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By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tailback Joe Burns returns this fall after missing most of last season with a broken ankle. In 1998 Burns led the team in rushing with 98 carries for 474 yards. Here Burns runs a play with the team at this year's Springfest.

Parents notified under proposed alcohol policy

Congress passes changes that allow colleges to notify parents of alcohol and drug violations if child is under the age of 21

By Jennifer Dykes
News Editor

The Law, Policy, and Enforcement Committee met this Tuesday to discuss recommendations to be passed on concerning possible changes in parental notification of alcohol and drug violations. This conversation has developed recently due to changes in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act that allows parents to be notified if their underage children are found drinking alcohol. The current procedure is that parents are contacted if their child is admitted to the hospital for any reason.

The first recommendation is that parents should be notified when a student is found responsible for violating the code of conduct in a way that significantly endangers themselves or others while under the influence of alcohol or other substances. They specifically cited DUI, fighting, alcohol poisoning, and hospitalization. All committee members supported this recommendation.

Other organizations voicing support for this level of notification include FASET Cabinet,

Panhellenic, SGA, and the Parents Association.

The Committee also favored notifying parents of a violation when a hearing officer determines that any future violation of the Institute's policy will most likely result in suspension from Tech. The Parent's Association supported it, while general student groups either disagreed or did not address the issue.

If the next violation would most likely result in removal from housing, the committee recommended parental notification. They also agreed parents should not be notified of a first violation with no complicating factors.

They also mentioned educating parents about waivers and releases, but said parents should be notified in the above instances even when the student has not signed a waiver. The Committee also stated the waiver/release education should not replace the policy expansion.

Issues the committee expressed concern over when to notify parents about drug violations. They did not support the substitution of another significant adult for the parent. Also, some members found an appeals process, which could result in not notifying par-

ents in special cases, inappropriate.

Before this committee meeting, several town hall meetings were held recently to find the opinions of students, parents, and administrators. Campus organizations, such as Reck Club, Undergraduate Student Government, InterFraternity Council, and Panhellenic Council weighed in on the discussion.

Undergraduate Student Government supports the policy "that parents are notified only when their student is hospitalized, arrested, or inflicts harm upon himself/herself or others." Any further steps were seen as unnecessary. They noted that parents are not notified in cases of academic probation or warning and that parents should notice signs their child is in trouble.

IFC decided that additions to the current policy are unwarranted and cited the fact that 18 year olds are legally adults, the policy would be a "blanket policy" superceding the Greek system as a self-governing body with its own judicial procedures, and noted that the Greek system does not suffer from the low reten-

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Auxiliary services discusses bookstore move, privatization

By Angela Swilley
News Staff

In addition to the controversial proposal to move the bookstore, a separate proposal exists to privatize it.

According to Senior Vice President of Administration and Finance Bob Thompson, the main reason to privatize relates to the segment of the strategic plan that calls for Tech to be a technological school of the new century. This plan includes life-long learning as an essential concept. The Fifth Street facility for continuing education will be the basis for achieving this goal.

He stated, "We want a resource center capable of serving [student needs] through a lifetime of education."

He feels that privatizing the bookstore will be advantageous to the students because it will have the best resources competitively-priced.

Many students disagree that privatization is the way to go and feel that the current bookstore knows what students want.

Andy Chow, who is against privatization and heads an independent student group to stop the change, believes that the current bookstore does a great job.

He said that, "as a student, I do not feel a general sense of something wrong with our bookstore," so he questions even proposing the change.

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Bob Thompson

Senior Vice President of Administration and Finance

Chow also said that their "primary thing is that they want to serve students" with making money being more of a side issue, while a private company

would be out mainly to make profits. He feels that the main reason to privatize would be if the bookstore was losing money, however he stated that the bookstore turns a high enough profit each year to give an average of \$1 million back to Auxiliary Services for the past 10 years.

