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Katrina drives Tulane students to Tech



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tulane students recuperate in the Student Center after arriving at 5 a.m. from their first post-Katrina shelter, Jackson University.

By Amanda Dugan
News Editor

A group of 275 Tulane students and four staff members arrived at Tech Wednesday morning, seeking refuge after Hurricane Katrina devastated Tulane's campus in New Orleans.

"We are doing everything [we] can to make a very difficult situation more bearable as they are transitioning to different places," said Richard Steele, director of the Student Center.

The students had been in transit since evacuating on Saturday. "Tulane anticipated the hurricane and their emergency plan has them evacuating resident students to Jackson University. About 500 Tulane students were transported to Jackson University on Saturday morning where they stayed in the gymnasium," Steele said.

However, when Jackson University experienced a power outage and the airport closed the Tulane

students were redirected to Tech and Southern Methodist University in Dallas. "They went two days with no power and no water. The conditions were tough. They had difficulty getting a bus," Steele said.

Tulane students arrived at the Student Center at 5 a.m.. Tech students and administrators worked through the night and had pizza, beverages and snacks for them when they arrived.

Tech opened the CRC showers for the Tulane students and had an information desk on the second floor of the Student Center. "The number one thing they wanted to do is take a hot shower," Steele said.

Marisol Vega-Holthaus, retail manager for the student center, worked at the information desk for part of the day. "We are here to help those in need. We're doing everything possible we can to help them out. We have airport shuttles, bus runs, showers and food," Vega-

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Meeting addresses post-storm options

A town hall meeting regarding resources available on campus for Tech students affected by Hurricane Katrina will take place Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 9 to 10 p.m. in room 117 of the Student Services Building.

The meeting will feature representatives from SGA, the Dean of Students office, the Counseling Center and Financial Aid. For more information, contact undergraduate student body president, David Andersen, at president@sga.gatech.edu, or Counseling Center director, Ruperto Perez, at ruperto.perez@vpss.gatech.edu.

SGA continues Six Flags ticket sales

SGA will continue to sell tickets for the trip to Six Flags until Sept. 8 for \$15. Tickets will also be available at the park on Sept. 9 for \$25.

Parking is included with the purchase of a ticket, but a free shuttle bus is available with a ticket obtained one week before the event.

Over 5,000 students attended the event last year, and over 7,000 attended the event in 2003, its first year. The event marks the start of Ramblin' Nights.

Pritchett accepts new position

Amy Pritchett, an associate professor in the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering, was recently appointed to serve as the David S. Lewis Associate Professor of Cognitive Engineering.

In her new position, Pritchett will be able to continue her study of methods and processes that assist in technological design and support human cognitive performance.

NASA presents Young with award

NASA recently presented John Young, an Aerospace Engineering graduate of 1952, with the Ambassador of Exploration award. This accolade honors the efforts taken by astronauts on the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo missions.

Young was the first to fly six times and launch seven times. He is the only NASA astronaut to have piloted four types of spacecraft.

His involvement in the Apollo 16 mission as commander marked one of his career highlights. It was his second trip to the moon. Young retired in 2004, having worked longer than any astronaut in NASA history.

Young served as chief of the NASA Astronaut Office for 13 years and as an associate director of the Johnson Space Center for eight years.

Mold welcomes 6th Street East residents

By Anthony Schmitz
Contributing Writer

Returning students found mold in their apartments in Sixth St. East during move-in, despite the building being cleaned and closed during the summer.

"When I came in, I noticed dust-like residue all over the furniture. It didn't take me long to realize that it was, in fact, mold," said Tim Morin, a fourth-year Mechanical Engineering major.

Jamila Penn, a second-year Industrial Design major, found a similar problem in her room. "[Mold] was everywhere... all over the furniture, the chair, the footlocker and even the walls,"

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Jamila Penn
Second-year ID major

Penn said.

Residence Life Director Dan Morrison said that rare environmental conditions might have contributed heavily to the mold problem.

