Rain dampens turnout for BYU broadcast

By Narayana Varahabhatla
Contributing Writer

Students that once found it difficult to remember ten different login names and passwords for the various web systems at Tech now have one less thing to worry about. A new Tech-based portal system called BuzzPort combines a number of existing systems into a single portal. Students can use BuzzPort to register for classes, check their email and maintain personalized calendars.

Administrators say this is one step among many to help enhance student, faculty and intercampus communications.

Entering freshmen used the system for the first time to register for classes during FASET.

"I thought, overall, it was a great way to register for classes," freshman Electrical Engineering major John Sweitzer said.

After a period of initial tests during the summer semester, www.buzzportal.gatech.edu is now available to all Tech students and faculty. Students can log on with their gt numbers and email passwords.

"Once you log in, you have access to all the information you need," said Greg Huseth, the technical director of the BuzzPort program. Webmail is available as a link at the top of the page, while OSCAR is available from the body of the page.

Administrators point out that the website does not replace any of the existing infrastructure, but rather enhances it.

"[BuzzPort] is more than links, however," Huseth said. Users can maintain individualized calendars, create groups with access to chat rooms and news boards and read campus announcements.

The site also allows for a new level of personalized information delivery. Campus news announcements and major-related announcements will be used to push relevant information.

"If you are an EE [electrical engineering] student, and there are BuzzPort events at an EE level, you will be notified," Huseth said.

Having fun yet?

By Scott Meuleners
Senior Staff Writer

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"There had always been plans to build a larger house, but of course it’s always difficult with the way land is in Atlanta. It’s in short supply," said McGinnis. "So when the [Fifth Street] lot became available, our plans were finally able to be put in motion."

Construction on the house began during the summer with a few hindrances, such as weather-related delays and paperwork, which delayed the date of completion somewhat.

"[Workers] had to do a lot of grading on the property, and that was scheduled to start in May, but with the amazing amount of rain we got this summer, [the grading process] was pushed back," said McGinnis.

The sorority also had to deal with a larger house for some time by fund-raising and discussing house plans.

Weather, paperwork delay Phi Mu house

By Laura Maas
Senior Staff Writer

"The old house only slept 19 girls ... It was a great house ... but we just outgrew it." Mary Beth McGinnis
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Phi Mu president Mary Beth McGinnis explained why the sorority chose to relocate.

"As our chapter [Theta Zeta] grew, we became the largest sorority on campus, and we had the smallest house," said McGinnis. "It only slept 19 girls, and we didn’t have a kitchen large enough to offer a meal plan. It was a web house ... but we just outgrew it."

According to McGinnis, the sorority has been working toward a

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Last Thursday, Tech’s game against Brigham Young University (BYU) was televised at Bobby Dodd Stadium on the BuzzVision video board.

Admission was free, and each student was provided with a coupon for a free hot dog or popcorn and a soft drink.

The Athletic Association teamed up with the Alumni Association, the Office of the President, the Ramblin’ Reck Club and Student Affairs to bring the event to life.

"People all seemed to have smiles on their faces when they came in," said Senior Associate Director of Athletics Paul Griffin. He said it was the "best-behaved group of students that I’ve been around in my 30 years, so I was very pleased with that, too."

The Office of the President and the Alumni Association provided free concessions, while the Athletic Association prepared the stadium for use.

"We were asked to make it happen, so our participation was mainly in the mechanical, technical and structural things," said Griffin. "We got the building prepared and made sure the video got the signals and would run properly."

The boards were powered up nightly throughout the week leading up to the game to ensure they were running well.

During the event itself, the Athletic Association worked the event like a normal game.

Six Flags event tonight at 6 p.m.

Wreckin’ and Rollin’ Night at Six Flags is tonight, with the first shuttle busses leaving from Tech for Six Flags at 5:15 from the Student Center Stinger.

The park is open from 6 p.m. - 12 a.m., with the last shuttle busses leaving from the park at 12:30 a.m.

General admission tickets will be available at the event for $25 each. The park is open to Georgia Tech students, faculty, family and friends. The entire park will be available to attendees, and each purchased ticket guarantees a free parking pass for the main Six Flags Over Georgia parking area.

In the event of inclement weather causing rides to be shut down for over 60 straight minutes, anyone may return on a normal operating day with his/her ticket for free admission.

Career fair starts Monday Sept. 8

The fall semester career fair will be held at the GT Coliseum Monday, Sept. 8 and Tuesday, Sept. 9.

