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Delta Sigma Phi heads off on long road to re-colonization

By Drew Lawes
Greek Correspondent

The Alpha Gamma Chapter of Delta Sigma Phi has recently started their re-colonization efforts here at Georgia Tech. The chapter, which has been suspended from campus since April 22, 1998, will begin its journey this month to become a part of Tech's Greek community again.

The makeup of this chapter will be unlike some of the other fraternities that have returned from suspension in the past.

The membership will consist of entirely new men, ones that have had no affiliation with Delta Sigma Phi in the past, which will enable the chapter to start anew and not bring with them any of the negative school of thought that the old chapter had two years ago.

Delta Sigma Phi was suspended two years ago for their continuous disregard of the Interfraternity Council's bylaws as well as violating their fraternity's Risk Management Policy. The suspension was administered

to allow the fraternity to re-colonize as soon as August 1, 2001, as long as they met certain sanctions for return imposed by the IFC Judicial Board.

IFC representatives and Gail DiSabitino, the Dean of Students, had approved a petition last spring for the fraternity to return to campus before the suggested date of return as long as the sanctions had been met.

According to Jim Meacham, Executive Vice President of IFC, "They followed all the guidelines that were set forth from when they were suspended from campus, they've met all the requirements, and we welcome them to come back."

The conditions of return included a comprehensive alcohol plan, an installment of a House Director, a zero balance with IFC, a chapter grade point average exceeding the all men's average for one year, and mandatory attendance to all IFC Board of Director's meetings during their probationary term.

In agreement with their petition, the chapter created a ten-

man advisory board consisting of successful Georgia Tech alumni to oversee the chapter in its daily functions. In addition to the advisory board, the chapter recruited various faculty and staff to serve as campus mentors for their members.

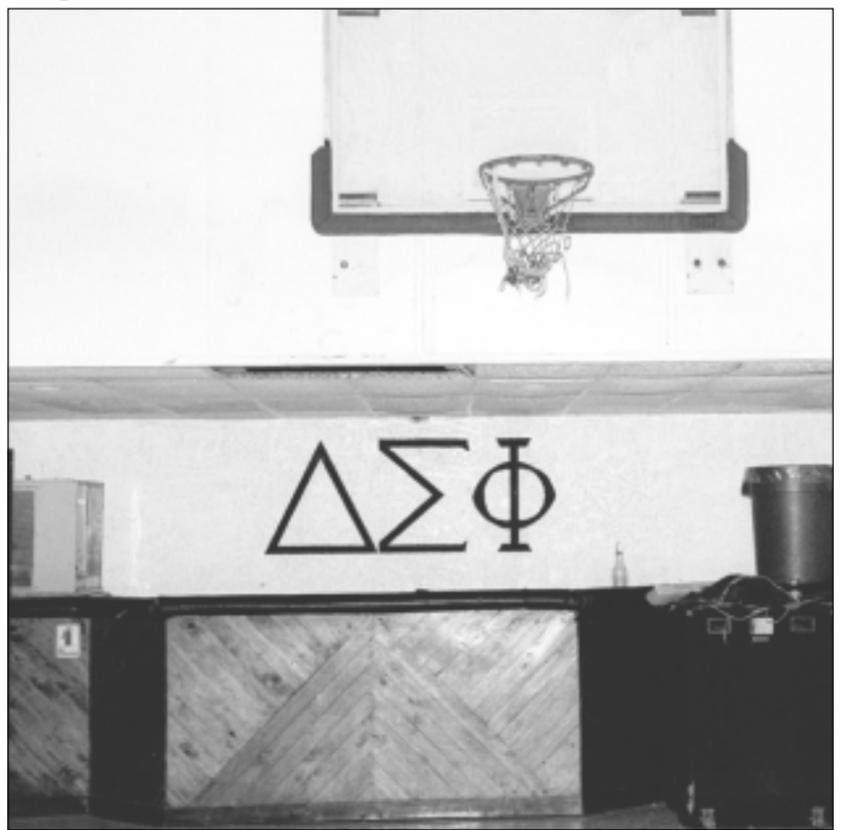
The man behind the re-colonization effort is Elliott Dale, Delta Sigma Phi's director of expansion.