"One of the biggest dilemmas is that some buildings are completely empty during the summer, and as a result there is not enough heat produced by people and appliances to absorb all the moisture,"

Morrison said. "This and the fact that the weather this summer has been unusually damp, produces conditions that are favorable for mold."



By Michael Skinner / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A blanket of mold coats a desk and chair in a 6th Street East Apartment room. The building recently underwent renovations.

Morrison also said that previous problems with mold growth in Woodruff have diminished since Housing opened the residence hall for the first time this year during the summer.

"The decision was made this year

to open Woodruff for the first time during the summer, and as a result we've had no reported cases of mold growth," Morrison said.

The Sixth St. Apartments com-

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Student Center undergoes cosmetic changes

By Jameel Khan
Contributing Writer

As part of ongoing efforts to renovate all three floors in the Student Center, major changes are currently underway to improve the atmosphere on the first floor.

Improvements include new tile floors, textured walls, softer fabric, a newly located courtesy phone and information directory, upgraded electronics and new furniture. A large 61-inch LCD HD-TV will be installed into the wall behind the stairs.

"We are trying to ensure the same aesthetic look as the Student Center Commons while also creating



By Michael Skinner / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The area around the stairs in the first floor of the Student Center is being renovated to look more like the Student Center Commons.

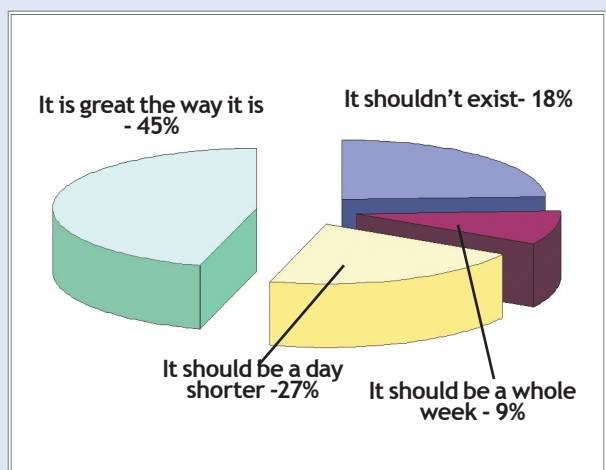
a positive atmosphere for students," said Rich Steele, director of the Student Center. The Commons area is a 50,000-foot expansion of the Student Center that opened last year.

Steele said this progress has led to an increase in the use of the facility. Hosting more than 7,000 events each year and a recorded traffic flow of 25,000 people on the first day of classes this year, Steele said the Student Center has become "the hub of student activity." According to Steele, students want a school to be proud of, and along with his staff, he is working to ensure that changes

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TechniqueOnline Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 33 responses.

What do you think of FASET?

By Lauren Griffin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

*This week's question:***What do you think about OIT allowing email aliases?**Tell us at www.nique.net**Gaseous odor reported**

An unidentified student reported a strong odor of propane gas in the commons lobby area at the Student Center around 4 p.m. Aug. 20.

The Atlanta Fire Department was notified and a unit was dispatched. The unit investigated and discovered that a pilot light in Pandini's was out.

Once the pilot was relit, the odor dissipated.

Housing ghosts?

Some time between 9:23 p.m. and 12:15 a.m. Aug. 20, an unknown culprit entered an apartment on

*From the files of the GTPD...***Campus Crime**

Hemphill Avenue and moved some things around.

The resident stated that the outer door was locked prior to leaving and that the door was unlocked upon returning. The resident also mentioned that a roommate made a maintenance request about a mold problem and housing may have been in the apartment.

Nothing was discovered missing.

Turn your lights on!

A red SUV carrying five female passengers was stopped on 10th and Holly St. for driving with no headlights at 9:32 p.m. on Aug. 20.

The driver was sweating profusely. The tag was checked and

came back stolen out of Clayton County.

She first told the officer the vehicle belonged to her aunt. The driver later confessed that she received the vehicle from a man she knew who offered to rent her the vehicle for \$15.