Each session will last from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Hundreds of companies hiring both undergraduate and graduate students are expected to be represented. Two shuttle buses loop exclusively for transportation to and from the event will be in place.

The East Campus loop will traverse the following stops in order: Coliseum, GT Hotel, Techwood Drive and North Avenue, 4th Street Apartment and Coliseum.

The West Campus loop will stop at: GT Coliseum, Student Center, IC Building/SAC, Hemphil Avenue Apartments, State Street and 10th Street and GT Coliseum. For more information, visit www.cyber.buzz.gatech.edu/careerfair.

DuPre set to speak Wednesday

Thomas DuPree, chairman and CEO of Avado Brands, will kick off the Fall 2003 Impact Speaker Series sponsored by his namesake, the DuPree College of Management.

Impact speakers appear each Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the LeCraw Auditorium on the first floor of the College of Management.
From the archives...

The Nique’s top stories from:

10 years ago: September 24, 1993—Cable installation in on-campus housing begins. The Department of Housing decided on the installations and negotiated with GCTV to provide residents with cable, a now-standard benefit of campus life.

20 years ago: September 23, 1983—Peters Parking Deck officially opens after its construction. The bottom two floors contained 650 spots. The third floor was scheduled to open in the following month once construction was completed. The deck cost approximately $1.75 million to build.

30 years ago: September 21, 1973—Female enrollment at Tech swells to 600, as compared to the 450 of the previous year. Because of the increase in women wanting to live in on-campus housing, the Housing Office is forced to begin “tripling,” or placing three girls into rooms designed for only 2 occupants.

Technique Online Voice Your Opinion!

Last week’s question garnered 76 responses:
What do you think of Tech’s planned Six Flags event?

This week’s question:
What do you think of the Buzzport portal system?
Tell us what you think at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique.

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From the archives...
Senators fund graduate picnic

By Daniel Amick
News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate achieved a quorum Tuesday and raced through the thin stack of bills up for consideration. Last week, senators were unable to make meetings more efficient and timely.

The bills arrayed before the Senate were, for the most part, unremarkable. All passed unanimously, and without discussion.

The first bill up for consideration approved the appointment of Senator-at-Large Jingjing Zhang, while the second appointed new members-at-large and amended the bylaws. Representatives also discussed issues facing this week’s student-government-sponsored event, Georgia Tech Night at Six-Flags.

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some delay because its new lot is located on government property. Construction necessitated getting paperwork signed by Georgia Tech, the city of Atlanta and the Board of Regents.

Despite the delays and the fact that they did not have a house, Phi Mu held successful rush events during the first week of school. McGinnis expressed a positive reaction about the event.

"Rush was great," McGinnis said. "We’re very happy. We got 34 Phis, and it was a lot of fun."

During rush week, the sorority utilized the Alumni Faculty House and the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center as interim facilities, which, according to McGinnis, was little different from the previous year.

"The biggest change we made was actually during rush last year because that was the year we rushed without a house for the first time," said McGinnis.

"So rush this year was the same as it was last year because we’d already dealt with not having a house."

McGinnis still cannot offer a precise date when the sorority house will be completed, but she said the tentative time frame remains fall 2003.

"We’re still just saying fall semester 2003 because obviously we don’t want to get a lot of hopes up and set a specific date," said McGinnis.

"But we’re very optimistic and our contractor is working as fast as he can to get us in the house as soon as possible."

McGinnis said the new house is “going to be bigger, and that’s a major plus. We’ll have between 32 and 35 girls (able to live there).”

“We’re really looking forward to having a meal plan because we’re going to finally have a kitchen that is large enough,” she said. “We’re also going to be able to have chapter in the house, while our previous house was not large enough to hold chapter in.”

“There’s so many positives about this house,” McGinnis said.

“It’s going to be a very pretty house with four sides of brick and columns. It’s going to be very much like a traditional Greek-looking house.”

Mary Beth McGinnis
Phi Mu President

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for Campus Affairs, reported that the SGA has sold over 6,000 tickets, and that they expect over a third of the student body to be in attendance for the event.

The night at Six Flags has generated more response from the student body than expected. Executive Vice President Danny Puckett said after the meeting that the night “will be good for the student body as a whole.”

Puckett said he felt "SGA is reaching students that have been tough to get to in the past," and that he hopes this trend will continue with future events.

