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Reps disqualified for forgetting expense reports

By Jennifer Hinkel
News Editor

In a decision made at a Wednesday hearing, five recently elected undergraduate representatives were disqualified by SGA's elections committee.

"This is something we hated to do, but we were put in a bad situation," said committee chair Mike Denicola.

The reps were disqualified for failing to turn in campaign expense report forms, or in some cases, for turning the reports in after the specified deadline. Several of the representatives claimed to be unaware of the deadline or the necessity of turning in a report. Each form read that "this form should be submitted to the student government office by March 27 at 4 p.m."

According to SGA elections policy, each participant in an election must complete an expense report that includes an itemized list of expenses and receipts from purchases, even when no money was spent on campaigning.

Failure to turn in a report is grounds for automatic disqualification; turning in a report late is a major violation.

When more than a handful of reports did not make the Tuesday deadline, Denicola called as many representatives as he could to remind them of the date. The committee met and decided to allow representatives to turn the forms in one day late without an automatic disqualification.

"Reasonably speaking, we had to come up with a deadline," said Denicola. "We decided on a Wednesday evening deadline."

The decision is not final and can be appealed to the Undergraduate Judiciary Cabinet (UJC). "I expect a couple of these people to appeal," said Denicola. However, some SGA members feel that the disqualifications may contradict the elections code.

"Since my name was posted in the official results outside the SGA office as a winner, I thought that, based on Section IV, Paragraph F of the Elections Code, my victory was not under review and was legitimate," said Rusty Johnson, who was elected as the Chemistry representative.

By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Billy Lawder, Ken Franklin, Jason Hurley, and Stephen Popick anxiously await the results of last week's student government elections. This week, some representatives learned that they would be disqualified for failure to turn in an expense report.

Celebration for campaign's end

The Georgia Tech Student Foundation and the Programs Council for the Student Center are teaming up on Thursday, April 19 to celebrate the culmination and success of the $700 million capital campaign.

The celebration is open to all students and will take place around the Campanile from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Live entertainment, free giveaways, and a catered lunch are just a few of the activities that are planned.

Move-out date changed

The Department of Housing announced that students graduating at the end of this semester or continuing studies over the summer term will have the option of checking out from campus housing on the Sunday after graduation rather than the Saturday of commencement ceremonies.

For more information, visit http://www.housing.gatech.edu.

April Fool's housing joke

By Nasir Barday
News Staff

According to the Department of Housing, an individual whose identity was not known at the time of publication sent a mass April Fools e-mail at about 8:00 p.m. on Sunday evening to certain students who had been chosen for the room selection process for Fall housing.

The e-mail, forged to appear as if it came from the department's **information@housing.gatech.edu** address, informed recipients that their selection numbers had been recalculated because a lawsuit had been filed against Georgia Tech Auxiliary services.

A correction e-mail sent by the Department of Housing's Miles Edson hours after the April Fool's e-mail stated that "The e-mail was not sent by the Department of Housing and/or Auxiliary Services and appears to be a very clever April Fools joke."

"It appears that freshmen who went through room selection are the ones who received this e-mail," said Dan Morrison, Associate Di-

OIT to discontinue dial-in

By Jennifer LaHatte
Senior News Staff

Dial-up modems will soon be joining the ranks of the dinosaur at the end of Summer Semester as part of an on-going strategic plan to improve remote access to the Georgia Tech network by the Office of Information Technology (OIT).

A number of students and faculty members have recently voiced their concern about the extinction of the dial-in service currently offered by OIT for those accessing the network from off-campus.

Although OIT announced the termination of this service late last year, these concerns have prompted OIT to remind the Tech community of this upcoming change.

"The announced phase-out of the obsolete dial-in modems re-

flects the strategy established prior to the Olympic games to direct campus remote access customers to commercial ISP services while eliminating campus dependence on the aging technology of dial-up modems over a period of time," said Gordon Wishon, Associate Vice President and Associate Vice Provost of Information Technology.

"I was angry at first when I heard about the dial-in service being eliminated after this semester, because I thought we would be completely cut off from acme off campus," said Erik Harper, junior Computer Science major, who contacted OIT just recently with his concerns.

"Now, the only real problem I can see is that off-campus students

'SmartPark' offers pay-per-entry deal for spaces in State St. Deck

By Mary DeCamp
Senior News Staff

Parking on campus may soon become easier thanks to a new program developed by the Department of Parking and Transportation Services.

