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Damage threatens tennis court access

By Amanda Dugan
News Editor

Substantial damage to the tennis courts at the Bill Moore Tennis Center (BMTC) one week after resurfacing led to changes in policies at the center. The Athletic Association (AA), the Campus Recreation Center (CRC) and the Student Government Association (SGA) worked out a compromise for students to continue using the BMTC with more monitoring.

The center's courts, which are used by the varsity tennis teams and students, were resurfaced two weeks ago. "After a week we had a lot of black marks from track shoes on them. It causes an abrasion that slows down the surface, so our varsity team is not playing on as fast of courts as they may encounter," said Mollie Mayfield, senior associate athletic director.

The AA contacted SGA and the

CRC about the damage as the organizations share responsibility for managing the center on a daily basis. "The monitors that were employed by SGA and the CRC so that proper dress code was enforced...were not monitoring shoes," Mayfield said.

"Students were playing on the court with black sole shoes or shoes that marked the court. When you do damage to a court like that...it doesn't look good and if they wear too much then our athletes don't get to practice on fast courts," said Michael

"If [the courts] wear too much then our athletes don't get to practice on fast courts."

Michael Edwards
Director of CRC

Edwards, director of the CRC. Mayfield said that increased monitoring of students and enforcement of the dress code could maintain the courts at their current condition, but that students jumping over the center's fence after hours and using the courts unsupervised would be harder to control.

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By Ariel Bravy / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Ready, set, scream! Ramblin' Nights' first event, GT Night at Six Flags, brought students, faculty and friends together to relax and enjoy a night at the amusement park.

Stingerette cancels off-campus services

Nikhil Joshi
Assistant News Editor

Parking and Transportation has limited the use of the Stingerette service to campus boundaries beginning this semester. The change was only announced on the department's website.

The Stingerette, once considered to be a means of transportation to areas near campus after midnight, will now operate within a well-defined area. It will take students to areas on campus, including graduate apartments, but will no longer take students to Home Park, the Midtown MARTA Station or any other location outside of Tech.

Rosalind Meyers, associate vice president of Auxiliary Services, said that Parking and Transportation lacks the resources to provide an off-campus transportation service.

"Everybody has limited resources, and we want to provide good service. The farther we go off campus, the longer it takes to get on campus," she said. "We don't have the vehicles or drivers to go [to] all those places [off campus]."

"We can only run what we can run with funds. This year, money went to the new bus [on the Red Route]," said Bob Furniss, director of Parking and Transportation.

Furniss also said that wait times of over 45 minutes were recorded for almost half of all riders.

"We can better serve the campus



By Ben Keyserling / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Stingerettes sit parked on campus. Transportation changed the Stingerette service this fall to only take students to areas on campus.

population [by doing this]," Furniss said. "This past year, we realized that [the Stingerette service] was not working. You can't run a transit service, and have someone who wants to use your service wait that long. Usually, the tolerance level [among riders] is five to eight minutes."

"In the last three weeks, the majority of students waited about 10 minutes or less [for a Stingerette to arrive], although there were about 140 [riders] per night versus 350," he said.

According to Furniss, the original vision of the Stingerette service was to provide safe transportation to students on campus. The boundaries had always been the edges of campus.

"Because of expansion outside of campus, students are moving off

campus," Furniss said. "The boundaries were never changed, but the service was responding to student requests. Now the Stingerette is being treated as a taxi service—this was never the intent."

Furniss acknowledged that many students from Home Park are accustomed to using the service. However, he said students need to consider the costs of transportation when deciding to live off-campus, since the service is only meant for on-campus use.

"There are legitimate safety concerns. However, if you choose to live outside the [campus] boundary, you have to take that [consideration] into your decision. There are other options, such as a weekend/evening [parking] permit," Furniss said. A weekend/evening parking permit

allows students to park during these times at a reduced cost.

"The only fair way to determine where we'll go is to say we are a service on campus. The Stingerette is not a taxi service. This is what students have to recognize," Meyers said.

"It's a trade-off because you can't really please everybody," said Adam Azaibi, second-year Chemical Engineering major. "The people who live in Home Park would want [the Stingerette] to go campus, but the ones who live on campus would want the opposite."

Jenny Rainwater, a second-year Aerospace Engineering major, said that the decision was unfair to Home Park residents who depended on the service to get home late at night.

