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New laws increase penalties for fake IDs

The state of Georgia has recently passed new legislation that increases penalties for using a fake driver's license



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The new state legislation has forced businesses to crack down on fake IDs. Junkman's Daughter, a clothing store in Atlanta's Virginia-Highlands neighborhood, keeps a collection of all confiscated fake IDs on display.

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According to a survey over 38 percent of US teenagers aged 16-20 have used a fake identification card at least once. New regulations by the state of Georgia and Georgia Tech will make life more difficult for those students.

Components of state legislation, passed in May, mainly deal with identity-theft and append current Georgia law that says it is illegal to manufacture and sell false documents. Recent add-ons to the law

aim to punish those using any type of falsified document. Specifically, the law makes possession of false documents a misdemeanor or a felony based on certain criteria. Misrepresenting a non-state authorized document, such as an employee ID, will be seen as a misdemeanor while misrepresenting an official state authorized document, such as a driver's license, will be seen as a felony. A first time offense for making or distributing false documents is also deemed a misdemeanor under the new law. A second offense for making or distributing false documents

is considered a felony punishable by fines as well as imprisonment for a minimum of one year.

A Senior IE major favors the new legislation especially in the wake of September 11th. "With the whole terrorism deal, it is better to hold someone to see why they have a false document," he said.

One of the most popular and ubiquitous forms of identity theft or forgery near college campuses is fake IDs. For underage college students, fake IDs are most often used for illegally purchasing alcohol. College-area businesses are well aware

of this situation as well as the technology that allows fake IDs to look more real than ever. For these businesses to knowingly accept fake IDs is illegal and puts them at serious risk of losing their business licenses.

Georgia Tech has also increased its penalties for fake IDs and crimes perpetuated with false identification. The Dean of Students has a five-level model for dealing with alcohol, other substance, and false identification/forged documents sanctions.

Possession of a fake ID is a level two offense that frequently results in a \$200 fine, alcohol education class, and probation among other actions that the Dean of Students may take. Producing and manufacturing false identification is a level four offense. Sanctions for a level four offense include a fine, alcohol education class, possible suspension, and service hours.

Mac's Beer & Wine/Midtown Liquor (Mac's) is one of the businesses that additionally strives to follow guidelines derived by the Georgia Alcohol Dealer's Association (GADA). The GADA is an organization of around 500 stores that work with the State Department of Revenue to define guidelines for operating businesses such as Mac's. Furthermore, businesses like Mac's depend on this kind of strength in numbers to stay in business because others also depend on his livelihood. "I want all my sales to be legal sales," said Mac.

Many Tech students are currently employed at Mac's as well as at similar establishments near campus.

Having students as employees has its benefits because they are the "next best thing" to fake ID detection technology.

Mac's and other businesses part of the GADA are not out to get students in trouble—they understand that students sometimes make poor choices, especially in college, and want to make confiscation of a fake ID as simple as possible. The idea is that it is up to each business to determine their method for dealing with fake IDs. Most businesses do not want to call the police and prefer that you hand them the ID and simply walk away. "As with any law, it's not to get people in trouble but instead to protect them," said Sergeant Barone of the GTPD Crime Prevention Department.

The fake ID legislation is damaging to the economy as well as possible profits for businesses. According to the Manager of a local bar, business dropped by 40 percent in only two weeks after the bar started carding.

"From a business point of view, we don't want underage people because they don't have money to spend" said the manager. The manager also mentioned that nearly half his business is probably fake IDs and is "completely uncontrollable," because fake IDs look more real than ever.

For more information on Georgia Tech's new fake ID policy, students can visit the Dean of Students website at www.deanofstudents.gatech.edu/integrity/conduct/sanctioning.model.html.

Summertime Blues: Adjusting to life at home with the 'rents again

By Jennifer Lee
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While summer may just mean another semester of classes for many Tech students, others have to face new challenges. Although many students who take summer classes live on campus, some students choose to live at home and commute to Tech several days a week. Other students have found jobs or are just relaxing and enjoying the summer. However, there is a common theme: the need for independence and freedom, and often, being at home requires some adjustment.

Dr. Heather Hopper, who works in the Georgia Tech counseling center and specializes in family issues, said "When students go home, they're not aware of how much they've developed in a year. They're going from dependent to independent people." Thus the freedom that most take for granted while at college may cause some conflicts at home.

This is true for Michael Phillips, who lives in Milledgeville: "I'm trying to avoid conflicts with my parents. I got pretty independent while at college, and I like to go out a lot more, so it makes them angry sometimes, and they call me a slacker."

Jewell Foster, of Lithonia, agrees. "It was a big change. My mom was still trying to tell me what to do." Although she admits that is a moth-

er's job, "She needs to just let go. She's learning, but it's a slow process" said Foster.

Another aspect of life at college that takes some adjusting for parents is Tech students' notorious sleeping schedules. Nguyen Trong said, "My mom makes me go to sleep at 11 every night now. I'm used to staying up until two every morning." When parents try to impose schedules on students, it often

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Freshman

causes constant debate.

Some parents are more understanding, especially when the student takes on increased responsibility. One student said, "I may be on vacation, but I do have a job, so waking up early and getting back late isn't all that different from college." Accordingly, his parents have given him more freedom: "I

used to have all these Byzantine laws governing my going out, but they've pretty much stopped now."

Dr. Hopper adds that the changes students experience in college affect not just relationships with parents, but with friends, too. "It's a real reality check. It's a time when you realize which friendships will be lifetime ones, and which friends you'll grow apart from" said Hopper.

While some students find they have more time to spend with their high school friends during the summer than they did with their college friends during the school year, at the same time, hanging out may not be as convenient. The proximity and community atmosphere of the dorms, and the fact that good company is just a few minutes' walk away, is something some students don't get at home. "I miss hanging around my friends" said Foster.