The pilot program, called SmartPark, is a joint effort between the Parking office and the Buzz Card Center that intends to cut down on parking violations and allow students more inexpensive parking options.

"SmartPark is basically a 'debit' parking program where the user purchases a fixed number of entrances to the State Street Deck," said Rod Weis, Director of Parking and Transportation Services.

The State Street Parking Deck was recently completed, but it has not yet opened.

SmartPark works by allowing the user to purchase a fixed number of entries into the State Street Deck. Each time the card is swiped upon entrance of the deck, $3.50, one entry, is deducted from the Buzz Card.

"In addition to the fixed number of entries, the user is also issued a permit for 'evening/weekend' parking that allows them to park in any open A or B zone from 5 p.m. until 7 a.m.," said Weis.

By Scott King / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

SmartPark will be available once the newly completed State Street Deck opens. Currently, the deck's opening is delayed until the completion of a safety review to ensure the parking deck's structural soundness.

Undergraduate Election Results

Undergrad Student Body Pres	CE
Chris Kavanaugh	Michael O'Rourke
Undergrad Executive V.P.	CS
Nate Watson	Danielle Dees
Freshman Reprepresentatives	Bryan Billings
Katie Rhode-Pres.	Trent Roche
Caroline Pflueger	EAS
Mike Comer	Brandon Lenfest
Nadia A. Mahmood	Econ
Andrew Padgett	Stephen Popick
Sophomore Representatives	ECE
Carrie E. Anderson-Pres.	Eric Woods
Carmen Jackson	Andrew Morris
Victor Allen	Eric Clopper
Michael L. Powell	Brad Brady
Andrienne J. Hairston	Bill Asher III
Junior Representatives	HTS
Tiffany Massey-Pres.	Kristen Parker
Lindsey T. Mazza	INTA
Camille Y. Allen	Andrew Hamilton
Dusty Riddle	IE
Jeremy Collins	Carolina Andrade
Senior Representatives	Ian Carr
R. Jason Fowler-Pres.	Sunny Singh
Craig Tommasello	Management
John Englehardt	Jim Paisley
Fall CO-OP	Andrew S. Keen
Clair Conner	Allen Coye
Matthew Davis	Math
	Anthony Ritz
AE	ME
Brian W. George	Josh Alexander
Architecture	Mark Randolph
Dan Moore	Michael Corcos
Biology	Physics
Brad Bolton	R. Scott Fletcher
Chemistry	Psychology
Rusty Johnson	Dae (Daniel) Kim
ChemE	Public Policy
Lance Hollner	Chris Webb

Election

"However," said Johnson, "I received notification Tuesday to the contrary, which goes against that portion of the elections code."

Section IV, paragraph F states that "The results of elections not under review will be posted in the SGA office within 72 hours of the end of voting," indicating that only finalized election results would be posted at that time.

Nate Watson, Undergraduate Executive Vice President-elect, plans to thouroughly investigate the proceedings that led up to the disqualifications.

"As Executive Vice President, part of my duty is to defend the integrity of the Undergraduate House of Representatives. That also includes ensuring, to the extent of my ability, that the wishes of the voting public are honored," said Watson.

"While I don't know the details of this situation at this time, I will do my best to ensure that within the extent of my constitutional duty that the integrity of those elected is preserved."

Watson also understood that under section IV, paragraph F, "when they posted the winners in the window of the SGA office, that these people were in without violation."

Johnson, who delivered his form to Denicola's apartment on Wednesday evening when Johnson could not find the committee chair at the SGA office, plans to appeal the disqualification. Because his form was not turned into the SGA office, the committee considered it turned in the following day, therefore missing the extended Wednesday deadline. Representative Adrienne Hairston, who turned her form in to Denicola Wednesday evening at the SGA office, was not disqualified. Instead, she received notice of a major campaign violation.

"I am going to appeal this to UJC," said Johnson. "I feel this contradicts the will of my fellow Chemistry majors who elected me to office."

"It's my hope that this will be

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> **Mike Denicola**
> Elections Committee Chair

resolved without any further challenges, and that the representatives that are duly elected will have the opportunity to serve those who elected them instead of having a committee decide who will serve the students," said Watson.

"I think these representatives have an extremely strong case if they decide to appeal to the UJC. It is my hope that they will appeal and defend the right of the students to choose who will represent them. I'm concerned that if we focus on things like this, we'll lose track of what we're supposed to be doing, which is fighting for students," Watson said.