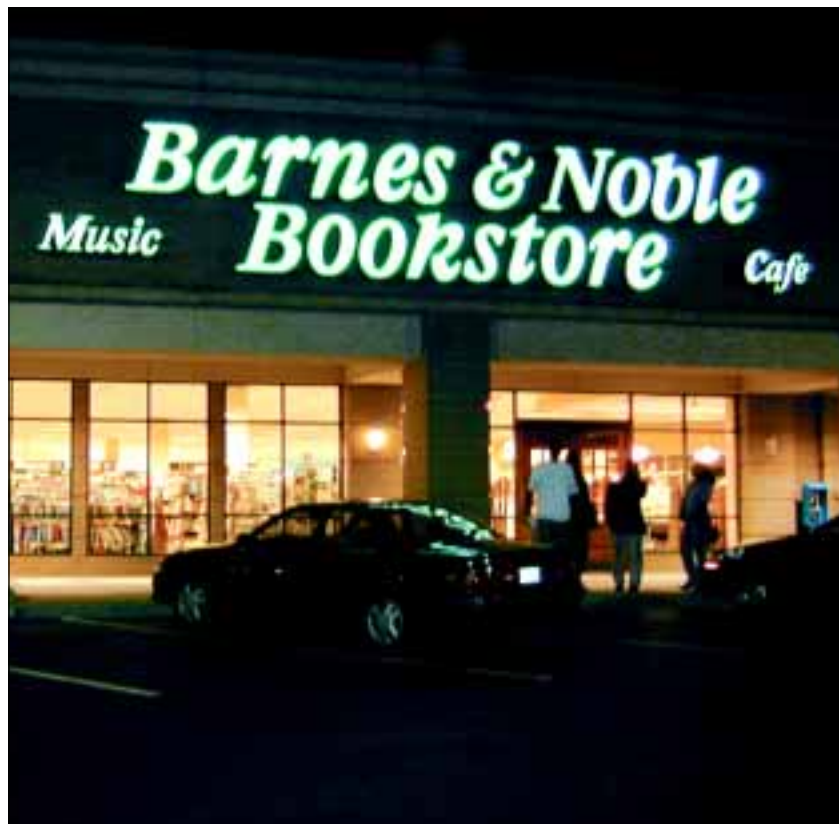
Thompson realizes that there is nothing wrong with the current bookstore, but feels the change is necessary to prepare the bookstore for its role in a future based on Tech's strategic plan.

CS student Liz Greene noted "It will not be as convenient, but as long as they don't sell UGA merchandise I can deal with it. Who knows, it might even drive prices down."

Andy Chow disagrees that a private store will have competitive prices. He feels that with the cost of building the new bookstore, they will charge higher margins.

Rosalind Meyers, Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Ser-

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By Dale Russell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Barnes & Noble stores are popping up all over the country including appearances on many college campuses. Will privatization bring Barnes & Noble to Tech?

Council Clippings

UHR passes resolution supporting longer bookstore hours

By Erica Young
UHR Correspondent

During one of the longest Undergraduate House meetings of the year, SGA had a number of special presentations, allocations, and topics of debate. Here's a recap of the Tuesday night meeting.

Rich Steele, Director of the Student Center, discussed the renovations that will take place in the main dining area of the food court over the next ten months. Improvements to the area will allow them to better utilize the space available in the Student Center, providing potential 24-hour studyspace in addition to other amenities. The Student Center is also looking at walk-up email ter-

minals for quick access throughout the facility.

Also discussed was SAC, the Student Advisory Council, which represents the needs of college students in the state of Georgia to the Board of Regents. Nells Peterson, the Chair-elect of the Board, addressed the house to explain the purpose of SAC and it's goals for the upcoming year. They will be focused on student representation in determining student fees, a sales tax exemption on textbooks, and closing the loophole in the Open Records Act that allows telemarketers to obtain lists of colleges students. Georgia Tech's David Stopp was appointed to the SAC Executive Board as the Campus Services Chair and will contin-

ue to represent Tech on a state level.

The Off Campus Housing Bulletin Board is up and running at sga.gatech.edu/housing. Students can post information about available apartments and houses for rent or find a roommate for summer or fall. Eric Hollins, chair of the Campus Services Committee will be maintaining this site, and any comments can be directed to him at eric.hollins@sga.gatech.edu.

Kozmo.com will be visiting campus next Friday, April 21, for a promotional blitz with the Planning and Development Committee. They will be advertising their new one-hour online delivery service with

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ISyE representatives Dina Hafez and Dave Brown at the Undergraduate House of Representatives meeting this week.

GSS debates Joint Finance Committee's speaker funding policy



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Two Graduate Senators compare notes during last week's Graduate Student Senate meeting. The final meeting of the year is next week.

By David Peters
GSS Correspondent

Over the past two weeks, the Graduate Student Senate has considered a large number of bills on its agenda.

The Senate continued debate on a range of issues related to the move of the bookstore and the larger development of the area off of Fifth Street. A resolution calling for the bookstore to remain in its current location was defeated. One resolution supporting the Fifth St. building project was tabled for further discussion, as was a resolution on preventing the privatization of the

bookstore. A resolution calling for no increase in textbook margins, currently set at 20%, was passed.