"It's not really fair considering that [Home Park] is so far from the campus and it's not exactly the safest area to be walking around in late at night," she said.

The decision had nothing to do with rising gas prices, Furniss said. "If I find that gas prices are significantly higher I would ask for funding. This decision was made entirely because of the timing issue."

Furniss also dispelled rumors that the service changed because users were abusing it. The rumors said that the Stingerette was receiving too many calls from intoxicated students.

"We wouldn't take intoxicated

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Tech celebrates Constitution Day

Tech will celebrate Constitution Day over the next few days through several events held on campus. Today, the Office of the Dean of Students will host an event called "Free-Speech-a-Thon" at the Campanile. The event will be moderated by members of the Pre-Law Society and Mock Trial Team.

At tomorrow's football game, the public address system will announce Constitution day. Tech will also host "Constitution Alley" Monday on Skiles Walkway. The administration will collect written opinions and inquiries constitutional issues to compile and distribute for use in classrooms.

GTRI develops military vehicle

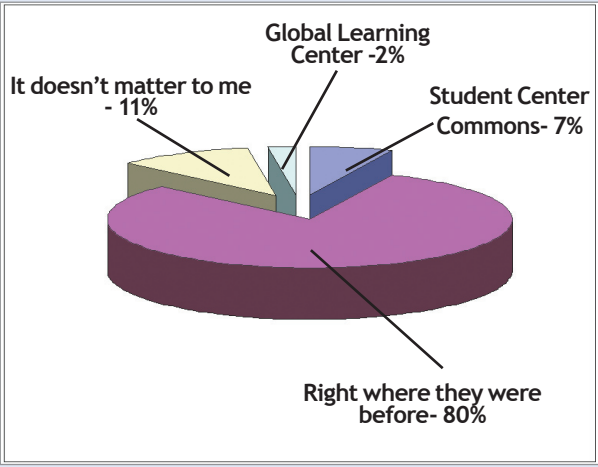
The Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) conducted the research and development for a concept military vehicle, which it had planned to present to the public for the first time at a military technology meeting in Virginia lasting from Wednesday through today.

The vehicle, called ULTRA AP (Armored Patrol), is diesel-powered and contains advanced armor and a modern chassis. The project was sponsored by the Office of Naval Research.

TechniqueOnline Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 92 responses.

Where should the Flag Building's flags go?



By Lauren Griffin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:

What do you think about the Stingerette changes?

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Calculator crisis

At 3:20 a.m. Aug. 23, two officers responded to a call concerning a person breaking into a red Jeep Cherokee in the Perry-Matheson parking lot. The officers stopped and detained a male while questioning a female witness.

She stated that she saw the suspect throw objects at the vehicle, enter and emerge with several objects. The vehicle had a broken rear vent window and was determined to belong to a student.

At the time of arrest, the suspect was found with several CDs, a CD player and a portfolio containing a calculator. He was transported to the

From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime

Fulton County Jail. The car's owner could not be contacted.

Unidentified pledge?

At 9:18 p.m. Aug. 23, an unknown white male entered the Pi Kappa Phi house. When approached, the man threw a glass containing an alcoholic beverage against the wall, breaking it, and ran away.

No one was injured by the broken glass and the subject could not be identified.

Hot! Hot! Hot!

An officer was dispatched to the Housing Office for a fire report at 5:35 p.m. Aug. 23. Someone had dumped hot coals into the pine

straw.

Upon arrival, the Housing staff was already trying to put out the fire. Fire extinguishers were used to put out the fire. The complainant who made the call said she did not see who dumped the coals there.

Damaged gate

An employee advised the police department that the Wardlaw Parking Deck gate was off track at 6:45 a.m. Aug. 25.

GTPD could not determine if the gate was off track or damaged by being hit. An incident report was filed for the gate.

This week's campus crime information written by Kenneth Baskett

Corrections

Last week's "Jackets break Auburn winning streak", on page 36, was incorrectly attributed to William Bretherton. Neil Paine wrote the article

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Council Clippings



Each week, elected members of the houses of the Student Government Association (SGA) meet to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings.

Graduate Student Senate

Senate passes bill for sitar concert

By Nikhil Joshi
Assistant News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate passed one bill in a short meeting this Tuesday. The senate passed a joint allocation bill that would give Aarohi, an organization that promotes Indian classical music, \$1,400.

The meeting began with the executive report of Mitch Keller, graduate student body vice president. Keller spoke about the Graduate Student Picnic, which took place last Thursday.