Along with Johnson, four other representatives were disqualified from office. Freshman representative Mike Comer, EAS representative Brandon Lenfest, and Psych representative Dae Kim were also disqualified. Several of the reps, including Johnson, spent no money on the campaign.

"The information was there," said Denicola, who remembered that the date was announced at mandatory information sessions as well as printed on the form.

"Further," said Johnson, "there should have been written documentation stating the specific nature of my infraction, under Section IX, Paragraph E, the only part of the code concerning procedure for documenting violations. To the best of my knowledge, there was none."

"Any student of Georgia Tech may submit an election violation charge against any candidate by submitting the charge in writing at the Student Government Association office," reads Section IX, Paragraph E.

Denicola stated that the election committee is exempted from submitting an election violation charge, although this exemption does not appear in the election code. "We didn't have to turn something in," said Denicola.

"The Committee recognizes that Mr. Johnson has given dedicated service to the SGA in the past, however, proper enforcement of the rules and regulations governing these elections must take priority," read the elections committee's majority opinion from the hearing.

"In order to make sure elections are fair, these kind of things have to be done," Denicola said.

A Nasir's Roomate's Contribution: "If Bubbles from the Power Puff Girls wasn't a cartoon and a kindergartener, I'd marry her on the spot."

News briefs

Tech places fifth in graduate school rankings

Tech's College of Engineering maintained its national stature in the college rankings released March 30, placing fifth in graduate school rankings from *U.S. News & World Report.*

Seven of the eleven programs within Engineering also ranked in the top ten, with Industrial and Systems Engineering ranked number one for the eleventh year in a row. Among the highly competitive business schools rankings, Tech's DuPree College of Management ranked 35th overall.

Other notable rankings were the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts at fourth in Information and Technology Management, and the College of Sciences at tenth in Industrial/Organizational Psychology.

"Our consistent performance in these rankings over the last five years is notable and very satisfying," said President Clough.

"Every year, the rankings change and schools move up or down, in some cases drastically. That hasn't been the case with our programs."

"We've consistently scored highly in the areas in which we offer programs, and it speaks very highly of our students, faculty and staff. We've scored well in our traditional strength of engineering, but we also show considerable promise in emerging fields like biotechnology and information management, along with a top 10 ranking in industrial/organizational psychology," said Clough.

"That's an indication of the increasingly well-rounded Institute that we are becoming."

Overall, the College of Engineering remained a member of the elite top five, behind MIT, Stanford, Cal-Berkeley, and Michigan.

Individual schools within the College of Engineering ranked as follows: Aerospace moved up to third, Biomedical moved up one to sixth, Civil remained at sixth, Electrical and Computer dropped one to seventh, and Mechanical remained at sixth.

Executive SGA positions accepting applications

Applications for Executive positions within SGA are available this week and are due April 13th at 4:00 pm in the SGA office. Available positons include:

VP of Administrative Affairs   VP of Finance
Executive Assistant to the President VP of Campus Affairs
Special Assistant to the President   Freshman Cabinet Coordinator
13 Committee Chairs

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> there are cracks in the new deck. this is a problem.
> we should do something

Council Clippings Undergraduate House of Representatives

Alum visits, memorial service announced

By Mary DeCamp
Senior News Staff

The Undergraduate House of Representatives was visited by a recent alumni at the April 3 meeting.

Greg Foster, Student Government President in the 1994-95 school year, came by to speak to the reps.

He discussed his time at Tech and some of the memories that he has from SGA meetings. According to Foster, one can never take his or her work too seriously.

Foster also said that everyone should know and understand the way that business works, and, most importantly, always be ready to help other people.

Dean Stephanie Ray and Chris Young made some announcements about upcoming events.

On Wednesday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m., the Diversity Forum will be holding a Town Hall meeting in the Student Success Center's Clary Theater entitled "When Your Money and Student Fees Collide."

On Wednesday, April 18 Tech will hold a memorial service entitled "When the Whistle Blows." This ceremony, the first of its kind to be held at Tech, will honor the

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memories of those in the Georgia Tech community who have passed away since the beginning of last summer. The ceremony will be held on the lawn in front of the Tech tower. In the future, a memorial service such as this one will be held once each semester.

