Sigma Phi Epsilon scores win
By Judy Shaw Managing Editor

Georgia Tech officially recently reached a compromise with Sigma Phi Epsilon that reduces the fraternity’s suspension from two years to one and ends the fraternity’s appeal to the Board of Regents. By making such an agreement, Tech essentially admits it handled the case improperly and failed to provide the fraternity with correct information regarding the process by which it handles Greek misconduct.

The case against Sigma Phi Epsilon, commonly known as Sig Ep, dates back to fall semester when the Tech brought the fraternity before the Interfraternity Council (IFC) judicial board to face 38 charges of hazing, conduct, drug, and alcohol violations. IFC found Sig Ep responsible for most of the charges and recommended that its members be required to undergo intensive educational programs and revise its pledge policy.

“The problems that occurred were among a small group of guys that created problems for a large group of guys,” Bill Oakes, President of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Alumni Board, said. The Dean of Students office, which makes the final decision on such cases, determined that suspension was a more appropriate punishment. The Dean’s office suspended Sig Ep for two years, but the fraternity immediately appealed the decision to Vice President of Student Affairs.

By Bill Allen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS "Pollock.”

New North deck opens
By Judy Shaw Managing Editor

The completion of the New Five-Story North Campus Parking Deck earlier this week marked the end of a three-year process, and the latest advancement made by Tech’s Department of Parking and Transportation. Over the next month, faculty, staff, and students will be ushered into the state-of-the-art facility that contains over 850 spaces.

Of those spaces, approximately 550-650 will be sold as passes to various members of the Tech community. The rest of the spaces will be reserved for visitor parking, as the lot will be attended from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day. Students will have the opportunity to relocate into the new deck, and many students currently on the waiting list will receive spaces—both in the deck and in the various zones that will be opened up because of re-shuffling. “I don’t think over 25% [of the North Campus deck] initially will be faculty and staff,” Rod Weis, Director of Parking and Transportation, said.

With the opening of the North Campus parking deck, work on the State Street beautification project can begin. See the story on page 6.

By Monica Mckinnon / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS "To the South's Liveliest College Newspaper"

Tech’s Ivan Allen College celebrates ten years of liberal arts
By Judy Shaw Managing Editor

In the past weeks and months, one of Georgia Tech’s newest colleges, the Ivan Allen College, celebrated its tenth anniversary with a variety of guest lectures and special events. This celebration provided a time for the leaders of Tech’s liberal arts college to reflect on its beginnings, assess its current position, and contemplate its future.

“Georgia Tech is no longer a technological university, it is a national and international technological university, which means it has to have strong humanities and social sciences,” Sue Rosser, Dean of the Ivan Allen College, said. “It is not the Georgia Institute of Engineering, it is the Georgia Institute of Technology, and technology is an essentially human enterprise. A device is just a piece of metal until somebody decides to use it. As soon as you start talking about how it’s used, where it’s used, then you start to get into the realm of things Ivan Allen folks decide,” Richard Barke, Associate Dean of the Ivan Allen College, said. “I think in ten years, we’ve made enormous progress, but ten years is not very long for a complex institution with 110 faculty, 700 students, teaching 84,000 credit hours a year to change.”

Rosser is somewhat new to the Ivan Allen College. She was familiar with Tech and its mission through her work at the National Science Foundation, and she found herself attracted to the interdisciplinary approach of the Ivan Allen College. Barke is a veteran; he helped to create the Ivan Allen College in the late 1980s, serving on several committees that started laid the groundwork. According to Barke, the idea to create the new college and reorganize much of the Tech academic world directly came from then President John Patrick Crecine.