The Senate also debated the policy that the Joint Finance Committee should follow when determining the honoraria granted to speakers that organizations bring to campus. If a single group wants to bring a speaker to campus, the organization will not be granted more than 50% of the honoraria by JFC. If multiple organizations band together to bring a speaker to campus, JFC may fund a larger percentage, up to the full amount of the honoraria.

In campus organizations news, the JHAMBRE Dance Company

was granted a charter. The Joint Campus Organizations Committee was given the authority to review the semester conversion of all campus organization constitutions. The SAC Board constitution was revised to change the makeup of the SAC Advisory Board.

The Senate passed allocation bills for GT Motorsports. One of the bills was for entry fees for competitions in Detroit and London and for travel to the Detroit competition. A second bill provided for equipment to be used in these competitions.

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Cold weather slows day long Festival 2000

By Matt Gray
Assistant News Editor

Amid unseasonably cold weather, the fifth annual Festival Behind the Fence took place on Saturday, April 8 in the Burger Bowl. Although the cold weather kept turnout down, those who attended enjoyed a variety of events.

“Turnout was a little disappointing,” said Brad Thurmond, Student Center President. “[but] it was the coldest April day I can remember.”

Sponsored by the Student Center, the event featured several bands, and for the first time sold hot chocolate at the refreshments booth along with the usual grilled food. Students also had the opportunity to partake in spin art, a bungee run, and playful combat

in an “inflated gladiator ring,” added Thurmond.

Georgia Tech’s Equestrian Club was on hand with horses, offering students the chance to learn more about their organiza-

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Student Center President

tion. A car was destroyed in perhaps the most popular activity offered this year, and some students were able to take home souvenirs such as a steering wheel.

In addition to the other events,

the people that braved the weather had the opportunity to play with arts and crafts, as a craft center was set up, and a balloon artist roamed the grounds.

Thurmond added that the committee in charge of the planning and running of the event worked hard and “did a good job.”

Due to the weather, though, not all events could be set up. The wind made the climbing wall unsafe, and the obstacle course was nearly blown away.

As the capstone to the evening, the movie Animal House was shown in the Student Center Theater. Originally, it was to have been shown outside, but the weather made it more conducive to an indoor environment.

“It was fun,” said Thurmond. “The people that went, they had fun.”

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free movie rental and other prizes.

A resolution for the extension of the bookstore hours passed unanimously in house Tuesday night. Andrew Pae and Tyler Brown presented the results of the campus wide survey conducted by the Academic Priorities conducted this past winter to the Administration and were well received. This resolution

was the next step towards realizing a 24-hr study facility on campus, an effort several student government representatives continue to work towards.

Allocations were given to GT Motorsports, the Lambda Delta Rho Honor Society, LINUX Users Club, Scuba Jackets, Student Athletic Complex, and the GT Flying Club.

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Other allocation bills were passed for the Phi Psi National Textile Fraternity for travel and conference registration fees, a replacement printer for the Student Government office, and money for the GT Scuba Jackets to buy regulators. The Yellow Jacket Flying Club was given money for the installation of equipment that was donated to them and for additional equipment.

Several allocation bills were failed by the Senate. A laptop for IIE was failed, as were laptops for the Student Organizations Space, as these could come out of Technology Fee allocations. A travel allocation for Civitan for a trip to the Dominican Republic was denied. Allocations for coaches for the Lacrosse Club and an additional set of water polo goals for SAC were also defeated.

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News briefs

Undergrad Commencement Speaker Announced

Alfred Berkeley, III, the President of NASDAQ, will be the key note speaker for undergraduate commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 6. The speaker for the master’s and doctorate ceremony, to be held in the afternoon, has not yet been determined.

UHR Committee Chair Applications Due

Students interested in applying for a position in the Undergraduate House of Representatives must submit applications by 5 p.m. today to the SGA office.

The positions of Vice-President Campus Affairs, Vice-President Administrative Affairs, Joint Finance Committee, and various other committee chair positions are currently open and accepting applications, which can be found at cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/sga/undergraduate/index.html.

Hunger Banquet Tomorrow Evening

The first Hunger Banquet, sponsored by Campus Civitan, is an interactive dinner to promote hunger awareness. The banquet will take place tomorrow, Saturday April 15, from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Those attending may donate either a canned good or two dollars. All proceeds benefit local charities.

Those interested in purchasing tickets are welcome to contact Gayle Willis at gte884j.

