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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 \$98 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 fee 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 \$283,680 higher than the

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By Ethan Trewitt / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

ME, Robot: Mechanical Engineering sophomores demonstrate the culmination of their hard work at this year's annual ME 2110 robotics competition on the first floor of the MARC building on Tuesday.

Family housing accepting singles

By Nikhil Joshi
Contributing Writer

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 become available," Morrison said. "Since classes will have already begun, students will be less likely to relocate."

He added that the Department of Housing would have to "be creative in looking at who is eligible to apply." Some opportunities could arise, Morrison said, for students who would not be allowed to live in Tenth and Home otherwise—especially single graduate students.

"We will be considering applications from single graduate students

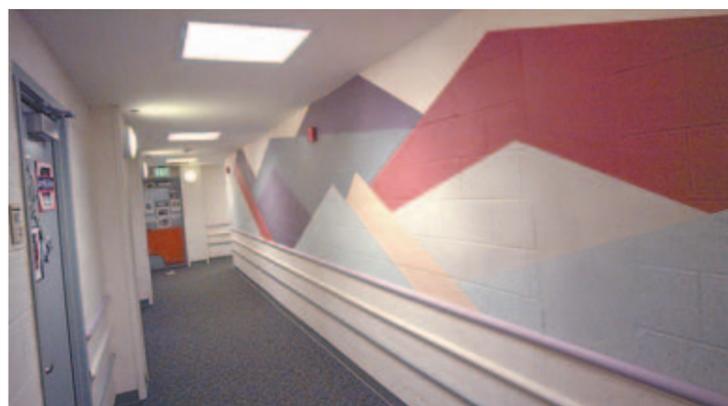
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Folk renovation forces student relocations



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 Jamie Howell / 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 flex rooms during the fall, but all Folk residents will be moving to actual dorms.

"The Folk residents are guaranteed rooms," Morrison said. "We are 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

"I wish I knew where we were going to move," said Kenny Baskett, first-year Aerospace Engineering major. "Between classes and not knowing where or with whom I'm rooming, I'm pretty stressed."

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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.

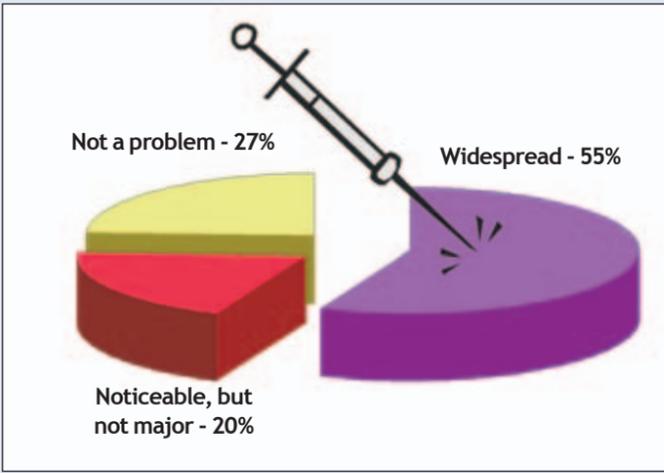
The week of filming and editing for the competition will be Jan. 11-16. Registration (in teams of 10 students) is online at www.campusmoviefest.com.

Alumnus named top researcher

John Terry, a Ph.D. graduate from ECE professor John Williams' research group was named to *U.S. Black Engineer Magazine's* 50 Most Important Blacks in Research Science list. Terry received his Ph.D. in ECE from Tech in 1999.

Technique Online Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 211 responses.
How big of a problem is campus drug use?



By Lauren Griffin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:
How will the basketball team do this year?
 Tell us at www.nique.net



From the files of the GTPD...

Crime Reports

Controlled substances

11/7/2004 5:25:00 hrs.
Location: Woodruff Hall North
Incident: Underage students in possession of alcohol.

Theft

11/2/2004 10:48:00 hrs.
Location: Student Center
Incident: Report of a stolen book-bag.

11/3/2004 16:36:00 hrs.
Location: Ethel St. NW
Incident: Report of a stolen kerosene heater.

Theft (continued)

11/4/2004 8:26:00 hrs.
Location: Smith Residence Hall
Incident: Report that several vacuum cleaners were stolen.

11/4/2004 12:32:00 hrs.
Location: Barnes & Noble
Incident: Offender arrested for shoplifting.

11/4/2004 16:54:00 hrs.
Location: 351 Ferst Dr.
Incident: Report of a stolen license plate from a post office break-in.

11/5/2004 9:23:00 hrs.
Location: CRC women's locker room
Incident: Report of a stolen wallet.

