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ModLangs moves; cites air concerns

By Stephen Baehl
Senior Staff Writer

The Department of Modern Languages will soon be relocated from its current position in the Old CE building to the O'Keefe building due to complaints about air quality.

The ML Department moved from the Swann building to Old CE last summer for the duration of renovations in Swann, said Chuck Rhode, Associate Vice

President of Facilities. The old CE building was, at the time, occupied only by some Earth and Atmospheric Sciences labs. The rest of the building had been vacated upon the opening of the Environmental Science and Technology building last January.

"[The Old CE building is] basically an old building, and it needs major renovation."

Chuck Rhode
Assoc. VP, Facilities

However, some ML staff lodged complaints with Facilities about air quality in the building last semester.

Old CE was built in 1939 and has had no complete renovations since its construction. It has no central HVAC

(heating, ventilation and air conditioning).

"It's basically an old building, and it needs major renovation," Rhode said.

Facilities sent a maintenance crew to provide new window A/C units, some carpet replacements and other minor renovations, Rhode said.

However, Facilities still received complaints about air quality from ML after the maintenance was com-

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Kucinich, Barr to speak next week

U.S. Congressman and Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich is scheduled to come to Tech Feb. 10. He will appear at a rally in the Architecture auditorium from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Kucinich will appear at the event along with other speakers and performers.

Also next week, the College Republicans will host a discussion and question-and-answer session with former U.S. Congressman Bob Barr. The event will take place on Monday Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. in Room 301 of the Student Center. Barr will be available to answer any questions from students, faculty and staff.

Vagina Monologues tickets now on sale

Tickets are currently on sale at the Student Center Box Office for this year's production of *The Vagina Monologues*. Last year's show sold out all 1,100 seats of the Ferst Center.

This year, seats will be assigned based on time of ticket purchase, not general admission.

The show is to take place Friday, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m. at the Ferst Center. Tickets are \$7 for students, \$15 for faculty and staff, and \$20 general admission.

The Vagina Monologues is part of Women's Awareness Month events.

The production will help support Men Stopping Violence and the Grady Rape Crisis Center.

Clough talks budget, HOPE at Senate meeting

By Erich Hansen
Contributing Writer

The General Faculty Assembly and Academic Senate held a combined meeting Tuesday in their second meeting of the school year.

Institute President Wayne Clough delivered a speech speaking of looking forward to next year. Faculty members also heard presentations on campus crime, undergraduate research and parking and transportation.

Clough's address focused in large part on the budget. Georgia's state budget for the next fiscal year currently proposes a 3.98 percent de-

crease in allocation to Tech's operating budget. The final figure will likely be between four and five percent.

Clough also expressed concerns over the HOPE scholarship. Clough seemed certain that the Georgia General Assembly would cut fee payment and book stipend in order to ease the financial burden on the scholarship.

Proposals to increase high school GPA and SAT requirements for the HOPE scholarship are also likely to pass, though such minimum requirements would be below Tech's admission policy and would not likely affect students.

Budget concerns were not limited to funding from the state. Clough said federal research grants and spending are modest. Some funds are even decreasing.

Clough next presented information about next year's freshman class. The new class has about the same GPA and SAT scores as this year's freshman class. It will contain about 200 more students and higher levels of women and African-Americans.

After Clough's address, senators heard a presentation on undergraduate research from Leigh Bottomley.

Last year, about 1,300 under-

graduate students engaged in some form of research for course credit.

The number of undergraduates engaged in paid research is known to be at least 375 students. Bottomley said it is difficult to track students engaged in paid research because the individual departments do not know which students are being paid for research or paid for other work such as secretarial jobs.

She outlined a recently implemented system to help better track these numbers. By using courses in each school to denote if a student is engaged in paid or course credit re-

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Housing announces sophomore policy changes

By Edward Tamsberg
Staff Writer

Housing sign-up is just around the corner, and changes are in store for students applying for on-campus housing. The groups most affected by these changes will be rising sophomores and entering freshmen.

For the first time in recent years, rising sophomores will be allowed to apply for apartment-style housing, although the selection process will be highly competitive. This is because rising sophomores will be limited to only the 6-person apartments and can expect there to be between only 10 to 12 apartments open for sophomore selection.

However, rising sophomores will not have priority over juniors and

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Dan Morrison
Assoc. Dir. of Housing for Residence Life



seniors. The changes come from the fact that 6-person apartments have been found to be the least wanted of all the apartment styles and Housing decided to give rising sophomores the opportunity to compete for those spots.