"When Crecine arrived he had a shuffling of the deck, where there was a unique organization among the social sciences, humanities, science, engineering. Crecine brought some of the Carnegie Mellon
M. Rameen Ghorieshi
USG Presidential Candidate

Class: Senior
Major: Applied Biology, Pre-Med
Expected Graduation: Spring 2002
Campaign Website: http://www.rameeng.com

SGA Experience:
- Member-At-Large (2000-01)
- SGA Advisory Board Member (2000-01)
- Mayor Representative (1999)
- Winter '01 Retreat Organizer
- Various ad hoc Committees

Tech Activities:
- American Medical Students' Association VP (AMSA)
- Tri Beta Biological Honors Society
- Speech and Debate Team VP (Administrative)
- IBB Research
- Intramural Soccer
- Freshman Council
- Lambda Sigma (LS)
- ESEP (Elementary School Educational Partner)
- GT Options Instructor

Platform:
The Three A’s for a Better Future

Academics:
- Student/Faculty Ratio: The majority of faculty funds is going towards the employment of research faculty. We must hire more teaching faculty.
- Solid Academic Advisement: Frustrated with your advisor? Shouldn’t ALL advisors be able to give us the wisdom we deserve? They should…and they will.
- Cross Campus Tutoring Available: Every single student should be able to get academic assistance with any subject.
- English Accent Training for Professors and TAs: If students are to learn, they must be able to understand and communicate with their instructors. Mandatory accent training is critical to our success.

Arts:
- Robert Fester Center for the Arts: Performances and shows should be student-centric: Culture at student-affordable rates.
- Student Center: SGA and the Student Center shouldn’t compete for programming. We need to work together to bring bigger and better acts to campus.
- Tech’s Music Program: Georgia Tech has an incredible Music Department. Let’s support them by taking advantage of their performances and helping them obtain larger and more appropriate rehearsal venues.

Auxiliary:
- The Great Parking Compromise: We must reach an acceptable compromise on fees, citations, and permit areas so that parking issues do not encroach upon our learning.
- Solidifying Stinger Bus Service: We need to make Stinger a dependable means of transportation by posting stop times at every stop and holding drivers accountable to those times.
- Dining Services: Before Tech signs on for another FIVE years, inspections and contract reviews are critical.
- Housing: Housing must assist students forced to move off campus obtain affordable and acceptable living areas.

Organizational and Recreational Space:
- Expansions to Georgia Tech such as the Bookstore Move and Technology Square should be kept in the students’ interests—not in corporate interests.
- Central campus areas such as the Cyber Café should remain open late, especially on weekends, giving us better meeting and socializing areas.
- We need to make sure student organizations get the office space they deserve; the current Bookstore Mall and the new Undergraduate Learning Center will serve this purpose.

Chris Kavanaugh
USG Presidential Candidate

Class: Junior
Major: Industrial and Systems Engineering
Expected Graduation: May 2002
Campaign Website: http://www.chriskavanaugh.com

SGA Experience:
- Chair, SGA Advisory Board
- Executive Assistant to the President

Tech Activities:
- Omicron Delta Kappa, Treasurer
- Freshman Council: Sophomore Advisor, Vice-President

YOUR ACADEMICS:
- Split Exam Week: Tech students deserve an organized week of exams that provides opportunity for every student to prepare for each class and its expectations. Graduating seniors will have a meaningful commencement with genuine diplomas, without having to wait around an entire week.
- Course Surveys: The feedback of thousands of students evaluating professors and classes is recorded every semester. We, the students, can never access the thoughts and opinions of these evaluations while selecting our schedule and professors. Students should be able to access all this information at Georgia Tech’s online Course Critique.

YOUR LIFE:
- Students Full Win: Georgia Tech students deserve access to an atmosphere that elevates the spirit of Tech. The possibilities are endless, but include:
  - 24 Hour Coffee Shop
  - Campus Pub
- Student Organization space
- Off-Campus Buzz Card: Rocky Mountain, Wendy’s, Quizno’s. Go to Trivia night at Rocky Mountain, and when it is time to leave, just swipe the Buzz Card for a debit from your “buzz funds.”
- Meal Plan Options: So many students pay thousands of dollars to Dining Services while at Georgia Tech, but the choices we have are limited. We should have the option for any meal plan as a paying student, or items should be ”a la carte,” so the urge for an ice cream sundae isn’t subdued by the thought of “wasting a meal.”
- Jogging Course: Developing a safe, lighted, and marked jogging course throughout campus for Georgia Tech students.

