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With elections nearing, presidential debates capture Tech's attention.

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Clough to deliver State of Institute

Institute President Wayne Clough will deliver his annual State of the Institute Address Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 11 a.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Clough will recap the year's achievements and present his plans for Tech's future.

Buzz celebrates 25th birthday

Tech's official mascot, Buzz, will celebrate his 25th birthday Friday, Oct. 15. All are invited for free food, music and roaming entertainment in Bobby Dodd Stadium starting at 7:30 p.m. Fireworks will begin at 9:15 p.m.

GT SMART, APD launch hotline

GTSMART and the Atlanta Police Department are forming a partnership to curb underage drinking.

The GTSMART Tip Hotline will "allow concerned citizens to anonymously report establishments suspected of serving alcohol to minors and intoxicated persons," according to a Tech press release.

According to Atlanta Police Chief Richard Pennington, underage drinking costs citizens \$517 million in medical care costs and loss of work in Georgia every year. The APD and GTSMART hope that the hotline's anonymity will encourage more people to report illegal alcohol sales.



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Good Day Atlanta hosts pep rally

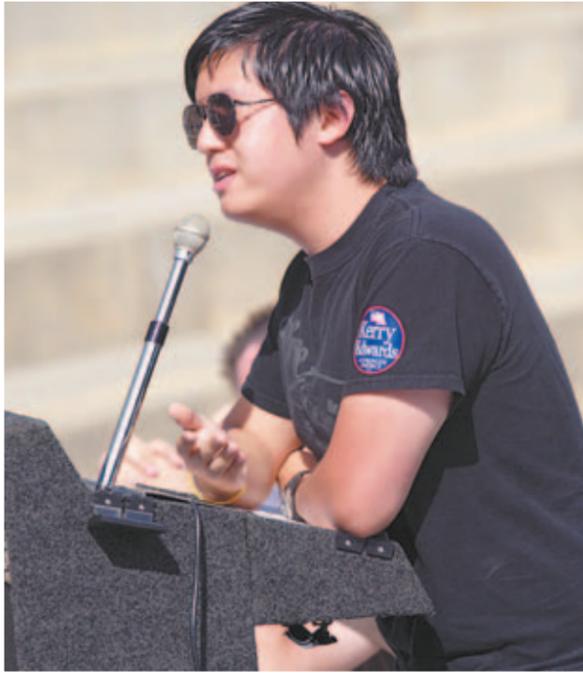
Early last Friday morning, local TV network FOX 5 WAGA filmed a group of Tech students and cheerleaders rallying school spirit for last Saturday's Miami game. Fans gathered at the Campanile at 7 a.m. to be filmed live for the channel's *Good Day Atlanta* morning show.



By Emily Tate / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Celebrating Diversity:

Georgia Tech Coming Out Week (GTCOW) featured several events on campus this week, including Monday's kick-off fair on Skiles Walkway (above). GTCOW also sponsored a debate on gay marriage on Tuesday. Luigi Montanez of the College Democrats speaks to the crowd gathered at the Campanile.



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Bush names Clough to science post

By Inn Inn Chen
Contributing Writer

President George W. Bush announced the nomination of Institute President Wayne Clough to a position on the National Science Board (NSB) on Sept. 23.

The nomination must still be approved by the Senate and National Science Foundation Director Arden Bement Jr.

At this point, there is still not a determined schedule for when the U.S. Senate will take up the nomination.

The NSB currently has 24 members, and Clough is one of the current eight nominees for the board. The appointment is for 6 years; it will last until May 10, 2010.

The NSB was established by Congress in 1950 to oversee the programs of the National Science Foundation (NSF) and to provide advice to both the president and Congress on issues dealing with science and technology.

According to Sean Selman, Tech's media relations specialist, the nomination serves as a "good indication of the faith that a lot of government officials put in Georgia Tech and the opinions of our faculty and staff."