11/6/2004 16:40:00 hrs.
Location: Student Center
Incident: Report of a stolen wallet.

DUI

11/2/2004 20:34:00 hrs.
Location: 14th St. @ North Ave.
Incident: Offender arrested for driving under the influence.

11/4/2004 4:21:00 hrs.
Location: Techwood Dr. @ Fourth St.
Incident: Offender arrested for driving under the influence.

Traffic accident

11/1/2004 17:28:00 hrs.
Location: Fifth St./Fowler St./Techwood Dr.
Incident: Report of a two-vehicle accident (no reported injuries).

11/6/2004 1:40:00 hrs.
Location: Tenth St. @ Hemphill Ave.
Incident: Report of a two-vehicle accident (injuries reported).

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grrrh
 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!

never do a hands on lab with your significant other
 SGA wants us to participate in a contact sport without anything to protect our bodies? awesome

There needs to be a web site that lists all the cool homepark parties coming up.
 Uuuuhhh, I don't know about game night....

At the vollyball game I was shouting "SAVE THE BAR-BELL CLUB!"

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 f-ing eight thousand dollars a semester, give me a teacher who can teach!

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

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.

Council Clippings



Each week, elected members of the houses of the Student Government Association (SGA) meet to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings.

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 \$30 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 or-

"Just a reminder—JFC is a recommendation."

Ed Greco
Physics senator

ganizers 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.

Senator Ed Greco agreed that limiting forms of media would hurt the event because media is so vital to

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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 sober?
I voted for Nader.

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Undergraduate House of Representatives

UHR caps maximum absences

By Arcadiy 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 rep, 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 Chair David Andersen said that according to 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



By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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

amend the bill 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 undergraduates 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. He stated costs of archiving in a format other than on the tapes would be prohibitive, as each tape

Bills passed

- Special rule of order
- Joint allocation to Men's Club Soccer
- Joint allocation to Outdoor Recreation Georgia Tech (ORGT)
- Joint allocation to iMovieFest
- Joint allocation to Mock Trial Club

would translate into gigabytes of video at full quality.

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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By Michael Skinner / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Caution-Wet Floor: Students in the Glenn dormitories rush to save what they can from damage resulting from a flood of water in the hallways Sunday. The flood was caused by a burst pipe.

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Tech Mock Trial Club for travel expenses to two invitational tournaments the team planned to attend. The bill drew some discussion as the organization asked for \$190 to fund "case demonstratives," various props to assist in the presentation of the case for each team.

JFC misinterpreted the function of the demonstratives as advertising posters and as such had recommended cutting funding to \$18.

The representatives did not follow JFC's recommendation on the demonstratives, but they did agree

that the lodging costs the club had requested should not be funded. The bill was passed after being amended to remove the allocation of the hotel expenses.

Also passed was a bill to cover travel costs to a tournament for the men's soccer team.

The House then proceeded to discuss the formation of the Executive Nominations Committee, which would be tasked with questioning committee chair appointees and making recommendations as to whether they should be approved or not.

"We get a list of 20 names saying which committee they're going to be

chairing and we just approve it without discussing it, usually," said junior representative Paul Byrne, one of the representatives considered for the position of committee chair. "Why this committee has been looked over for so long I have no idea."

After an executive session, however, the House decided to appoint Chris Rankine, member-at-large, to chair the committee.

Undergraduate President Amy Phuong also announced at the meeting that Tiffany Turner would no longer be serving as the Vice President of Campus Affairs, and that SGA was actively looking for a replacement.

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its success. "Just a reminder – JFC is a recommendation," he said after a motion to amend the bill per JFC was made.

JFC also recommended cuts in funding for making DVDs of submitted movies which could be given to students attending the event. After debate, discussion, and several amendments, the senate decided to pass the bill with enough funding to create DVDs only for students who submitted movies. The final form of the bill that passed called for approximately \$2,500 for the event.

Funding for a new organization, Yellow Jacket Fencing, was also passed. Haining Yu, co-president of the organization, acted as representative. She said the club is growing quickly; 25 members are expected for the spring semester, up from 14 this semester.

Yu noted that the organization was only requesting 14 sets of equipment instead of 20 sets, as stated on the bill.

She also recommended removing funding for gloves. Those changes would make the bill total approximately \$4,200.

The club plans to purchase equipment that comes in generic sizes so all members can use them. Also, the club is requesting electrical equipment that, according to Yu,

meets the standard for competition and safety.

"This equipment is necessary for safety. Fencing is a combat sport," she said.

JFC recommended dropping funding for jackets and shorts because they are dependent on sizes which may not match all future members.