YOU: My entire platform revolves around you, a student of the Georgia Institute of Technology. My time at Georgia Tech has been phenomenal, but that is because of one reason and one reason only: phenomenal people. If the students unite, anything is attainable. Please join me in not only raising the bar, but removing it, by making Georgia Tech a better place than it already is.
Undergraduate Student Government Elections
Presidential and Vice-Presidential Candidates

Luis Salas
USG Presidential Candidate

Class: Junior
Major: Electrical Engineering
Expected Graduation: Spring 2002
Campaign Website: http://luisalas.gen.ten.gatech.edu

SGA Experience:
- Electrical and Computer Engineering Representative
- Student Chair of Mandatory Student Fees Advisory Committee
- Chair of Parking, Transportation and Facilities Committee
- FOCUS Survey Initiative
- SGA IMPACT
- Organized parliamentary procedure workshop

Tech Activities:
- Community Advisor, Department of Housing
- IEEE andEta Kappa Nu
- Circle K
- Georgia Tech Ice Hockey Club
- Georgia Tech Roller Hockey Club
- Area II Hall Council (hall representative)
- SGA Campus Services Committee
- SGA Internal Development Committee

Platform:
The following improvement will make Georgia Tech a much better place:

Fair Parking
Parking permit prices should be fair and based on variables such as location, security and quality of the lot. By panning all unspaved lots or offering them at a discount price and by providing compensation to students who are forced to relocate their vehicles, a fair pricing structure will be closer at hand.

Academics
Academics is the second highest concern of students at Georgia Tech. Academic advisory groups consisting of both students and faculty are the key to improving the academic aspect of Georgia Tech. These groups will give students a say in how their classes are run and it will give the faculty an insight on how to be effective educators.

No New Mandatory Fees
Mandatory Fees have been imposed on us by the administration in order to fund several projects and services on campus. These fees are obligatory and eliminate a student’s ability to choose whether or not to contribute to its benefactors. These fees, as a whole, have also increased continuously for at least the past five years and are proposed to reach a total of $1,112 for the scholastic year of 2001-2002 (Fall ’01, Spring and Summer ’02 Semesters). This continual increase must stop and no new mandatory fees should be enacted.

Campus Hub
Being often associated with stress and frustration, the Georgia Tech campus is in need of a place where students can relax and enjoy themselves. Options to do so on our campus are very limited and space in the Student Center, Under the Coach or the Bookstore Mall could be converted into a place where students can “hang out” and socialize.

Fix Dining Services
Marriott has been accused of several contract violations in their Woodruff and Brittain dining halls. These violations greatly decrease the quality of service provided to the students of this campus and Marriott should be held accountable to the requirements of their contract. By establishing a Contract Administrator position within Auxiliary Services, Marriott and other campus contractors can be kept in check and held to their contractual agreements.

Joey Katzen
USG Vice-Presidential Candidate

Class: Third Year
Major: IE/STaC
Expected graduation: May 2002
Campaign Website: http://www.joeykatzen.com

SGA Experience:
- Vice President Administrative Affairs
- Freshman Rep
- Committees
- Planning & Development
- Public Relations
- Campus Services

Tech Activities:
- Founder, walksideaways.com
- Leadership Chair, Phi Kappa Tau
- Ramblin’ Wreck Retract Council
- Omicron Delta Kappa
- Student Center Governing Board
- LEARN Steering Committee

Platform:
Homecoming, TeamBazz, The Ramblin’ Wreck, Football Games.

Inside and outside of Tech, we’re considered a traditions-rich community. Yet, if I were to ask a random Tech student on the Skiles walkway what it means to be a Tech student, what our identity is (what is that binds us all together?) he or she would probably say “we have none” or “the stuff” or something of that nature.

I see my role as Student Body Vice President as one in which I both build SGA as a cohesive group and tie it to the student body, and in which I help tie the student body itself together.

What is it that we can do to make the community experience better? to make Tech fun and memorable, not for surviving, but for experiencing?

I think if we can make people feel as if they have something fun in common with other students, even in light of the rigorous academic environment, a better experience will result. I plan on working with other members of the Student Government Association to implement goals such as:

- ‘Wreck Pride’ in which students, starting as freshmen learn what it means to be a Tech student, through a summer program and involvement with homecoming, traditions, etc.
- Class identification where members of the student body tie themselves to their incoming classes much as they do at other schools for purposes of identity and competition.
- Freshman pass-fall semester so that incoming students have a chance to bond to the community before facing the full academic rigors.