A representative from the Georgia Tech Health and Fitness Challenge briefly discussed this year's upcoming Challenge. It will be held on Thursday, April 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the turf fields by SAC. There will be several exercise activities throughout the day.

Due to strain on the SGA budget, representatives "struggled with some of the bills," said representative Dusty Riddle. The UHR representatives discussed a bill for the Men's Lacrosse Team thouroughly. Other bills passed with less discussion, such as a bill requesting entry fees and transportation for the Men's Volleyball Club to nationals.

A constitutional amendment also passed that will tighten the attendance policy for UHR representatives.

By Rob Hill / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Representative Aubrey Smith muses over UHR proceedings during Tuesday's meeting. Highlights of the April 3 meeting included an appearance by alumni guest speaker Greg Foster, a past Student Body President.

> Chris is a bad refugee daddy. Jody's refugee family feels much more love. Have you hugged your refugee today?

Childress shares GSS plans

By Jennifer Hinkel
News Editor

Trey Childress, elected last week as Graduate Student Body President, has several goals for his upcoming term in office.

"Now that the elections are over, I am eager to get started," said Childress.

One of his immediate goals is to make the "extra efforts to hear and consider the opinions of students that cast their vote for my opponent," he said.

This summer, Childress will focus on developing ties with each school and department.

"In the immediate future, I will be seeking the assistance of volunteers to represent student interests on a variety of Institute-wide committees," he said. This opportunity is open to all graduate students.

"I encourage all graduate students with suggestions, concerns, or questions to contact me or visit the SGA office anytime," said Childress.

Childress' first priority in the next year will be to ensure that graduate health insurance benefits stay on the Institute's agenda in its dealings with the Board of Regents.

"While this issue is complex and expensive, our needs as graduate students can be filled in the future. The health and well-being of our graduate students, who so diligently serve this Institute, should remain a top priority," said Childress.

Childress also has plans for "the betterment of [GSS] 'business practices," such as a review of Joint Finance Committee guidelines.

"Once these guidelines are reviewed and appropriately amended, students can expect a fairer process

SmartPark

The implementation of Smart-Park will not force any changes in the current parking situation on campus. The program was created as a way to use new and current facilities.

The parking lots that are currently open to everyone during evenings and weekends, such as the Student Center parking deck, will remain open during those hours and will not be affected by this program.

Due to limited parking spaces on campus, visitor lots often fill up too quickly, according to Weis. He cited this problem as part of the reasoning behind the creation of SmartPark.

"The problem with the visitor lots always being full sparked discussion about how to entice some of the commuter students using the visitor lot to park a bit farther from central campus by giving them a substantial discount over the all day visitor rate," said Weis.

If students participate in the SmartPark program, it could save

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> **Rod Weis**
> Director of Parking

those who have often parked illegally sizeable amounts in tickets and fines. Also, the SmartPark program offers the use of parking facilities at night at a significantly lower price than that of an evening/weekend parking pass.

According to Weis, SmartPark is another example of Parking's efforts to make parking a more pleasant and less stressful experience. The department hopes that SmartPark will assist in making campus parking less frustrating and more user-friendly.

"I hope it will increase compliance with the regulations and make it easier for our permit holders to find a space by reducing violators. Our primary objective is to continue to improve our services," said Weis.

The Parking office will begin selling SmartPark passes when the State Street Deck officially opens, which should be in the near future.

*Those who are interested in learning more about Parking's new Smart-Park program should send inquiries to **info.parking@parking.gatech.edu** to obtain more information, and a Parking staff member will respond.*

Newly elected SGA leaders present goals for term in office

Undergrad Student Body President
Chris Kavannaugh

By Chris Baucom
Editor-in-Chierf

Chris Kavanaugh, currently J.R. Spriggle's Executive Assistant, was recently elected president of the undergraduate student body. Kavanaugh has expressed a commitment to providing strong leadership for SGA while fulfilling the items on his platform, advocating for student concerns, and fostering communication with the student body.

"I look to accomplish half my platform, or at least have that in line, before school ends, and then I'll have three planks of the platform remaining," Kavanaugh said. The three campaign goals he plans to achieve—or at least set into motion—before the end of this school year include Students Full Win, off-campus BuzzCard acceptance, and improved course surveys.

"Focusing on the Students Full Win recently, it looks like the bookstore is now falling into place." Kavanaugh has served on the Bookstore Reallocation Committee and one of his ideas for the space is a restaurant with a pub-type atmosphere. He also expressed an interest in helping make Under the Couch more accesable to all students, in part by adding a deck to the outside.

