

**Cover photo**

The cover is a collection of normal student Buzz cards except the photo has been replaced by photos of events that took place last year. Some of the events included are Homecoming, Graduation, Take Back the Night, When the Whistle Blows, SGA Elections, Baseball, Softball, Football, Student Roundtable, the Mini-500 and other on-campus happenings.

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**The Freshman Issue**

In recent history the *Technique* has started to produce this feature-length newspaper nicknamed the 'Freshman Issue.'

The issue is composed of six sections appearing in five separately folded papers. The sections in order of appearance are News, Opinions, Focus, a new addition to the paper, Freshman Survival Guide, Entertainment and Sports.

The *Technique* prints this special Freshman Issue each fall as a service to new—and returning—Tech students. We'll resume our regular size and weekly publication schedule next Friday.

If you have any questions or comments about this paper, please email Matthew Bryan, Editor-in-Chief, at [editor@technique.gatech.edu](mailto:editor@technique.gatech.edu). Feel free to contact other members of the editorial staff, whose names are listed to the right, as well.

People interested in helping produce the *Technique* are welcome at the general staff meetings on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in room 137 of the Student Service (Flag) Building.

# Technique set for fall start

By Matthew Bryan  
Editor-in-Chief

The *Technique*, Georgia Tech's first and only student newspaper, was established in 1911. The paper is published every Friday, and is available at distribution sites across campus free of charge.

The *Technique* is divided into five sections, each of which covers a different area of campus news. The news section, which starts on the front page, covers issues prompted by events and people in the Georgia Tech community. Administrative and faculty decisions of note or the successes and failures of student organizations, both appear in the news section.

The opinions section is a forum for letters to the editor (student, faculty, staff, and alumni opinions), staff editorials (opinions of *Technique* editors and assistant editors), and the consensus opinion (the official position of the paper on campus issues).

The focus section analyzes trends and dissects statistical data in order to establish the truth behind and issue. A series of news stories on crimes might prompt a focus story on the rise of on campus crime. The entertainment section features music, movie, food, tv and book reviews in addition to guides for students. The sports section covers Tech's varsity, club and intramural sports teams.

Each section has an editor who is responsible for its content, layout, and administration.

The *Technique* has a general staff

meeting every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. in room 137 of the Student Services building. The meeting is open to people interested in writing or taking pictures for the newspaper and to those already involved. Additionally, section editors meet with their staffs to assign and collect stories. On Wednesday nights, the editorial staff is on deadline to edit stories and design the layout for the following Friday's paper. The editorial board also has its consensus meeting during this time, and the opinions editor represents the majority opinion of ed board through the consensus editorial.

Students interested in writing or taking pictures for the *Technique* should attend a general staff meeting or email the editor-in-chief for more information. Applications for ed board positions are available each spring, and preference is generally given to individuals who have extensive writing experience with the paper.

Contributions to this story were made by Chris Baucom, Editor Emeritus

## Technique Credo

This paper is the voice of the student body and the servant of its interests. It is the champion of all causes that will contribute to the development of the institution in numbers, influence, and character.

It has been named the *Technique*, a name that expresses the purpose and nature of the school and paper as well, perhaps, as it can be expressed in a word. For although we desire inspiration with school spirit, and a wealth of life and feeling for every student, yet we desire also the aim of our work and study should not be forgotten. That, with each succeeding issue, the name should become associated with the richest experiences of our college life, with our most intense efforts, and happiest accomplishments—this is the hope of the editors.

For the *Technique* desires intensely to serve; to express for us our wishes and needs; to increase our school spirit; encourage us in disappointment; congratulate us in success. It desires to make more efficient the management of student enterprises by offering a means of communication between the directors and the workers. It will obviate many meetings that are now necessary and make more effective those that are held.

It wishes to bring the alumni in closer contact with college like and college enterprise; to bring more quickly and solidly their support to our efforts; to make them feel themselves more intimately a part of the school.

In a word, the *Technique* desires to serve as a timesaver, a conservator of energy and spirit, a power behind every college movement.

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# UJC postpones hearing of 'T' thieves

After months of maneuvering to prepare for a summer case, the Undergraduate Judiciary Cabinet granted 'T' thieves Jimmy Henderson and David Moeller a postponement.

By Jody Shaw  
News Editor

After a summer that saw Undergraduate Judiciary Cabinet selections and emergency Student Government legislation in an effort to expedite justice in the case of the 'T' thieves, UJC Chief Justice Sara Cames and Senior Associate Dean Karen Boyd decided to postpone the hearing of James Henderson and David Moeller originally scheduled for August 9.

"The hearing was postponed largely due to procedural issues that existed, and because of a request from the accused that we postpone the hearing so that they would have more time to prepare and deal with changes in the code of conduct that occurred," said Cames.

Though changes to the student code of conduct were made at the end of spring semester and circulated via a campus-wide email from the Dean of Students and publicized in the *Technique*, Henderson and Moeller contended that they were not prepared to be held accountable under the new code. Cames,

who noted that UJC cases are postponed "almost never," felt that their argument was strong enough and observed this was a "special situation" with hearings taking place during the summer for the first time.

"This postponement is really about protecting the rights of students involved in the process. That is the major reason why this happened, and that is what we are attempting to do with this postponement," said Cames.

The postponement of the 'T' case marks the latest move in a barrage of activities by the UJC and SGA to attempt to hear the case prior to the fall. At the end of spring semester, the UJC selected four new justices: Adam Bernstein, Michael Elmer, Kevin Haluska, and Melody Liu. The Undergraduate House of Representatives, which approves all justices selected by the UJC before they are appointed, failed to vote on the justices before the end of the semester.

In early summer, the board selected two additional justices—Adam Blaiss and Sonja

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By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Kelly Davis, Jimmy Henderson, and David Moeller were all involved in stealing the 'T.' While Davis served his sentence this summer, the others await a UJC hearing.

## Parking leaves 1,900 applicants spaceless

By Nasir Barday  
Senior Staff Writer

According to the Department of Parking and Transportation, approximately 1,900 students and faculty who applied for Fall campus parking spaces could not be provided with permits because of a shortage in the number of spaces available.

Of the approximately 10,500 students and faculty who applied online for campus parking spaces, only 8,600 received permits.

The remaining 1,900 applicants were placed on a waiting list that will be served as Parking determines usage patterns of each of the lots.