"It was universally agreed that [the picnic] was a huge success. 1,055 people got tickets and ate food, and T-shirts were sold," Keller said. He

Bills passed

- Joint Allocation to Aarohi for sitar concert

also requested the senators send him suggestions for next year's picnic. Keller said that the picnic was a success thanks to the support from various groups, including Maureen Kilroy, assistant dean of Graduate Studies and Research, the CRC staff and Auxiliary Services.

Kasi David, graduate student body president, was not present to give his report. In his committee report, Senator Pelham Norville said that revisions to the constitution and bylaws were completed, and would

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Undergraduate House of Representatives

UHR ignores JFC recommendation

By John Maddux
Contributing Writer

In its second meeting of the year, the Undergraduate House of Representatives passed three bills, including one that led to discussions of controversy and improper procedure among representatives.

The bill, last on the day's agenda, allocated \$200 to Dean Karen Boyd's farewell event, of which \$150 covered food and drinks for the event. In the past, UHR has had a policy of not funding food or drinks for any campus organization.

"We don't fund food and drinks at any organization's event because we would go broke," said Micah Lucas, vice president of Finance.

The Joint Finance Committee recommended that the UHR not fund the event based on available resources and precedent. "[The bill] will set a precedent... other organizations will want the same funding for their event," Lucas said.

Representatives said that UHR has been criticized for similar behavior before. "The same [situation] happened last year and we got blasted in the *Technique* and called hypocritical" said Representative Rafael Corrales. During a meeting last year on Oct. 31, UHR passed a bill allocating \$2,785 to pay for a sign outside of the SGA office.

The allocation of nearly \$3,000



By Scott Medway / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A representative from the Aarohi club addresses representatives. UHR passed a joint allocation to Aarohi for a sitar concert.

dollars drew concerns and discussion from representatives, but eventually failed on a technicality.

Another representative also noted the previous trouble and suggested that the UHR take up a collection instead. However, the idea was rejected by the House.

The event will be open to all Tech students, a point that was brought up

Bills passed

- Joint Allocation to Aarohi for sitar concert
- Joint Allocation to SGA
- Resolution Special Rule of Order

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By Scott Medway / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Remembering tragedy. Student Affairs, Diversity Programs, SGA, Air Force ROTC and the Residence Hall Association helped sponsor this memorial of September 11.

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by Representative Daniel Hegeman. "I absolutely support the bill; Karen Boyd has helped all the students and with 12,000 students and \$200 that is 1.7 cents per student," he said.

"[This bill] is not quite the slippery slope as some are making it out to be," said Representative Stephen Webb.

"It is a dangerous precedent," said Representative Rafael Corrales.

The bill was passed after debate. The house also passed the two other bills on its agenda.

UHR discussed a bill from Aarohi, a club with the goal of promoting classical Indian dance and music, asking for \$1,500 for a sitar concert. The organization has thirty members and is expecting for one hundred people to attend the concert which will be held in the student center theater.

Aarohi had raised \$300 of their own money through club dues but said that it did not want to spend this given that it was all of their revenue from the previous year.

UHR passed the bill at \$1,400 after striking one line asking for

travel expenses, citing the Joint Finance Committee's policy of not paying for artist travel or accommodations.

Following the Aarohi bill, UHR passed a resolution special rule of order authored by Saira Amir, undergraduate student body vice president.

This special rule allows council members no more than three absences for the rest of the semester and three total absences for the spring semester. The bill required a two-thirds majority and was passed without discussion.

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be available for the senators to see next week. "I would feel much more comfortable about elections if [the revisions] were done before elections were held," Norville said.

In the next order of business, the open forum, Senator Ed Greco pointed out that senators should promote the graduate elections. "Most people are not aware that [the election] happens," Greco said, "and promoting them would raise awareness."

Also in the open forum, Pelham Norville brought up the issue of timeliness of Tech Trolleys. "Many times I will be at Tech Square and see three trolleys 100 yards apart [from one another]," he said.

In addition, Norville said, the newly installed tracking technology in the trolleys should be used for monitoring as well as to provide information about their location online.

"Clearly they are having scheduling issues," Norville said. "They aren't using the GPS system to schedule, and this is a problem."

Next, the senate moved on to consideration of the bills on the agenda.