His role at Tech currently is to recruit new members to start up the new colony and empower them with the skills necessary to maintain a healthy organization for the future until his departure in mid-November.

According to Dale, "The men we are looking for are leaders, athletes, guys who are serious about school, who are serious about giving back to the community and the campus...who may not have considered joining a fraternity before."

These men will be responsible for creating the chapter's goals and establishing how they would

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By Alex Bahr / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Delta Sigma Phi was suspended from campus in 1998 for violation of IFC by-laws and their Risk Management Policy. They are returning as a new colony this year.

Burdell's birthday bash becomes tradition

By Anthony Ritz
Campus Life Staff

According to Chris Young, there is a little bit of George Burdell in every Georgia Tech student. The "innovation, creativity, mischief, and ingenuity" that Burdell represents are as much a part of Tech's students as Burdell himself is of Tech's traditions.

In Young's view, "George P. Burdell is the quintessential Tech tradition." So when about a year ago a group of Tech students, including Young, began discussing what they saw as the need for more emphasis on community and tradition at Georgia Tech, they logically turned to Burdell.

History records show that George P. Burdell was "born" on September 15th so many years ago. This year, September 15th fell on a Friday before a home football game; it seemed to be the perfect opportunity to throw Burdell a birthday

party.

So throughout the summer, the group of students planned for the event, contacting organizations around campus to help out.

Last Friday, Young served as the Master of Ceremonies for Burdell's

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Chris Young
Student Life Fellow

Birthday party. The event took place with the support of campus groups including Presidents' Council, the Student Center, the Ramblin' Reck Club, the Alumni Association, the bookstore, Campus Optical, Junior's, dining services, and the Georgia Tech Band and Cheerleaders.

In particular, much of the legwork and coordinating was completed by Presidents' Council governing chair Karen Feigh, Ramblin' Reck Club president Cara Ball, and Danielle McDonald of Student Organizations.

The Campanile was selected as the site of the Birthday Bash. Its central location and "fluidity" — allowing students to wander in and out of the party freely — was deemed ideal. Burdell's Birthday featured dozens of balloons, a history of Burdell, a giant inflatable Buzz, the Georgia Tech band and Cheerleaders, a giant birthday cake, and even the Ramblin' Reck itself. Junior's provided discount prices for lunch.

Students were given a chance to present Burdell stories of their own, and prizes were given for the best stories. In addition, the student organizations fair and parents' week-

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By Brian Oxford / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Chris Young, Buzz, and Danielle McDonald act as master of ceremonies at the first annual Birthday Bash for Burdell last Friday. The two hour long event celebrated the infamous student's arrival on campus in the 1920s.

Guest Column National Conventions

Lessons learned at Democratic National Convention in L.A.

By Becky Glatzer
Special to the 'Nique

It has been said that the National Nominating Conventions are "political dinosaurs and meaningless throwbacks to an earlier political period." Although I once entertained this thought, after attending the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles this past August, I have to disagree.

The National Nominating Conventions do have a place in American politics. For one, they are an opportunity for the major parties and minority parties to "rally the troops." After a week of discussion, debate, partying, and displays of patriotism, the delegates and other participants will go to their respective home states and get others "pumped

up" about voting for a particular candidate. For the purposes of party survival, this is pivotal.

Now what does this mean for us Tech students and other potential voters? This means we have a choice. Despite what others may tell you, there are clear differences between the two major parties. Just consider their major stances on the following issues: Managing the National Surplus, Improving Education in the United States, or Providing Health Care to Americans.

Both parties have been criticized for "catering to special interests." Now, this is a valid charge. Moneyed interests do often have greater access to the conventions and to important politicians.

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Photo Provided by Becky Glatzer

Glatzer toured the Staples' convention center while setup was being done for the Democratic National Convention last month.

Buzz Around the Campus



Question of the week

“Which Olympic sport are you most likely to watch?”