DJs spinning music outside a few days a week – without thinking about it, people will be having a better day.

A split exam week with reading days – so students have more time to prepare for exams closer in date to the actual exam, and to be able to keep alive the Alumni Association’s 1st Week during the last few weekdays after exams.

Nate Watson
USG Vice-Presidential Candidate

Class: Junior
Major: Public Policy/EAS
Expected graduation: Summer 2003
Campaign Website: http://www.votenate.com

SGA Experience:
- Academic Affairs Chairman
- UHR Representative
- Provost Search Committee
- Academic Affairs Committee
- Planning and Development Committee (99-00)
- Governmental Affairs Committee (99-00)
- Legislative Communication Committee (99-00)

Tech Activities:
- Theta Xi Fraternity
- Peer Leader
- Honor Advisory Council
- Student Alumni Association Board of Trustees
- Aid to State Senators Steve Thompson and Charlie Tankley
- West Point First United Methodist Church
- Tech Beautification Day Chair, 2000
- Quality of Learning Environment Committee (99-00)
- Women’s Awareness Month 2000

Platform:
The Vice-President must set a tone of action. It’s time for action to build our community and put students first. Often the only communication students have with administrators and faculty is class, parking tickets, and bills. Sadly, many students don’t graduate from Tech… not because of academic problems, but because students feel treated as numbers instead of people.

Many people, some student leaders included, believe community is built solely by a website or big project. I understand that people build community and it’s not done easily or by one person, but through committed students determined to improve things. SGA needs a Vice-President to move us forward, to take us away from the raw deal students get and to fight for a fair deal, a SQUARE DEAL, a square deal that will bring Tech to remember that it begins and ends with the students.

The Square Deal Has Four Sides:
Community:
- Work with Organizations and President’s Council to communicate what’s going on and simplify the funding process
- SGA needs to co-operate with the Student Center, which it funds $760,000 annually, to create events
- Space for community and organizational meetings, religious and minority groups, and music rehearsal

Auxiliary Services:
- Parking should be held financially accountable and students should be able to see where their dollars are spent
- Dining Services must serve quality food in the dining halls, they need to be subjected to a free-market where freshmen aren’t required to purchase a mealplan they won’t use

Academics:
- A Student Bill of Academic Rights to guarantee basic rights in classes.
- I authored a bill of rights and we’ve begun working to make it institute policy
- Teaching should be a priority for teachers and administrators, especially when considering hiring, tenure, and promotion

Vice-Presidential Leadership:
- Set a tone of action and accountability for representatives
- Provide clear avenues of communication and strengthen SGA’s Committees
- Well-run meetings based on an understanding of SGA’s Constitution and By-Laws, and Robert’s Rules of Order
- Lobby the Statehouse for a textbook sales-tax exemption
Trey Childress  
GSG Presidential Candidate

Major: Public Policy  
Expected Graduation: May 2002

SGA Experience:
- Senator, School of Public Policy (2001)  
- Undergraduate SGA at Georgia Tech:  
  - Junior Class President & Representative (1998)  
  - Parliamentarian (1997)  
  - Advocate General (1997)  
  - Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on the Quality of Learning Environment (1997-1998)  
  - Public Relations Committee (1996-1998)

Tech Activities:  
- Steering Chairman, TEAM Buzz Annual Community Service Event (1998-1999)  
- Vice-President, Campus Civitan (1997-1998)

Platform:
- Ensuring that you get your fair share of fees...  
- There are a number of students on this campus who do not see an adequate return on the activity fees that they pay—including graduate students and graduate families. Collaborative efforts should be made to ensure that graduates see a return on their student activity fees.  
- Many of the activities planned by undergraduates can be easily marketed toward graduate students. As president, I will ensure that undergraduates involved in campus programming know how to reach graduate audiences.

Controlling activity fee spending...  
- In addition to minimizing increases in our fees, we need more control in our spending. Under the current method of fee allocation, there is little order or direction. There are significant voids in campus programming—particularly in programming and services that are of interest to and convenient for graduate students and graduate families.  
- SGA should inventory these voids in programming and establish allocation priorities to fill these voids. These priorities should be communicated to organizations so that they can adjust programming to fill voids. The allocation process should have an established order and direction.