Finals Week Library Hours Set

The library’s hours for final exams week and the beginning of the summer break will be as follows:

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| 4/28 - 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. | 4/29 - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. |
| 4/30 - 12 p.m. to 2 a.m. | 5/1 - 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. |
| 5/2 - 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. | 5/3 - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. |
| 5/4 - 8 a.m. to 12 a.m. | 5/5 - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. |
| 5/6 - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. | 5/7 - closed |
| 5/8 to 5/12 - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. | 5/13 - closed |
| 5/14 - 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. | |

Hours will return to regular schedule following finals.

Announcements? e-mail news@technique

Senate votes to increase Pell Grants

By Margaret Chipowsky
Cavalier Daily

(U-WIRE) U. Virginia — The U.S. Senate narrowly approved legislation Friday that would increase the amount of Pell Grant financial aid available to eligible college students.

Pell Grants, money given by the federal government to college students who demonstrate financial need, will now be available in sums up to \$3,700 - a \$400 increase from the current \$3,300 maximum amount.

Pell Grants are also available in sums as small as \$400.

The legislation now will be considered by the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee to be included in the formal budget.

The increase in the maximum sum would be the largest since 1980. Funding for the project would come from a reduction in a proposed \$150 billion in tax cuts.

Pell Grants go to the neediest undergraduates, Financial Aid Di-

rector Yvonne Hubbard said.

“To be eligible for a Pell Grant, the family contribution has to be less than \$3,200,” she said.

Since the current in-state University of Virginia tuition rate is \$4,130, a student receiving the total amount of available Pell Grant aid would almost be able to cover the entire cost of tuition.

“You can see how close a full Pell Grant is coming to full tuition,” Hubbard said.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Sen. Russell D. Feingold (D-Wis.) co-sponsored the legislation. It passed by only one vote.

Six Republican senators, including former presidential candidate Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) crossed party lines to support the bill.

In February, President Clinton called for Congress to increase the maximum amount available by \$200, to \$3,500.

Kennedy spokesman Jim Manley said higher education funding is an issue that Kennedy always has supported and he has worked to

increase both funding and awareness of the issue.

“Senator Kennedy’s been working on education issues for the entire 38 years of his career,” Manley said.

He praised the Pell Grant program, calling it “one of the best federal programs there are in making college more affordable for students everywhere.”

Hubbard agreed, saying the grants are a good attempt to level the playing field and ensure that all students will be able to afford a college education.

She said that the program helps lessen debt, since students that receive grants are not obligated to pay them back.

“What [Congress] has been raising is the amount of loans you can take out rather than grants,” she added.

Manley said some Senate Republicans appear to be more concerned with giving tax breaks to the wealthy than financing higher education for those who otherwise would not be able to afford it.

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tion rate that some suggest may be tied to alcohol.

Panhellenic, however, supported strengthening the policy to include incidences resulting in injury, medical attention, or other significant causes for concern, such as when a person becomes violent. They also stated that notification should occur if “the student gets an on-cam-

pus DUI, because this person is a threat to the safety of the Georgia Tech community.” They decided that basic alcohol offenses should not result in notification and pointed out that there are still consequences for every offense.

‘Reck Club supports the current policy of notification for hospitalizations but not in other instances.

Binge drinking is on the rise at colleges across the nation. Last year at Tech, over twenty students were sanctioned for being dangerously intoxicated. Senior Associate Dean of Students Karen Boyd estimated that changes in the policy as recommended by the committee would result in no more than 50 notifications per year.

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vices, feels that the concerns about prices are unfounded. She says that, "Any company that runs the bookstore will have to compete with the Engineer's Bookstore and e-commerce." She points out that the contract will also specify the permissible mark-up on textbooks. Andy Chow warns that this specification will have to be enforced, something he feels other schools have failed to do.

Chow declares, "I'm not against change, but I doubt the financial feasibility of this [plan]." He cites a study done by the Business Management Concept Group that determined the Institute should retain control of the bookstore.

SGA Economic Representative Stephen Popick says, "One concern is the loss of the one million dollar kick-back."

Tim Cailloux commented, "The privatization and moving of the bookstore will probably cause students

to look elsewhere for their books when they can get books from other stores in Atlanta or from the web for the same price or less and the convenience of a central location is lost."

Another reason cited by Thompson is the manner in which the transition in the economy to e-commerce is affecting bookstores. He says that

these uncertain times call for having an "organization in place that can assess what is going on" in the economy by watching the market and responding quickly based on the goals of the Institute. He reports that private businesses are better able to adapt to the changing marketplace.

He feels the companies being considered; Barnes and Noble, Follett, and Wallace's; have the experience and knowledge from running 300-400 college bookstores around the country and are able to create

the "right product mix to attract people."