In fact, Lawder said, the night at Six Flags has generated so much response from the student body that the SGA is struggling to fill ticket orders, and is worried about the volume of students that will be riding the buses. Lawder also expressed concern that they may be understaffed at Six Flags.

Several hours after the meeting were spent by many of the members of the UHR stuffing ticket orders, for all the students who have placed orders for their tickets online.

Lawder later expressed concern over the transportation to and from Six Flags. He requested that some students plan on driving to the event rather than take the buses so as to avoid any problems arising during the night.

Lawder also said that in order to speed up all ticket claims at the gates students should make sure to have their Student I.D.s and the vouchers they received when their orders were placed with them, so that the lines can move as smoothly as possible.

Rosalind Meyers, the Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services was also on-hand to brief the House.

Auxiliary Services is the Georgia Tech department which oversees housing, parking, dining, transportation, buzz-card services, student health, bookstore services and retail services.

According to Meyers, Auxiliary Services has a hand in just about every service at Tech except teaching the classes. Meyers spoke about the great response by the student body to the new progress in Technology Square.

She also talked about future and current construction projects on campus, like the new and improved Woodruff Dining Hall and the renovated Student Center Commons area.

Meyers also said that there would be a member of Auxiliary Services in attendance at every meeting of the SGA. Meyers also quoted the Auxiliary Services motto: "Auxiliary Services loves students."

Meyers said that the student body had a great deal to look forward to this year from the construction going on around campus.
Worm creator nabbed

By Dawn Saur
Cavalier Daily

(U-WIRE) University of Virginia — Federal agents believe they have apprehended the cyber-hacker responsible for unleashing one version of the Blaster worm, which recently has infected many computers nationwide.

Jeffrey Lee Parson, an 18-year-old student from Hopkins, Minn., may face up to 10 years in jail and a fine up to $250,000 for intentionally causing damage to protected computers, news services reported Monday.

Parson, under house arrest, and may not access the internet. Parson’s case will come before a grand jury in Seattle later this month.

The Blaster.B worm is one of several computer infections intended to exploit a flaw in Microsoft Windows software. Since its discovery, Microsoft has offered its users a free downloadable patch from its website to remove the vulnerability.

Shirley Payne, ITC director of security coordination, said she worked with all of the people that were there for the basketball game. "I could check my mail, but I couldn’t log on to the Internet," she said.

"ITC was very helpful." Second-year college student Matt Herbek relied on the help of his friend to clean his computer after receiving the worm. Herbek said he feels that computer hackers should be more considered people. "It’s pretty malicious too, infecting people’s computers just for fun," Herbek said.

"It’s bad taste.

Payne said the numbers of computer infections within the University network are declining. "People have responded very well," Payne said. "They’ve taken steps we’ve prescribed to clear off their machines."

As of last week the Blaster.B worm already had infected 7,000 computers nationwide and cost Microsoft between $5 and $10 million, according to the Sydney Morning Herald.

"Some people out there see Parson as a hero, which he certainly is not."

Shirley Payne
UVA Dir of Computer Security

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"Basically, it was like an event for us, so we staffed it with event staff," said Griffin.

Attendance was expected to be about 2,000 people. However, only around 1,000 actually came, according to Griffin. This could be attributed in part to rain that fell for four hours prior to the event.

"At games, it rains," Griffin said. "Some people chose not to come because of the rain, and that’s fine."

The Ramblin’ Reck Club also helped in the organization and execution of the event. "We definitely consider Thursday’s event a success," said Reck Club President Abbie Terpening. "We were especially pleased with the attendance considering the four hours of rain before kickoff," she said.

Not only did rain dampen the turnout, but a long game on a school night tested fans’ devotion.

"It was…encouraging to see the number of people who stayed to support the team all the way through the end of that especially late-running game," said Terpening.

The showing appears to have gone off without a hitch. After a few minor last-minute preparations, according to Griffin, everything went well.

As for the cost of the event, Vice President of Student Affairs Lee Wilcox said, "The main cost is what the Athletic Department handled with all of the security and the cleanup and all of the people that were there to do the normal things."

However, there is currently no estimated number for this cost. Griffin said that between all the cash provided by the various contributing departments and organizations combined with the manpower used in the project, it is difficult to assign a price to the overall event.

Wilcox, however, does want to assess the project’s final cost in order to look into the feasibility of repeating the event or one similar to it in the future.