"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

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 court fee request was erroneously included in the original bill, as the team thought court fees would come into effect starting January. However, the fees will not be charged until next August. The bill passed for a total of \$333.

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.

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Hey girl in my physics I class, I wrote a song for you. It goes like this.
Judd-judd judd-judd judd-judd.

I'm so metal

I'm so punk rock

I'm so hardcore

Look, Ms. Sparks, I know that you only taught me briefly, and that was 4 years ago.. but I love you

I can't believe I used to make fun of people that posted slivers
Bad Idea = Halloween costume consisting of Donald Rumsfeld mask, leather pants, whips and chains and then going to frat parties
Maybe I've submitted too many slivers tonight.

Written on the wall of a bathroom stall in Van Leer - "GT, welcome to the sausage party"

TOAST!

Who actually uses the Barbell Club?

How many EE's does it take to screw in a lightbulb?

Really, I'm curious

Dude, just let it go... she's got TBS

My roommate just turned me in to the Honor Board because I asked him what was on a test that he took before me.

Last Thursday I left work early so I could catch the USA TV premiere of the Episode III teaser trailer...I am t3h g33|<

I've come to the realization that no one but me knows how to spell "y'all" correctly.

The apostrophe is supposed to be placed where letters have been omitted!!!!

I will fill up the Sliver box like a Sliver fiend.

The most secure way to win an election is to rig it.

Haha! The STAC/Anti-STAC war continues!!

To me brothers! Beware the mutant...the heretic...the STAC major...

Ivan Allen College = majoring in electives

BrockBerlinisaturd

drutaisnilreBkcorB

why censor me and allow such other sliver filth?

To the STAC bashers: we got in on the EXACT same credentials that you did, and at least we're smart enough to know that you need a hell of a lot more than engineering to be successful once you graduate PO is a sexy beast.

Harrison Zeros are hot.

Alaska can come too.

If you want broccoli, what the hell is broccoli anyway.

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previous year's request. The total amount requested for the upcoming fiscal year is \$2.6 million.

However, although the \$3.2 million Student Activity Fee has increased enough to cover funding 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," Andersen 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," Andersen said.

Andersen posed some of the questions that will be raised for 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."



By Jon Drews / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Tenth and Home apartment complex aims to provide living space for graduate students and their families. However, the complex is currently accepting applications from single graduate students.

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for a limited time, because it is midyear," Meyers said.

Another solution, Morrison suggested, would be to target those who need a temporary residence and plan to move out before the next semester begins.

"We are considering opening up the apartments to temporary renters, such as visiting faculty," Morrison said. "They could rent the apartments for a short period of time and then move out to be replaced by married graduate students."

The issue of filling open spaces, according to Morrison, is a temporary one. Eventually, the Tenth and Home apartments will be rented out to married students exclusively, since the building was originally built for this purpose.

"The apartments are not designed for single individuals," Meyers said. She compared the building to Burge, the existing Tech facility that houses

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, "At campuses like MIT's, there are about two graduate students for every undergraduate student. At Georgia Tech, the ratio 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.

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

Dan Morrison
Assoc. dir., Residence Life

families.

"It will be like Burge in that it's for families, but Burge is an older, less attractive building with very little

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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 x

Calvin, my one friend wants to h°

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 i'm 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 Wednesdayness are great.

No Promiscuity? Obviously you haven't met my roommate.

thermodynamics test= ass raping

physics department= ass rapers

Hi Jessica from up in brownsville, Pa

someone thinks your hot....

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By Jamie Howell/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This is Not a Drill: A small fire broke out in the Eighth St. Apartments Wednesday night at approximately 10:30. About 150 people gathered to watch as the fire department put out the blaze. No information about the cause or extent of the damage was available at press time.

String of thefts hits post office

By Emily Tate
Contributing Writer

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

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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 (open 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 Ferst Center
- Woodruff Dining Hall renovation
- Creation of the student life fund

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

- for events like Georgia Tech night at Six Flags
- Significant enhancement of study abroad opportunities
- Twenty four hour access to the Library West Commons

We created the student life fund last year with a commitment of \$100K/year from Institute sources. While we look for donors to endow this fund, I am committed to supporting this initiative for the foreseeable future. We are also working hard to increase our Parent's Fund and all such dona-

tions will be used to help improve campus safety and support student life and leadership programs.

Our goal is for Georgia

Tech to provide the best educational, cultural, and social environment we possibly can for our students. One point of validation of the progress we have made to date comes in discussions with alumni, even those who have been away only a few years. They inevitably are impressed by the changes. A second one relates to student retention, which this year was the highest in our history at 92.4 percent.

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my boyfriend also says i have a wierd obsession with the sliver 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.