If Clough is on the board, he will

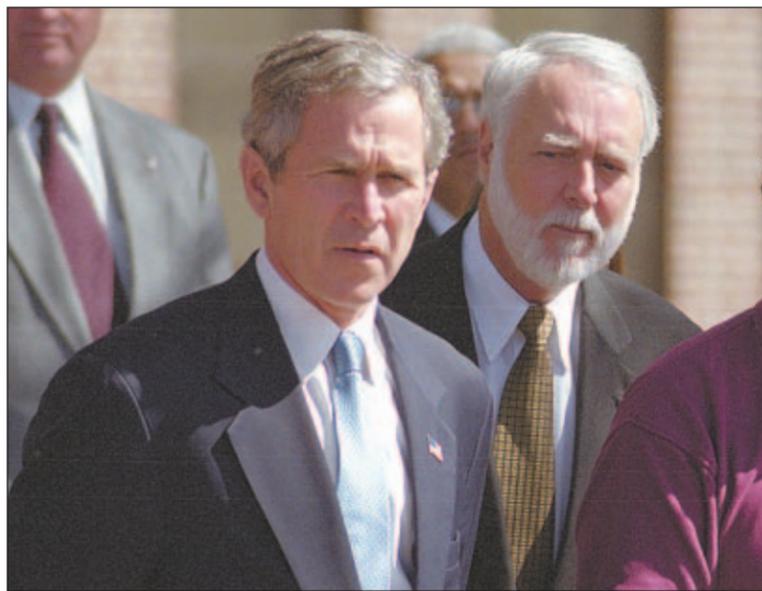


Photo courtesy of ICPA

Institute President Wayne Clough with President Bush in 2002.

play a role in setting the agenda of the NSF over the next few decades and will also help decide how money for different related programs will be allocated.

The board meets about six times a year, which should not greatly affect Clough's schedule and duties here on campus.

It could only serve to help Tech, according to Selman. He said the appointment is a "benefit for Georgia Tech because President Clough will be involved in the national stage."

The nomination was based on Clough's previous involvement in

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Governor gets earful over cuts

By Haining Yu
Assistant News Editor

Gov. Sonny Perdue met with 31 student representatives from colleges all over Georgia last Saturday morning to discuss recent budget cuts that will affect state schools and likely lead to a midyear tuition hike.

Not only did Georgia's largest schools such as Tech, UGA, Georgia State and Georgia Southern attend the meeting, but nearly all of Georgia community colleges were represented as well.

The meeting was called together by Chris Young, special assistant to Gov. Sonny Perdue, and former Tech SGA vice president.

The student representatives at the meeting, mostly presidents and vice presidents of their respective schools' student governments, had the chance to present their side of the budget cut and tuition increase issue to the governor.

The early breakfast meeting began with some background information from Young on the history of the Board of Regents, and how the Board became a separate entity from the state.

Next, Perdue presented a PowerPoint on the background of the budget cuts, how they are

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Thousands sign petition

By Nikhil Joshi
Contributing Writer

As of Oct. 5, at least 3,000 Tech students signed a petition protesting state budget cuts and the resulting strong consideration of a midyear tuition increase, according to SGA tallies.

Amy Phuong, undergraduate student body president, said that she expects the number to reach at least 4,000.

"The count of 3,000 does not include signatures gathered by sororities, fraternities, or the RHA [Residence Hall Association]," Phuong said. "So far, it looks like the final count will equal approximately 40 percent of the [undergraduate] student body."

The petition, a combined effort of the student governments of 31 schools, is a response to the \$179 million in state budget cuts made by Gov. Sonny Perdue. Tech and UGA are leading the petition drive.

Phuong said that SGA "would like the governor to consider other options, such as spreading out budget cuts more evenly. This would lessen the burden on education."

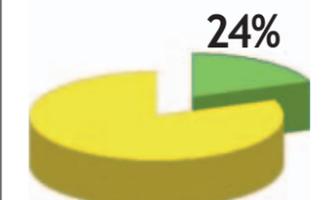
The governor's office said that it does not directly support the 10 percent tuition increase proposed by the Board of Regents. Communications Spokesman Don McLagan said, "A tuition increase is not the right way to solve the problem."

McLagan said the Board of Regents "can surely find \$68 million in its \$4.5 billion budget."