Meyers remarks that the Engineer's Bookstore is the Atlanta store with the technical reference books, not our bookstore. She wants it so that "when people need to know more about their field, they will come to the Georgia Tech bookstore." She concludes that privatization is an "opportunity to expand the kind of things we sell."

Meyers feels that privatization "fits in with [the goal of] supplying the best product to students." The new store will have more selection and be open more hours. It will also draw clientele from outside the campus and become, according to Meyers, "more than just a college bookstore. [It will be] a halfway point between the college and the community" and therefore allow Tech to be more connected to the community, another goal of the Strategic Plan.

Popick feels that a lack of communication in SGA and between representatives and their constituents is leading to SGA's failure to listen to student opinion. Many students raise concerns about their voice not being heard.

Chow conducted two surveys with over 2,000 responses total. Both were overwhelmingly against changes

to the bookstore, with 64% against privatization.

EE major Brian Jaynes remarks, "Well, for one, I think it's a horrible idea. It uses the students to make an even bigger profit and moves a necessity for those on campus even further away. It moves it to an area that has more potential for crime."

Carl Valentino, a psychology student, postulates that "the decision to move of the bookstore has once again put the financial considerations of Georgia Tech ahead of its students."

Andy Chow emphasizes that this is just a proposal, not a signed contract. He claims that it has been "shoved down students' throats as a done deal, but we can still have a say in this."

The plan calls for a committee, which includes a graduate and undergraduate student, to meet over the summer. By early Fall, a proposal would be sent out and the

company would be evaluated based on their response, weighed heavily by how they react to our life-long learning goal. The store would not be operational until January 2001.

Thompson asserts that, "We are excited about this. It is the right thing to do at the right time." He thinks it will benefit the students,

faculty, and community. Meyers adds that in "three years [people will] say why did anybody think this was a bad idea...[it will be] so successful, we will wonder why anybody was worried about it."

Student opinion is being solicited by the Student Government Association

and also by Andy Chow.

To contact Student Government Association representatives, reference the SGA web site at <http://sga.gatech.edu>. Andy Chow can be contacted by email at andyjchow@hotmail.com or by phone at 770-986-7808.

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Andy Chow
Bookstore employee

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Rosalind Meyers
Associate Vice President of
Auxiliary Services



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Spring Semester Final Exam Schedule

| Class Meeting Time | Exam Period | Day | Date | Examination Time |
|------------------------------|-------------|------|------|------------------|
| MWF 3:00 | 1 | Mon | 5/1 | 8:00 -10:50 |
| TTH 8:00 & 8:30 | 2 | Mon | 5/1 | 11:30 - 2:20 |
| MWF 8:00 | 3 | Mon | 5/1 | 2:50 - 5:40 |
| TTH 1:00 & 1:30 | 4 | Tues | 5/2 | 8:00 -10:50 |
| MWF 11:00 | 5 | Tues | 5/2 | 11:30 - 2:20 |
| TTH 12:00 & 12:30 | 6 | Tues | 5/2 | 2:50 - 5:40 |
| TTH 3:00 & 3:30 | 7 | Wed | 5/3 | 8:00 - 10:50 |
| MWF 10:00 | 8 | Wed | 5/3 | 11:30 - 2:20 |
| TTH 2:00 & 2:30, 4:00 & 4:30 | 9 | Wed | 5/3 | 2:50 - 5:40 |
| MWF 2:00 | 10 | Thu | 5/4 | 8:00 - 10:50 |
| MWF 9:00 | 11 | Thu | 5/4 | 11:30 - 2:20 |
| MWF 12:00 | 12 | Thu | 5/4 | 2:50 - 5:40 |
| MWF 4:00 & 4:30 & TTH 10:00 | 13 | Fri | 5/5 | 8:00 - 10:50 |
| MWF 1:00 | 14 | Fri | 5/5 | 11:30 - 2:20 |
| TTH 9:00 & 9:30 | 15 | Fri | 5/5 | 2:50 - 5:40 |
| Period for Conflicts | — | Sat | 5/6 | 9:00 -11:50 |

NOTE: For a class meeting at irregular times, the examination period is determined by the day and hour at which the regularly sequenced class meets. Classes meeting on a staggered schedule should use the examination period for the days of the week that most closely correspond to times in the table above (e.g., a class meeting MWF 8, TTh 2 uses the MWF 8 exam period; TTh 9:30–11, MW 10 uses TTh 9).

EXAMINATIONS FOR COURSES SCHEDULED DURING EVENING HOURS (5 p.m. or later): Examinations for courses scheduled during the evening hours will be conducted either during the regular evening class hours during the period of December 13-17, or during the examination period for a daytime section of the course if one is available and the instructor approves.