Feature and Photos by Sabrina Pardo



Michael Nawar
Mgt. Junior

“Women’s gymnastics.”



Joe Mesino
Mgt.

“Everything. And swimming.”



Li Liu
Mgt. Grad.

“Everything with China.”



Alejandro Garcia
ISyE Junior

“Diving.”



Erin Mason
Mgt. Junior

“Women’s gymnastics.”



Adam Suter
Mgt. Senior

“Basketball.”



Murad Mackwani
CS Senior

“Soccer.”



Frank Brennan
Mgt. Grad.

“Swimming.”

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African American Student Union goes on roadtrip

The African American Student Union is sponsoring a road trip to the Georgia Tech at Clemson game on Saturday, October 28. The ticket price is \$25.00 and transportation is \$20.00 for a total of \$45.00. The money is due by Friday, September 29, and the trip is limited to the first 47 paid individuals. Money can be paid in the AASU office, room 331 of the Student Center. If you have questions, e-mail Candace Swint at gte051f@prism.gatech.edu.

College Republicans host candidate Sunny Warren

College Republicans of Georgia Tech will host 4th Congressional District candidate Sunny Warren on Monday, September 25. The meeting will take place in the Student Center Theater at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Warren will outline the issues in her campaign against incumbent Cynthia McKinney. There will be a Question and Answer session following her speech for students to ask questions of the candidate from the 4th district.

Airport Fun Day: a chance for free flying, food, fun

The Yellow Jacket Flying Club is holding their third annual Airport Fun Day. All members of the Georgia Tech community are invited for a day at Fulton County-Charlie Brown Airport on Saturday, September 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a chance to talk to flight instructors about training, eat some food, and meet club members. A limited number of free plane rides will also be given on a first come-first serve basis (with priority given to those who pre-register).

To pre-register or for more information, contact Becca Cutri-Kohart at vp-programs@yjfc.org.

Campus Girl Scouts are looking for founding members

A group is being formed at Tech for Campus Girl Scouts. They will be working with younger troops and other campus scout activities. This is open to any young lady who has been a scout for years, or any female student looking to become a scout. Wonderful leadership and service opportunities! If you are interested or just want more info, contact Chelsea Morrisey at gte942p@prism.gatech.edu.

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Feature Photo Ramblin' Rep



Photo by Brian Oxford / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Zach Procter (right) distributes campaign literature to Becky Glatzer, Trey Childress, and Chrissy Prues. Procter, a student, is the youngest person on this year's Georgia ballot. He's running for state representative in the district that includes campus. Right now he's leading a massive voter registration drive. In next week's *Technique* read all about his campaign and his plans for for the state legislature.

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end were scheduled for the same week, partly to correspond with the Birthday Bash.

The organizers of these events noted that this was one way to teach Tech parents about both the traditions of Tech's past and the organizations of its present. All this helped to create the generally festive atmosphere that pervaded the center of campus.

Young estimates that a few hundred people attended throughout

the proceedings, and he considers the event a success.

He said that he hopes to continue such events in the future, either making Burdell's Birthday an annual event, or possibly highlighting different Tech traditions throughout the year.

This editor thinks the birthday party was really awesome. Next year I think they should have Buzz jump out of a giant cake.

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Student's computer loaded with MP3s confiscated

By Moran Ogilvie
Daily O'Collegian

(U-WIRE) Oklahoma State University —A 19-year-old resident of Willham Complex had his computer confiscated by the Oklahoma State University police earlier this week on suspicion of illegally distributing copyrighted material.

Police were notified of the problem after the Recording Industry Association of America, an organization that protects copyrights of recording artists, notified OSU's Computer Information Services that one of their service users was running a Web site that was illegally distributing copyrighted songs.

The OSU Police Department is currently pursuing the case as a violation of state law.

OSU Police served the student with a search warrant around 5 p.m. on September 5. The student's com-

puter and related equipment were seized and are currently undergoing forensic exams. The results of the exams will determine if charges will be filed against the student.