Phuong said that a midyear increase would be not only unex-

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Percent of student body that signed the SGA petition



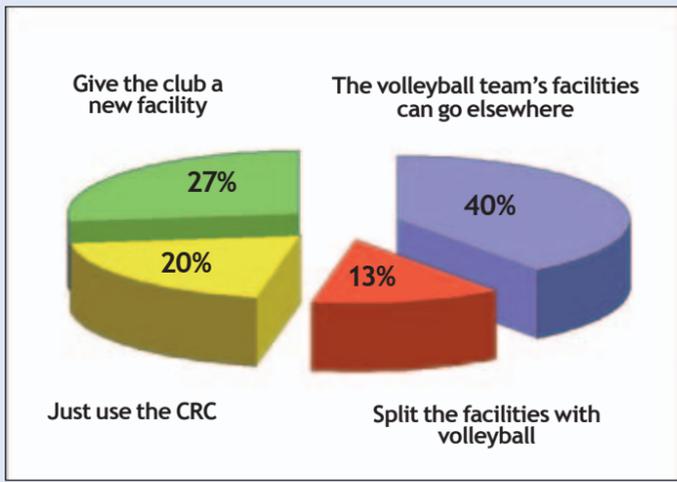
Student body: 16,872

SGA collected over 3,000 signatures. When combined with efforts of RHA and the Greek community, the total is expected to rise above 4,000. Thirty-one colleges and universities are participating in the effort.

Technique Online Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 111 responses.

What is a fair solution to the Barbell Club situation?



By Lauren Griffin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:

What do you like most about a later Drop Day?

Tell us at www.nique.net



From the files of the GTPD...

Crime Reports

Theft (continued)

9/30/2004 15:08:00 hrs.

Location: Rose Bowl Football Field

Incident: Report that a green four wheel ATV was stolen.

9/24/2004 12:39:00 hrs.

Location: 800 West Peachtree Street/DCOM

Incident: Report of a stolen Georgia Tech master key.

10/2/2004 17:38:00 hrs.

Location: Bobby Dodd Stadium

Incident: Report of a stolen GT/Miami football ticket.

10/4/2004 13:24:00 hrs.

Location: Facilities building

Incident: Report of a stolen laptop.

9/30/2004 16:13:00 hrs.

Location: Hemphill Ave and Eighth St.

Incident: Report of a four-vehicle accident (no injuries reported).

Terroristic threats

10/3/2004 23:42:00 hrs.

Location: Eighth St. Apartments

Incident: Report of Terroristic threats.

Traffic accident

9/28/2004 12:09:00 hrs.

Location: Brittain Loading Dock

Incident: Report of a hit and run accident (no reported injuries).

9/28/2004 17:01:00 hrs.

Location: Woodruff lot

Incident: Report of a hit and run accident (no reported injuries).

Flooding

9/28/2004 8:42:00 hrs.

Location: O'Keefe

Incident: Report that a building flooded.

Theft

9/28/2004 9:59:00 hrs.

Location: 792 Techwood Dr.

Incident: Report that a 2001 Suzuki motorcycle was stolen.

9/28/2004 15:18:00 hrs.

Location: GLC

Incident: Report that a 1996 Yamaha FZR motorcycle was stolen.

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The mystery dinner theatre was kickass awesome!
 w00t
 since when is eli a judge?
 I can't understand my ethics professor
 Taqueria del sol sucks dude
 What part of "no cellphone use in the library" do people not understand?! It doesn't mean that if you go in between a couple of bookshelves that you aren't bothering people trying to study, especiall
 Your Sliver Here.
 Your Sliver There.
 Your Sliver In Your Underwear.
 For the love of all that is good - Widen GA 400!!!
 One would think that USB ports would be in accessible locations!
 poofing angry wolverine missile
 I won't even consider marrying a girl who won't fold my laundry for me.
 www.joshanddanielswebsite.com
 whoever pulled the fire alarm at 5 am in smith is retarded not one time but many times
 Just give me a job darn it for a stac major, kristin sure is grumpy!
 uh huh, uh huh, uh huh, yeah, uh huh, okay next
 oh no withdrawl there are no cinimon twists at einstiens
 Ha ha Kristin the STAC major, you got pwnz0red!
 What exactly is so wrong about printing first/last names? As I recall, I've seen PG-13 profanity here.
 Your pitiful efforts to censor me will not prevail!
 Best way for fake majors to get along with the real ones: accept your lot in life and make fun of yourself...only then will you be accepted by us
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UHR fails sign bill on technicality, funds Kayak Club, Water Polo

By Arcadiy Kantor
Staff Writer

The Undergraduate House of Representatives dealt with only four bills in an uneventful session Tuesday.