Next fall, Kavanaugh wants to complete the remaining items on his platform which include a marked, lighted jogging course, more meal plan options, and a split exam week.

With respect to the lack of communication that many students perceive as a problem, Kavanaugh said he wants to "Not make it smaller, not trim it down, but eliminate the lack of communication between the student body and SGA."

In order to facilitate stronger relations with his consituents, Kavanaugh plans to regularly visit

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By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Chris Kavanaugh, Undergraduate Student Body President-elect, and Nate Watson, who won his campaign for Undergraduate Executive Vice President, shake hands outside of the SGA office after discovering their election victories last Wednesday.

Undergrad Student Body Executive Vice President
Nate Watson

By Tony Kluemper
Assistant News Editor

After serving as the Academic Affairs committee chairman over the past year, newly elected SGA Executive Vice President Nate Watson is looking forward to improving not only SGA but all of campus in the upcoming year.

According to Watson, the primary goal of his year in office will be to increase the overall effectiveness of the Undergraduate House and SGA as a whole. "My primary goal is to back SGA the best it can be in terms of representing and serving the student body," said Watson.

"Underneath that, there are the things that I ran on my campaign platform. I think student space, space for student organizations, space for the chorus and the music department in general are going to be things I work very hard to achieve."

Furthermore, Watson feels that his position will allow him to implement changes with a broad impact on the entire campus by working with several organizations.

"Next year I would like to ensure that we keep all of the representatives that the students have elected and help them to continue to work towards their goals as representatives and not get burned out," said Watson.

In addition, Watson would like to expand the reach of the student government beyond campus, touching issues such as the new under 21 Buckhead ordinance that directly affects students.

"I would like to see SGA become a very, very dynamic organization that respectfully and efficiently represents the students in matters not only at Georgia Tech but also at the city and state levels, because there are so many of those issues that affect the Georgia Tech student," said Waston.

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This issue of the Technique was brought to you by the usual suspects. The fries were brought to you by Josey H. Also the Frosty. One sliver box was brought by Nasir's roomate.

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student organizations much like he did on the campaign trail.

Although student concerns and campus issues are likely to change over time, Kavanaugh expressed a commitment to upholding his campaign promises while adapting to Tech's changing needs.

"Priorities change, but I'm not going to lose sight of the things for which the student body elected me," Kavanaugh said.

Childress

and faster process. Senators and representatives will be less likely to spend time in meetings debating the fairness and consistency of the funding guidelines," said Childress.

"Ultimately, my goals as Graduate Student Government President are intended to serve the needs and interests of graduate students. This includes minimizing any proposed increases in fees," said Childress. "Increases in fees should be rare and sufficiently justified."

Childress is looking forward to the coming year, working to serve the graduate student constituency and work with senators and representatives.

He encourages students to voice their concerns and interests to SGA. "I will make every effort to represent these interests and take appropriate action," said Childress.

"I am fortunate and honored to have the opportunity to serve as Graduate Student Government President next year," he said.

Watson

At the same time, Watson would like to see some changes on campus. "I think that working together with clearer lines of communication and understanding the goals and objectives of both the organizations is something very important," said Watson, speaking of SGA and the Student Center Programs Board.

"SGA funds the Student Center Programs Board with $94,000 a year currently, so I think when we are talking about that kind of money it is imperative that we work together more than we have in the past."

Although Watson has many goals as Vice President, he does realize that it will take the entire UHR to make a real change on campus. "It basically involves setting a tone, setting a tone of action, accountability, and hard work, because everything Chris [Kavanaugh] and I have talked about in our campaign is going to require a lot of work, and we're not going to be able to do it by ourselves," said Watson.

Guess who cleaned the coffee machine? Not Jody for once. What a suprise!

Prank

rector of Housing.

"We were not that worried about who got it, so we sent a correction to everybody," added Morrison, explaining why those who had not received the April Fools e-mail might have received the correction message from the Housing Department.

Evidence that the e-mail was an April Fool's prank might have included the fact that the message had been sent on a Sunday evening, a seemingly uncommon time for official business to be conducted. But according to Morrison, this is not necessarily true.

"When we do send out large volume e-mails, we tend to do it on off peak hours because it is something that can drain the system," said Morrison, "it would not be uncommon for us to have potentially sent out an e-mail at that time."