Fighting for GRA health insurance benefits...  
- Over the past few years, great strides have been made in the effort to gain health benefits for graduate assistants. Given the events of the past year at the Board of Regents and in the State budgeting process, this effort is at a critical point. If ignored, the momentum gained in this effort will be lost.  
- As president, I will ensure that both in the short-term and long-term, graduate students’ needs are effectively represented to the Board of Regents and other key players in the State budgeting process. With a president experienced in State government, graduate students can feel safe knowing that every effort is being made to fight for GRA health benefits.

Don’t risk your vote! Cast your vote for a candidate with experience.

Want to know more? See www.prism.gatech.edu/~gt8540b/ or email treychildress@hotmail.com

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Charles Mull  
GSG Presidential Candidate

Major: Management  
Expected Graduation: May 2002

SGA Experience:
- Senator, Georgia Tech Graduate Student Government (2001-2002)  
- Graduate Student, Georgia Tech (1999-2001)

Tech Activities:
- Management Consulting Club  
- E-Commerce and Marketing Club  
- Financial Management Club

Platform:
1. The primary value guiding all my work as President will be promoting the interest and welfare of Georgia Tech graduate students.  
2. I will work to reduce the allocation of funds controlled by student government to activities that do not directly benefit a significant number of graduate students, so that these funds might better be used for the benefit of graduate students.  
3. I will oppose all fee increases and work to reduce fees whenever possible.  
4. I will use the influence of the office to promote better on-campus housing for graduate students, particularly family housing, which is great need of improvements.  
5. I will use the influence of the office to work toward Georgia Institute of Technology providing comprehensive health insurance for graduate students and their families.  
6. I will seek out dedicated individuals to serve on campus committees and insist that these individuals keep the student government and the student body well informed.  
7. I will work with leaders of campus organizations to develop better ways in which Graduate Student Government can serve the interests of graduate students.

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Camille Foster  
GSG Vice-Presidential Candidate

Major: Management  
Expected Graduation: May 2002

SGA Experience:
- Senator, Georgia Tech Graduate Student Government (2001-2002)  
- Graduate Student, Georgia Tech (1999-2001)

Tech Activities:
- Ferst National Golf Club (M&M)  
- Home of Georgia Tech’s student government positions has been extended to Monday, March 19. For more information and online versions of the elections code, please visit http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/sga.

Voting will begin on Monday, March 26 at 8:00 a.m. and end on Wednesday, March 28 at 5:00 p.m. If necessary, a runoff election will be held April 2 and 3.

Voting is available online at http://elections.gatech.edu. The server will be down each night from midnight to 4:00 a.m. for routine maintenance.

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Ernest Hemingway wrote an awful lot about grasshoppers in The Nick Adams Stories.
Registrar’s office eliminates voice response registration

Beginning with early registration for Summer Term 2001, the voice response system will no longer be available for registration.

"Voice response has simply not been used for registration purposes in a sufficient amount to justify the expense and man hours required to continue," said Jo McVey, Registrar. Since the voice response system was implemented in the Spring Term 1997, only 782 students have used the system for registration. While this is an average of 51 students per term since 1997, only 85 students have used the system since semester conversion.

The voice response system will still be available for fee payment and for grade reporting at the end of the term. Only the registration portion of the system will be unavailable.

Due to changes made by the software vendor, a major upgrade will need to be made to the voice response system by September 1 of this year. An evaluation will be made prior to that time to determine the feasibility of continuing the system.

CETL honors fall and spring teaching fellows

The Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning will honor its Fall 2000 Class of 1969 Teaching Fellows, as well as its Spring 2001 Senior Teaching Fellows with an open house on Tuesday, March 20. The event will take place in the Student Center Ballroom from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Former participants in the teaching fellows program will present educational enhancements and innovations they have developed either directly or indirectly from their CETL Teaching Fellows projects.