Another change for sophomores is the creation of "Traditional Style Group Housing." This new type of

living option must have six to 24 students who all want to live on the same hall.

"We hope that this new style of registration will help rising sophomores preserve those friendships that they made during Freshman Experience," said Dan Morrison, Associate Director of Housing for Residence Life.

Morrison also said he believes that Woodruff will become a dorm that is tailored more towards rising sophomores in the future.

"We aren't trying to make Woodruff more for rising sophomores," Morrison said. "It is just that its layout appeals more to block style, and juniors and seniors usually want apartments, instead of suite-style housing."

Other big changes in store for next year will be the replacement of the Peer Advisor position in the Freshman Experience with the new position of Hall Director. This new position will be staffed entirely by newly hired employees with bachelor's degrees, not students.

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Technique Online Voice Your Opinion!

Last issue's question garnered 53 responses:
What are you most looking forward
to in the completed CRC?

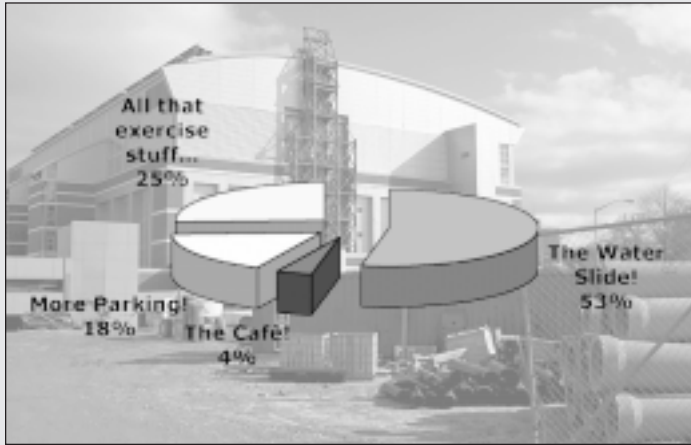


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This week's question:

How do you think Jackets football fared in recruiting this year?
Tell us what you think at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique.



Simple Battery

1/31/2004 20:53:00 hrs.
LOCATION: 965 Fowler Street/
Alexander Memorial Coliseum
INCIDENT: Report of a physical
altercation.

Traffic accident

2/2/2004 9:12:00 hrs.
LOCATION: Techwood Drive/Fifth
Street/Fourth Street
INCIDENT: Report of a two-vehicle
accident.

2/2/2004 15:47:00 hrs.
LOCATION: 281 Ferst Drive/Weber
Building/Rear Parking Lot
INCIDENT: Report of a one-vehicle
accident.

From the files of the GTPD...

CRIME REPORTS

Damage to property

2/2/2004 14:15:00 hrs.
LOCATION: 391 Ferst Drive/
Clydeck
INCIDENT: Report that a blue 1968
Ford Mustang was damaged by fire.

Larceny-theft

1/30/2004 8:43:00 hrs.
LOCATION: 661 Techwood Drive/
Cloudman dormitory
INCIDENT: Report of stolen bulletin
board.

1/31/2004 15:55:00 hrs.
LOCATION: 351 Ferst Drive/
Student Center
INCIDENT: Report of a stolen
computer tower.

2/2/2004 9:44:00 hrs.
LOCATION: 800 Spring Street/
Georgia Tech Hotel
INCIDENT: Offender arrested for
theft by taking.

2/2/2004 16:25:00 hrs.
LOCATION: 800 Spring Street/
Georgia Tech Hotel
INCIDENT: Report of a stolen Dell
laptop computer.

2/2/2004 16:09:00 hrs.
LOCATION: 245 Fourth Street/Old
Architecture Building
INCIDENT: Report of a stolen
purse.

2/2/2004 18:52:00 hrs.
LOCATION: 965 Fowler Street/
Alexander Memorial Coliseum
INCIDENT: Report of a stolen
laptop.

2/3/2004 11:24:00 hrs.
LOCATION: 801 Atlantic Drive/
College of Computing
INCIDENT: Report of a stolen
purse.

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Council Clippings Senate and House

Representatives induct 13 new members to fill vacancies

By Stephen Baehl
Senior Staff Writer

This week's UHR meeting promised to see a lot of business after last week's premature loss of quorum. Newly elected Executive Vice President Michael Handelman quickly called the meeting to order to hurry along proceedings.