The driver was arrested for theft by receiving stolen property and giving false name and date of birth to law enforcement.

A check on her real identity revealed that she was unlicensed and she was also charged for driving unlicensed.

She was transported to Fulton County Jail and the other passengers were released.

This week's campus crime information written by Kenneth Baskett

Corrections

Emily Tate was incorrectly attributed as the author of "Overall campus crime down by 22 percent," on page 13. Kenneth Baskett wrote the article.

Isaac Penny was incorrectly identified as an Aerospace Engineering major on page 12. He is a Mechanical Engineering major, as stated on page 3.

In addition to Al Gore and Dan Quayle, Admiral James Stockdale was also a participant in the 1992 Vice Presidential Debate, referenced on page 11 of the FSG.

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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 supports ticketing system

By Arcadiy Kantor
Senior Staff Writer

The Graduate Student Senate held its first full meeting this Tuesday, August 30, after failing to reach quorum last week. The senators passed four bills over the course of the meeting.

Executive Vice President Mitchel Keller ran the meeting in a more formal style than in years past, requiring senators to stand for their vote to be counted.

Only one of the bills passed by the Senate saw significant debate, however, as the senators addressed a request for \$6,000 from the Athletic Association to create a new online ticketing system.

The system, which will be implemented this spring, will be outsourced to TicketReturn, a company whose service has also been used at Ohio University, University of Maryland and University of North Carolina Charlotte.

Thomas Johnson, special assistant to Undergraduate President David Andersen, spoke in support of the new system. He said the system was a student initiative that had received wide cross-campus support including \$3,000 in BuzzFunds towards

- Bills passed**
- Joint Allocation to GT Night at Six Flags
 - Joint Allocation to SGA
 - Joint Appointment of JFC chair
 - Graduate Student Senate Picnic

the project donated from Auxiliary Services.

The overall startup costs of the project are expected to be slightly under \$25,000. The money will go towards purchase of a server to process ticketing requests and hand-held scanners at admission. Johnson said the Athletic Association is covering \$10,000 of the startup costs, as well as any ongoing maintenance and licensing expenses.

The system is expected to allow students to print their tickets online. The printed tickets will then be scanned at the gate by a handheld system to allow admission. As of right now, the ticketing system will only allow for general admission, not specific seats.

Industrial Engineering senator Karen Feigh expressed concern about what sort of priority distribution

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Undergraduate House of Representatives

UHR convenes for first meeting

By Nikhil Joshi
Assistant News Editor

The first weekly assembly of this year's Undergraduate House of Representatives, led by Saira Amir, passed all seven bills on its agenda. Five of the bills dealt with administrative matters.

The meeting began with the process of appointing the newly appointed Undergraduate Judicial Cabinet, consisting of Chief Justice Kevin Flaherty and Justices Hrish Goel, Jon-Michael Caldwell, Tim Monroe, Melvin Waldrop, Jr., Sean O'Rourke and Brandon Kearse.

Next, the house was sworn in, followed by the appointment of Joint Finance Committee Chair Micah Lucas. During this period, Amir initially proceeded to the next bill without swearing in the house, but quickly mended her error.

The first of two allocation bills, Joint Allocation to Student Government Association, allocated \$6,000 from the capital outlay account to SGA for the server needed for the online ticketing system for men's varsity basketball.

Andersen said that the system had already received strong report.

There was some discussion as to whether or not the system should have been provided in-house. However, Andersen said that OIT had concluded that going through the company Ticket Return was a strong option. Ticket Return, according to Andersen, has had success at other large schools.

The second of the allocation bills allocated \$14,000 from the capital outlay account to Six Flags Night, a project hosted by SGA. Andersen said that the project was successful in the previous year and that SGA was aiming to get even more students involved this year.

"This year we are shooting for



By Scott Medway / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

David Anderson and Thomas Johnson discuss an allocation for a new distribution system for student tickets to athletic events.

7,000 students," he said.

Nominations were made for the following positions: member-at-large, treasurer, secretary and House Administrative Committee (HAC) Chair.