Part of the reason for the shortage is the delay of the opening of the North Parking Deck on State Street, which was supposed to open last spring.

"There were 850 total spaces in the North deck, of which 650 would be permit spaces and 200 would be visitor spaces," said Rod Weis, Director of Parking and Transportation. But the delay of the North deck's opening was not the only cause of loss in parking spaces on campus.

"We've lost the remote lot to the construction of the College of Management and Tech Square," said Weis.

Parking lost 350 spaces with the removal of the remote lot. Construction for the SAC II project will eliminate 300 additional spaces near the Student Athletic Complex in November, but 550 spaces will be added by means of a SAC II parking garage, planned for completion in May of 2003.

The shortage in spaces also stems from the increase in the number of applicants for parking spaces. Among other reasons, "some of [the increase] is due to the fact that before, you could park wherever you want," said Weis.

The Director of Parking cites better enforcement for legal permits and parking in

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## New midterm reports ready to roll

By Mary DeCamp  
Senior Staff Writer

For almost a year, concerned students, staff, and faculty members have been working on midterm grade reports. Beginning this fall, students will have the opportunity to get these grade reports midway through the semester.

Last year, ex-Undergraduate SGA Executive Vice-President David Moeller set up JCUEL, the Joint Commission for the Enhancement of Undergraduate Learning. This commission consisting of faculty, staff, and students came up with a proposal for a midterm grade evaluation. It was then submitted to the Student Regulations Committee, a faculty committee with student and staff representatives, where it was decided that this new program would be put in

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Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies



place.

"Overall, the reason that we will have midterm evaluations is because a dedicated group of everyday students from Student Government came together and determined that they could take steps to rectify a poor performance. Faculty saw this as a technique to identify students with difficulties so that they could be given advice and counseling," said Dr. Edward Thomas, a member of the Faculty Senate.

In the past, faculty members have always had to give a degree of performance to students before drop day, but this was communed privately, and student advisors were never notified of student status in any class, and thus could not aid students.

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### News Feature Parking Situation

## Midtown lots provide parking alternative

By Ty Gailey  
Staff Writer

Since the parking shortage has left over fifteen hundred students with no way to get to those pesky classes, many students will need alternative means of parking or transportation.

The Department of Parking recently released a list of suggested commercial pay-lots across I-75/85 in the Midtown district. Midtown is an area of businesses, expensive condominiums, and nightclubs. It is about a ten to twenty minute walk from the center of campus.

The prices for parking in midtown range from \$420-960 per year paid on a month-to-month schedule. Daily rates at the decks range from \$2.50-8.50. For commuters, individuals low on the waiting list for parking permits, and all freshmen, the monthly parking rates will be the best option to park anywhere near Tech campus. But for students with a high priority on the waiting list and for those of us who skip class a lot, the daily rates will probably be more economical.

The options are limited for people who cannot handle the

expensive midtown parking. Carpooling with friends to midtown lots may provide one way to divide the cost among a number of people. Free off-campus parking is virtually nonexistent, and parking in the lots of local businesses will lead to a hefty impound fee. Parking on the Atlanta streets will get your car locked down with a boot.

The Home Park neighborhood is restricted to cars with permits issued by the City of Atlanta, and the area is patrolled and ticketed daily. With increased enforcement by the Department of Parking, attempting to park

## FE hosts campus football event

The Freshmen Experience program plans to host an event this Sunday at Alexander Memorial Coliseum. When the Yellow Jacket football team kicks off its 2001 season against Syracuse, students will be able to watch the game with thousands of others on the jumbo-sized television screens at the basketball arena. The event is open to any Tech student, and concession stands will be open for students to purchase food and beverages. The Coliseum gates open at 1:00 p.m., and the game begins at 2:00 p.m.

## Apply today for block seating

Groups who wish to acquire block seating for all home football games must submit their online applications by 5:00 p.m. today. Interested students can find the application online at [ramblinwreck.fansonly.com/extras/local/newticketpage.html](http://ramblinwreck.fansonly.com/extras/local/newticketpage.html).

## Hall Council races coming soon

The Residence Hall Association is making preparations for Hall Council elections to be held on September 3. Hall Council is a group of governing bodies—one in each on-campus residence hall—that allows on-campus residents the opportunities to make decisions on housing and campus issues, plan housing activities, and divide Hall Council funds. Students interested in running for a Hall Council position can contact their Peer Leader or Community Advisor or email [vp@rha.gatech.edu](mailto:vp@rha.gatech.edu).

## McKnight fills ModLangs void

Dr. Phillip McKnight, a former school chair and professor of Germanic languages at the University of Kentucky was recently chosen as the new dean of the School of Modern Languages in the Ivan Allen College.

The list of midtown garages can be found on page 6.

# Latest numbers from Dean show rise in reported cheating

By Mary DeCamp  
Senior Staff Writer

[Editor's note: This article is reprinted, with modifications, from the June 29 issue of the *Technique*.]

The Dean of Students office recently indicated that its latest academic misconduct numbers for the 2000-2001 school year show an increase in the number of honor code offenses. According to the most recent numbers, the numbers of reported incidents of cheating at Tech have increased over the past year.

During the 2000-2001 school year there were 191 cases of reported academic misconduct at Tech. This is compared to 137 cases of academic misconduct for the 1998-99. The specific numbers for the previous school year are still being processed, but they are expected to

show a substantial increase.

There are two possible explanations for this rise in the number of reported incidents—either students are cheating more, or more students

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**Karen Boyd**  
Sr. Associate Dean of Students

and professors are reporting instances of academic misconduct.