All Georgia Tech students, staff, faculty, and administration are invited to attend. For more information on CETL and this event, contact CETL Director Billiee Pendleton-Parker via e-mail at billiee.pendletonparker@oars.gatech.edu.

Tech professor engineers 2002 winter olympic torch

Salt Lake City Olympic organizers recently tapped Georgia Tech’s Sam Shelton, an associate professor in mechanical engineering who constructed the 1996 Summer Olympic Torch, to design the 2002 Winter Olympic Torch. The torch, which was unveiled in Washington, D.C. last month, resembles an icicle, and it will be used in both the cross-country torch relay, which begins in Atlanta on December 4 and treks 13,500 miles, and the opening ceremonies on February 8, 2002.

Council Clippings

Undergraduate House of Representatives

By Mary DeCamp

The March 13 meeting of the Undergraduate House of Representatives saw the presentation of several bills.

The guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Richard Meyer the Dean and Director of Libraries. He has held that office since October 2000, and he spoke to the representatives about some current implementations as well as plans for the future concerning the library. He mentioned that many students are taking advantage of the library being open 24 hours. He also mentioned that the library is trying to improve on its collection of electronic resources as well as its general ambiance.

Dr. Meyer said that there are plans to begin construction on an Undergraduate Learning Center that will be connected to the library as well as refurbishment of the library in the near future. Dean Gail announced that an architect and design team have been chosen to create SAC II. Construction will begin in August.

She also mentioned that a “When the Whistle Blows”, a ceremony that will honor the memories of Tech students, faculty, and staff who have passed away over the course of the semester, will be held on April 18 at 7 pm in front of Tech Tower. This particular ceremony will honor the memories of those who passed away starting Summer 2000.

The first three bills that were presented had been in Conference Committee, where undergraduates and graduates sought compromise.

The first bill, authored by ME Freshman Experience Meal Plan. The bill passed to go on to a Conference Committee, where undergraduates and graduates sought compromise. The second bill, authored by Freshman Rep Victor Allen, was for the allocation of money to the GT Men’s Soccer Team. Due to lack of student attendance at games, this bill failed.

The second bill, authored by Monali Desai, dealt with allocating money for speaker fees for Women’s Awareness Month. Conference Committee members decided on allocating the money to the group. This bill passed.

The third bill, authored by Freshman Rep Dirty Riddle, was for the allocation of money for the performance by the Second City Comedy Troupe. The Conference Committee proposed not to allocate the money. After some discussion, this bill failed.

Economics Rep. Stephen Poppick brought a revised edition of the Resolution on Yearlong Mandate of Freshman Experience Meal Plan. This is in relation to actions taken by SGA IMPACT. The bill passed to be discussed by the Campus Services Committee.

Computer Engineering Rep. Brian Lauzer authored the next bill which was for an allocation of $400 to the Institute of Architectural Students for DJ fees for its Beaux Arts Ball. The bill passed.

Sophomore Rep. Tiffany Massey authored a bill that asked for money for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority’s Fashion Show “Emancipation.” After the House amended the bill per Joint Finance Committee recommendations to $4,701.15 the bill passed to go on to a Conference Committee.

Freshman Representative Alissa Aiken and Sophomore Representative Tiffany Massey prepare to present their bills at Tuesday’s UHR meeting.
Now that one construction, the North Campus parking deck, is wrapping up, it’s time for a new project to begin. In the latest of the improvements set out by Tech’s Master Plan, a new, $1.2 million dollar renovation is set to improve State Street and make it the entrance to campus from the north.

State Street is currently one lane in each direction with parallel parking available on either side. The renovations would give the street a width of 56.5 feet while adding bike lanes on either side. In addition, 66 trees would be planted along the street’s new concrete-brick combination, seven-foot wide sidewalks, and a median with plants and grass would be installed.

The project has been in the works since 1997, and aims to “green up the campus and make it more pedestrian-friendly,” said Facilities’ John DuCongé. DuCongé noted that the western boundary of the street would remain intact, and the widening would push the eastern boundary, while sidewalk construction would span both sides.

Preliminary work is underway now, to convert the above-ground power lines to underground in order to make room for the trees and sidewalks, with a cost of $200,000. The two other portions of the plan are the street improvement project, which includes the widening and lighting of the street as well as construction of the sidewalks, with a tab of $900,000, and the landscaping and irrigation set at $135,000. All funding will come from the Institute.

