Armed robbery strikes East Campus

By Daniel Amick
News Editor

Two suspects robbed at gunpoint two Tech students who were walking back to their East Campus residence hall last Wednesday night, April 7.

The robbery occurred at around 11:30 p.m. on Williams Street near Harrison dorm. The victims, Hussein Ali and another student who asked not to be identified, were walking back from the WingNuts on North Avenue.

“We noticed a couple of people behind us, but we didn’t realize at the time they were following us,” said the second student.

According to a police report prepared by the Georgia Tech Police Department, the two suspects followed the students along Williams Street before stopping them. Ali said one suspect demanded they produce money “or I’m going to bust your ass.” One of the suspects pulled a silver-color pistol from his waistband.

Ali said neither he nor the other student could produce any money. The robbers then walked away toward North Avenue.

Can’t wait to get your ice cream? ISyE class makes Jake’s more efficient.

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ISyE, BME grad schools rank highly

By Erich Hansen
Contributing Writer

U.S. News and World Report released the rankings for college graduate programs April 2nd, and Tech maintained its status as one of the premier engineering schools nationally. Tech’s overall engineering program was ranked at number five while the Industrial and Systems Engineering program was ranked number one and Biomedical Engineering was ranked second.

“We have made intentional and substantial investments in... biomedical engineering, and those investments are clearly paying off.”

Wayne Clough
Institute president

By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Music Dept. budget cut by half

By Stephen Bachel
Senior Staff Writer

The music department will face a fifty percent cut to its budget next year, which essentially amounts to only receiving funding from SGA for fall semester.

“The reason why the conference committee cut the second semester…is that they wanted to make a statement that the music department should not be funded by student government,” Undergraduate Executive Vice President Michael Handelman said.

However, SGA did not want to cut out all of the funding to the department so as not to completely hamstring it, Handelman said.

“This isn’t something that just happened this year. We didn’t just all of a sudden decide that the music department shouldn’t be

Long weekend meetings turn out SGA budget

By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

McKinney to attend globalization forum

Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney will participate in a panel discussion entitled “Globalization: Human Face or Grimace?” on Thursday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Success Center. Georgia Tech professor Donald Ratafia and former Rosalynn Carter will also speak. The event is cosponsored by the Internet and Public Policy Project of the School of Public Policy, the Atlanta Press Club and the Georgia Electronic Commerce Association.

Fraternity receives national award

Delta Chi fraternity received the 2004 Award of Distinction from the North American Interfraternity Conference. The award recognizes the overall leadership and excellence in the advancement of fraternity ideals. The award will be presented at the NIC Annual Meeting Black Tie Dinner on Sunday, April 25 in Atlanta.

Tickets available for Midnight Breakfast

Students looking for a break from finals can turn to Midnight Breakfast in the Student Center Food Court Tuesday, April 27 from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. Tickets are available free of charge in the Programs Area on the third floor of the Student Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. There is a two-ticket per person limit.

Tech Master Plan update April 20

Administrators will present the 2004 update to the 1997 Campus Master Plan on Tuesday, April 20 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 103 of the Instructional Center. Students are encouraged to attend and offer comments and suggestions.

The Last Samurai on the lawn tonight

Movie on the Lawn is this Friday night. Free Papa John’s, Wing Zone, Publix subs, popcorn and drinks will be served near the Campanile starting at 7:00 p.m. to the first 3,000 people with a valid BuzzCard. The Last Samurai will be shown in Yellow Jacket Park starting at approximately 8:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Student Life Fund, Student Government Association and the Residence Hall Association.

Technique on hiatus

This week marks the last spring issue of the Technique. The first summer issue will appear Friday, May 28.
We want your opinions!

Let us know what you think about the paper.

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In the last Undergraduate House meeting of the school year, representatives passed the student activity fee budget and cleared away all remaining bills in old and new business.

Executive Vice President Michael Handelman began the night by addressing the draft of the budget finished over the weekend by the conference committee (see Budget story, page 1).

“The purpose of the conference committee was to bring representatives of the Undergraduate House and the Graduate Senate together to come to a compromise on this bill,” said Handelman. “My idea going into the conference committee was that the majority views of both houses should be considered.”