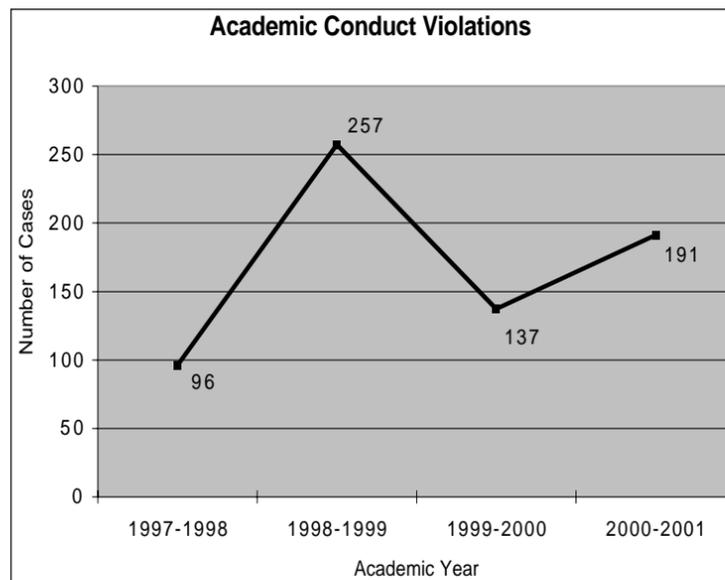
In April of 2000, the Office of the Dean of Students and the Office of Institutional and Research Planning conducted the Academic

Integrity Survey to see how the Tech community regards academic integrity. The results of this survey showed an increase in the number of students who would report witnessing an instance of academic misconduct as compared to students surveyed in 1997.

This survey also found that 81.2 percent of students surveyed believed that students caught cheating in a class should be given a failing grade for that class.

Overall, the results of this survey found that a greater number of Tech students are becoming less tolerant of all forms of academic misconduct and are more willing to report these instances now than in the past. The Dean of Students believes in the results of this survey, and attributes the increase in academic

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**The number of misconduct cases processed by the Dean of Students' office has increased over the last few years, as has the UJC case load.**

**Technique Online** Voice Your Opinion!

Last issue's poll garnered 352 responses to the question:

**"How should FASET include gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students and issues in its program?"**

- Wait until the fall for GLBT events:	12.78 %
- Nothing new needs to be done:	47.44 %
- Education throughout the orientation:	13.25 %
- A separate GLBT social:	5.68 %
- A GLBT social at a different time than the SAC social:	11.65 %

This week's poll is about the parking situation. Voice your opinion at [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique).

# Repairs begin on new North Deck

By Nasir Barday  
Senior Staff Writer

Repairs to the North Parking deck, Georgia Tech's parking facility on State Street, are under way and scheduled to be completed in time to be used when students return from Winter break next year.

As reported in March, the opening of the North deck was delayed when cracks were found in supports and parking surfaces throughout the structure. Georgia Tech, in cooperation with the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission (GSFIC), hired WJE and Associates to perform an evaluation, or "forensic analysis," of the structure.

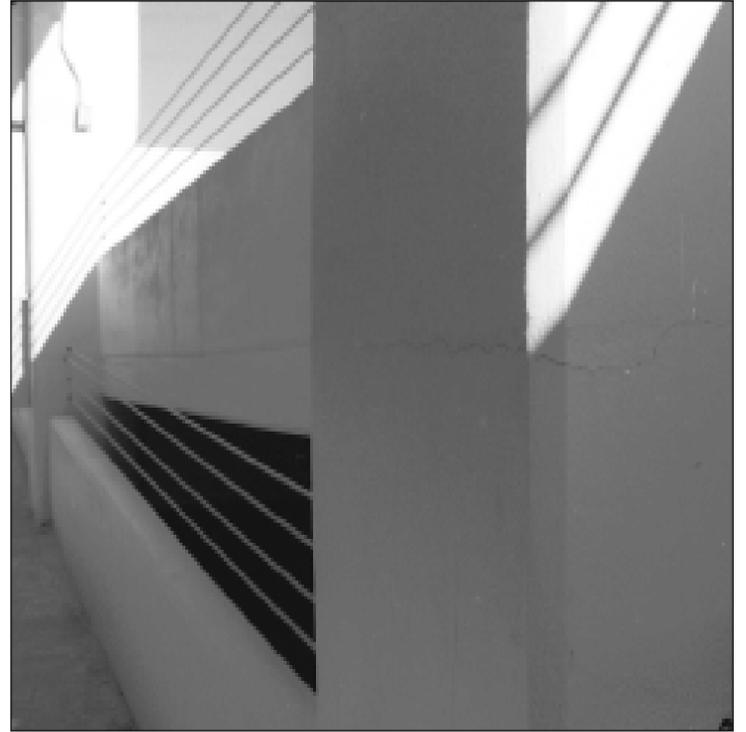
According to Gary Phillips, a design and construction manager with the Department of Facilities, noted the importance of hiring a third party to evaluate the condition of the North Deck. "An outside entity gives us another perspective," said Phillips.

The consultants determined that the supports in the structure needed to be reinforced to allow for long-term use of the deck. "There wasn't sufficient support for the structure for decades of use," said Bob Harty, Executive Director of Institute Communications and Public Affairs.

The repairs involve enveloping the existing columns with six inches of concrete and metal Rebar reinforcements. This will strengthen the points at which the vertical support columns and horizontal beams meet.

This solution was the result of discussions taking various factors into account that Georgia Tech and the GSFIC felt were important.

"There were three guiding principles," said Phillips, "satisfying structural requirements, the long-term durability of the structure and



By Scott King / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Cracks in the support structure of the North Campus Parking Deck delayed its opening last March. The deck should be ready by this spring.**

the aesthetics of the repair." According to Phillips, the solution being implemented will meet all three guidelines.

"Ultimately, the deck will be stronger than originally proposed," said Harty.

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**Bob Harty**  
Executive Director, ICPA

Walker Parking and Archer-Western, the contractors involved in the original construction and design of the North Deck, will bear the entire cost of the Deck repair

operation. Because of this, Georgia Tech will not pursue any lawsuits against the contractors. "This is in lieu of any legal action," said Harty. "The contractors have been extremely cooperative about this."

According to the Rod Weis, Director of Parking, students have already expressed interest in the parking area, designated as B07.

"A few hundred students asked to be put on the wait list for permits in the deck," said Weis. Students can request to be added to the deck's wait list on the Georgia Tech Parking website.

"We'll keep serving permits for the area until we fill all 650 permit spaces in the deck," said Weis. 200 additional spaces will be reserved for visitor parking.

"As soon as we get word that the repairs have completed, those people will get email immediately."

**Rush Week** New Students Join Greek Community



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS



By Rob Hill / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Freshmen and upper-classmen who sought to become the newest members of Georgia Tech's greek community attended rush events throughout the last week. The week culminated with sorority bid day on Wednesday afternoon. As is tradition, new sorority members ran to their houses after receiving their bids (left). Fraternity rush, which lacks the a similar activity, continued through Thursday night (above) and culminated with dinners and parties this weekend.