As for the price of refreshments provided by the Office of the President and the Alumni Association, the total cost was split between the two entities. The total tab ended at roughly $5,000, according to Wilcox.

An opening away game had never been shown at Bobby Dodd stadium before. Two years ago, when Tech opened against Syracuse, the game was shown in the Coliseum for students wanting to watch.

While it is not certain if another such showing will take place, Terpening said the Reck Club would be happy to combine Traditions Night with the showing of an away game again, if schedules and interest allow.

The idea for the showing originated from a student contacting President Clough. Clough then passed the information along to Wilcox, asking him to organize the program, said Student Organizations Advisor Danielle McDonald.
Robert Lang
Director of Homeland Security

My job is to...give people a fighting chance in an emergency, and not have them act like deer caught in headlights.

Tech names disaster response chief

Nearly two years after the September 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington D.C., Georgia Tech has appointed Robert Lang its first Director of Homeland Security. Lang directed security efforts at Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) for the last 15 years. President Wayne Clough has tasked Lang with creating a plan similar to a business continuity plan.

"These [drills] never go smooth-ly," he said, but they do give planners a chance to see what works and what doesn’t. Currently, Lang is rewriting the current action plan. He wants to create a plan similar to a business continuity plan.

"We’ve got to think about [in the event of an emergency] do we have the plan to an academic environ-

Lang directed security efforts at Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) for the last 15 years.

"If a plan sits on a shelf and no one uses it, it’s not accomplishing what it’s supposed to do," Lang said. "If you look at yesterday in Atlanta, there was a bomb threat. But for a day or two there was no plan in place to respond to that threat."

"My job is to do that in a proactive way," Lang said. "That’s why we’re developing a plan that will be robust and adaptable, and at least a 13th of them...the bad news is that we’re in the middle of the Ghetto."

Another semester and they still haven’t given me my walking papers yet...wow. no parking pass for me to get screwed over by the parking scam here, i park for free :) havent heard about the parking scam yet eh? Just wait till you try to apply for that parking pass and find out they give out about 15 more parking passes than they have spaces for in each lot to "rai ask your economics professor if you dont believe the parking scam exists speaking of economics professors, I still call SHENANIGANS on that professor who wouldnt give me the HALFA FREAKING POINT, 11TH GRADE FBI AGENT TOM HIS COLLEGE LOSE EVERY GAME THEY PLAY IN!!! of course the sports teams here play fair, thats why they SUCK at everything. Call the CRC the CRACK!

I know it’s not winter yet, but can weight-challenged ladies dress like it’s December? I had a single, silent tear went just for you" hooey for redundant -ness!!!

2-bits boy forgot that you msn’t ever pick or peel the paint in Woodruff. Why? It’s lead-bearing paint! (Much respect to Austin)

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ment. “It’s going to be a challenge,” he said.

Students can expect to see visible changes in communication within a relatively short period of time, Lang said. He is looking into the possibility of installing electronic tablets at strategic locations around campus. The tablets would communicate information with color codes and specific written instructions instantly. However, most of Lang’s work will be behind the scenes. Lang said one of his responsibilities is to ensure that Georgia Tech remains in compliance with various homeland security laws, including the Patriot Act, particularly as they relate to the release of student information to officials.

“Bob and I have agreed that GT Homeland Security will be viewed as one of the top 10 Homeland Security departments in the country in the next few years,” Crocker said. “We have a lot to do.”

Lang said the best way to achieve this goal is to get decision makers together and have them talk about implementation, “the hows and whys.” Lang said. He aims at less conceptual, theoretical planning in favor of a more practice-based approach.

The plan, which Lang called “very aggressive,” will require a high level of cooperation among different departments.

“The challenge is how do we get everyone to step up. We achieve this by constant communication,” said Lang.

So far, Lang does not know what kind of funding will be available to implement his ideas, but said that any recommendations he brings to President Clough will be taken seriously.

“We are light-years ahead of other universities right now,” said Lang.

The University of California Berkeley has a good system, but it and Tech stand virtually alone. “That’s kind of scary when you think about it, but it’s true,” said Lang.

Of his new position, Lang said that the issue of campus security and emergency planning is an issue he believes in and enjoys doing.

“This needs to be done,” he said, “so I’m going to put a lot of time and effort into it.”
“Even a novice user like myself can just sit down and know how to use BuzzPort without fiddling with controls.”
Robert McMATH
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs