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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, Hus-

sein 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 fol-

lowed 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.

Ali called the police, who responded quickly but could not locate the suspects.

"[The robbery] came as a shock to me because at 11:30 you don't expect something like this," said the unidentified student.

Ali concurred. He said that the robbery occurred when other peo-

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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 State professor Donald Ratajczak 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.

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 premiere 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," Institute President Wayne Clough said in a press release.

This is the fourteenth con-

secutive year that Industrial and Systems Engineering has been ranked first in the nation. The relatively new biomedical engineering program jumped to the number two spot from number eight last year.

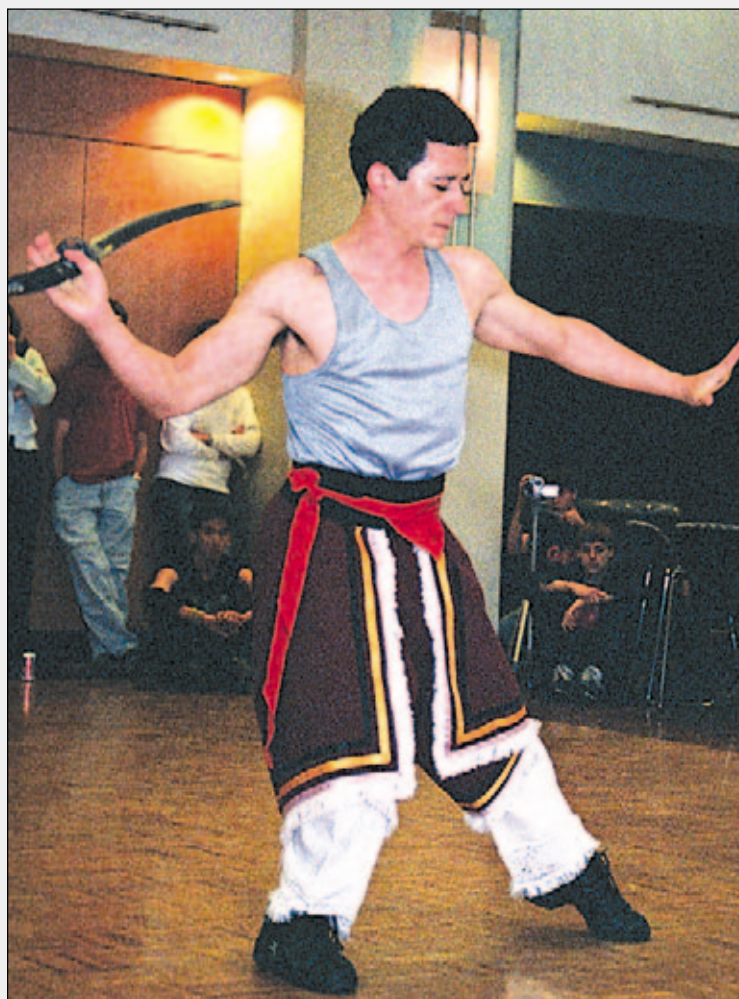
"[We're] not just a basketball school," President Wayne Clough said of the rankings in a press release.

In Public Policy Programs for Technology and Information Management, Tech placed eighth. Among business schools, Tech's College of Management shot up nine spots from last year to tie at 42nd with rival college University of Georgia's Terry School of Business.

Tech has remained in the prestigious top five among engineer-

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Plenty of options



By Andrew Sautiers / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Ronaldo Goes performs a Turkish sword dance at the Options Extravaganza Tuesday night. The event was designed to allow students to show off what they had learned in Options classes this semester.

Fraternity receives national award

Delta Chi fraternity received the 2004 Award of Distinction from the North American Interfraternity Conference. The awards recognize 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 Washington D.C.

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.

Long weekend meetings turn out SGA budget

Music Dept. budget cut by half

By Stephen Baehl
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

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By Stephen Baehl
Senior Staff Writer

Next year's Student Activity Fee budget came to the end of its rushed process this week when both houses of the student government passed it following the weekend's two conference committee meetings on the issue.

The process, which normally begins in January and leaves plenty of time for debate over the budget, started later than usual this year.

The Joint Finance Committee released its version of the budget just three weeks ago; a condensed version of the normally weeks-long debate process began immediately in both UHR and GSS.

"If we had even two or three more weeks to do this, this would have been a much better process," said Michael Handelman, Executive Vice President of the Undergraduate House of Representatives. "When budgets come late, that frustrates the entire process."

JFC Chair Lisa Brown said in the *Technique's* March 26 issue that the late release of the budget was due mostly to her late appointment. While the chair normally would have been appointed in spring 2003, Brown was not appointed until the fall.

"I was behind quite a bit from the beginning," she said. "And with

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Technique Online Voice Your Opinion!

Last issue's question garnered 64 responses:

How often do you read the free newspapers?



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What are you doing this summer?

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Fire

4/10/2004 1:11:00 hrs.
 LOCATION: 871 McMillan Street/
 Fulmer Residential Hall Fire Lane
 INCIDENT: Report of a
 dumpster fire.

Domestic violence

4/10/2004 20:53:00 hrs.
 LOCATION: 210 North Avenue/
 Burge Apartments
 INCIDENT: Report of a domestic
 dispute.

Underage possession

4/11/2004 0:00:00 hrs.
 LOCATION: 118 Bobby Dodd
 Way/Glenn Residential Hall
 INCIDENT: Underage students in
 possession of alcohol.

From the files of the GTPD...

CRIME REPORTS

Criminal trespass

4/11/2004 23:00:00 hrs.
 LOCATION: 871 McMillan Street/
 Fulmer Resident Hall
 INCIDENT: Report of an open
 vending machine.

Information

4/10/2004 8:10:00 hrs.
 LOCATION: 879 Hemphill Avenue
 INCIDENT: Report of power outage.

Damage to property

4/12/2004 9:12:00 hrs.
 LOCATION: 791 Atlantic Drive/Petit
 Microelectronic Building
 INCIDENT: Report of malfunctioning
 pumps due to power outage.

Entering auto

4/9/2004 16:57:00 hrs.
 LOCATION: 767 Techwood Drive/
 CCF Lot
 INCIDENT: Report that a black
 1997 Plymouth Neon was entered
 and items were taken.

4/9/2004 18:36:00 hrs.
 LOCATION: 333 Tech Parkway/
 Old Aquatic Center
 INCIDENT: Report that a 1989
 Honda Accord was entered and
 items were taken.

Agency assist

4/10/2004 18:27:00 hrs.
 LOCATION: 500 Tech Parkway
 INCIDENT: Offender arrested on an
 outstanding warrant.

Larceny-theft

4/9/2004 7:14:00 hrs.
 LOCATION: 151 Sixth Street/
 O'Keefe Building.
 INCIDENT: Report of a stolen IMAC
 computer.

Lost/mislaidd property

4/12/2004 11:43:00 hrs.
 LOCATION: 800 West Peachtree
 Street/College of Management
 INCIDENT: Report of lost or mislaidd
 furniture.

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Council Clippings Senate and House

In final meeting, reps place stamp of approval on budget

By Edward Tamsberg
Staff Writer

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

to speak to the House during the night.

"We invited all organizations to come and speak and many people came," Turner said. "We

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Michael Handelman
Executive vice president

funded every SGA position as we thought it should be funded, and then we cut every Tier 2 budget by eight percent."

President Nate Watson, whose term is ending, gave his farewell address to representatives and reminded them to look

past 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.

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.

"No bill will go to conference committee," said Graduate Senate Coordinator Eric Clopper. "Any bill that you pass that we do not see will fail."

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By Stephen Marek/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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

Senate approves WREK funds

By Daniel Amick
News Editor

Compared to the sometimes contentious budget discussions that have dominated proceedings over the last few weeks, the Graduate Student Senate had a quiet meeting Tuesday. It was also the last Senate meeting of the semester.

The conference committee version of the Student Activity Fee budget, which was a hot topic in the House meeting, passed

the Senate unanimously and without discussion. Senators then turned to several last-minute, big-ticket bills.

The first bill was for WREK Radio. The organization needed money to pay for shelving in their new Student Center Commons (SCC) office. John Lyon, the general manager of WREK, said that the radio station owns about 11,000 pounds of vinyl LPs. Without the special shelving "the floor [of the SCC] will collapse and people will die in

the Cyber Cafe below," Lyon joked. A number of special steel reinforcement beams have already been installed under parts of the floor in order to support the weight.