Two of the bills were conference committee versions that had been considered in previous weeks.

Amy Phuong, undergraduate student body president, reported on the progress of SGA's efforts to combat the midyear tuition increase.

She, along with several other SGA presidents from colleges around the state, discussed the current budget problems with Perdue in a meeting last week.

"He had a... presentation of why we are in the situation that we're in," Phuong said. The schools responded with a bevy of statistics in an attempt

to convince the governor to change his mind on the budget cut.

Phuong also updated the representatives on the progress of the petition to overturn the budget reduction.

After tallying Tech's signature total, SGA members will join students from colleges around the state to march from Georgia State's student center to the State Capitol and present the petition to the governor on the Capitol's steps.

One of the bills up for consideration in a new conference committee version was for the allocation of \$2,875 to SGA for a sign to be created to hang outside their new office in the Student Center Commons.

The Graduate Student Senate had passed the bill to allocate \$3,000

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Graduates elect treasurer, withdraw SGA sign bill

By Stephen Baehl
News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate meeting began with unfinished business from last week as Vice President Lisa Brown called for nominations for the position of treasurer.

Victoria Foster was elected new treasurer of the GSS with little discussion; her only opponent dropped from the short race after being informed of the time commitment.

From there, the meeting moved on to the more routine business of considering bills. One of the meeting's longest discussions centered around the conference committee version of the SGA allocation bill for a new sign in front of its office.

Sen. Ed Greco, JCOC chair,

noted that he still opposed the bill. "I actually had someone from my department seek me out and ask me, 'What the hell are you guys thinking?'" he said.

Other senators pointed out the reason for the sign's purchase, though, saying the SGA moved its office for the purpose of visibility. Without any sign indicating the office's location, they said, the purpose would not be served.

However, the conference committee bill did not address the indication that GSS had called for the money's allocation from Prior Year, when it should have come from Capital Outlay. Since conference committee bills can only be passed or failed, the graduates had no choice but to withdraw the bill.



By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Paul Byrne and Danny Kenyon discuss an aspect of a bill at Tuesday night's Undergraduate House of Representatives meeting. The house only considered four bills in one of its shortest meetings yet.

Bills considered by both houses of the Student Government Association

Undergraduate House of Representatives

Title	Author	Status
Joint allocation to SGA (conference committee)	Amy Phuong	Failed
Joint allocation to Kayak Club (conference committee)	Stephanie Bent	Passed
Joint allocation to TEAM Buzz community service day	Richard Wright	Passed (\$0)
Joint allocation to Georgia Tech Water Polo Club	Stephanie Bent	Passed

Graduate Student Senate

Joint allocation to Students of Objectivism	Ed Greco	Withdrawn
Joint resolution on state budget reduction	Amy Phuong	Passed
Joint allocation to Georgia Tech Water Polo Club	Teag Haughan	Passed
Joint allocation to SGA (conference committee)	Kasi David	Tabled
Joint allocation to Kayak Club (conference committee)	Pelham Norville	Passed
Joint allocation to TEAM Buzz community service day	Teag Haughan	Tabled

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rather than the lower sum that was determined at the UHR meeting. The contractor's price quote was not available to the senate.

The bill had been changed in committee to reflect the total allocation passed by the undergraduates, but it was withdrawn from consideration in the GSS because the bill requested the money be allocated from the Prior Year account rather than Capital Outlay.

The Capital Outlay account, intended for purchases that are expected to last longer than three years, would have been the proper source for the bill to draw on.

Since a bill from a conference committee cannot be amended

on the floor during discussion, the mistake struck a deadly blow to the allocation.

"For all practical purposes this bill is dead," said Hunter Oates, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences representative.

Oates told the house that a conference committee bill must be passed in both the graduate and undergraduate assemblies in order to take effect.

As a result of the error and the graduate students' withdrawal, the bill failed by a wide margin.

The other conference committee bill fared much better on the floor of the house, however.

The bill, a joint allocation to the Kayak Club, was passed with little discussion in its reduced conference committee version, giving the club

a total of \$6,170 toward equipment purchases.

The other bills addressed at the meeting were processed with similar speed.

TEAM Buzz's request for \$1,268.78 to pay for monogrammed photo holders, tabled last week to sort out the controversy over communications difficulties between SGA and the organization, was amended to \$0 and passed.

