More services offered, larger facilities, with West Campus location

By Jason Reeve, Contributing Writer

With a groundbreaking in early June, work on the new health center will begin, and with it, students can expect many expansions upon the current health coverage. Among these include dental coverage, expanding psychiatric coverage, and third party billing. The actual building will be larger than the current health center and will have room for future expansions built into it. The new health center will be located next to the natatorium on west campus, the current location of part of the Student Athletic Complex (SAC). It will have an entrance facing Ferst Drive and will be two stories tall.

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SGA revote shows new results

By Jordy Shaw, Editor-in-Chief

Members of the undergraduate student body approved two proposed amendments to the Student Government Association Constitution in a special referendum after previous votes on the amendments during the regularly-schedule undergraduate SGA was ruled constitutional by the Undergraduate Judiciary Cabinet. The undergraduates also voted to reject two proposed amendments that had passed in the original election.

The student body overwhelmingly passed an amendment to expand the size of the UJC to aid in the expediting of cases before the student discipline board the makes recommendations to the Dean of Students. The student body also approved the amendment to allow SGA to community referendums on amendments in forums other than the Technique. Previously all constitutional amendments and referendums had to be listed in the student newspaper prior to the election. This stipulations was what caused the UJC to rule the first amend- ment, since they had not been published in the Technique.

The two amendments that failed both related to equal opportunity for all students to participate in student activities—one addressed SGA and the other addressed all other student organizations. Essentially the amendments would have barred student organizations from discriminating in their member- ships based on certain characteristics. These two amendments originally passed in the first election. In order to pass, an amendment needed a two-thirds majority.

SGA Referendum Results

| UJC Expansion | Passed 419 60 |
| Equal Opportunity in SGA | Failed 32 171 |
| Equal Opportunity in student orgs | Failed 278 217 |
| Communication for referendums | Passed 360 130 |

New initiative to promote freshman leadership

By Andrew Howard, Contributing Writer

In a continuing effort to establish new leaders on Georgia Tech’s campus, Auxiliary Services will offer 75 rising freshmen the opportunity to enroll in an Emerging Leaders program. This program is geared toward students who are not yet leaders but are looking to get involved. It will be another alternative to Freshman Council and the Freshman Activities Board, explained Residence Life Coordinator Laura Powers, program director.

Enrolled students will attend bi-weekly seminars for a year led by members as well as leaders from the surrounding community.

"Our goal is to help Georgia Tech freshmen have the ability to succeed in a leadership role at Georgia Tech and beyond. We will provide a variety of opportunities as well steps to build networking skills. The more organizations, like M.O.V.E., that we work with, the better impact on the student," said Powers.

Funded by a $50,000 grant from the Auxiliary Services’ Buzzfunds account, the Emerging Leaders program is an effort to support President Wayne Clough’s leadership initiative. The Buzzfunds have been tied up for the last couple years, but when they opened up, [Vice President] Pat Patterson and [SGA President] Brian German were pleased.

By Javier Fernandez, Contributing Writer

Theta Xi ends Beta Dean Dull streak

This past spring, Theta Xi Fraternity was presented with the James E. Dull Best Overall Fraternity Award. This was particularly notable feature, as it was the first time since the award’s inception, over 25 years ago, that a fraternity other than Beta Theta Pi earned it.

The award is granted to the fraternity that scores best overall in seven categories. They include: Scholarship (35 percent), Leadership and Philanthropy (17 percent each), Intramurals (15 percent), and Greek Week, Homecoming and Educational Programming (5 percent each). It was named after a popular former donor, recognized as a supporter of Georgia Tech’s Greek system. Theta Xi placed first in Leadership, Philanthropy and Educational Programming, and placed within the top ten in all the other categories.

According to Theta Xi President, Shaun Dishman, this is something they have been working toward for several years.

"At first there was some discouragement after finishing in second place for two years in a row, but we took the focus off of how we were placed and concentrated on self-im- provement; we found our weaknesses and turned them to strengths," said Dishman.

"After the first year, we really pressed it on our new guys and for them to know that this was something we were serious about," said Dishman.

"The first year, we concentrated on Phi- lanthrop and the following on Leader- ship. This year, it really came together with out dedication to improving Scholarship," Dishman added. They placed in third in that category. "We identified our weak ar- eas and improved on them one by one."
Last issue’s poll garnered 124 responses to the question: “What should the faculty do about drop day?”

Move it to last day of semester. (34%) Leave it where it is. (14%) Move it to the eighth week of the Semester. (52%)

This week’s poll is about freshmen involvement. What is the best way for freshmen to get involved at Tech? Should they even get involved at all? Vote at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique.

From the archives...

The Nique’s top stories from:

10 years ago: May 29, 1992—Georgia Tech forms an ad-hoc committee to examine the option of switching from the quarter system to the semester system. Opinions within the Tech community vary greatly, and the committee also discusses the possibility of a trimester system.