After all of the bills had been discussed, Andersen gave his Presidential Review, in which he said, "We have a great year ahead of us. There's a lot of potential in this group."

At the end of the meeting, special guest Dean of Students Gail DiSabatino spoke on two issues: a policy change regarding the approach of her office to academic integrity violations and an announcement regarding Tulane students, who would be staying at the Student Center because of Hurricane Katrina.

- Bills passed**
- Joint Appointment of Joint Finance Committee Chair
 - Appointment of Undergraduate Judicial Cabinet Justice
 - Appointments of Undergraduate Judicial Cabinet
 - Joint Allocation to SGA
 - Joint Allocation to GT Night at Six Flags
 - Undergraduate Student Council Executive Appointments
 - Appointment for 2005-2006 Undergraduate Student Council Committee Chairs

OIT offers students email aliases

By Nikhil Joshi
Assistant News Editor

Beginning Oct. 3, students will have the option of creating email aliases in the form `alias@gatech.edu`.

Students will be able to change their aliases once during every semester. The aliases will not replace existing accounts; students will be able to receive emails sent to the newly created aliases as well as emails sent to the old accounts.

Beginning next year, OIT will issue account names in the format "gburdell1" rather than the traditional "gt-" format. The office will also give email accounts to prospective students in the process of applying to Tech.

Systems Support Specialist Jason Belford said that accounts for currently enrolled students will not change; the aliases will simply serve as "pointers" to student accounts.

Students will still log in to Spectrum, Oscar and Buzzport using the usernames and passwords from their current account. However, emails sent to addresses in either of the two aforementioned formats will be sent to the student's Spectrum account.

The changes, according to OIT, were made in response to complaints from both students and faculty. Not only did the office receive frequent complaints about the "gt-" format for e-mail addresses, but the issue of having different email addresses for different departments was also brought to OIT's attention.

Many students have responded positively, although some expressed that they are content with their current email addresses.

Akhila Rajaram, a first-year Biology major, said that she finds the current format of Spectrum addresses strange. "I feel like right now, I am known only by a number," Rajaram said.

Colleen Sherman, a second-year Biomedical Engineering major, said that the change was welcome but not required.

"It will be nice to have a more personal email address, but it's not absolutely necessary," Sherman said.

Raymond Wang, a second-year Industrial Engineering major, said, "It will be more user-friendly, but if you are trying to find a friend's address, you can just look it up [on the directory]."

Michael Brandon, OIT director

"It will be nice to have a more personal email address."

Colleen Sherman
Second-year BME major

of Policy and Strategy, said, "For five years, we've been trying to figure out why and how to do this. We've had pressure from the campus to make this change for a long time."

Special Projects Manager Bert Bee-Lindgren said that the process of creating an interface for users to create aliases was lengthy and difficult.

"The difficulty was that there were about twelve small to medium-sized issues, which resulted in a lot of work," Bee-Lindgren said.

"The interface for changing the aliases had to be created and we had to work out technical issues as well as issues related to rules and policies," he said.

Ron Hutchins, associate vice provost for Research and Technology, said, "We have been discussing this plan for two and a half years and started the technical work a year ago. It sounds like a simple thing, but

there are a lot of complexities."

When the system was originally created about twenty years ago, students were issued "gt-" accounts so that the system would be able to differentiate between students and faculty.

All related applications were built using this technique, and the process of updating the entire system, according to Hutchins, was cumbersome. This system was replaced last February.

Because of the numerous changes made to the user interface, OIT will replace the current `password.gatech.edu` website with `passport.gatech.edu`. The new interface will contain several new features. Users will be able to choose "nicknames" by which others can look them up in the online directory.

Users will also be able to choose whether or not to publish the newly created aliases in the online directories.

Brandon said the aim was to allow for self-service — to give users the ability to perform tasks at a remote location, rather than requiring them to make changes by visiting on-campus departments.

"There is a lot of nervousness when it comes to users picking their own email addresses," Bee-Lindgren said.