Vice President of Campus Affairs Ben Lawder emphasized the need for haste. "We've got a lot of bills and a long meeting, so let's stay on task," he said.

One of the first orders of business called for the swearing in of 13 new representatives, all of whom had been recently appointed to fill vacancies in the House. President Nate Watson directed them to find old members with which to sit in order to learn the meeting process during the course of the evening.

In the report of the president, Watson said SGA is trying to work with the Athletic Asso-

ciation and the Ramblin' Reck Club to bring to students a live screening of NCAA Tech games in the Coliseum. He said he wants "to give students an opportunity to see the men's basketball team on the big screen on their way to the Final Four."

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Ben Lawder
VP of Campus Affairs

Watson also said a current proposal to move the drop date from the fifth week of the semester to the ninth week will be discussed by a faculty committee in March.

The House quickly moved on to the long list of bills on its

agenda. A request by the Student Center Programs Council for \$25,000 was the first bill to elicit notable discussion. Organization representatives said the funding was needed to cover the costs of inviting a band to perform at the Sting Break concert.

While the JFC recommended the bill be cut to \$9,000, the GSS coordinating officer noted that the graduates had passed a bill for \$15,000 for the concert.

The idea of providing only \$9,000 for the organization was quickly struck down; a motion to allocate \$15,000 to the organization found more support, but it was suggested that whatever amount the House passed would be reduced in compromises in joint committees.

After some discussion, the House approved amending the bill to provide \$20,000 of funding, with only a single "nay" vote echoing in the meeting room.

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By Stephen Marek/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Representatives look over a bill at the Tuesday night meeting of the Undergraduate House. The House voted to allocate \$20,000 to fund the Sting Break concert.

Senators pass reduced MLR bill

By Daniel Amick
News Editor

After nearly two months of wrangling, the Graduate Student Senate approved an allocation to the Student Center for the purchase of new Music Listening Room couches at its Tuesday meeting. The \$14,800 bill was one-third of its original \$44,000 size.

For the second week in a row, Student Center Associate Director Sally Hammock made a presentation in an attempt to persuade senators that the cur-

rent couches needed replacement. They are 20 years old and have been re-covered once. Some senators had balked at the initial request.

Nyere Hollingsworth, a MLR manager, was also present. He gave senators information about student usage patterns, including a survey conducted last week showing that about 700 people had used the MLR at least once in the past week.

"We think [students] deserve better than what they're getting," Hammock said. "Please consider passing this bill."

Several senators supported an alternative version of the bill that would spread the cost over three years the way some capital allocations do. Last week, those senators had successfully pushed through an amendment cutting the allocation by two thirds.

A motion to return the bill to its full amount failed. A different push to spread the allocation over two years instead of three also stalled. The amended bill passed by a wide margin. It now goes to conference com-

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UHR: Bills Considered

Title	Author	Status
Joint allocation to Chess Club	Ashley Case	passed
Joint allocation to SC Programs Council	Adam Bernstein	passed
Joint allocation to AASU (a) and (b)	Stephanie Bent	passed
Joint allocation to Lambda Sigma	Saira Amir	tabled
Joint allocation to the Ultimate Frisbee Club	Justin Winter	passed
Joint allocation to Mini Baja Team (a) and (b)	Adam Bernstein	passed
Joint allocation to Women's Awareness Month	Ben Lawder	passed
Amendments to Bylaws of UHR	Alan Bakowski	passed
Appointment of Elections Chair Alan Bakowski	Nate Watson	passed
Joint allocation to Drama Tech	Ashley Case	passed

UHR: Bills Considered

Title	Author	Status
Joint allocation to Student Center	Alan Michaels	passed
Joint allocation to Lambda Sigma	Eric Clopper	failed
Joint allocation to Mini Baja (a) and (b)	Adam Brancato	passed
Joint allocation to Women's Awareness Month	Kasi David	passed

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Kicking off Black History Month



By Jon Kaye / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Beverly Tatum, president of Spelman College and author of *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?* speaks in the Student Center Ballroom Monday.

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The bill passed, but the House was not done with it yet.

Shortly after discussion, the coordinating officer pointed out to the House that passing a bill with inflated funding in order to result in an inflated compromise amount was in violation of the spirit of compromise.

Lawder then called for reconsideration of the bill, at which time representatives made clear in discussion that they truly wanted to help attract the best possible band for Sting Break. They felt \$20,000 was the amount needed to accomplish that goal.

The bill was again put to the vote and again, was passed.