**Off-Campus Parking**

Didn't get a parking spot on campus? You can still in park in an off-campus facility. Each of these lots offers a monthly rate, so you can switch to an on-campus spot in a pinch if you get one in the coming month.

**United Parking: (404) 872-6933**

Location:  
Spring Street and North Avenue  
Deposit: \$15.00  
Daily Rate: \$8.50      Monthly Rate: \$80.00

**Lanier Parking: (404) 881-6076**

Locations:  
664 Spring Street  
Daily Rate: \$2.75      Monthly Rate: \$45.00

696 Spring Street  
Daily Rate: \$2.50      Monthly Rate: \$35.00

662 West Peachtree Street  
Daily Rate: \$4.25up      Monthly Rate: \$75.00

655 Ponce de Leon Avenue  
Daily Rate: \$3.75      Monthly Rate: \$55.00

669 Peachtree Street  
Daily Rate: \$3.75up      Monthly Rate: \$60.00

**Parking Co. of America: (404) 584-7057**

Location:  
Spring Street and North Avenue  
Rates:    Daily: \$6.00    Monthly: \$80.00

*These lots are not affiliated with Georgia Tech. Park at your own risk.*

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if there is a problem they can get help and correct it while there is still time to do so," said McMath.

The midterm evaluation program will only be administered in 1000 and 2000 level classes, mainly aiming at giving extra help to first semester freshmen. McMath outlined the process of the midterm evaluations.

"Essentially, in all 1000 and 2000 level classes, professors will determine whether at that point each student is doing reasonably OK or

is in trouble—defined as headed for a grade of 'D' or 'F'—based on assignments up to that point. Faculty will submit that report electronically, and each student enrolled in these classes will get a report via Banner showing either "Satisfactory" or "Unsatisfactory" for each 1000/2000-level class they are taking.

"Students will be urged to see their professor and/or the advisor in their major school to discuss any deficiencies they may have. Students with multiple deficiencies who do not respond will be contacted directly by the advisor in their school or by someone in my office with

suggestions about where they may go for help," McMath said.

This midterm report does not become a part of a student's transcript. It is solely intended to give students information as to how they have performed academically through the first half of the semester. Though this midterm evaluation will help students know where they stand in the middle of the semester, it is not meant to predict what the final grade will be.

"Fairly often students can perform well on short term evaluations but perform poorly on long term comprehensive evaluations. In most courses the midterm evaluation will include no 'comprehensive' com-

ponent. Thus a student performing satisfactorily at midterm may be lulled into a false sense of security about the likely final outcome," said Thomas.

The midterm grade comes after the official drop date, so students will not know exactly where they stand until the after 'drop day.' Their only option will be to improve their current academic standing in the course, which is what the program is intended to aid.

On the whole, the midterm evaluation program is eagerly anticipated by faculty and students alike.

"I think midterm evaluations are a step in the right direction. Any academic service that is provided to

us as students that helps to improve our academic experiences here at Tech will help to improve our school as a whole," said Watson.

"Not only will individual students get a better sense of how they are doing academically, but also faculty advisors will know which students are really struggling and reach out to them while there is still time to turn things around," said McMath.

"We have tremendous resources on the campus for helping students academically, but too often the students who most need that help aren't aware of it or don't take advantage of it. This program gives us a powerful tool to address that problem."

## Infographic Midterm Grade Reports

The screenshot shows a Netscape browser window displaying the Georgia Tech Web Access System. The page title is "Midterm Grades". Below the navigation menu, there is a section titled "Midterm Grades" with a blue bullet point explaining that a grade of "U" (Unsatisfactory) means the student currently has a grade of "D" or "F" in a course. It also provides instructions for freshmen and non-freshmen regarding contacting advisors. Below this text is a table with two main sections: "Student Information" and "Course Work".

Student Information						
Term:	Fall 2001					
Degree:	BS in Polymer & Textile Chem					
Major:	Polymer & Textile Chemistry					
Level:	Undergraduate Semester					
Course Work						
CRN	Subject	Crse	Sec	Campus	Title	Midterm Credits Level
84752	TFE	1001	A	Main Campus	Intro to Textiles	S 1.00 US
84908	TFE	4003	B	Main Campus	Textile Testing Lab	U 1.00 US

Infographic courtesy Georgia Tech Registrar

Students in 1000- and 2000-level classes will be issued midterm grade reports, like the one above, on October 15. At that point, any first-year student who receives one or more 'U's will be required to make an appointment with his or her academic advisor by October 22 to discuss possible steps for improvement.

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## Cheating

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misconduct numbers to a change in student and faculty attitudes.

"The survey in the fall... showed that there was less tolerance of cheating by students and more awareness on their part of cheating occurring. This in conjunction with a high faculty commitment to address cheating explains the high number of reported incidents of cheating," said Karen Boyd, Senior Associate Dean of Students.

"As an institution, more of our students and faculty are committed

to academic honesty, and we are addressing, through the judicial system, proportionally more of the actual violations than we have in the past," said Boyd.

The implementation of the Academic Honor Code six years ago also played a part in making students and faculty more aware of the problem of cheating and how to deal with it.

Along with more awareness on the parts of students and faculty and the introduction of the Honor Code, advances in technology help some of the colleges at Tech detect possible academic violations.

"We have software in place in some courses to notify us of similarities in homework assignments that are submitted for evaluation. Then faculty makes determinations as to whether the similarities might be the result of academic misconduct," said Kurt Eiselt, Associate Dean of the College of Computing.

The College of Computing is not the only college that considers software such as this to be a viable option.

Peter McGuire, Associate Chair of the School of Literature, Communication and Culture, said, "Each year we find three or four clear cases

of plagiarism. There are several software applications that claim to be able to detect plagiarism by comparing the suspect content with the content of likely web sources. We are testing one of these packages. If it works as claimed, we will implement it throughout the department."

Louis Bloomfield, a physics professor at the University of Virginia, used such a program in his physics classes at the end of the Spring semester. After reviewing the results, he then initiated honor charges against 122 students, including some graduating seniors. The use of this technology brought national atten-

tion to the Charlottesville campus, which is home of the nation's oldest student-run honor code and expels students found guilty of academic misconduct.

While devices such as these as well as greater awareness of the problem of cheating help to detect a greater number of possible academic violators, this does not mean that a greater number of students are cheating.