Brandon said, "There are guidelines on how you can set up aliases. You cannot impersonate anybody, and you cannot choose an alias deemed inappropriate by others."

Hutchins said that the original vision was to create more personal accounts that students would be able to use even after they graduated, or whenever they came back to Tech as graduate students, researchers or employees.

"Right now," he said, "we are working on laying the groundwork to achieve that goal [email accounts for alumni]. We will continue to pursue it."

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.

Gas prices soar across United States, Georgia

Hurricane Katrina brought down two pipelines carrying gasoline and jet fuel to the eastern region of the United States, causing an enormous impact on already rising gasoline prices across the nation and the state.

In Metro Atlanta, prices on Wednesday were recorded as high as \$4.75 per gallon according to the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

Governor Sonny Perdue enacted an anti-gouging law on Wednesday evening in response to the rapidly rising prices at the pumps. The law prevents vendors from charging "unreasonable or egregious" prices, according to the *AJC*.

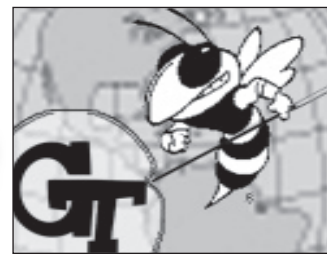
In a public announcement, Perdue told Georgians to remain calm, and limit travel.

"There is no reason to panic," he said. "There is plenty of gas on the way. The only way we would have problems is if people rush out and try to hoard and try to accumulate gasoline they won't need for a while."

Suicide bomber rumor kills over 950 pilgrims

Rumors of a suicide bomber sparked a stampede of Shiite pilgrims as they were making their way across a bridge in northern Baghdad Wednesday.

More than 950 people died in the stampede, the greatest one-day



loss of life in Iraq since the American-led invasion in March 2003.

A group of insurgents fired rockets and mortars at the pilgrims earlier in the day, killing at least seven people and wounding two dozen. Fear and anxiety mounted as shouts of a suicide bomber emerged, causing the crowd to stampede across the bridge, breaking through its railings.

The majority of the dead were crushed or suffocated, while others fell over the railings of the bridge and drowned in the Tigris River.

File sharing continues despite crackdowns

A new study, recently released by internet analysis company CacheLogic, reports that web users continue to swap files despite recent crackdowns on BitTorrent distribution sites. BitTorrent, a technology that allows for efficient distribution of files among multiple users, uses centralized servers to handle tracking of users.

These servers, targeted by lawsuits from the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA), have largely been taken down.

Furthermore, the MPAA has threatened lawsuits against individuals by using information gained from server logs of the distribution websites they were able to take down.

Rather than ceasing file sharing activity, CacheLogic reports that users simply shifted to using a different peer-to-peer application, eDonkey. According to the study, South Korea ranked as the nation with the most eDonkey users.

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system would be implemented with the online ticket ordering. Johnson responded that the current tentative plan was for a system that rewards patronage by allotting priority points to students who attend more games.

Several senators voiced reservations about this system, as they felt it would hurt graduate students who may not be able to go to more than one or two games.

Johnson said that the system was not yet finalized, however, and that a committee was being formed to discuss the issues.

Senator Ed Greco asked why this

system was being outsourced to a company, rather than being done in-house. Johnson responded that the Athletic Association was seeking a proven solution that could be implemented in a relatively short period of time. He also said conversations with the Office of Information Technology revealed that the price quoted by TicketReturn was reasonable.

Several senators also expressed concern over why the Athletic Association should be asking for more funds when they already receive student support through the mandatory Athletic Fee.

Despite this, the bill passed 10-3, as senators felt that the simplification of the ticketing systems would help

students see more games and reduce stress levels on campus.

The senators also voted to allocate \$3,200 towards the Graduate Student Picnic, which will be held on Thurs., Sept. 8 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at the Campus Recreation Center.

Two other bills also passed by unanimous acclamation. The first, a bill to allocate \$14,000 towards Georgia Tech Night at Six Flags, was passed with little discussion.

