Budget requests strain SGA funds

Town hall meeting to address possible Activity Fee increase

By Michael Handelman
Staff Writer

Next year’s student organization funding from the Student Activity Fee may be in jeopardy, following a large increase in requested high priority funds from the Campus Recreation Center and Student Center.

If the requests are approved, the $918 per semester fee, which funds student organizations, the CRC and the Student Center, would be insufficient to cover lower priority funding requests from student organizations.

Student government officials responsible for determining the allocation levels of the activity fee are holding a town hall meeting Thursday, Nov. 18, at 11 a.m. at the Campanile to present alternative plans to allow continued funding of student organizations.

The CRC and Student Center receive the highest priority from budget requests, classified as Tier 1 by student government policy.

Tier 2 organizations, which include the student publications, WREK, DramaTech and intramurals, receive the second highest funding priority.

Cultural organizations, sports clubs and academic clubs fall in Tier 3 and receive the lowest funding priority.

According to David Andersen, SGA’s Joint Finance Committee chair, while organizations in the two highest funding levels will receive their funding, there may not be enough funds left for low priority organizations.

“We don’t want to cut Tier 3, but Tier 1 and Tier 2 have to receive a priority… They are the reason why the Student Activity Fee exists,” he said.

Student organization officials state that policies to fund these lower funding priority student organizations from the Student Activity Fee have only been in effect for the past decade.

“Because the Student Activity Fee was created to fund Tier 1 and Tier 2 organizations, it wasn’t until 5 to 10 years ago when SGA realized there was a surplus of funds from the fee that it started funding Tier 3 organizations,” Andersen said.

However, they seek to maintain long-term student activity fund funding of student organizations.

“Most other schools do not fund these organizations… this is unique to Tech’s campus, but, it is something that we feel is important,” Andersen said.

The combined requested funding amount for the CRC and Student Center is $285,660 higher than the

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Family housing accepting singles

The Department of Housing expects the new Tenth and Home apartments for married students to open as scheduled on Jan. 1, 2005. However, because some units will become available in the middle of the academic term, single graduate applicants could be considered as well as married ones.

Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services Rosalind Meyers said that rentals are going well, considering the present situation.

“We are right in the middle of an academic year, and only a few weeks from finals,” she said. “Most students prefer to move over the summer, especially where children are concerned and they may have to change schools.”

The apartments will be opened in several different phases, said Dan Morrison, associate director of residence life.

Thirty-four two-bedroom apartments will be available Jan. 1, and several more will open up later that month.

One-bedroom units will be rented out beginning Feb. 1, and all remaining units will become available by March. The apartments will be rented on a monthly basis instead of by semester.

Meyers said that all of the spaces for the January and February units have not been filled.

“The challenge is to find a way to fill the apartments as they research group was named to USA Today’s ‘Most Important Blacks in Research Science’ list. Terry received his Ph.D. in ECE from Tech in 1999.

Folk renovation forces student relocations

The interior of Folk Hall (left) is due for renovations this spring. Caldwell, pictured below, underwent a similar process in spring 2002. Folk is scheduled to re-open in August 2005.

By Jammie Hemingway
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

By Amanda Dugan
Contributing Writer

Due to upcoming spring renovations to Folk Hall, the Department of Housing is relocating the dorm’s residents after final exams. All students living in Folk will have until noon Dec. 12 to be clear of their current rooms.

“The men who were assigned to Folk were the second to last freshmen to apply for housing,” said Dan Morrison, associate director of Residence Life.

“We wish we didn’t have to disrupt freshmen like this. But we displace them because the upperclassmen wouldn’t allow for it. The market makes us cater to the needs of the older students,” Morrison said.

An increase in freshmen left housing using lounges as the rooms during the fall, but all Folk residents will be moving to actual dorms.

“The Folk residents are guaranteed rooms,” Morrison said. “We’re at our highest capacity fall semester. With Co-op students leaving, graduating seniors and non-returning students, there will be rooms.”

Folk residents were notified of their dorm closing in a letter before school started. However, they do not know where they will be next semester.

“I wish I knew where we were going to move.”

Kenny Baskett
First-year AE

Registration for iMovieFest opens

Registration for the annual campus iMovieFest is open Nov. 17-24. Each year for this competition, students form teams that each have one week to produce an original short film.

This year’s contest will feature a number of special category films as well as an overall category featuring awards for the top three films.

The week of filming and editing for the competition will be Jan. 11-16. Registration (in teams of 10 students) is online at www.campusmoviefest.com.