"If crimes are confirmed then we decide whether to file the case as a misdemeanor or as a felony, or turn it over to the Payne County District Attorney to file—all based on what we uncover," Lt. David Altman of the OSU Police Department said.

"It was 40 gigabytes, which probably represents 1,000 albums," Alexander said. "Let's say each song is six [megabytes], and that's high end. That's like 6,600 songs."

Once OSU was contacted, Alexander said the identity of the computer user and exact room number were known within five minutes.

"OSU is basically what's called an ISP, an Internet service provider, and we're providing services to

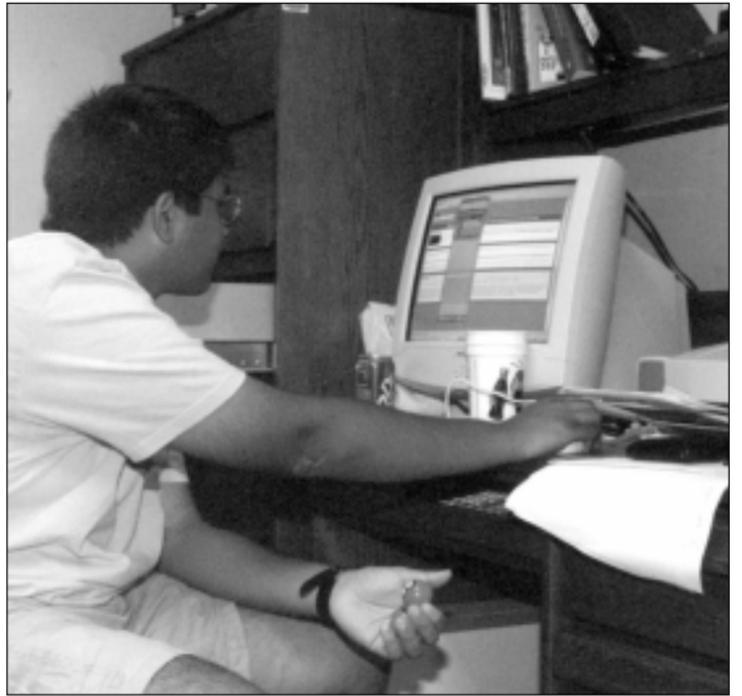
the campus which causes us to have a certain responsibility that we must fulfill," he said.

OSU is required by law to put a stop to illegal distribution of copyrighted materials, and if it does not, then it could be sued by the association, Alexander said.

"If they are profiting from it, that's a very important thing because then not only is it copyright but it's misuse of a state network because all of this infrastructure is provided by the state of Oklahoma for educational purposes," Alexander said. "And if someone benefits personally from it, then it rises to a new level and almost always we take those instances to the police."

"What it comes down to is anytime you make a copy of a copyrighted material and give it to another person — not giving them the orig-

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By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A Tech student uses Napster to search for MP3s. A student at Oklahoma State University had his computer confiscated for possession of these files.

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- Profile on Becky Glatzer -

By Becca Cutri-Kohart
She's got a really cool name

Becky Glatzer isn't just making herself known on campus, she's also made her debut in national politics by attending this year's Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles, California.

Becky was well prepared for this experience. As a graduating senior in Public Policy, she has always had career goals that included law school, public service, and working in policy issues.

She changed her major from International Affairs after interning at the Georgia Tech Public Policy Institute in Washington, D.C., one summer. Becky has already begun her career in politics as an active member in the Undergraduate Student Council here at Tech. Last year, she also energized the campus on women's issues as the coordinator for Women's Awareness Month.

To continue on this road of public service, Becky was Tech's representative in the Washington Center's program for college students to attend National Conventions.

The two-week program included a week of introductions to a variety of important and famous political figures. Becky listened to lectures by state and national senators, lobbyists, members of the press, and the secret service, just to name a few. Each of these presentations gave her insight about the way politics really worked. She was particularly impressed by the Secret Service's ability to give an entire presentation without actually revealing any of the details of their job.

The first week she interacted with

the 200 other student participants and professors to prepare themselves for understanding what was going on behind the scenes at the convention.

