initiative can be found at www.humanrights.gatech.edu

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Those up for appointment were Justin Cotton, ME; Marc Thomes, Senior class; Justin Evans, Mgt; Eboni Fennell, ChemE; Noel Winter, Econ; Joey Woodall, TFE; Nekia Strong, Arch; and Jamie Wong, Athletic Association. This bill passed by unanimous acclamation.

Kavanaugh authored another bill proposing a joint allocation to Student Government for a new copier for the SGA office. The bill asked for a total of \$15,531.

The reps were hesitant about allocating so much money to themselves, but Kavanaugh and Maybury explained that this was the best possible deal they could find. The bill passed 44-0-1.

Vice President of Campus Affairs E.W. Looney announced that on Monday October 8 at 7 p.m. there would be a rally entitled "Unity Above Division" at the campanile to display students' unity in the midst of the recent tragedy.

Amy Stalzer Sengupta, FASET coordinator, was the special guest at the UHR meeting. She came to speak to the reps briefly about FASET and the fact that it is now considered a nationally-ranked program. She also announced that information sessions for FASET Cabinet will take place next week, and all interested students should attend. No prior FASET experience is required to apply.

Dean Gail DiSabatino informed the reps that the Office of the Dean of Students implemented a hotline last year so that students can report any incidents that are out of the ordinary and potentially dangerous.