Another major bill representatives considered involved a \$23,000 allocation to DramaTech to fund the purchase and installation of electrical equipment—both upgrades and brand new pieces.

Despite JFC recommendations to cut costs by not funding upgrades to existing equipment, the House considered the safety and equipment lifespan issues of old equipment urgent enough to merit replacement.

“Drama Tech provides an excellent service to this campus, and they deserve all the funding they need,” Earth and Atmospheric Sciences representative Hunter Oates said.

Computer Science representative Adam Bernstein suggested ticket prices could be raised to help cover

costs for the equipment, but it was suggested that ticket prices are already too high.

The bill passed for the full amount requested.

After all student organization funding requests had been considered, Public Policy representative Alan Bakowski took the floor to speak about his proposal to change House bylaws.

He said he wanted representatives to consider a bill that would essentially set the number of class

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Nate Watson
SGA President

representative positions to four per class, rather than the current organization of three for each class except seniors, who are allocated five seats.

A quick poll of members present revealed the far majority to be either juniors or senior by credit hours, demonstrating Bakowski’s point that more lower class representation might be needed.

However, a poll taken among the reps asking what year students

were showed a majority of second and third years.

Freshman representatives Saira Amir pointed out that any such poll with regards to representation would be skewed, though. She said a Computer Science representative could raise his hand as a senior, yet in truth represent all classes within the Computer Science major. So, she concluded, the polls did not reflect representation.

Another member pointed out that the concern was that representatives would think in terms of their class membership regardless. The bill passed.

Lawder proposed a spot bill to provide \$1,500 to SGA’s public relations committee for spring 2004; it was subsequently voted into old business and passed.

Bakowski, after being appointed chair of the elections committee, proposed a spot bill to set dates for upcoming SGA elections; the bill passed. Applications are to be made available in the SGA office Wednesday, Feb. 11, to be due Friday, Mar. 5. Campaigning will begin Monday, Mar. 15, and elections will be held Mar. 29-31.

Watson noted that “the president...has appointed the majority of people in this room. That should not happen.” He urged representatives to do their best to publicize the upcoming elections and get people to run for the positions.

Watson said he wants to get 5,000 people to vote, up from the current 4,000-vote record.

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search, administrators can more effectively track the number of students engaged in these types of projects.

Bottomley said undergraduate research is required for many degrees. Most schools have robust undergraduate research programs, she said. There are also several federal and corporate sponsored such as those provided by the National Science Foundation. Georgia Tech Research Institute also provides paid experiences for undergraduates.

Bottomley concluded her presentation by outlining several campus initiatives to encourage and promote undergraduate research. The President's Undergraduate Research Award (PURA) is one method that honors about 200 students each year. The Undergraduate Research Internship Program is another campus program that gives opportunities to undergraduates. Bottomley also said that this year will see the implementation of a new Undergraduate Research Mentor Award.

Senators also heard a report on campus crime from Teresa Crocker, Director of Security and Police.

Crocker said crime decreased 3.9 percent. The highest months for criminal activity were January, February and October. She said the area around the Woodruff parking lot was a hot spot of criminal activities, mostly vehicular theft. The Jeep Cherokee was the most popular stolen vehicle. Though crime in general decreased, there was an increase in vehicular theft.

Crocker said that, compared to other institutions of similar size, Tech has a fairly high ratio of police to students. Tech also has a low crime rate compared to other colleges, however a somewhat higher level of property theft also exists.

Crocker said several programs are now aimed at reducing crime on campus. Residence halls can Adopt-

a-Cop in an attempt to create a safer environment for students. Several crime awareness programs have helped students learn how to make themselves less at risk for being targeted by a thief. Reporting broken lights online decreases the amount of shadows where criminals can hide. Fifteen new campus phones are to be added this year, allowing easier access to the police.

Crocker said there are many ways students can make themselves safer. Knowing the locations of the 137 emergency phones is one way. Another is to report broken lights and suspicious persons immediately.

She said that despite significant progress, the system is not perfect. Tech has repeat offenders that are arrested and released who then return to campus to commit more crimes. Crocker said one person who Tech police officers have arrested 12 times repeatedly comes to steal from the Campus Recreation Center during its construction.

Crocker said that taking arrested persons to Atlanta City jail rather than Fulton County jail is one way to ensure that criminals will stay in jail, and away from Tech, longer.