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people, we would just call the police. [Taking intoxicated people] puts people at risk; we wouldn't respond to a call like that." Furniss said. "The issue is not so much abuse, what's happened is that the Stingerette has evolved into a taxi service."

As for the future, Furniss said that although the Stingerette will probably remain an on campus service for the remainder of the year, this

The only bill that was considered, a joint allocation to Aarohi, was passed. The organization requested \$1,500 for a program in which they invited a Sugato Nag, a sitar player from India.

The organization did not request the money to cover his plane ticket from India to the United States; the organizational representative explained that Nag was already in the country on tour, and SGA would only have to cover his travel expenses from Boston. The representative said the program would be free for all Tech students to attract students to the new organization.

The bill generated some discussion, during which senators discovered that the organization expected about 100 people and planned to host the event in the Student Center. Senators also found that the organization was waiting to be chartered and had not already met with the Joint Finance Committee (JFC).

JFC, however, approved of all of the organization's request except for artist accommodation, for which Aarohi had requested \$100. In response, the senators struck this line and amended the total to \$1,400 and passed the bill.

may change in the future. "Where will it evolve in the next couple of years? I don't know. I don't know if we will stick to our borders forever," he said.

"My only problem with the expansion of the service is where does it end? Home Park is an obvious [destination], but there are more places that the Stingerette could go. We have to draw the line somewhere, and the service is really intended to be on campus," he said.

Clough addresses faculty senate

By Arcadiy Kantor
Senior Staff Writer

The Academic Senate and General Faculty Assembly held a combined meeting on Tuesday. The faculty saw several presentations and approved minutes of standing committee meetings from both bodies.

The meeting commenced with a speech by Institute President Wayne Clough. Clough introduced the new registrar, Reta Pikowsky, to the members of the faculty.

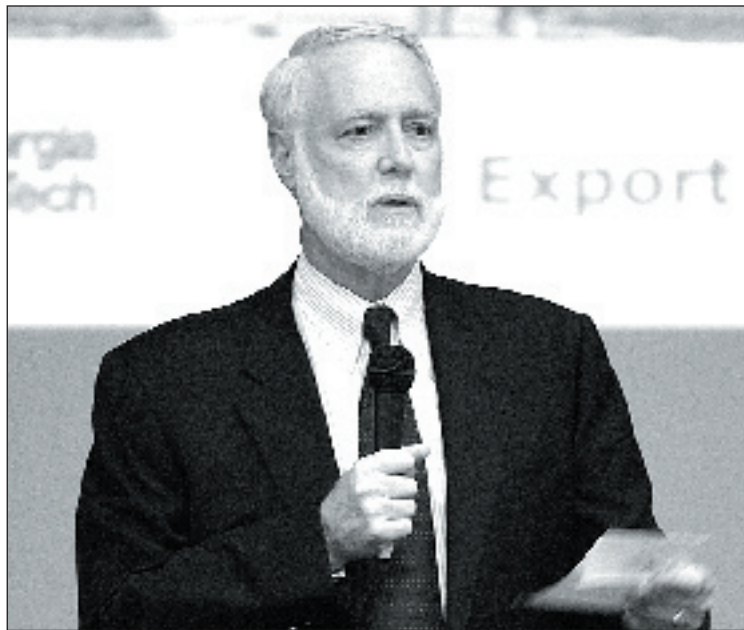
He then spoke about aid efforts for Tulane University students that evacuated from New Orleans, saying he was proud of the job students, faculty and staff have done over the past weeks. "[Student Center Director] Rich Steele took that on as a cause along with our student affairs groups. We invited them here, and they came," he said.

"Everyone worked very hard with [the Tulane students]...each one was treated as an individual, they were taken care of," Clough said.

Tech has also worked to open its doors to students from universities in affected areas, such as Tulane University and the University of New Orleans.

According to Clough, 62 undergraduate students who were impacted by the hurricane have been admitted to Tech, and approximately 45 remain enrolled.

"We admitted most of the students under temporary student status. Those students were given non-resident tuition waivers," Clough



By Ethan Trehitt / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Institute President Wayne Clough speaks at the Faculty Senate meeting. Clough spoke about Tech's response to Hurricane Katrina.

said. Other students who were originally Georgia residents were admitted as permanent students for HOPE scholarship eligibility.

In addition to the undergraduates, Clough said 14 graduate students have enrolled in classes.