Vice President of Administrative Affairs Tiffany Turner, one of the undergraduate representatives appointed to the conference committee, had a chance of both houses.

Representatives then turned to other bills that remained up for consideration. Because of House rules, any bill not considered or passed in the same form as the Graduate Senate version automatically failed unless Watson called for an emergency session of UHR or a graduate senator made a motion to reconsider the bill in the form passed by UHR, and it was then passed by GSS.

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Dean of Students Gail DiSabatino and President-elect Amy Phuong look over a newspaper article at the last Undergraduate House meeting of the year.

By Stephen Marek/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

UHR: Bills Considered

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The conference committee version of the Student Activity Fee budget, which was a hot topic in the House meeting, passed the responsibilities of UHR and remember the people underneath.

More important than any accomplishment, more important than any group you worked with, are the relationships you have made because that is the foundation of Student Government,” he said.

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the music away from the station would change the culture of the station. The bill was amended per the recommendations of the Joint Finance Committee and passed with two dissenting votes.

Senators also considered a bill funding a sound system for the Student Center Commons. The money funded, among other things, projectors for some of the new meeting rooms, speakers for the stage and wiring that supports the electronic equipment. Organization representative Nyere Hollingsworth told the Senate that the Student Center did not feel that the money should come from the Institute because it had already requested over $200,000 for construction. Despite some intense questioning on certain points, senators passed the bill by a wide margin.

The Senate also heard a bill that paid $20,000 to the Ferst Center for the Arts. The money funded an agreement between student government and the Ferst Center that SGA would pay rental fees for organizations who met certain criteria. The organization’s event must be non-profit, non-fundraising and open to all Tech students. Student tickets must total no more than 75 percent of the cost of a general admission ticket and the event must attract at least 500 people.

Norrville said the bill was supposed to have been proposed early in the fall but had not been. "I’m fixing that now," Norville said. The money covered commitments made by SGA to the Ferst Center this year. However, there was not enough money in the Prior Year account to cover it. Norville requested the money come out of Capital Outlay. The bill passed without discussion.

The Senate also considered a bill funding equipment costs for the Music Department. Kasi David said the budget conference committee already added the money into the budget. He requested the Senate amend the bill to $0 and pass it.

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funded by student government,” Handelman said. “This is a dis- cussion that has happened year after year.”
SGA typically funds the Tier 2 organization at a level of $40,000 to $50,000 each year, Band President Chris Rankine said. Last year, the department was budgeted $41,230. Additional funds are provided by the College of Architecture. “The College of Architecture provides fac- ulty salaries and operating expens- es; the majority of our budget,” said Frank Clark, Director of Music.

The marching band and pep band seen at sporting events are support- ed by the Athletic Association. “We’re in the situation now where we have no choice,” Rankine said. “Other sources of funding must be found.”

Rankine said SGA’s funds usu- ally pay for office supplies, equip- ment, equipment maintenance, per- formances and other things associated with performance classes. The per- formances at the Ferst Center made possible by SGA funds admit stu- dents free of charge.
At the same time, however, stu- dents earn credit hours for classes they take through the department; so, some argue that this is not a purely extra-curricular activity. The line between student orga- nization and academic department further blurs when considering the department’s recent history: According to Rankine, the past 15 years have seen tremendous growth of the department as it has incorporated student organizations like orchestra and chorale.
The program combined these organizations and evolved to the point that it began offering course credit. Furthermore, a minor is currently offered through the department, and there is a push from the department to create a Master’s degree in Music Technology. So, some members of SGA felt the department needed to be aca- demically funded, rather than sup- ported by Student Activity Fee dollars as a purely extracurricular activity.

According to Handelman, this policy does not come out of no- where. “It was an issue before, but it became a more apparent issue this year,” he said, referring to high budget requests from other organizations.
SGA refrained from removing the department’s budget completely, though, in order to give it time to find and establish alternate fund- ing, he said.
Clark said he has spoken to a number of senators and representa- tives. “They have all expressed sup- port for the Music Department and wish to see the program properly funded,” he said.