Senators debated briefly whether it would be more efficient to store the music collection somewhere else closeby, like the library. Lyon said that 25 percent of the collection was in regular rotation and that to store

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UHR: Bills Considered

Title	Author	Status
Fiscal Year 2004-2005 SAF Budget	Nate Watson	passed
Joint allocation to WREK Radio	Nate Watson	passed
Allocation to Rugby Football Club	Krista Hollinsworth	passed
Joint allocation to Music Department	Ben Hanson	passed
Amendments to the Bylaws of the USG	Ben Lawder	passed
Allocation to Wushu Club	Saira Amir	failed
Joint allocation to Student Center Commons	Stephanie Bent	passed
Joint allocation to the Ferst Center for the Arts	Nate Watson	passed

GSS: Bills Considered

Title	Author	Status
Fiscal year 2004-2005 SAF budget	Pelham Norville	passed
Joint allocation to Student Center Commons	Kasi David	passed
Joint allocation to WREK Radio	Pelham Norville	passed
Joint allocation to Music Department	Eric Clopper	passed

GSS

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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.

Norville 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. The Senate complied.

The Senate also approved charters for Myanmar Student Association, Order of the Arrow, the Atlanta Chinese Campus Christian Fellowship, the Pool and Billiards Club, Asha for Education, the Materials Umbrella Society and MOVE. They failed chartering bills for the Outlet College Ministry and Team Leader Advisory Board.

"The floor [of the SCC] will collapse and people will die in the Cyber Cafe below."

John Lyon
WREK general manager

The finished product

By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Members of GT Motorsports unveil "Car 4" at a ceremony Wednesday. At a reception after the unveiling, the team celebrated a recent victory in an international competition in Australia.

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This put representatives under considerable pressure to make judgments on all of the bills before them, and a motion was passed during the session to move all bills in new business into old business so that they might be considered as well.

WREK radio presented a bill for funds to help facilitate their move from its current location near the

Coliseum, to its new location in the Student Center Commons. The general manager of WREK, John Lyon, and its chief engineer, Thomas Hildebrandt, were on hand to answer questions from representatives.

The Graduate Senate had amended WREK radio's original bill per JFC recommendations and passed it. This meant that for the funding to occur, the House would have to approve the GSS bill.

"Supporting them in this bill will bring [about] a huge change in WREK radio and will be important to every student in campus" Watson said. The bill passed.

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Music

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funded by student government," Handelman said. "This is a discussion 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 faculty salaries and operating expenses; the majority of our budget," said Frank Clark, Director of Music.

The marching band and pep band seen at sporting events are supported by the Athletic Association.

Next year's Student Activity Fee budget has \$26,000 slated from SGA for the department.

"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, equipment, equipment maintenance, performances and other things associated with performance classes. The performances at the Ferst Center made possible by SGA funds admit students free of charge.

At the same time, however, students 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 organization 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 academically funded, rather than supported by Student Activity Fee dollars as a purely extracurricular activity.

According to Handelman, this policy does not come out of nowhere. "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 funding, he said.

Clark said he has spoken to a number of senators and representatives. "They have all expressed support 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 temporary, 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 submitted its Strategic Plan to Dean Thomas Galloway [of Architecture]," Clark said. The plan outlines the creation of a Masters Degree program in Music Technology and also calls for enhancing the department's performing ensembles.

"The document identifies our current and future needs in a number of fiscal areas," Clark said.

"As the plan is developed and adopted, I look forward to working with a wide variety of constituencies: the College of Architecture, the Provost, the Development Office, the Alumni Association and SGA."

Rankings

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ing schools, behind only the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford, the University of California at Berkeley and the University of Illinois.

Tech had seven engineering programs ranking in the top ten: Industrial (1st), Biomedical (2nd), Aerospace (4th), Civil (5th), Electrical (7th), Mechanical (7th) and Environmental (8th).

"Rankings are not why we are here, but the trends reflected in these rankings are notable," 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 undergraduate Aerospace Engineering program was ranked second.

U.S. News has been ranking undergraduate programs since 1983 with the first graduate rankings coming out in 1994.