Also seeing old friends may be strange at first, with everyone coming home from different colleges. Phillips agrees, "but we sort of got back into the 'old groove,' per se." He admits though that "we have all changed some now; I definitely wouldn't call it high school again."

For others, like Sanjay Deshmukh, a CS major who lives in Tennessee, it's harder to get back into that groove: "When I came back home, I found it a lot harder to relate to my old high school friends. Nobody seemed



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Danielle Bradley, a second year Chemistry major, plays with her family during dinner. Danielle, like many students, has had to adjust to life at home after being away at college for a year.

interested in talking about *Southpark*, how much UGA sucks, or the new Linux kernel," he says, only half-joking. "And pizza could no longer be used to settle any and all financial obligations."

So are students looking forward to being back at Tech? Well, it depends. Hopper says it's common sense that if you're happier at college than you are at home, then you'll prefer being back at school; and vice versa. However, friends, freedom, and the ethernet are some things students miss.

The one thing they don't miss, though? Almost unanimously: classes. Leo Singleton says summer is "definitely less stressful. I'm still busy; however, I don't have nearly as stringent of deadlines as I had during classes." Jewell Foster agrees: "I'm not really looking forward to the whole 'school' part."

For more information on coping with family during the summer students can visit the Georgia Tech Counseling Center's website at www.counseling.gatech.edu.

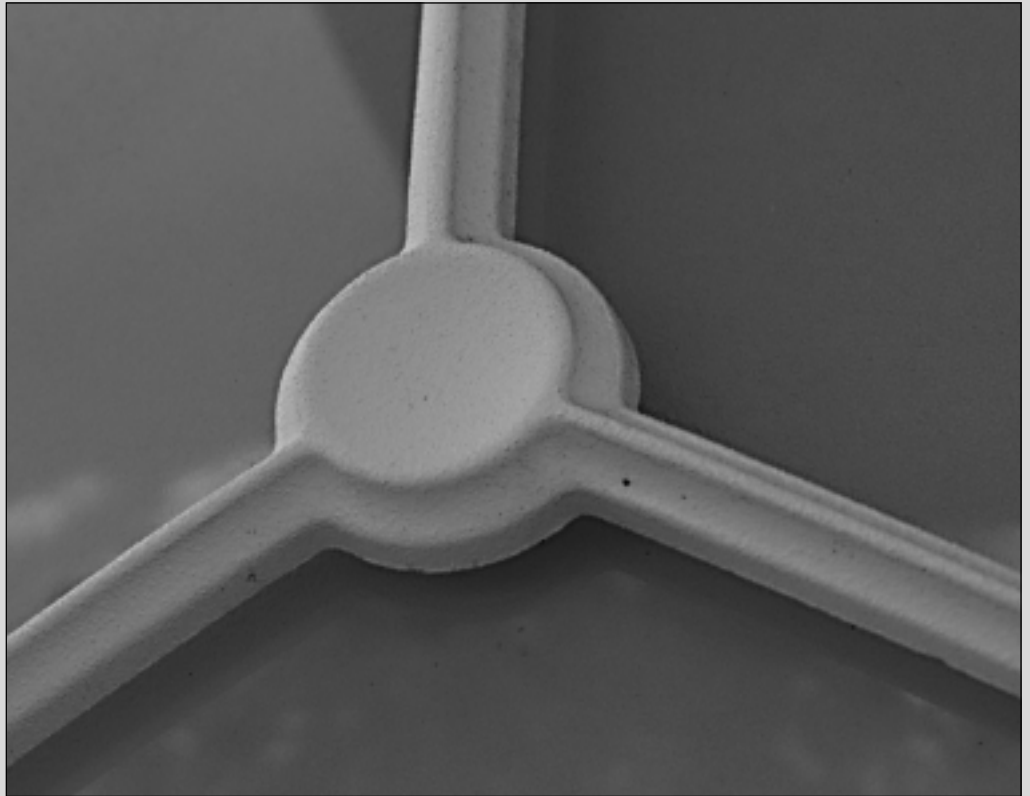
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Decal on the stinger shuttle

Last week's winner:
No winner last week



Sliver

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Paul: The other white meat
Paul: Kissing Ass since 1983.
Paul is taking yoga so he can learn
to kiss his own ass.
I am a sexy beast.
You forgot your pants.
John Ashcroft: screwing over im-
migrants since 1942
I love Superman!
In Hartford, Heteford, and
Hampshire, hurricanes hardly
happen.
Someone forgot to purge the sliver
box. Wonder who that could be?
God, life is so boring after gradu-
ation. I'm coming back for my
master's.
Why England, Why?
I hate Brazil, Rivaldo, Ronaldo,
and Ronaldhino!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
The chair is against the wall.
Paul Horton is the friendliest fairy
I know.
Hey RC Cola, can you just con-
centrate for a little while?
are you as dumb as you look?
paul is the friendliest fairy i know
i think jody needs to take ed board
on a trip to Cuba
big al is my Omaha hero.
hey derek, have you ever heard of
chik-fil-a?
kt is the sexiest sports chick ever
you not drunk if you can lie on
the floor without holding on
I drink to make other people in-
teresting.
I don't like people who take drugs..
Customs men for example.
an intellectual is someone who
has found something more inter-
esting than sex.
we had gay burglars the other
night. they broke in and rear-
ranged our furniture.
when i am good, i am very very
good... but when i am bad, i am
so much better.
oh, captain, my captain, have you
been smoking those cubans again?
The token retard has spoken. Paul
is not the man.
d*%n it feels good to be a gangs-
ta.
Save it to desktop you friggin'
idiots.