According to Morrison, Housing is not aware of the identity of the perpetrator.

"We have isolated the IP address from which the message was sent," said Morrison, "whether or not that message originated from that machine or got sent through that machine from a different way is what is being investigated."

"It was traced to an academic building, not to a student," continued Morrison, indicating the inconclusiveness of the investigation in finding the individual who sent the e-mail.

"It's not really about catching somebody as much as it is about making sure that our own systems weren't compromised. That's our biggest worry."

According to Greg Hale, an information security specialist at the Office of Information Technology (OIT), the perpetrator sent the slew of e-mails from a computer placed at a podium in a classroom on campus.

"Someone somehow got into one of the classrooms and sent it out from there," said Hale, "those systems are normally locked, but we rely on physical security to control

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> **Greg Hale**
> OIT Security Specialist

access to those systems. The problem we've got is that with systems that are provided in lecture halls like that, if we provide some sort of temporarily assigned passwords to visiting lecturers, they sometimes can't use the password to access the system," said Hale.

He continued to explain that the task of defining the priority of ease of use for educational purposes over security is difficult. "Trying to balance the two [priorities] is a challenge," said Hale.

"I think that we should not be surprised that Georgia Tech students think of very creative ways to do those kinds of things," said Morrison, adding that Housing does not intend to pursue the individual who

distributed the forged e-mail, "it's not something that we're dwelling on."

"What did concern us was we got about 150 e-mail responses, all of them... very well written in the heat of the moment. That's a problem, and I think that all of us need to remember that e-mail correspondence is no different than face-to-face correspondence," said Morrison.

Morrison re-iterated that an employee of the Department of Housing reads mail sent to **information@housing.gatech.edu**.

The April Fools e-mail also raised concerns surrounding the fact that the entire list of housing selection numbers is available on-line.

"When we restarted the lottery we made it very public because it keeps everybody honest. If you know that somebody is below you on the waiting list and they got a space before you, you should have a right to ask 'why'?" explained Morrison.

Another reason the information is publicly available is "because so much of the room selection decisions are based on where their friends ended up," continued Morrison. He added that there might exist methods of providing these benefits without allowing for compromising situations like the April fool's e-mail, "But [the list of selection numbers] is public information and [finding a selection number] would be no different than doing an inquiry to get somebody's public e-mail address."

According to Morrison, the abuse of such public information was wasteful. "Certainly, it caused a lot of people anxiety, and it caused our staff a lot of extra work," said Morrison.

Dial-in

without an ISP will be at a definite loss," said Harper.

According to OIT, demand for dial-in services has decreased to an estimated 100 users because many dial-up modems no longer support the high quality, high-speed access that the Tech community demands. Dial-in access is just one of the options for remote service, the other being ISP service through Campus-

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> **John Mullin**
> Executive Director of OIT

CWIX.

"We are focusing on the future," said John Mullin, Executive Director of OIT.

"Today's faculty, students, and staff are heavy consumers of the Internet, and we're looking forward to two new services rolling out that will be much more useful."

OIT had originally planned to eliminate dial-in service at the end of Spring Semester, but adjusted their time frame after considering recent concerns and the possibility of problems that some users will face during the phase-out process.

Also as part of this plan, OIT is working with the Student Government Association to establish a Web-based email system, similar to

Hotmail, for prism accounts that will be accessible from any browser.

"We plan to have this in production by the beginning of fall semester," said Mullin.

"For those needing Unix shell connectivity to campus for example, prism login, we recommend SSH (secure shell). Windows clients (SecureCRT) are currently available from and supported by OIT," said Mullin.

"I co-op in Texas so I usually just have my Tech mail forwarded to another address on the Web," said Wendy Stone, sophomore Management major.

"I think having a Web-based email system is a good idea because it will get there faster, and it's easier for people who live off campus also," said Stone.

Another way OIT is looking to better their services to off campus users is by providing a virtual private network (VPN) activated by the installation of a Check Point secure remote client. This will allow the remote access user to have the same access to campus resources as the on campus user.

"Our vision is to enable students, faculty and staff to avail themselves of the best possible connectivity that is available from whatever location they choose," said Mullin. "This varies widely by location and may include DSL, cable modems, or dial-up access through any commercial service."

"We firmly believe that this service will provide far more quality to the campus community than can ever be provided by a local dial-up modem pool," said Mullin.