Alumnus named top researcher

John Terry, a Ph.D. graduate from ECE professor John Williams’ research group was named to ECE Black Engineer Magazine’s ‘30 Most Important Blacks in Research Science’ list. Terry received his Ph.D. in ECE from Tech in 1999.
From the files of the GTPD...

**Crime Reports**

### Theft (continued)

**Location:** Smith Residence Hall
**Incident:** Report that several vacuum cleaners were stolen.
**Date:** 11/4/2004 8:05:00 hrs.
**Location:** Barnes & Noble
**Incident:** Offender arrested for shoplifting.
**Date:** 11/4/2004 12:32:00 hrs.

### Theft

**Date:** 11/2/2004
**Location:** Student Center
**Incident:** Report of a stolen book bag.

**Date:** 11/3/2004
**Location:** Ethel St. NW
**Incident:** Report of a stolen kerosene heater.

**Date:** 11/6/2004
**Location:** Student Center
**Incident:** Report of a stolen wallet.

### Traffic accident

**Date:** 11/1/2004
**Location:** 12th St. @ Techwood Dr.
**Incident:** Report of a two-vehicle accident (no reported injuries).

**Date:** 11/6/2004
**Location:** 17th St. @ Hemphill Ave.
**Incident:** Report of a two-vehicle accident (injuries reported).

### Controled substances

**Date:** 11/7/2004
**Location:** Woodruff Hall North
**Incident:** Underage students in possession of alcohol.

**Date:** 11/1/2004
**Location:** 12th St. @ Techwood Dr.
**Incident:** Report of a stolen license plate from a post office break-in.

**Date:** 11/5/2004
**Location:** 315 Ferst Dr.
**Incident:** Report of a stolen wallet.

**Date:** 11/6/2004
**Location:** 16th St. @ North Ave.
**Incident:** Offender arrested for driving under the influence.

**Date:** 11/6/2004
**Location:** 14th St. @ North Ave.
**Incident:** Offender arrested for driving under the influence.

**Date:** 11/4/2004
**Location:** 4th St. @ Fourth St.
**Incident:** Offender arrested for driving under the influence.

**Date:** 11/1/2004
**Location:** 17th St. @ Techwood Dr.
**Incident:** Report of a two-vehicle accident (no reported injuries).

### DUI

**Date:** 11/2/2004
**Location:** 20th St. @ North Ave.
**Incident:** Offender arrested for driving under the influence.

**Date:** 11/4/2004
**Location:** 4th St. @ Fourth St.
**Incident:** Offender arrested for driving under the influence.

**Date:** 11/6/2004
**Location:** 14th St. @ North Ave.
**Incident:** Offender arrested for driving under the influence.

### This week’s question:

How will the basketball team do this year?

Tell us at www.nique.net

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**sliver**

www.nique.net/sliver

grrrr

Ahh TBS, treat them like princesses guys they have it so hard at tech.

Does someone pick and choose what slivers they want in the paper?

Question: Why does that stupid poll never show you the results for the QUESTION YOU ANSWERED!??

The man started a war on a concept, and we reelect him!

Fine then, I declare a war on idiocy!

The Technique should add The Boondocks to its cartoons!

RAMBLE ON!

Thanks for securing my laptop GTPD officer Quimby. Keep up the good work!

Georgia Tech is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy. Wait, I mean beer.

Anyone else having issues communicating with GT POP servers?

"Making America look more Christian will not make America more Christian." -a republican

I give you twenty thousand dollars a semster, give me a teacher who can teach!

Has anyone noticed how the bottom floor of the ES&l always smells like vomit?

6 socks does not equal false advertising, only enhancement!

Hurray! incoherent inside jokes... I love how trite this newspaper has become

I just witnessed the most depressing election of all time... republicans control the house the senate the presidency and soon the judiciary.
Undergraduate House of Representatives

By Arcady Kantor
Staff Writer

The Undergraduate House of Representatives held a productive session Tuesday night, passing four bills and appointing the head of a new committee.

The House also passed a special rule of order to institute an absence policy in the House.

In accordance with the new policy, representatives may miss no more than one more meeting for the remainder of this semester, and no more than three meetings next semester.

Violators may face impeachment.

The representatives opted to allocate over $2,000 to iMovieFest to cover expenses for Campus MovieNite, held at the Ferst Center, at which student films produced for the festival are screened for the student body at large.