The event is being supported by a variety of organizations on campus, including Auxiliary Services and the Student Life Fund. The second passed bill appointed Micah Lucas to chair the Joint Finance Committee.

Mold from page 1

plex is the second Housing building to have problems with mold growth this year. During the 2005 spring semester, local news station WGCL reported extensive mold growth on the walls and ceilings of a dorm room in Montag Hall. Housing cited the lack of a maintenance request as the reason for allowing the mold growth in that case.

“It was simply negligent this time for Housing not to check each room before the start of the semester,” Morin said. “They should have checked the rooms at least a week before move in.”

Housing cited the speed of the mold growth and limited resources as the reason why the mold was not initially detected.

“Mold can accumulate very

quickly if conditions are right... sometimes even within twenty-four hours,” Morrison said.

“It’s a big challenge... There’s a lot of manpower that goes into cleaning and inspecting each building and we do our best to allocate the resources and people that we have.”

Fourth-year Aerospace Engineering major Lucas Garza found mold in his room. Housing responded to the problem quickly, but Garza was upset at the inconvenience and lack of thoroughness of the cleaning crew.

“When I went down to the Housing office, they told me to go online and fill out a maintenance request, but I didn’t want to hook up my computer... I didn’t want to touch anything,” Garza said.

“When they came in, they cleaned for only twenty minutes... they got

most of it, but I had to spend thirty to forty-five minutes and use three bottles of Lysol to get all of it off the couch.”

Morrison said Housing is taking steps to reduce the problem.

“We’ve put together a committee to focus on the opening week where part of our agenda includes looking at how we can free up more people to walk through the buildings before opening weekend. In addition, we may start spreading out housing assignments to include buildings that would normally be vacated during the summer,” Morrison said.

Penn said he felt the issue was satisfactorily resolved. “Because they came in and cleaned the mold the same day I put in a request, I’m satisfied,” Penn said. “I’m still willing to consider on-campus housing in the future.”

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are made. The first floor renovation will last roughly eight weeks.

Despite the progress, several students complained about the inconveniences of inaccessible ATM machines.

“Not having an ATM is probably one of the biggest problems during this project,” said Zach Aten, a first-year Biology major. Last weekend, staff laid down tiles in the area where four new ATM machines will be installed over the next few weeks.

Aditya Sarolkar, a second-year Computer Science major, said that recruitment for the India Club was a challenge because students were not able to withdraw cash for club dues.

“As an organization, they don’t have cash for membership dues, and we are losing potential members,” Sarolkar said.

Steele said that the matter is out of his hands.

“It is against bank policy to place banks in a temporary location,” he said. Until the ATMs are replaced students can use the Lockheed Credit Union ATM located on the second floor.

A large source of funding for this renovation is coming directly from the Auxiliary Services.

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First-year Biol major

“Associate Vice President for Auxiliary Services Rosalind Meyers and Facilities Associate Vice President Chuck Rode are very generous and supportive for allocating money to improve student facilities,” Steele said.

A new courtesy phone and information directory will be installed directly across from the ATM machines. Steele said that in the past, its location was inconvenient due to high traffic flow.

The entrance on the first floor will feature a more modern look, with matching tile flooring and ceiling patterns.

Eventually, all the handrails on the stairs will be replaced to meet a life-safety code. Other possible improvements include new vending machines and pay phones for student accessibility.

After the first floor is completely renovated, the second phase of the project will begin in December on the second floor.

“The student center is often a good representation of how colleges treat their students,” Steele said.

By this time next year, he said, the entire renovation project should be completed.

“If there is improvement going on, it’s definitely worth waiting for,” Sarolkar said.

Tulane

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Holthaus said.

"We also have counseling sessions until five o'clock today for anyone who needs it. We're always here to help," Vega-Holthaus said.

Tulane students have had difficulty reaching friends because of damage in New Orleans and to the Tulane website.

"The telephones in New Orleans are closed. We cannot contact our friends in New Orleans," said Guoshing Zhu, a Tulane graduate student originally from China.