Tech is also assisting authorities in other ways, working to apply its areas of expertise to the recovery efforts. "We've had con-

versations with Corps of Engineers people, National Academy people," Clough said. "We're continuing to think about these things and work through them."

Clough also spoke about the Red Cross's utilization of the Alexander

Memorial Coliseum. He said the Red Cross determined the Coliseum could hold up to 500 people, but only 290 cots were built and the shelter never held more than 106 people on any given night.

"What the Coliseum actually became was...a service distribution facility," Clough said. Most people who came to the stadium did not stay longer than for one night, as they were helped and shifted to a different location. According to Clough, approximately 1,000 people were helped in the week that the Coliseum was open as a shelter.

Clough also briefly spoke about the state of the Institute, mentioning the recent *U.S. News & World Report* rankings and current enrollment numbers. He said he was extremely pleased with the continuing increases in the number of Hispanic and African-American graduates. He also discussed the career fair, say-

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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.

Delta, Northwest file for bankruptcy

Northwest Airlines and Delta Airlines both filed under Chapter 11 for bankruptcy within minutes of each other Wednesday evening. The airlines attributed their losses to rapidly increasing jet fuel costs, according to *CNN*, which have risen about 20% from June 1.

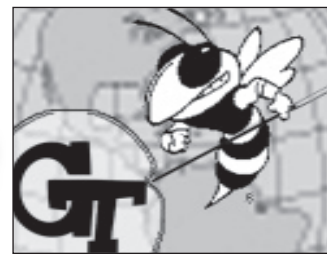
After Delta and Northwest, the nation's third and fourth-highest carriers, announced bankruptcy, nearly half of American carriers are currently under Chapter 11 protection from creditors. United Airlines and U.S. Airways also declared bankruptcy recently.

Industry consultant Mike Boyd told *CNN*, "This is another 9/11. Most carriers adjusted to that, but now we have another 9/11 that's called fuel. And we have another half of a 9/11 called pensions." Analysts predict losses of about \$10 billion in 2005. Both airlines announced that flights would continue as usual.

Suicide bombers kill 151 Iraqis in Baghdad

Insurgent forces killed a reported 151 Iraqis and injured more than 300 on Wednesday through a number of suicide bombings and other types of attacks in the capital city of Baghdad. According to *CNN*, an al Qaeda source said the attacks were a response to American efforts to remove insurgents from Tal Afar, a city in northern Iraq.

U.S. military officials said that



they suspect that notorious terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi led the attacks. On the same day, a broadcast aired by the al Arabiya network in which a man the network claims to be Zarqawi declared war on all Iraqi Shiites. The man on the video also claimed that Ibrahim al-Jaafari, declared a war on the Sunnis in Tal Afar.

The attacks came on the same day that the final draft of the Iraqi constitution to be put before voters in October was submitted to the United Nations. U.S. troops expected an increase in violence among the mixed Sunni and Shiite population in Baghdad.

Judge declares pledge unconstitutional

U.S. District Judge Lawrence Karlton declared recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools unconstitutional. Medical doctor and attorney Michael Newdow brought the case to the court.

Newdow lost his case on procedural grounds in the Supreme Court last year after the Circuit Court of U.S. Appeals ruled in his favor in 2002. Newdow, an atheist, filed the case on behalf of three children.

"Imagine every morning if the teachers had the children stand up, place their hands over their hearts, and say, 'We are one nation that denies God exists,'" Newdow said in an interview with AP Radio.

The words "under God," ruled Karlton, goes against the rights of students to be "free from a coercive requirement to affirm God."

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Courts

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"That is not something we can hold anyone reliable for except to make an appeal to students that you use your student government to facilitate access to the facilities in a structured way other than damage the facilities by forcibly entering," Mayfield said.

An AA employee previously supervised the courts 60 hours a week, until the center stopped operating as a retail facility last spring. "It still is an athletic association facility, [but] they couldn't fund it. They decided they were going to close it to the general public and the student body," Edwards said.

SGA worked with the AA to keep the facility open to students. "This is when we came up with the current plan. The plan was to put up monitors, use the outside courts and let students use it. Everyone agreed and we've been going along and doing this since the spring," Edwards said.

"It is only open to students now and we basically worked out an

agreement with the AA where they are still going to pay for maintenance, but the CRC is in charge of operating the facility. They check people's BuzzCard, maintain the facility, and check for non-marking shoes," said David Andersen, undergraduate student body president.

"We pay for it from the student activity fee and the regular CRC budget process," Andersen said.