The bill drew a great deal of discussion as Matthew Taylor, the organizational representative, had requested nearly $1,000 dollars for funding purchases of mini-DV tapes for the recording of the films, DVDs for distribution of the created films to each participating team, and slim cases for those DVDs.

JFC recommended cutting the $306.72 requested for the DVD-related expenses from the bill entirely and only covering $50 for the mini-DV tapes. The bill was further amended to deny funding the DVDs and cases, arguing that in the past the festival had posted movies online in Quicktime format.

Taylor explained that the DVDs were necessary so teams could preserve high-quality versions of their and others’ work, but the under-graduates did not feel this justified the cost, saying that anyone who wanted a DVD should be able to get one by paying for it.

They did, however, decide to fund the mini-DV tapes in their entirety, as Taylor explained they could not reuse tapes from previous years because they kept them for archival purposes. Halted costs of archiving in a format other than on the tapes would be prohibitive, as each tape would translate into gigabytes of video at full quality.

Anthony DeCinquè asked for money for the Mock Trial Club for travel expenses to two invitational tournaments at UHR this week.

The committee suggested cutting the mini-DV expenses to $828.50. The bill was further amended to cut poster costs from the requested $32 to $18 and then passed.

The senators also passed a bill allocating $828.50 to the Georgia

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Graduate Student Senate

Grads allocate funds to annual iMovieFest

By Shan Sharif
Contributing Writer

The Graduate Student Senate passed three bills Tuesday morning, including an allocation to this year’s iMovieFest.

Most of the meeting’s discussion focused on the iMovieFest bill. The organization representative stated that there was an exponential increase in participation in recent years.

This year, he said, between 1,200 and 1,500 participants are expected—up from 1,000 last year.

He went on to say that, based on the number of participants expected and the estimated cost of the event, only ten percent of the total cost per person was requested in their SGA bill. The organization asked SGA for only $3 per person while the event usually costs about $50 per person. Outside sources, such as sponsors and fundraising, will make up the difference.

Unlike last year, Delta Airlines did not sponsor the event. The organizers are seeking other outside sponsors.

“The main debate on the bill dealt with the portion of media-related expenses SGA would fund. The Joint Finance Committee’s policy regarding these expenses is to cap them to at $50. The representative countered, ‘I understand the need for JFC policies… however, in defense, this event is reliant on media [related expenses] each year,’ he said.

Senators Ed Greco agreed that limiting forms of media would hurt the event because media is so vital to creating films. He went on to say that, based on committee policies, SGA could allocate a maximum of $50 a year towards media costs for any given organization. As such, JFC recommended cutting the DVD-related expenses from the bill entirely and only covering $50 of the $306.72 requested for the mini-DV tapes.

This modification met strong resistance from representatives who argued that iMovieFest was a media-centric event and as such should not be limited by the $50 funding limit. Despite this, representatives voted to amend the bill to deny funding the DVDs and cases, arguing that in the past the festival had posted movies online in Quicktime format.

Joint Finance Committee’s policy is to limit the forms of media that SGA would fund. The Graduate Student Senate discussed what the SGA could allocate for the festival.

SGA could allocate a maximum of $828.50 to the Georgia

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SLIVER

www.unicode.net/sliver

I just wrote an email to one of my professors. It started with Prof. Riley dude, and ended with - love, erik
Is it just me, or is it really impossible to code sobet?
I voted for Nader.

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expenses to two invitational tournaments. JFC’s recommendation on the case for each team.

"We don't have much money to allocate, and we don't want them to request clothing that might not fit their members next year."

David Andersen, JFC chair, said, "We don't have much money to allocate, and we don't want them to request clothing that might not fit their members next year."

After making amendments to match the organization's requests and JFC’s recommendations, the bill was passed.

The Tennis Club introduced a bill that was also passed after being amended. JFC decided to drop funding for court fees, tennis balls, stringing, shoes and grips. Stringing, shoes, and grips were dropped because JFC policy states that personal equipment cannot be funded.

The Senate also passed a bill paying for the travel expenses for the Men's Soccer Club to attend a national tournament in Austin, Texas.
Building expansions and operations have attributed their increased Tier 1 requests from the previous year, the amount of Tier 1 requests have increased by an additional 12 percent this year. Representatives from the Tier 1 organizations have attributed their increased budget requests to recent building expansions and operations costs from additional facilities made available through the expansions. In a presentation to the Undergraduate House of Representatives and Graduate Student Senate, officials from the Campus Recreation Center attributed increased budget requests to additional risk management requirements, and increased customer service-level staffing.