The organization representative apologized for last week's confusion, saying TEAM Buzz did not have any evidence of the false statements they claimed SGA had made.

Also passed with little discussion was a joint allocation to the Georgia Tech Water Polo club, giving the team \$225 for travel costs to a tournament in Knoxville, Tenn.

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policy-making, which includes experience in the current administration.

In 2001, Bush appointed Clough to the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), a more advisory body than the NSB.

During his tenure on the council, Clough served as the chair of the Federal Research and Development Panel. Clough still holds a position on the board, but has moved to the position of chair of the Nanotechnology Task Force on the board.

If Clough's nomination to the NSB is approved, he will be the only person to serve on both the NSB and the PCAST.

He will also be the only civil engineer on the board and one of five engineers.

In addition to being on PCAST, Clough is also a member of the executive committee of the U.S. Council on Competitiveness. On this advisory body, Clough serves as the co-chair of the National Innovation Initiative.

Clough is also involved in aiding public policy on the local level. Currently, Clough is working to help Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin with the task of repairing the Atlanta sewer system.

If Clough takes the position on the NSB, he will be the second Tech president to serve on the board. The first to do so was Joseph Pettit, who was on the board from 1976 to 1982.

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pected, but also insufficient to cover the budget deficit—this can only be done by either a tuition increase of 27 percent, a staff reduction or some combination of the two.

Leroy Campbell and Patrick Cook, SGA chairs of public relations, said that the petition represents the majority opinion of Tech students. Campbell said that higher student-professor ratios would hurt Tech's national rankings. "Students should not have to pay more to go to a school with lower rankings," he said.

Describing the far-reaching effects of the tuition increase, Phuong said, "There could be a lessening in the number of classes offered over the summer. Also, because of limited resources, Georgia Tech may not be able to accept as many freshmen or transfer students as they have in the past."

Andrew Howard, president of RHA, worked together with Phuong to reach as many students as possible. "RHA unanimously passed the same resolution as SGA did.

This allowed us to initiate a door-to-door petition drive within our hall councils," he said.

The petition, Phuong said, brings students together to "fight for higher education. Everyone is working together to make a difference."

"The petition probably won't work. If they have to increase tuition and make cuts, they will."

George Kassanis
Second-year BME

"This is our chance to show that when we organize, we can be a strong force in affecting change," Campbell said. "It is a way to show the Board and the governor that we value our education."

RHA and SGA are confident that the results of the petition will have a significant impact on the decisions

of Perdue and the Board of Regents. The petitions will be delivered to the capitol today.

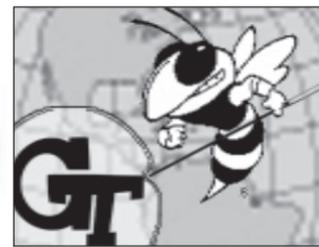
"Even if the governor does not reduce the budget cuts, at least he will be aware of our position and take it into account in future decisions," Phuong said.

Students, however, are divided in their opinions. "The petition probably won't work," said George Kassanis, a second-year Biomedical Engineering major. "If they [the governor and the Board of Regents] have to increase tuition and make cuts, they will." Other students feel that the petition drive is likely to be successful in reducing the tuition increase. First-year Management major Vandana Aggarwal, a member of the FreShGA committee, said, "I think that the petition will be effective. Our position is backed by strong reasoning and strong support."

SGA will also hold an open forum for students to discuss the tuition increase. Campbell said that the proceedings could be presented to the governor along with the petition.

Shan Sharif contributed reporting to this story.

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.

Comedian Rodney Dangerfield dies at 82

"I don't get no respect," comedian Rodney Dangerfield once lamented, creating a new catchphrase.

Dangerfield, whose self-deprecating humor brought him stardom in clubs, movies and television, died Wednesday, Oct. 6. He was 82.

The comedian underwent heart surgery Aug. 25 at the University of California, Los Angeles, Medical Center. After the surgery, he suffered a small stroke and fell into a coma. Dangerfield is survived by his wife, Joan, and two children from a previous marriage.

Cheney slip sends voters to wrong site

During Tuesday's vice presidential debates, Republican candidate Dick Cheney accidentally misspoke when citing a website for viewers to find facts countering Democrat John Edwards' comments about Halliburton, which Cheney used to run.