Skinny Sliver Box

Oh Sliver girl, wont you miss our little talks when you aren't sliver girl anymore?

I sure will :(

Wont you miss our moonlit walks on the beach, the champagne, the whispering of sweet nothings into your ear? sliver girl, will you marry me?

No, I'm sorry, I have a boyfriend...and I'm graduating and leaving Tech Or at least go to Waffle House with me?

Mmmm, sounds tasty Riding a moped is like having sex with a fat girl; it's kind of fun until someone sees you.

We saw a Luke Schenscher posse sticker in Charlotte NC O' Sliver girl, whatever shall we do without you? Congratulations on your about to graduate!

How do you know a guy wrote all the GT bball stuff? Granted the odds favor your assumption...

and Team Patent This is let back into the competition and wins it all, the crowd goes wild!

TPT is carried away by the masses of cheering fans! TPT is declared the real winner and a national holiday is declared, TPT day forever!

my thank you sliver got cut short last week. boo. i didn't know slivers had a max length =)

F*** you guy who gets pissed with girls that use the boyfriend card. Ever thought you were a F***** A**H*** and girls don't like you for a reason?

Your'e only pissed because the only girl friend you can get is your hand.

Face wash and tampons--what more can a guy ask for when walking down Skiles?

Ewwwww! That picture on page 3 is Ooogly!

"no, as president you just have to get things done. you don't have to be nice to people?"

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Budget

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the budget constraints faced this year, I was blessed with the committee that I had, and we were glad to get it out as soon as we did."

Handelman said, "If I was in charge of things, I would've done a lot of stuff differently."

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 has-

tened 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 deliberations," he said, "it's obvious that we did make policy...Comparing the

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Michael Handelman
Executive vice president

budget that was passed in the House and Senate, to what the committee did—there were obviously things that were very different."

No organization was safe from the combined effects of statewide budget problems and a hurried process within the SGA, though some have been hit harder than others.

For example, the Music Department, a Tier 2 organization, is budgeted to receive funding for only its fall semester programs, and the Pres-

ident's Council Governing Board has been granted only \$100 of its requested \$12,969.

Also of note is the lack of money budgeted to any organization for travel expenses incurred, as well as other expenses such as publicity and office supplies that traditionally were funded. This comes as a result of the JFC's new, stricter funding policies for this year's budget.

"I think it's important that the next administration that comes in helps these organizations with finding resources," Handelman said.

Student organizations always have the option of seeking a bill to allocate money to them as they need it during the school year. However, budget problems again become an issue with allocations. Student organizations may need to seek alternate means of funding.

Current undergraduate treasurer and President-Elect Amy Phuong said she has been working on compiling information for fundraising strategies and aid for student organizations. Still, Handelman said that between the CRC expanding, more organizations coming to SGA for money each year and budget problems, money will only get tighter.

"What we have right now is a very serious problem," he said. "The money isn't keeping up with the demand."

The problem could be compounded if the requested Student Activity Fee increase is not approved by the Board of Regents. This would result in massive additional cuts totaling at least \$400,000.

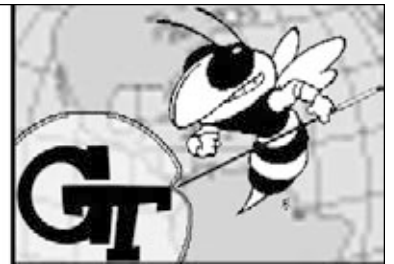
with a dark complexion and was likely between 21- and 25-years old. He was about 5'8" tall and weighed around 170 pounds. He was last seen wearing a black basketball jersey, a black t-shirt, shorts and a black hat with ear flaps.

The second suspect was also an African-American male. He had a light complexion and was likely be-

tween 21- and 26-years old. He was about 6'1" tall and weighed about 160 pounds. The suspect had medium length curly hair and was last seen wearing a white shirt, blue jeans and a red baseball cap.

Ali recommended that students go out in groups larger than two people, and that they use the Stringette service.

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 Britains 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.

Robbery

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ple where around and when cars were still driving by. Ali said he had been walking to the BP gas station for two years to get coffee or food late at night and never encountered a problem before.

The students described the first suspect as an African-American male