Students who are worried about the closing of one of Tech’s main roads should not fret yet; there is still much to be done before the construction may begin. The entrances to parking lots must be re-configured, the contractor on the North Campus parking deck must clear out, and the decommissioning of the Neely building must all reach completion before work may begin on the State Street project, noted Gary Petherick, who is working on the project for facilities.

This work sets the start of construction, and the temporary closing of the street sometime in late April or early May. The construction, which will only take place from Ferst Drive to Peachtree Place, looks to last about nine months. Phase II, which would extend the beautification of State Street to its intersection with Tenth, is still on the drawing board. Once completed, State Street will replace Atlantic, which will become pedestrian, as the major throughfare through campus.

The deck features a Buzz Card access, which will allow Parking to prevent illegal entry into the deck and help create a mixture of visitor and permit parking. It also includes a variety of safety measures.

“IT’S got the latest in lighting in parking decks. The lighting level is actually double the minimum recommended, and the white paint on the interior enhances that even more because it reflects the light. I’ve been over there at one o’clock in the morning, and it’s like the middle of the day,” Weis said.

A number of emergency call boxes are also present in the deck; they are located in the elevators and at the entrance to each stairwell.

The deck cost a total of $10.75 million, and its construction, which took approximately fifteen months, was paid for through a state bond program. Parking will pay back the money over the next thirty years through its standard revenue sources.

“I personally might be a little prejudiced, but I think it is one of the nicest looking buildings on campus—I really do. I think on all major campuses there is a lot more concern now for aesthetics and how buildings blend in, so that you get more of a feel that you are on a campus and not downtown. You want it to feel like a campus,” said Weis.
in this pilot course.

“Our target audience is freshmen, so in addition to the technical material related to computer programming, we are trying to incorporate basic office software, time management, and organizational skills to help better prepare the students for the rest of their time at GT and beyond,” said Dr. Leonard.

“If this course is adopted college-wide, and we hope it will be, the instruction team must be prepared for about 900 students per semester. This will require a significant allocation of resources—faculty, TA’s, classroom, and lab space. We are working on these details. The content of CEE4803D does differ somewhat from the traditional CS1311.

“This course differs from CS1311 primarily in the format of it’s lectures, the engineering examples that we use when explaining and demonstrating various topics in computing, and the early emphasis of good project and time management skills. We are also emphasizing tangible computer skills that can be used by the students in subsequent classes,” said Dr. Leonard.

Students who complete this course successfully should have a good understanding of how to approach engineering problem solving and how to implement computer programming and other skills into solving engineering problems.

Their assignments are both applications-based, in Microsoft programs, and programming-based, primarily in MATLAB.

“Each student has a chance to work with the computers as the lectures are being given. They can input code, see how it works or ask why it doesn’t work,” Laura Cham, a sophomore CE major who serves as the TA for the course, said. “I think we were all extremely excited by what this college could become. We were excited about developing degree programs in the stuff that we care passionately about. When you start out with a good idea and really good people, success can’t be that much of a surprise,” Barke said.

“Ivan Allen now offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in its five different schools. The near future does not hold any new schools within the college, but initial discussions are underway between Economics and International Affairs to evaluate the feasibility of a major in international economics, and Rosser feels that the next ten years will be as exciting as the first.

“When I see us ten years from now is somewhere at the place where humanities and social sciences have at our competitors like Stanford and MIT, but is will be different because Georgia Tech always has a unique approach in the way it solves problems and the way it positions itself among higher institutions in the United States,” Rosser said.

“One reason that Tech is going up so fast and that Ivan Allen College will go up quickly is that we have already gone through what some humanities and social science departments at more traditional universities are going through now in terms of how they are adapting to technology and where they are positioning themselves in this twenty-first century. We will be able to move ahead.”
President JR Spriggle authored the next bill, which proposed creating an Ad Hoc Committee to review Joint Finance Committee policies and procedures to erase confusion between the Undergraduate House and the Graduate Senate. The bill passed.