During the last part of the meeting, Robert Furniss, Director of Parking and Transportation, gave an overview of parking and transportation issues. Security was a concern Furniss addressed. Improved lighting, more police officers and canine patrol officers are some ways to improve security. New parking decks, such as the one at Tech Square, have closed circuit television.

The Faculty Assembly and Academic Senate are two bodies by which the faculty at Tech regulate multiple aspects of Tech. They decide on issues of admission, dismissal, curriculum and other parts of the academic infrastructure of Tech. The Academic Senate is the head governing board. These two governing bodies are able to shape the policies and practices of Tech.

Ask Dr. Clough

President Clough answers your questions from last fall's State of the Institute address



What is Tech doing to raise the "ratio"?

Although this question is likely motivated by the social concerns of male students, increasing gender diversity is an Institute goal at all levels.

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions has a comprehensive strategy for student recruitment that includes person-to-person telephone calls, chat sessions, invitations to visit campus and letters. All of these activities focus on providing personal attention in the recruiting process.

Undergraduate Admissions has developed a brochure to send to women to encourage them to consider Tech when they become seniors in high school. Last year, the College of Engineering invited prospective women interested in engineering to an Engineering Career Conference. Undergraduate Admissions also partners with the other colleges in February each year and hosts a program called "Futures" for women in high school who are interested in careers other than engineering.

On the faculty side, through the ADVANCE program, Tech is participating in a national effort to increase the participation of women in the scientific and engineering workforce through the increased representation and advancement of wom-

en in academic scientific and engineering careers.

The ADVANCE program... provides opportunities for both individuals and organizations. Through ADVANCE, Tech is building upon the momentum of previous activities to support the full participation and advancement of women and to

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Wayne Clough
Institute President

provide a model of best practices.

In order to achieve these goals, we are examining a variety of issues, from promotion and tenure to family and work policies, and implementing change measures to ensure true progress.... The ADVANCE website, www.advance.gatech.edu, provides more information about what we're currently working on and gives you a chance to contact us with any questions you may have.

We have already made progress. Over the past five years, we have hired more women faculty and pro-

moted more to the full professor rank than at any other time in our history. We have also appointed several women to endowed chairs and professorships in the past five years, which is a substantial accomplishment given that none existed before that.

Finally, last year marked the 50th anniversary of the presence of women in the Tech student body. In only 50 years, Tech has come from no female students to being the number one producer of female engineers in the country, exemplifying our commitment to diversity and investment in producing high caliber graduates, regardless of gender. By reaching out to female students, alumni, faculty and prospective students... Tech will further establish itself as the place where women come to succeed.

When are the Industrial and Systems Engineering classrooms going to be updated to support learning needs?

This past year, ISyE and the Office of Information Technology (OIT) worked together to upgrade the A/V support in the Instructional Center (IC). This was a "specialized" implementation of a campus-wide A/V upgrade for classrooms funded by Technology Fee funds. ISyE funded the installation of wireless networking in the IC building several years ago to facilitate students' ability to use personal laptops....

Outside of physical classroom space, *ITWeb* is an online system for enhancing the learning/teaching process [funded] by a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation. [The system] provides collaborative learning tools... and other non-traditional learning mechanisms.



By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The School of Modern Languages relocated from Swann to the Old CE building last semester. It will now relocate again to the O'Keefe building.

Old CE

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pleted. So, a team of Environmental Health and Safety people were brought in to examine the site.

"They used their air quality instruments over there," Rhode said. "There was nothing that was out of the ordinary."

Continued problems reported by ML staff led Facilities to hire an indoor air quality consultant to take a look around the building. The consultant, according to Rhode, said that there could be cause for air quality concerns due to the building's age and lack of central HVAC units.

Since some members of the ML Department wished to move from the building, Facilities decided the whole department would move again.

The consultant said the second floor of the O'Keefe building would be a good place to relocate the department. Facilities made minor renovations to the area such as painting, some new carpeting and other touch-

ups, and the department will be ready to move in the next week or two, Rhode said.

EAS labs will continue to be held in the Old CE building, however.

"The labs for EAS 1600 and 1601 will remain in the Old CE building until construction of the new Undergraduate Learning Center."

James St. John
EAS Research Scientist

"There have been no complaints from EAS while they've occupied the building," Rhode said.

EAS Research Scientist James St. John said, "The labs for EAS 1600 and 1601 will remain in the Old CE

building until construction of the new Undergraduate Learning Center in four to five years."

Rhode also said he has not personally received any complaints about air quality from students.