"Just because we have a higher number of violators does not mean that we have a higher number of cheaters. It means we have more possible cheaters caught," said Boyd.

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proper lots as convincing car-owners who had previously parked on campus without proper permits to obtain legal permits.

"We're writing more tickets, so more people decided that they would need to get a parking permit," said Weis.

He also attributed the increase to the new online permit request system, which streamlined the permit request process. Students and faculty who did not receive permits need not request to be added to the

wait-list.

"Say you went online and made three choices and you don't get a permit. Your three choices will automatically go on the wait list for the lots that you chose," said Weis.

Weis emphasized that those on the wait-list should make arrangements for parking in private Midtown parking garages close to Georgia Tech as soon as possible. A list of independent garages can be found on the Parking web site.

"All of them have monthly rates," continued Weis, "Do it month-to-month. If you're lucky and get a permit you can switch at that point."

In case a student becomes eligible for a permit several weeks into the semester, permits are prorated, so the full price of the permit would be discounted according to the number of weeks that have passed.

Wait-listed permit applicants can also arrange car pools, said Weis. Although the deadline for applications for discounted carpool permits has passed, students can still share permits. Permits will be offered to those on the wait-list as the Parking department determines parking patterns for each lot.

"We look at occupancy from 10:00 AM to noon and until after

lunch, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.," said Weis.

"We let people get into a pattern, and then we find how many more permits we can offer in order to make sure all of the spaces are used." The Parking Director observed that on a daily basis, approximately of four percent of permit holders do not use their spaces because of vacation days and other reasons.

"But we don't want to push it to the point where you won't find a spot," added Weis.

In large areas such as the Student Center Deck, under usage is high.

"I know that we can over sell ten percent of those spaces right off the bat," said Weis, "We're trying to maximize the use of the facility."

The need for parking spaces is not going to get better next year when requests should level off at 11,000. "We're trying frantically to add more spaces," said Weis.

*Students interested in parking in private midtown lots can find a listing of selected lots on page six of this section or online at [www.parking.gatech.edu/general\\_info/pay\\_lots.html](http://www.parking.gatech.edu/general_info/pay_lots.html). This story was updated and rerun from its earlier summer printing.*

### Student Activism End the Textbook Tax



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

On Monday, a number of Tech students signed a petition to ask the Georgia Legislature to end to sales tax on textbooks. The campaign to end the tax is being led by members of the Student Government.

# Students start off summer with 'T' theft

By Nasir Barday  
Senior Staff Writer

[Editor's note: This article is reprinted, with modifications, from the June 1 issue of the *Technique*.]

On May 20, at least three students attempted to steal the 'T' facing Tenth Street from the north side of Tech Tower. Apparently, the students tripped an alarm in attempting to remove the 'T,' which notified the Georgia Tech Police Department and forced the students to abandon their quest.

"The officers responded to the alarm and found one person," said Jack Vickery, Chief of Georgia Tech Police. According to the incident report filed, that person was rising sophomore Kelly Davis.

"Following up, there appear to be at least two other people involved," said Vickery, referring to former Undergraduate Student Government Association Treasurer James Henderson and former Undergraduate Student Government Association Executive Vice-President David Moeller. They appeared later at the police station and, according to the filed incident report, "stated they were accomplices in attempting to steal the 'T' off of the Tech Tower."

According to the report, the officers who responded to the incident also "impounded Mr. Henderson's vehicle, which was running and parked, at the corner of Cherry Street and Ferst Drive."



By Marques McMillan / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Facilities workers replaced the stolen 'T' from Tech Tower just days after it was removed by students; They also repaired building minor damages.**

"Based on what we know at this time, they were probably going to use the car to take the 'T' wherever they were going to take it. But I suspect that when the alarm activated, they abandoned the effort," said Vickery.

The students actually removed the 'T' from its mount atop the tower, but they were unable to lower it to the ground and transport it before the authorities arrived. This attempt is the first in several years that has actually resulted in the 'T' being removed.

In 1997, a group of individuals removed the 'T' and transported it off-campus, but since then, no one has met with the same success.

In fall of 1999, President Clough

submitted a letter to the Tech community in the *Technique*. In it he stated, "I am notifying the campus community that Georgia Tech is opposed to the practice of stealing the 'T' from the Tower. Legal authorities have confirmed that anyone either caught in the act of stealing the 'T' or identified after the fact based on evidence, is subject to prosecution for vandalism under criminal law. Anyone involved in attempting to steal the 'T' will also be subject to Institute penalties up to and including expulsion."

Since Clough's letter, no Tech student has been apprehended during an attempt to steal the 'T.'

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Waters—to bring the UJC membership up to its total of 11—ten justices and one chief. In order to approve the board, Undergraduate SGA President Chris Kavanaugh authorized emergency legislation to be voted on by the UHR representatives.

"This type of summer legislation does not happen often, and we are looking to make the process more streamlined in the future," said Kavanaugh.

"In this case, the legislation was necessary in order to provide due process and a speedy hearing for the accused."

One particular kink arose in the process. According to SGA bylaws, any votes occurring over the summer term must be conducted via mail. The UJC, which is also in charge of interpreting the SGA constitution, determined that in word "mail" could, for the purposes of voting, also mean email. Thus, copies of the legislation to approve the new justices were distributed and representatives voted by both traditional mail and email.

In the end, the legislation passed exactly one week before the scheduled hearing, on August 2, which was the final day the bill could have passed; the board must be selected and witnesses must be notified at least one week in prior to any scheduled hearing. Boyd and Cames planned to train the new justices one day prior to the 'T' hearing, which means the fate of Henderson

and Moeller would have been decided by a board with only five members who had ever actually heard a case before.

Once the legislation passed, the date was set, and witnesses and accused individuals were contacted, the maneuvering began. Henderson and Moeller circulated an email over a number of campus email lists asking for support. It asked that students write Boyd and Cames to ask they not expel or suspend the accused 'T' thieves. Cames declined comment on the email tactic, but it did not appear to play a role in the delay of the hearing, which will take place in about four weeks depending on the UJC docket for the fall. With Cames leaving for a fall internship in Washington, D.C., Suja Ramachandran, the most senior Justice, will serve as Chief Justice for this and all cases throughout the semester.

This summer was the first one in which the UJC conducted any amount of significant activity. For the first time, the board held summer justice selections and attempted to hear both the 'T' case and a second case.