Instead of citing FactCheck.org, the vice president accidentally referred audiences to FactCheck.com, a for-profit advertising site.

The company could not handle the 100 hits per second following the debate, and thus decided to redirect traffic to a site owned by billionaire George Soros, who is known for his anti-Bush sentiment.

Perdue says Board of Regents is to blame for midyear tuition increase

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allocated, and how they affect all state agencies.

"There were interesting numbers," USB President Amy Phuong said. While the numbers showed that over half of the state budget is currently being allocated to education (including K-12), they only reflected the budgets of fiscal year 2004 and 2005, and did not, according to Phuong, show the long-term changes and cuts that have been made to education.

After the governor's presentation, each student representative was allowed to introduce him or herself. As the first to make his introduction, Georgia State's Karlos Emmanuel set the tone of the meeting.

After stating his name, school and the number of students he represented, he "presented his numbers

on how his school was being cut," Phuong said.

UGA President Adam Sparks was the next to present.

Sparks told the governor about his personal story and how he would not be able to graduate on time due to the budget cuts' effects.

Discussion for the first hour of the meeting centered upon the budget cuts' effects on the quality of education at Georgia schools.

"Each of the bigger schools came in with their background numbers: how much they were being cut, where cuts were being made, how many layoffs have happened this year alone," Phuong said. "In my opinion, the first hour of the meeting was rough."

According to Phuong, the governor "was definitely very defensive [in the first hour of the meeting]," and had an almost condescending attitude towards the students.

He said the representatives did not understand the whole story, and did not have the right numbers. Perdue also tried to shift blame for the tuition hikes to the Board of Regents, Phuong said.

"The governor kept on turning it around and saying that 'you are blaming the wrong person, you should blame the Board of Regents because they are the ones, in essence,

who are creating the midyear tuition increase,'" Phuong said.

The governor maintained that he does not support a midyear tuition increase, and that he believes the university system can absorb the cuts without having to resort to a midyear tuition increase by "trimming the fat."

Students posed many questions during the meeting. Sparks asked Perdue how schools could be expected to "balance" themselves with

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Amy Phuong
USB president

the over \$60 million budget cut and not have to raise tuition.

Perdue, in turn, asked students to go speak with the Board of Regents and school administrators to see what they could do.

In response, Phuong told the governor that they had already met with school administrators. "You are just now coming to us, after the fact that we started our petition drive. If

it wasn't for the petition drive, you would have just gone on your way," Phuong said, paraphrasing her actual comment at the meeting.

According to Phuong, without the petition drive and publicity from the press, there is no way the governor would have called a meeting with student representatives.

Phuong said that if he were really concerned about student opinion beforehand, he would have called a meeting much earlier to clarify himself to the students. Now, she said, "It is...too late. We see the bigger picture."

During the meeting, Perdue asked each school to come up with its own solution to stop the tuition increase.

"I felt like I was back in kindergarten," Phuong said, "because it was a big pointing of fingers."

As the meeting wore on, however, Phuong said that more progress between the two parties was made.

"Towards the end," Phuong said, "the governor became more receptive to our ideas and our solutions. I think he came in there believing that he would be able to sell us, and from there be able to alleviate the problem."

Phuong said she feels that as a result of the meeting, Perdue has a clearer understanding of how and

where students stand, and realizes "that we're not going to back down."

"It's not over," Phuong said. "The meeting was a good first round." A meeting with the governor's chief of staff is being planned, and will feature representatives from only the larger schools within the state.

"Although we butted heads a lot during the meeting," Phuong said, she feels like they will now be able to sit down and compromise.

Their ultimate goal is to have fewer budget cuts for the university system. "The ideal situation is for them to cut across the board: 1.5 percent for all state agencies." That way Tech would face only about \$1 million in budget cuts, which, according to Phuong, the Institute can absorb. This would be much less of a cut to deal with than the current \$7.8 million.

While it is highly unlikely that Perdue will make any significant changes in the budget cuts, any kind of reduction would be good, Phuong said, "so that we wouldn't need to lay off as many people," and possibly not have to increase tuition.

Phuong is also slated to make a 10-minute presentation to the Board of Regents when they meet on Tech's campus next Tuesday and Wednesday.