The Old CE building is scheduled for future renovation, similar to what Facilities is doing in Swann. "It's in our five-year plan," Rhode said.

The Modern Languages Department hopes to stay in O'Keefe until renovations of Swann are complete, which is estimated to be sometime in 2005.

"We're putting up with some inconvenience because we're really excited about the renovation of Swann," said Phil McKnight, chair of the Modern Languages Department. "We'll have some state-of-the-art classrooms over there."

Until then, however, Modern Languages classes will be held in different locations throughout campus, such as Howey Physics and D.M. Smith.

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mittee.

Senators also considered an allocation to Lambda Sigma, a sophomore honor society. The organization representative said the money would be used to fund a dance marathon fundraiser March 19 in the Campus Recreation Center.

He said the organization had already sought funding from Georgia Tech Students Managing Alcohol Risk at Tech (GTSMART) and the Georgia Tech Student Foundation. They hoped to attract between 500 and 1000 people to the event.

Joint Finance Committee chair Lisa Brown said the committee failed the allocation because it does not fund fundraisers. International Affairs Senator Jim Barnes said that the Senate should be consistent and refuse to fund all fundraisers. The measure failed without a single affirmative vote.

Senators approved two bills to pay for equipment costs and regis-

tration fees for GT Mini Baja, a group of about 20 students that builds and races cars. The bills totalled about \$10,000. The organization would use the money to compete in three upcoming races.

Some senators objected to the

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Sally Hammock
Assoc. Dir., Student Center

idea of offering such a large amount of money to such a small group. "[T]hat's just a lot of money," Barnes said.

Materials Science and Engineering senator Kasi David pointed out

that Mini Baja had not requested a budget. Most of the items in the bill would have been approved in a budget request.

He compared Mini Baja to a club sports team, a small group that also requests large sums of money. Other senators said the organization was worthy of funding because it had done a considerable amount of fund raising on its own and it does not normally request a budget from student government.

Senators approved an allocation to Women's Awareness Month Take Back the Night. They reduced some funding for publicity, but passed the bulk of the bill without amendment.

In his report, Graduate President Pelham Norville said that there were a number of open positions in the Senate.

Membership had fallen to 28 senators at Tuesday's meeting. Norville encouraged members to let their constituents know about the openings.

change was that students who worked for a while as Peer Leaders could never hope to become a Peer Advisor and enjoy some of the better benefits.

So the Department of Housing responded by changing the benefits package provided to Peer Leaders, and now allows them the option of rooming with the other Peer Leader on their assigned floor.

Hall Directors for the coming year have yet to be hired, but Housing has already begun the interview process to place Peer Leaders with

their respective dorms.

"This coming year, Hall Directors will not get to pick their Peer Leaders," Morrison said, "but we start hiring in April and have already had a few meetings concerning next year, and we feel very good about it."

Another change in store for Tech next year will be an increase in the size of the entering freshman class by 200 students. All freshman will still be guaranteed housing but not all will be in the Freshman Experience program.

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.

Kerry wins five of seven; Lieberman bows out

Senator John Kerry solidified his front-runner status with strong showings in Democratic primaries Tuesday. Kerry won in five of seven states Tuesday. Arizona, Delaware, Missouri, New Mexico and North Dakota all saw Kerry on top in their respective primaries and caucuses. Senator John Edwards also had strong showings in each competition, winning in South Carolina.

The Oklahoma contest between retired General Wesley Clark and Edwards was extremely close, with Clark appearing to win.

Senator Joe Lieberman, after winning no states in the early contests, has dropped out of the race in what he called a "difficult, but realistic decision."

Janet Jackson apologizes for flashing millions

Janet Jackson released a video taped apology Tuesday. She took responsibility and apologized for a Super Bowl halftime show stunt that resulted in singer Justin Timberlake ripping off a piece of her costume, exposing her breast. Jackson's spokeswoman said a red-laced covering was supposed to remain on.

Positive ricin test at Capitol closes Senate offices

Tests of a suspicious substance found in the Dirksen Senate Office Building's mail room Monday proved positive for the poison ricin. The find prompted the closing of three Senate office buildings. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist hoped the offices would reopen in "days and not weeks."

Housing

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Hall Directors will not necessarily be from Tech and will be full time positions equal to that of Residence Life Coordinator, only with about 300 residents.

"Peer Advisor had always been a part-time job, but students in the position were always stretched so thin," Morrison said. "We felt that it would be better to hire someone who could give the job their full time."

One of the drawbacks to this