20 years ago: May 28, 1982—SGA addresses the proposal to build Peters Parking Deck. Many students oppose the plan, as Peters Park is one of the few greenspaces left on East Campus, and other avenues should be considered to solve the parking problem on campus.

30 years ago: May 26, 1972—In a presidential preference poll and referendum, students re-elect Richard Nixon, who receives 48.8% of the 667 votes cast. Students also vote down busing of students, approve of a nuclear test ban treaty, and favor the equal rights amendment for women, among other issues.
Dean Dull

“We also felt a lot of support from the other chapters on campus. It is nice to have people notice when you are trying to make a difference.”

Dishman hopes their success will motivate other chapters. Buck Cooke, the Greek Advisorsaid, “The ta Xi has opened the competition up for other houses. This is a great award for recognition of the outstanding things fraternities at Tech do and I would like to see more houses actively participate.”

“This award shows that the Greek system values these qualities,” said Cooke.

“It helps with motivation and goal setting. The more fraternities and sororities line their goals up with these values, the more they will benefit. It also serves to showcase the great program that we have here at Tech.”

“Working toward this objective helped us with our purpose to make a better man,” said Dishman.

“In the end there was a great sense of accomplishment of what we thought was a lofty goal. We will stay just as determined next year, but our focus will remain on improving by our own standards.”

Health

The women’s center will be located directly above the lab and will have three more examination rooms than it currently does. This will help students using the health center receive quicker and more convenient service.

The wellness center, which will also be located on the second floor, will be arranged slightly differently to be more accessible to students. Changes in its layout include more overall space, a larger fitness area for stretching and measurements, and a poster-sized printer area.

The new health center’s medical clinic will also expand in size. It will have 16 examination rooms instead of the 9 rooms currently available at the clinic. The doctor’s offices will be located next to two of these examination rooms, giving the doctors quicker access to their patients.

The move to the new health center will also include new beds and medical equipment. This spring alone the medical clinic saw 5,769 patients. Health Services hopes that these improvements will help the doctors treat patients in a more timely manner.

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Director of Health Services

The radiology department at the new health center will be the same size as it is now. Rather than transport the old equipment from the current health center, Health Services will instead use new equipment.

The new health center’s lab will be located near the rear of the building and will be slightly larger than it is currently. The lab will continue to perform throat cultures and chemical analysis such as hematocrit and blood sampling. More complicated procedures will be sent out to other labs for analysis.

There is also a large space on the second floor left for future expansions of the health center. Health Services will use this space based on student response to the health center and which areas need more space.

The survey that Auxiliary Services conducts represents one way that health services will know which areas need to have more room, according to Smith.

“Submissions from student government organizations that express interest in expanding certain areas will also be taken into account,” said Smith.

Parking for the new health center will be available next to the health center where the parking lot for SAC is now. It is not yet certain how this lot will be enforced to keep spots open for patient use.

This $7.1 million dollar construction will take place from the second week of June until the following February. Whiting-Turner Construction is constructing this project, with Lord, Ach and Sargent as architects for it. However, the date for the ground breaking has not yet been set.

After the health center moves to its new location, construction on the Klaus Advanced Computing Building, a project of the College of Computing, will begin. Students should expect the health center to open in the middle of the spring of 2004.

More information about the current health services can be found on-line at www.health.gatech.edu.

Leaders

President of Auxiliary Services/ Rosalind Myers divided the money between the Impact Scholarship and the Emerging Leaders program.

An advisory board, consisting of Associate Director of Residence Life Dan Morrison, Assistant Director for the Freshman Experience Program Bob Morton, Student Center representatives and many other professionals, met once a month with Powers to discuss the progress of the program.

“I would have loved to participate in such a program if I had the opportunity. When I came to Tech, I had no idea what types of leadership programs this campus had to offer,” said sophomore Aron Giles.

Powers plans to actively recruit during this summer’s FASET programs in hopes of recruiting students before they get over involved.

“The program is geared towards students who are not yet leaders but are looking to get involved.”

Laura Powers
Residence Life Coordinator

“Recruitment will be competitive but fair. We will have no prerequisites as far as what type of student will be accepted,” said Powers.

Interested students may fill out an on-line application, which includes an essay and a phone interview. If more than 75 apply, there may be a waiting list.

“A $40 fee is necessary to participate,” explained Powers, “but that is only to ensure commitment to the program. We want students that are going to be genuinely interested and want to learn.”

“One of the most necessary qualities of a leader is knowledge, this program can provide this knowledge.”

said Residence Hall Association President Ryan Spanier

The advisory board will judge the success of the program based on a pre- and post-program evaluation. In future years, more sophisticated evaluation methods will be in place.

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