"I am worried about friends here and there around the United States. The only means to reach them is Tulane mail, and it is down," said Julie Hernandez, a Tulane graduate student originally from France.

"We're all like we're going to wake up from this. I just don't know when it is going to happen and what is going to happen in between," Hernandez said.

Tech Students were quick to

respond to emails sent out Tuesday night asking for their assistance in providing hospitality for the students. "There has been a huge outpouring of support. Students were coming out of the woodwork [to help]," Steele said.

"I think it is a great thing that Tech is doing. I'm glad to be involved and helping. It is something to do right here on campus," said Lukas Fortunado, a fifth-year Management major.

"We should pride ourselves for being a school that takes special care of those in need," said David Andersen, undergraduate student body president.

With the condition in New Orleans still not stabilized, students do not know when Tulane will reopen. "The very optimistic option was September 21 to open up Tulane. There have been rumors that the whole semester may be gone," Hernandez said.

"We learned this morning how bad the city is flooded. Our school

is very damaged; you cannot walk or drive around," Zhu said.

Most of the Tulane students were picked up or taken to the airport today. Tech is continuing to coordinate taking the remaining students to the airport and finding long term housing for approximately 80 mostly graduate, international students who need it.

"Graduate students are having to make tough decisions. Several have families and they have a lot to take account of," Steele said.

With only limited information being posted on Tulane's website and no known recovery plan, students must make arrangements on limited information. "I am still waiting on news from the university. I cannot decide if I need to stay. I am hoping to go back to school," Zhu said.

Hernandez is taking a bus to New York to stay with friends, but said that Tulane feels like home now. "The only thing I want to do now is get back to New Orleans as soon as possible," she said.



By Charles Frey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

New Orleans evacuees Ling Yu, Mingquan Yan, and daughter, Junru Yan, watch the nightly news on a post office television.

McGuire appointed Ivan Allen College Associate Dean

By Amanda Dugan
News Editor

Peter McGuire, a professor in the School of Literature, Communication and Culture, was appointed to serve as the Associate Dean in the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, effective Aug. 15.

McGuire joined the Tech faculty in 1975 and, along with teaching, has served in a variety of administrative positions over the course of his time here.

"I've been teaching here for 30 years and I've gotten to grow with the college," he said.

One of his most recent accomplishments was the creation of the Computational Media degree, a joint effort with the College of Computing. He said he is looking to apply

the lessons he learned in that endeavor to his new position.

"A lot of my teaching has been on the more technical side, so a big part of what I'm doing is...

trying to show if you are an engineer or scientist that your marketability and promotability are enhanced by the fact that you can understand how technology moves in the world," McGuire said.

McGuire hopes to get more students into liberal arts minors.

"You end up with a person with a bigger view and who can see the big picture. That goes on a transcript and



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Peter McGuire
Associate Dean, Ivan Allen College

recruiters can see that," he said.

"At some of our schools getting a minor is a default. You have to explain why you are not getting one versus why."

Because the Ivan Allen College produces unique graduates, McGuire said his efforts are all the more important. "There should be more stress on what makes us unique," he said.

"I get around to a lot of different schools and none produce students who are as unique."

According to McGuire this uniqueness is a result of the non-traditional technical style of the college.

"A 21st century liberal arts graduate understands computers, mathematical modeling and economics," he said. "Nobody is producing 21st century liberal arts graduates like Georgia Tech."

Despite the college's progress, McGuire said that a number of improvements can still be made.

"We need more professors. There

is a growth plan. The key is finding the resources and finding the money," he said.

McGuire also plans to invest resources in undergraduate research. "As more resources become available, right along with that are ways to support the students who can work with them. We can start offering undergraduate scholarships and research," he said.

His major goal is to help Ivan Allen College gain recognition both inside and outside Tech. "There are still a lot of people who don't understand what we do. We have a terrific product. The key is to show it to people," he said.

Richard Barke, the former Associate Dean of the Ivan Allen College, will return to the Public Policy faculty.