With an increased case load over the last several years, however, summer activity may become a staple of the UJC. Any student involved in the discipline process has a due process right to have his or her case heard by the UJC in a timely manner. This due process right is, according to Cames, particularly important when, as in the 'T' case, suspension and expulsion are possible sanctions.

**PRESIDENT'S VIEWS** Letter to the Community

"Georgia Tech is opposed to the practice of stealing the 'T' from the Tower."

**G. Wayne Clough**  
President

Over the years Georgia Tech has prided itself on its traditions and used them to build team spirit and loyalty to the Institute. Looking back over Tech's 115 year history, it is clear that some of our traditions have changed with the times. In our early years, for example, we were the Golden Tornado, something we later exchanged for the Yellow Jackets. University traditions also change when circumstances taint them. For example, following the tragic loss of student lives in an automobile crash caused by drunk driving, the University of Kentucky and the University of Tennessee eliminated the use of a keg as the symbol for the prize awarded to the winner of their annual football game.

One of Georgia Tech's newer "traditions" is stealing the "T" from the sign on the Tech Tower. When I returned to Georgia Tech as president five years ago, I was surprised to find the impression that this was a long-standing tradition, since the first theft of the "T" only occurred in 1969. Like anyone, I appreciate the ingenuity it takes to remove the "T". However, I am deeply concerned about the staggering possibility that a bright young Tech student could easily die or be maimed for life while attempting to scale the Tech Tower. To those who might think my concern is alarmist, I point to the young woman whose life ended tragically only a few months ago

when she tried to climb one of our campus buildings. This unfortunate event serves as a vivid wake-up call to the risks associated with attempting to steal the "T".

In addition to the heartbreak caused by the loss of life or limb, any attempt to scale the Tech Tower or any other campus building puts Georgia Tech at risk for incredibly expensive liability litigation. The theft of the "T" also raises the consideration of property damage, which can be considerable, running as high as \$13,000 on past occasions. We simply cannot put Georgia Tech and her magnificent students at risk by condoning any attempt to steal the "T" from the Tech Tower. We have traditions enough to honor that are safe and serve us well.

With this letter, I am notifying the campus community that Georgia Tech is opposed to the practice of stealing the "T" from the Tower. Legal authorities have confirmed that anyone either caught in the act of stealing the "T" or identified after the fact based on evidence, is subject to prosecution for vandalism under criminal law. Anyone involved in attempting to steal the "T" will also be subject to Institute penalties up to and including expulsion.

**G. Wayne Clough**  
President

## Presidential opinions change over time

By Jody Shaw  
News Editor

Each Tech President is faced with decisions on a number of administrative issues, but in recent years, the stealing of the "T" from Tech Tower has become one of the more controversial campus issues.

When students first stole the "T" in April of 1969, then President Crawford, who was the acting administrator between President Harrison and President Hansen, considered cancelling classes until the "T" was returned.

It was returned several days later at a celebration for President Harrison's retirement called "Wonderful Ed's Day." Then Atlanta Mayor and Tech Alumnus Ivan Allen had the "T" flown into campus via helicopter.

The "Super Seven," as the group of secret Tech students called themselves, spent a number of months concocting a plan to successfully remove the "T." The idea came about in the fall of 1968 when the students were brainstorming about ways to honor President Harrison's retirement in a creative way. Around the same time, students at Harvard University successfully seized its administration building and shut down classes for days. It was out of this discussion about Harvard's administration building that the idea to steal the "T" from the top of Tech's administration building arose.

As one anonymous member of the seven told the *Technique*, none of the original thieves believed the activity would become a tradition, and they support the current administrative position on the issue.

John Patrick Crecine, who served as Tech President from 1987-1994, supported the tradition of stealing the "T." In an open letter to the student body in the 1991 Blueprint, Crecine said, "I think stealing the "T" off the Tech Tower is among



Photo courtesy Tom Fletcher

**President Harrison accepts the 'T' from Tech Tower on April 9, 1969 after seven students stole the giant letter to commemorate his retirement.**

the all-time greatest rituals. Waking up one morning shortly after I came to Tech to find the 'C' (for Crecine) on my lawn courtesy of a group of still-unknown students is a more unusual example."

President G. Wayne Clough, who came to Tech 1994 and is the first Tech alumnus to become President of the Institute, has taken a harsher

stance on the tradition. In response to the death of Christina Sommer, a visitor to Tech campus who fell while attempting to climb Alexander Memorial Coliseum with a 1997 Tech graduate in the summer of 1999, Clough banned the stealing of the "T" and other activities that could be considered climbing. His letter is reprinted in its entirety.

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The students are still in the midst of the Tech judicial process. Each individual is investigated by Karen Boyd, Senior Associate Dean of Students. Each student is then offered the option of taking an administrative hearing, which allows Boyd to determine the sanction, or taking his or her case to the Undergraduate Judiciary Cabinet. The UJC is a board of students that makes a formal recommendation of sanctions to Boyd. Because of the summer break, however, many members of the Cabinet are unavailable to hear the case until later in the summer, which has created a stall in the normal discipline process.

According to Vickery, there are a number of security systems protecting the 'T' that notified the police about the incident.

"The one that was breached apparently was a fiber loop that runs through the letters. Fiber is commonly used in security systems," said Vickery.

Vickery explained that the fiber security system involves passing a beam of light through fiber optic cable, and if the beam of light is interrupted, it activates the alarm system.

Once the security of the letters on Tech Tower has been breached, the security system audibly notifies the possible perpetrators rather than activating a "silent alarm".

"There is a horn that goes off, [and] there's a voice message. The purpose is that it's more important to get folks to stop than to keep it silent and hope we'll apprehend them," said Vickery.

The practice is in place to prevent students from injury, not arrest them.

"You hope that if they enter one of the earlier detection points that they'll abandon the effort before anything else happens. The 'T' is important, but the real concern we have is if somebody falls and breaks a neck and gets seriously injured."

In an effort to make planned

attempts obsolete, the GTPD keeps the security system dynamic.

"We've changed the alarm systems, the number of detection points, and the location of the detection points a number of times over the years," said Vickery.

"The alterations that have been made at times have added to the systems ability to detect an earlier and earlier attempt to reach up there," Vickery said.

Vickery concedes, however, that no security system is perfect, no matter how dynamic. "For every security measure there is a countermeasure. There's nothing that provides absolute protection."