Rankine said the funding cut might hurt, but as long as it is tem- porary, the department can survive. “If it only happens once, it won’t be drastic,” he said.

Still, he said, problems will arise. “We will still have classes. This doesn’t directly affect the ability to have a class. It jeopardizes people wanting to be in that class.” He said the department could end up recycling music and working with improper instruments.

The Music Department will do all it can to avoid such a fate, though. “The department has recently sub- mitted its Strategic Plan to Dean Thomas Galloway of Architecture.” Clark said. The plan outlines the creation of a Masters Degree pro- gram in Music Technology and also calls for enhancing the department’s performing ensembles.

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a at Berkeley and the University of Illinois.
Tech had seven engineering pro-
gram ranking in the top ten: In-
dustrial (1st), Biomedical (2nd), Aerospace (4th), Civil (5th), Elec-
trical (7th), Mechanical (7th) and Environmen-
tal (9th). “Rankings are not why we are here, but the trends reflected in these rank-
ings are notably,” Clough said.

Browsing the U.S. News website revealed that several undergraduate programs are highly ranked as well. The undergraduate Industrial and Systems Engineering program again ranked first while Tech’s under-
graduate Aerospace Engineering program was ranked second.
U.S. News has been ranking un-
dergraduate programs since 1983 with the first graduate rankings com-
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The hurried process had its effects on the final budget, though, such as engendering student concern. "I understand the frustrations that people felt when stuff is happening so quickly that you really don’t understand what’s going on," Handelman said.

"When you’re dealing with money and you’re dealing with budget cuts, people are going to be upset. But what shocked me was the perception of a lack of organization input."

To that end, Handelman felt it was imperative to collect as much student input on the budget as possible. "When I just started going up and talking with people…not sending emails…I feel that the whole situation for everyone got easier," he said. "I tried as hard as I could to make sure that organizations had input into this."

Not only was a UHR information session held Sunday, March 28, but Handelman also invited student organizations to send representatives to present their concerns to the students on the conference committee as it discussed the budget this past weekend. The committee itself, however, was also affected by the by the hastened budget process. Handelman said that while he thought the committee should have been able to focus more on finding a compromise between the majority opinions of both the House and the Senate, ambiguities and necessity forced the committee to make new decisions.

"In terms of the actual deliberation,” he said, “it’s obvious that we did make policy…Comparing the budget that was passed in the House and Senate, to what the committee did—there were obviously things that were very different”

Michael Handelman
Executive vice president

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.

Iraqi insurgents shift tactics, take hostages

On Wednesday, Iraqi insurgents executed an Italian citizen who they had taken hostage. The insurgents sent a video of the killing to the Arab-language television station Al-Jazeera, which refused to broadcast the tape because it was too graphic. The death comes amidst a wave of hostage-takings in the country that has included Americans and Japanese. The insurgents usually demand a withdrawal of troops from the area in exchange for the hostage’s release.

9-11 panel criticizes CIA for pre-attack failures

Members of the panel investigating the 9-11 attacks criticized Central Intelligence Agency Director George Tenet and his deputies for failing to act on an August intelligence briefing entitled “Islamic Extremist Learns to Fly.” The briefing discussed the arrest of Zacarias Moussaoui, suspected by some of being the “20th hijacker.” In recent days, the panel has interviewed National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, former President Bill Clinton and former Vice President Al Gore.

Study reveals the British don’t know history either

A recent survey of 2,000 Brits revealed that their historical knowledge is not much better than that of Americans. Ten percent thought Adolf Hitler was a fictional character. One quarter thought Robin Hood was a real person. Thirty percent of teenagers did not know in what century the First World War occurred. Twenty-five percent did not know whether Trafalgar was a real battle or part of a movie.

Cheney asks China to pressure North Korea

Vice President Dick Cheney visited China Wednesday. During meetings with top government officials, he said time was not on the side of the U.S. in the North Korean nuclear standoff. He urged China to put more pressure on the Communist country. Chinese officials issued a blunt statement asking the U.S. to stop supplying arms to Taiwan, which it regards as a rogue province.