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However, Morrison stressed that there would not be any problems with students not knowing where they were going when move-out day came.

"Residents will know by when they move, Dec. 12, at the least where they are going," Morrison said.

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Morrison said that the work could not be fit into a summer session, however, and indicated that housing needs in fall precluded keeping the dorm closed then.

"We have to have every room for Fall to keep the system working," he said. "There is simply too much to be done in a three month summer period."

He added, "We are updating the electrical system, every surface, sprinklers, air conditioning, upgrading the kitchens and bathrooms, and putting in moveable furniture."

Residents recently had to turn in a form stating roommate and housing preference as well as priority between the two.

"Priority for the new rooms was determined by going back to when they first applied. The earliest get the best chance of their first choices if available," Morrison said. "There are approximately 75 roommate pairs and maybe 15 will be able to stay together."

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Resident response to the situation is varied.

"It's positive, because if I didn't like my roommate I get a new one. The negative is I have to move and I'm happy here," said Zach Saunders, a first-year Physics major.

"I do not have hopes of staying with my roommate. I wish it would happen, but I don't think it is going to," said Kyle Kessler, a first-year Computer Engineering major.

Housing says it will work with residents during the transition.

"After [residents] move, if new roommates are willing to make double moves we'll allow that once everyone is in housing," Morrison said.

Folk Peer Leader and second year Industrial Engineering major Michael Kelley said, "All the PLs have worked to make people feel like they're not being shafted. Realistically, it's unfortunate for the section to be split up."

"All we can do is fill out the requests and hope for the best," Kelley said. "It makes the housing staff's job harder because we have four months to build a community instead of eight."

Folk's renovations and closing continue the process of renovating all the Tech Estate buildings. "This

is our fifth closing like this in seven years. We've found that about 20 percent will pack all of their stuff up and take it home with them over break. They then come back the weekend before spring semester to settle in."

Most recently Caldwell Hall was closed and those residents relocated. When asked how housing has learned from that experience, Morrison said, "We've tried to communicate early and often."

Some residents, however, disagree that communication has been frequent.

"Housing hasn't mentioned Folk closing. I asked and they said they're not really disclosing anything," first-year Industrial Engineering major and Folk's Hall Council President John Shea said.

"Hall Council talked at the last meeting how to handle the spots that Folk residents have, but we don't really know yet," Shea said.

Housing is offering several services to residents before and on move day.

"We're giving out boxes and tape over Thanksgiving break if the men want to take anything home and downsize some," said Morrison. "There will also be curb to curb

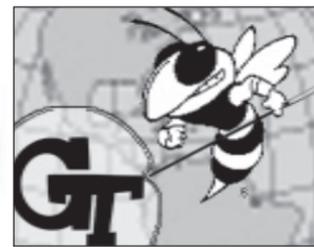
help on Dec. 12. We can't put it right there for them, but we can get the boxes to Eighth Street if that's where they're moving."

When asked about the upcoming move, first year Computer Science major and Folk resident Justin Berger said, "They've been nice about it. We get first pick on where to go... We still have to move all our stuff though."

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Dan Morrison
Assoc. dir., Student Life

Breaking the Bubble



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

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat dies

Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat died early Thursday morning in a Parisian hospital. Arafat had been on a respirator and slipping into a coma since Nov. 3. His body will be flown from France to Cairo, where a state funeral will be hosted for him by the Egyptian government. He will be buried outside the Palestinian Authority headquarters compound in Ramallah, where he had been confined for the past three years. While Arafat, who has led the Palestinians for the past five decades, has no clear successor at this time, the Palestinian constitution does call for elections to be held within 60 days.

Among Arafat's most notable achievements is the Nobel Peace Prize he was awarded in 1994, along with Israeli leaders Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres. Their work on the Oslo accords was, at the time, seen as a milestone towards permanent peace in Israel, and the creation of an independent Palestinian state.

Woman, 56, gives birth to twins

Just three days before her 57th birthday, Aleta St. James brought forth to this world a baby girl and boy at New York's Mount Sinai Hospital. The twins were birthed by cesarean section, and are said to be in excellent condition.

St. James, a motivational speaker and life coach, is said to be in excellent condition as well. St. James had undergone in vitro fertilization, and she is now among the oldest Americans ever to give birth to twins.

While it is not recommended for women of St. James's age to give birth because of health concerns for both the mothers and babies, more and more women are giving birth thanks to modern medicine. St. James is however, is still one of

the few women over 55 to ever give birth. Most fertility clinics in the nation don't take women over 50 into their programs.

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 Texas's secretary of state and being named to White House counsel in January 2001.

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