ME Rep. Victor Allen authored a bill asking for an allocation of $25,000 to DramaTech to pay for new risers because the current risers are very old and weak. The bill passed.

The next bill was for the allocation of money to Georgia Tech Culture Fest 2001. It was authored by Rep. Carolina Andrade. After an amendment omitting some of the minor costs, the House passed the bill.

Sophomore Rep. Craig Tomasello authored the next bill, which drew great representation from the Georgia Tech Flying Club. This bill proposed the allocation of money to the GT Flying Club to repaint and refurbish two airplanes. After some short discussion, this bill passed allocation $28,997.50 to the Flying Club.

The next bill dealt with allocation of funds to Lambda Delta Rho, a freshman leadership organization, for its Annual Leadership Recognition Banquet. After amending the bill per JFC recommendations, the House passed it. Sophomore Rep. Tiffany Massey was the author.

Rep. Ankur Goel authored the next bill. This bill dealt with the allocation of money to Freshman Council to help pay for the costs of this year’s SAC Attack. The House passed the bill after amending it per JFC recommendations, which made the total $2,586.

The next bill dealt with the allocation of money to SAC for six new exercise machines. Freshman Rep. Alissa Aiken authored this bill. The House passed the bill allocating $23,970 to SAC for the cost of these machines.

The final bill, authored by Elections Committee Chair Mike DeNicola, discussed by the representatives dealt with extending the deadline for submitting an application to run for a class or major representative position to Monday, March 19. After some discussion, the House amended the bill to make this extended deadline apply to people seeking candidacy in all undergraduate student government positions and then passed the bill.
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Sig Ep's infractions, but the fraternity raised several due process issues that forced Wilcox and the Dean of Students office to reexamine the procedure by which it had been suspended. The fraternity also appealed the decision to the Board of Regents, the final authority in the state.

“I think the end result was fair. I don’t think the clause was left out intentionally with the knowledge that it never would have been passed by SGA or SAC, and therefore never accepted by the Institute,” Carr said.

The dean’s office mistakenly told Sig Ep and its legal council that the IFC website contained the official procedure for handling Greek misconduct issues.

“The blame for this procedural error cannot be placed on one particular individual. The oversight has grown over time, and unfortunately it took something like this to call IFC and administrative attention to it,” Carr said.

“We’ve always had a system where the Dean’s Office really makes the decisions. Judicial boards, whether it is for academic misconduct, non-academic misconduct, Greek misconduct, we’ve always had those findings and sanctions come into the Dean’s Office as recommendations, and then the Dean decides,” Wilcox said.

When the Dean of Students office decided to add suspension to the educational recommendations made by the IFC judicial board, lawyers from Sig Ep claimed foul play.

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“We mistakenly gave them something that really wasn’t approved yet, and they were assuming that the IFC judicial committee would be final, and so they were surprised when we added sanctions,” Wilcox said.

After realizing they made errors in the process, representatives from Tech legal council began negotiating with lawyers representing Sig Ep. The agreement reduces Sig Ep’s suspension, but it places a variety of restrictions and requirements on the fraternity. Brothers may remain in the house, but they cannot participate in any Greek activity, other than preparation for fall rush for 2001, and no alcohol can be present in the house.

All current members of the fraternity and fall pledges must also complete alcohol and anti-hazing educational programs. The fraternity must also institute the Balanced-Man Program, a unique pledge program developed by the national organization of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Sig Ep members must also complete 1000 hours of community service and hire an outside house manager for a three-year period. After July 31, if the fraternity can prove its compliance, it will be recognized on Tech campus again.

According to both Oakes and Wilcox, many brothers in Sig Ep were taking measures to improve the previous problems even they reached a compromise, and alumni also aided in the changes.

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Both sides expressed their satisfaction with the end compromise.

“I am satisfied that Sig Ep has really learned a lesson from this. They got the message—there is no question about that. I see the house coming back with a much stronger program than they’ve had in the past,” Wilcox said.

“I think the end result was fair. My only concern was the length that is inconvenienced the academic pursuits of our undergraduates,” Oakes said.

“I think both sides—Georgia Tech and Sig Ep—learned a lot from the process, and I think that is great. Both sides recognized the problems and made it better for the students.”

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