Campus recreation funding requests also included money to cover an extension of the facility’s hours of operation; an earlier opening time on weekdays, later closing time on weekends, and availability during home football games are all planned. The increase in Student Center funding is exclusively for the operation of the Student Center building, funding for Student Center programs and activities falls under the lower priority Tier 2.

The Student Center’s increased budget request is attributed to the construction and operation of the recently completed Student Center Commons. "We are finding that the volume of business from the expanded Student Center is tremendous, and there is a requirement for additional administrative support," said Student Center Director Rich Steele.

"We put in a request to have more personnel, we have more rooms, more room bookings...Another reason is that due to the number of computers, we were required to have our computer support positions be a full-time position," said Student Center Treasurer David Ziskind. Information regarding the increased Tier 1 fund requests and the subsequent impact on lower tier student organizations will be presented at the planned town hall meeting.

“We are having a town hall meeting next Thursday, Nov. 18, so that the students can decide for themselves how they want the future of the Student Activity Fee to be handled,” Anderson said.

Funding options presented by student government are to either increase the Student Activity Fee or leave things as they are and risk having little to no funding for many student organizations within Tier 3.

“In order to continue funding Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 organizations at a sustainable level that they require, it looks as though we would have to have a Student Activity Fee increase of at least $10 per semester, beginning the next fiscal year,” Anderson said.

Anderson posed some of the questions that will be raised at Tech students at next week’s town hall meeting.

"Do they want to sustain a fee increase to continue to fund Tier 3 sports club, culture clubs, and other organizations which do impact this campus...and to provide the student life that so many people are looking for?" he said.

"Or do we want to have the Student Activity Fee to remain at the same rate it is already at...which would mean cutting Tier 3, and being able to fund Tier 1 and Tier 2 at their full capacity?" he asked.

Andersen encouraged students to voice their opinion on the upcoming budget requests, saying, "this is the students’ money, and they should have a say in how their money is being allocated.”

The apartments are not designed for single individuals,” Meyers said. She compared the facility housing in Burge, the existing Tech facility that houses Tech students at next week’s town hall meeting.

“We are considering opening up the apartments to temporary renters, such as visiting faculty.”

Dan Morrison
Assoc. dir., Residence Life

families. “I will be like Burge in that it’s for families, but Burge is an older, less attractive building with very little play space outdoors,” she said.

By opening Tenth and Home in 2005, Morrison said, Tech aims to encourage the growth of the graduate student population.

He said, “Acampuses like MIT’s, there are about two graduate students for every undergraduate student. At Georgia Tech, there is almost the reverse. We want to change this.”

According to Morrison, the convenience of the Tenth and Home building appeals to graduate students with families—it is on-campus and fills their needs by providing facilities for children, such as play areas.

Beginning with the fall semester, Meyers said, single graduate applicants will no longer be considered. The leases of single graduate students who already live in Tenth and Home will not be terminated, but the vacant units will be filled by married students.

Shut up with the broccoli. If you want pepperoni and bullets, you’ve come to right place. So all that talk about “celebrating diversity” — what about celebrating diversity among courses of study, or does that just not count at this school for some reason? Blah.

Is Lauren single?
Fine if’s
Calvin, my one friend wants to be
Calvin, my one friend wants P
Currently I loathe Republicans... seriously, the sliver should be politics free... way to be douches about the whole situation - oh and I’m not a Democrat. ....I meant to say, “I like your boots” bitch bitch bitch, moan moan moan... give me some more slivers, bitches if im news editor, you have to be my bitch. no, no, no, you have no idea what you are talking about. we’ll learn to open the doors when you learn to say thank you!!! I love you hao... happy birthday!!!
You think the Republicans are trying to offend? You think the Pride Alliance doesn’t offend anyone? I love the crisp weather... Aw man oh man. I got such an ugly date tonight... Could everyone stop bitching/gloating about the election? And by everyone... I mean everyone. Wednesday Parties for the sake of Wednesdays are great.

No Promiscuity? Obviously you haven’t met my roomate. thermodynamics test= ass raping physics departments= ass raper Hi Jessica from up in brownsville, Pa someone thinks your hot....
Burglary is never a comforting thought, but for many Tech students, the thought is especially unsettling because it involves their personal belongings sent through the post office. There have been six instances since the beginning of this semester of burglary at the Tech post office, the most recent of which was reported Oct. 26.