The protection of the 'T' is not what worries Vickery the most when students attempt to steal it.

"It's much more serious for the potential of personal injury of the students that try it, and certainly, it is also serious in the damage that it does."

According to Warren Page, director of Georgia Tech Facilities, the cost of replacing the 'T' alone after the most recent attempt cost the Institute \$2700. This figure excludes time spent repairing damages caused in the attempt to take the 'T', but the costs of damages caused in stealing the 'T' sometimes dwarf those of even the 'T' itself.

Georgia Tech pays even more for the costs surrounding the 'T's replacement.

"It is costly for the Institute to have to put that back up there. Not counting the time it takes for everybody involved in trying to prevent, identify and deal with the issue."

"What needs to change is not the alarm system, not the security system, but the basic culture that says that somehow, this is an acceptable practice. This has the potential of, some day, turning into a very deadly event," said Vickery.

"Stealing the 'T' is one thing," said Boyd, who deals with student disciplinary issues, including attempts to steal the 'T'. "I don't want to have to deal with a dead student."

## UJC maintains low profile, much power

By Jody Shaw  
News Editor

The initiatives of the Undergraduate Student Government President receive frequent coverage in the *Technique*, as do the activities of the Undergraduate House of Representatives.

Like the Supreme Court of the U.S. Federal Government, however, the judicial branch of Tech's Undergraduate Student Government, the Undergraduate Judiciary Cabinet, remains a mystery to many students.

The Undergraduate Judiciary Cabinet is a board composed of eleven students—ten Justices and one Chief Justice—that hears cases involving nonacademic violations of the Georgia Tech Student Code of Conduct. It is the highest judiciary board at Tech, and it receives cases directly from the Dean of Students office and appeals from the Housing Judicial Board.

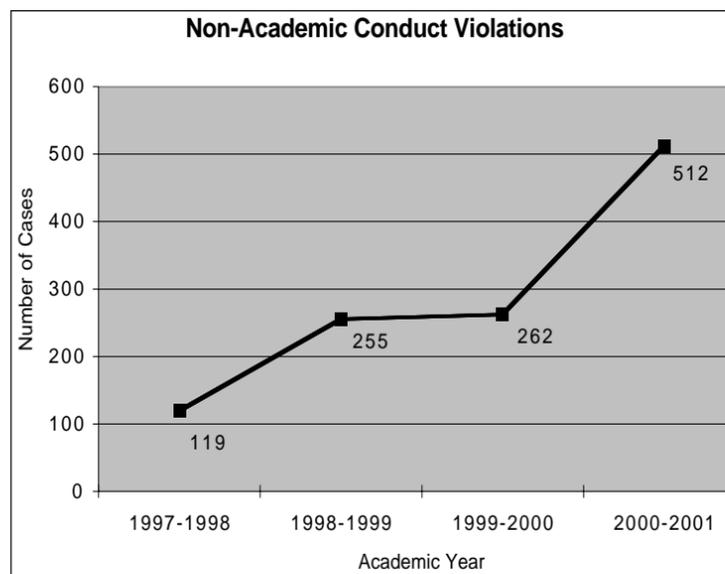
Contrary to popular belief, the UJC hears no cases of organizational violations of the conduct code,

"We want to do our best to make sure...we ensure due process in all periods of the academic year."

Sara Cames  
UJC Chief Justice

and therefore maintains no formal relationship with the Interfraternity Council Judicial Board.

The Chief Justice conducts much of the procedural activities that must take place before a hearing can be held. He or she notifies the accused individuals and witnesses and ensures that all parties understand the



Data courtesy Office of the Dean of Students

The number of misconduct cases processed by the Dean of Students' office has increased over the last few years, as has the UJC case load.

hearing process.

During a hearing, the Chief maintains order and votes only in the case of a tie. Justices do not know anything about a particular UJC case that the rest of the student body does not know until just before the hearing takes place when the Chief distributes an informational packet of witness statements, police reports, exhibits, and other evidence to the them. The other ten Justice actually vote on the case.

All Justices are selected via an interview process. Current Justices read applications of prospective Justices and then conduct interviews with the candidates.

The current UJC Justices then select the best candidates and send them to the Undergraduate House of Representatives, which must approve the candidates before they can be sworn in as Justices and hear cases.

While a UJC hearing is similar to an actual legal proceeding, there are a number of differences. Hearsay evidence, which is normally suppressed in a court of law, is admitted

in a UJC hearing.

The UJC also uses a different standard than a court of law. An accused student does not have to be guilty "beyond a reasonable doubt." Instead, it merely has to be "more likely than not" that the accused committed the violation with which he or she is charged.

UJC hearings, which take place on Wednesday nights in the Student Services building conference, are also closed to the press and the public unless prior authorization is received from all students involved in the case.

When the UJC actually hears a case, makes a decision, and hands down sanctions, their actions are not necessarily final. At many universities, the judicial board is actually the final sanctioning authority, but at Tech, the UJC merely makes a recommendation of sanctions to the Dean of Students, who then either accepts or rejects its decision.

"During my time at Tech, I have only not accepted the recommen-

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# Who Represents You?

*Below is a list of elected and appointed undergraduate representatives. Contact them with your concerns.*

## Executive Officers

PRESIDENT	Chris Kavanaugh
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AE:	Brian George
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BIOLOGY:	Brad Bolton
CE/ENVE:	Michael O'Rourke
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CS:	Danielle Dees Bryan Billings Trent Roche
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HTS:	Kristin Parker
IE:	Carolina Andrade Ian Carr Sunny Singh Andrew Hamilton
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MATH:	Anthony Ritz
ME:	Joshua Alexander Michael Corcos
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PUBP:	Chris Webb
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TEXT:	
AA:	
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### Administrative Affairs:

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<i>Internal Development</i>	Chris Mardis
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### More information:

For more information on getting involved in the Undergraduate House of Representatives or the Undergraduate Student Government or on contacting your representatives, visit the SGA homepage at: [sga.gatech.edu](http://sga.gatech.edu).

You can also contact your representative by email or telephone. Or you can attend an SGA meeting, Tuesdays, 7 p.m. in Student Services Room 117.

If you are interested in a position as a representative for a department without one, please contact the SGA office.