But the second week of the program is when the real fun began, as the National Convention kicked off. Like the other student participants, Becky was paired with an organization involved in the convention.

She was tasked to shadow members of the Democratic Senatorial

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Campaign Committee. For a little history, this committee is the biggest soft money contributor to the Democratic Party. So Becky's first day of the convention experience was spent touring Beverly Hills and helping to entertain people who had given huge contributions to the party.

By doing this, Becky said she learned a lot more about how the political system works, and how candidates are forced, at least in part, to cater to the special interests that provide the money necessary to run

a national campaign.

On the second day of Becky's experience, she took advantage of her press pass to roam the convention floor and talk to the delegates. Her impression of the delegates was very positive.

For the most part, she spoke to delegates that included grass-roots lobbyists, union members, and others active in their own community. Becky said that meeting the delegates definitely encouraged her to seek a position as a convention delegate for future years.

Becky also attended "Shadow Convention" events, a second convention, open to the public, where other issues besides what is on the Democratic Party platform are discussed.

As a pulpit for many fringe groups, helped by the air of legitimacy created by well-known figures such as Jesse Jackson making speeches, Becky thought the Shadow Convention had a lot more energy than the official Democratic Convention.

Becky said of the convention, "I felt like I was witnessing history... I was very fortunate."

Her experience was not limited to official speeches and events, either. She saw a lot of the behind-the-scenes work of how the Convention was choreographed and prepared for the viewers that would be watching the events on television. She said, "It was very interesting to be behind the scenes."

Becky left the Convention still enthusiastic about politics, but when asked if she wanted to run for public office, she replied, "After the conventions, I don't think I could ever do it..."



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Becky Glatzer has her eyes set on a future in policy and law. Attending the Democratic National Convention has helped her along this path.

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can't get elected to office on the money alone. For this reason, our political system is one of the most accessible of any political system in the world.

And that's why it is important that we, as eligible voters, get involved in the political process. When it comes down to it, politicians need to get elected and stay elected, and if there is any time that they are responsive to voters, it is now.

But will they be responsive to you, a lowly Georgia Tech student? The answer to that question is, "Yes." This year's national election will be highly contested. The economy is good and we are not engaged in a major world conflict, which in years

past has translated into lower voter turnout than usual. Therefore, the election will be decided by people who do not have a strong party affiliation. These voters, known in politics as, "swing voters," are already being courted by the two major parties. The youthful zeal of the Republican Convention was evidence of this trend. The Democratic keynote speaker Harold E. Ford, who, at 30 years old, is one of the youngest Congressional Representatives ever, was also testimony to the importance of our vote. We are being courted, and it is up to us to demonstrate to the political parties the importance of our vote.

The time to act is now.

“Meet you at the Pole” is early success of newly formed Inter-Ministry Council

By Julia Trapold
Couldn't wake up at 7 a.m.

Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. about 50 people got out of bed early to meet at the flagpole by Tech Tower. They were there to pray and participate in the national time of prayer called, “See You At the Pole.” This event occurs in 20 different countries, with millions of students and teachers participating.

Students from many different campus Christian organizations, as well as a handful of professors, attended the prayer.

“The purpose of the event was just to gather the Christians on campus together to raise up common concerns to G-d,” said Chris Heilman, a member of the Westminster Christian Fellowship (WCF).

There were six speakers: Elliott Moore, from Real Life Ministries; Neil Baker, from Campus Chris-

tian Fellowship; Chad Nicholson, from Campus Crusade for Christ; Dr. Mark White, a Chemical Engineering professor; Tommy Clemens, of Junior's Grill; and Amy Vinson, from Westminster Christian Fellowship. The six speakers led prayers focusing on different topics, such as our world, country, city, administrative and student body, and campus ministries.

“The event was planned by a newly forming group: the Christian Inter-Ministry Council,” said Amy Vinson, a speaker at today's event. “This is a group that is being formed for the primary purpose of improving communication between all Christian ministries on campus.”