Postal services manager Morris Power said, "We've had a string of break-ins…where someone broke the outside window and stole some of the packages."

According to Power, most of what was stolen from the office is electronics. Officer Carla Cook of the Tech Crime Prevention Unit confirmed this. "Burglars will usually steal electronics to sell on the street," she said.

She also emphasized that the possibility also exists that personal information from credit cards and other forms of identification could potentially be items of concern. If these items were to be stolen, the potential consequences to the victim could be as real as any other package theft.

Some of the police reports specify that items such as passports have been stolen already. This kind of theft is a matter of concern for some students. Upon hearing of the problems concerning theft, first-year Electrical Engineering major Matthew Habib said, "Something needs to be done."

Habib and other students are not alone in their concerns. The Tech Police Department is currently conducting an investigation into who has committed these robberies, and the post office has taken strides toward extra security measures.

So far, both the Tech Police Department and post office are taking these events seriously and will continue to work together to ensure the safety of students' belongings.

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**Ask Dr. Clough**

Institute President Wayne Clough answers your questions from the State of the Institute address.

SGA has to continually cut funds from student organizations, including club athletic teams. What do you plan to do to fix the funding problems for the organizations that are so important to student life?

Improving the quality of student life remains an ongoing goal at Georgia Tech, and there are signs that we are making progress. Recent reviews in the Kaplan guide and other similar publications verify this. Working with students in the planning process, we have made significant investments that are changing things for the better, including:

- A new state-of-the-art Campus Recreation Center
- New Student Center Commons
- Longer hours than any dining facility before
- New Student Health Center
- Renovation of Couch for music programs
- Design of Tech Square to be student friendly and create a "college town" feel
- Opening the campus "green"
- Enhanced student organization access to facilities
- Woodruff Dining Hall renovation
- Creation of the student life fund

"Improving the quality of student life remains an ongoing goal at Georgia Tech."

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**SLIVER**

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My boyfriend also says I have a weird obsession with the silver box. This message is for the arrogant CS moron. "Alumna" is the feminine singular form, "Alumni" is the plural, and "alumnus" is the singular male form.

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saying that they do not believe the suspect is a student because of the forced entry. “Rarely do we find that students commit these crimes,” Cook said. The actions that students can take in these matters of crime are limited, according to Cook. It is recommended that students do not give out a mail box combination to anyone.

Furthermore, students should retrieve packages as soon as possible after receiving an email notification of a package arrival to minimize the window of opportunity for theft of personal articles. “Check your mail box daily… other than that there’s not much you can do regarding security,” Cook said.

Students can contribute to the heightened security measures as well by keeping a watchful eye out for suspicious activity when around the post office. “If you see any suspicious characters wandering around the post office after normal operating hours, call the Tech Police and let us know immediately,” Cook said. The number is 894-2500.

Although this case has not been officially solved, Cook reported that one of Tech’s repeat offenders, a suspect that has been known to commit crimes of this sort, was arrested in the past week.

She went on to say that she believes the crimes surrounding the theft of items from the post office will decrease with this recent arrest.

Breaking the Bubble

A lot of things went on outside Technology during the past week. Here are a few important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

NASCAR allows hard-liquor advertisement

NASCAR lifted a ban on hard-liquor ads on its cars, saying that attitudes and times have changed since the era when the ban was put into place.

The restrictions on hard-liquor ads were originally put into place in effort to change the sport’s image — from that of southern moonshine runners to a modern family-oriented sport.

Halo 2 makes debut

Fans throughout the country queued up to be among the first to be able to purchase and play the long-awaited sequel to the game that set the standard for online console gaming: Halo 2. According to MTV news, the “Halo 2 Flu” has struck, causing many workers to call in sick and sequester themselves in their respective living rooms. During the first day of its debut, 108,000 unique users were already online trying to blast each other’s brains out. More than 1.5 million copies of the game were sold through pre-sale, and Microsoft raked in an estimated $100 million in the first day of regular sales.

Ashcroft steps down

Attorney General John Ashcroft announced his resignation on Tuesday. Aides cite declining health as one reason for his departure. President Bush has nominated White House legal counsel Alberto Gonzales to replace Ashcroft. If confirmed by the Senate, Gonzales will be the first Hispanic American appointed to this position.

A former Texas Supreme Court justice appointed by then-Gov. Bush, Gonzales has a long history of ties to Bush, including serving as a Justice of the State Supreme Court of Texas and being named to White House counsel in January 2001.

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