# And You?

*Below is a list of elected and appointed graduate student officers and senators. Contact them.*

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David Maybury

Elizabeth Chesnut  
Charles Mull  
Jennifer Jordan

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CHE:

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Chris Power

CHEM:

Juiliana Gheura

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Ruonei Gao

ECE:

Daniel Rocco

Leandro Barajas

Edgar Brown

Matt Kucic

Samira Malik

Hemal Shah

Daniel Lane

ISYE:

Victoria Studivant

IPST:

Laura Sheppardson

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Charles Mull

MATH:

Amy Schultz

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Antoine Yazbek

MSE:

Jennifer Jordan

ME:

Ali Gordon

PHYSICS:

Xun Gu

AT-LARGE:

Casey Shaefer

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The executive officers of the Undergraduate Student Government Association (above) are Vice President of Administrative Affairs Julie Johnson, Executive Vice President Nate Watson, President Chris Kavanaugh, and Vice President of Campus Affairs E.W. Looney.

The executive officers of the Graduate Student Government Association (right) include on the back row Treasurer Charles Mull, Vice President Camille Foster-Lonon, and Vice President of Finance David Maybury. President Trey Childress, Treasurer, Secretary Jennifer Jordan, and Coordinating Officer Elizabeth Chesnut are on the front row.

Meetings of the Graduate Student Senate take place each Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in room 117 of the Student Services Building. The Undergraduate House meets in the same location on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Both meetings are open to the public. The House did not meet this Tuesday, and the Senate met, failed to reach quorum, and adjourned.



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### Obituary Andrew Clayton

Georgia Tech lost a member of its community on July 15, when Andrew Thomas Clayton, age 20, passed away. Andrew was born on February 15, 1981 in Lowndes County, Georgia to his parents Thomas Richard and Mary Howard Yancey Clayton, who hail from Ray City.

Andrew was a rising junior and Building Construction major from Ray City, Georgia. He was scheduled to leave on July 26 for an internship at the Monterrey Institute of Technology in Mexico.

Andrew suffered injuries in an automobile accident while traveling to meet his parents for a summer vacation.

On campus Andrew was an active member of the Christian Campus Fellowship, where he spent much of his time. He also marched in the Yellow Jacket band, where he played the mellophone—the marching version of the French horn. Andrew was also an avid fan of Star Trek, and he also took an interest in science fiction art.

At home Andrew was a member of Nashville First Baptist Church, where funeral services were held in his honor. He was later laid to rest at Nashville Memorial Gardens. In addition to his parents, Andrew is survived by his sister, Sarah Clayton of Ray City, and his grandmothers.

### Obituary Marianna Ray

On July 24 Marianna Elizabeth Lane Ray, age 20, passed away, marking the second death of a Tech student in July.

Born in Ashville, North Carolina, Marianna, who was a rising junior, moved to Snellville, Georgia at age five. She attended Brookwood High School in nearby Gwinnett County before coming to Tech to major in Management.

Marianna succumbed to complications stemming from a brain tumor from which she suffered for approximately two and half years prior to her death.

Marianna was interested in international business, and she planned to obtain a certificate in international affairs. Marianna eventually wanted to open up her own business to sell kayaks and canoes or an art studio where artists could pay for time to create anything of their choosing.

On campus, Marianna was a member of the Georgia Tech Student Foundation, where she served on the development committee. Marianna was also a sister in the Alpha Delta Pi sorority, and she enjoyed sculpture, painting, and music.

A Celebration of Life was held for Marianna on July 29 at the First United Methodist Church of Snellville.

Marianna is survived by her parents, as well as her sister Meredith, a Tech alumna.

### Obituary Glenn Cass

A member the Georgia Tech faculty was lost when Dr. Glen R. Cass, Chair of the School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, passed away on July. Dr. Cass lost his battle with cancer at age 54.

Dr. Cass became the EAS Chair in January of 2000. He was also a professor in of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Dr. Cass was an acclaimed scientist; he published more than 200 articles, conference proceedings, book chapters, and technical reports.

Dr. Cass's research was focused primarily on air pollution, including airborne particles and visibility. He helped to identify the airborne particles that contribute to the pollution of many urban areas. Much of his research took place in Los Angeles, since he spent much of his career at the California Institute of Technology.

Dr. Cass graduated summa cum laude in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Southern California. He earned his master's degree in mechanical engineering a year later from Stanford University, and he earned his doctorate in environmental engineering science and economics from California Institute of Technology in 1978.

A memorial service for Cass will be held 2 p.m. Sept. 21 in the Bill Moore Student Success Center.

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dition of the UJC twice and the IFC Judicial Board once," said Karen Boyd, Senior Associate Dean of Students.

Boyd acts as the advisor to the UJC, and throughout the summer she has been working with a number of students and administrators to develop sanctioning guidelines for various Code of Conduct offenses. She noted, however, "every case is looked at based on its own merits. There is no 'if this, then

this' formula to use when sanctioning."

The UJC and the Dean of Students Office can hand down a number of sanctions ranging from expulsion to fines to education.

According to Boyd, offenses that could merit expulsion include production or distribution of illegal substances, repeated academic misconduct, or other repeated Code of Conduct violations.

Suspension for a semester or two and extended semester for a year or more are also possible sanctions, particularly when a potential to repeat

the offense of hurt other individuals exists.

Over the past several years, the case load handled by the UJC has increased tremendously.

According to Boyd, when she first took her position the UJC heard only one case a semester; now the group meets nearly each week of the semester. Boyd and members of the UJC hope to expand the Board to better handle the increased case load and provide aid to individuals involved in the judicial process.

"When there are meetings every week, you need a bigger panel to

allow people to rotate," said Boyd.

"The general idea behind expanding the board is make sure that we are meeting the due process rights of the students. We want to do our best to make sure that in the future we ensure due process in all periods of the academic year including summer," said Sara Cames, UJC Chief Justice.

With an expansion to fifteen, several Justices could take on new roles. Since quorum for a hearing would remain at six, one Justice would be available to serve as an advisor to the accused student and

other would be in charge of enforcing sanctions once they are officially handed down.

In order for any UJC expansion to occur, the SGA constitution would actually have to be amended. Any SGA constitutional amendments must be approved by a majority of the student body; thus, no action will be taken this proposal until SGA elections approach next Spring.

"They have been flooded with activity recently, and they need to be able to provide due process and timely hearings," said Undergraduate SGA President Chris Kavanaugh.