Chad Nicholson, a speaker today and one of the organizers of the event, said, “We are simply a council whose power resides in our ability as campus ministry leaders to motivate our respective ministries

into participation in these types of events and unity platform.”

“The various Christian ministries on campus exist to serve the students. They strive to be a place where someone can come to learn and grow spiritually, as well as find good Christian fellowship and make friends,” Heilman said.

A lot of work went into planning the event. “On August 27, Jonathan Jackson brought this event to our attention,” said Nicholson. “The planning of this event was placed on the immediate agenda of the council and we started delegating responsibilities.”

First the group discussed the prayer format, and then they decided whom they would like to have as speakers.

Vinson said, “One of the most important things that has come about from all the ministries gathering together occasionally is the large num-

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Chris Heilman
 Member, Westminster Christian Fellowship

ber of relationships that have been established through this fellowship.”

Overall, the event went as planned and was a success. Heilman said, “There were, in my opinion, a surprising number of people—not only students, but professors also.”

“People commented that this morning was such a great morning—the temperature was perfect and the prayers were relevant but bigger than most of us are used to,” said Nicholson. “Many commented on their desire to participate in

future events and thanked those who planned this one.”

The group also plans to hold a time of prayer at the Campanile on Friday, October 13, and they will be involved in service projects and Religious Awareness Week.

Editor's note: The word “G-d” was not printed completely in this article out of respect for those religions that believe that parchment with the name of G-d should not be disposed of inappropriately.

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Campus briefs

Health & Fitness Challenge encourages wellness

The GT Health & Fitness Challenge 2000 will be held today and tomorrow from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Student Athletic Complex. The event seeks to challenge the Georgia Tech community to explore all of the dimensions of health and wellness through the promotion of healthier lifestyles and the exposure to new activities. Included in the two-day festivities will be interactive health assessments, participatory demonstrations, and other fitness challenges. For a complete detailed schedule, see the Web site at <http://www.challenge.gatech.edu/>.

Impact entrepreneurship speaker series continues

The Impact speaker series will hold a lecture this evening from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The event, which is open to the GT community, will feature successful entrepreneurs speaking about their experiences. For additional information, please contact Sharon Powell at sharon.powell@mgt.gatech.edu.

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like to run the chapter. They should be ready to join other chapters in the official Rush next spring.

An initial concern with IFC was whether the campus wanted the return of Delta Sigma Phi and what its impact would be on smaller chapters' recruitment if they did return.

After a short debate, IFC decided it would accept Delta Sigma Phi's petition under the condition that they would not participate in this past fall's Rush as well as making sure that none of the past members currently enrolled in school participate in any aspect of the new chapter.

To deal with the latter situation, Delta Sigma Phi has placed the old members on probationary alumni status, which can be revoked if they participate in any of the chapter's undergraduate activities.

The colony, once it has been started, will not become a recog-

nized chapter for another twelve to eighteen months.

Its goal in that time is to be granted a charter from their national organization upon compliance of certain standards and regulations they must adhere to during their probationary term.

A critical aspect in the acceptance of their return was the chapter's long history here at Tech as well as their strong alumni support.

Delta Sigma Phi is a strong national fraternity that highly encourages personal success with programs such as the Challenge, which is a comprehensive program whose goal is to hold each of their chapters to a higher standard.

Mark Douglas, Greek advisor, said of Delta Sigma Phi's return, "I think it will be good for the system.

With some new initiatives from within their national organization, in addition to their substance free housing initiative, I think its going to be something different to offer the current Greek system."

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inal but giving them the copy—it's illegal because you are depriving that artist or company of the royalties, their payment for that property," he said. The punishment for distributing copyrighted material can be costly.

"If a company was prosecuting under federal law for copyright violation the fines are up to \$150,000 per incident. They can be expelled from school, they can be sued by the company for loss of their profits, loss of income, the consequences can be very, very severe," he said.

Alexander said his advice to students is simple. "What it comes down to is, don't distribute copyrighted material, don't be an entrepreneur and try to find ways to make money by using the network that OSU provides," he said. "We just want the students to successfully graduate from the university and have an excellent experience here."