"We hope that everyone has a pride among them that this is a top institution. We want our tennis team

to stay in the top 10 nationally and to do that we have to maintain the courts in top condition," Mayfield said.

The compromise the organizations reached include better monitoring, fixing

holes in the fence, timers on the lights so they can not be turned on after 9 p.m., only using the lower courts and new, larger signs so students can read use guidelines.

"We have agreed to monitor the use of the facilities before rules are changed," Mayfield said. "We believe we have excellent cooperation. You always have to alter your plans once

"It is a privilege for us to use these courts."

David Anderson
SGA President



By Robert Combiel / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students wearing improper footwear badly damaged the Bill Moore Tennis Center's courts' surfaces, which were just resurfaced.

you see where the loopholes are."

Students are going to be permitted on the courts through the end of the semester, after which the AA will determine what the next plan of action is and if abuse has subsided Mayfield said.

"Our coaches and our student athletes feel like it needs to be resurfaced now. Our administration has decided to wait for spring season to see if we can maintain it,"

Mayfield said.

Andersen said that students must follow court use guidelines when they use the court so that future students can use the facilities.

"The compromise we made with the AA this time was a fair one. It is a privilege for us to use these courts and in order to continue using them we need to work together so that the courts stay in good condition," Andersen said.

Clough

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ing approximately 2,000 students attended each day.

After his speech, Clough addressed a question from a faculty member who felt it was unfair that professors were expected to pay a fee to use the Campus Recreation Center.

Clough defended the current policy, saying the current payment scheme is equitable and logical. "Faculty payments are scaled to be below market rate," he said.

He also pointed out that giving faculty complimentary access would be unfair to students.

"Students certainly went the extra mile to be able to build this facility," Clough said. "[They] started paying for this facility before it was ever built."

Clough said professors already have an advantage because paying CRC fees is mandatory for students and optional for faculty. "We decided as a group to build a facility everybody could use," he said. "Everybody has a role to help support the facility."

The assembled faculty also saw presentations on the honors program and export controls before accepting the minutes for a number of standing committee meetings.

Annual graduate student picnic boasts turnout of 1,055

By Jenny Zhang
Contributing Writer

Tech's twelfth annual graduate student picnic was held on Sept. 8 at the Campus Recreation Center (CRC). The picnic exceeded the Graduate Student Senate's (GSS) attendance expectations with approximately 1055 graduate students attending the event.

"This picnic is a good way to introduce students to different activities on campus, like the [student government], and encourage them to get involved," said Senator Maria Carnasciali. "Most importantly, though, it's a great way for them to interact with other graduate students."

Students said they used the picnic as an opportunity to meet people. "I'm here to meet new people. I'd like to see more people outside of my department," said Behnood Gholami, a first-year Aerospace Engineering graduate student.

Free food, T-shirts for the first

500 students, coupons and door prizes were added incentives to attend the event. "We partnered with the Alumni Association for the first time and Auxiliary Services for the second time to make this picnic better than the ones before," said Kasi David, graduate student body president. "These organizations have provided us with...support."

This year also marked the second time the picnic has been held at the CRC. "We like having the picnic here because we want people to find out about it. The CRC is a great place to gather and offers a variety of fun, healthy activities. It's important that graduate students know there's more to do at Tech than stay in a lab all day," said Michael Edwards, director the CRC.

"The food was good, and it's been wonderful meeting new people," said Artrease Spann, a first-year Chemistry major. "It's good to know I'm not alone. There are other graduate students here, and there's more of a community feeling now."

Several families also came to the picnic. "It's nice that this can be a family event as well. It's fun, and it makes Tech feel more homey, as if we're really being welcomed into the community," said Lynn Perkins, wife of Andy Perkins, a fifth-year Electrical Engineering graduate student.

The Perkinses have attended the picnic previously, but said they found this year's event to be especially good. "They ran out of food early last year, but now there seems to be plenty to go around. The cotton candy and popcorn have been good additions, as well as the free T-shirts," Perkins said.

"Approximately 1055 graduate students attended the event, and we only expected 1000 to come," said Mitch Keller, graduate student body vice president.

"The most important thing we hoped to accomplish at this picnic was to increase the sense of community among graduate students," David said.



By Jon Drews / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Salvador Valencia moves through the buffet line at the picnic. Free food and free t-shirts were incentives to attend the GSS event.

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