



Boone wins SGA run-off

By Vijai Narayanan
Assistant News Editor

The result of the run-off election for the undergraduate SGA president was announced on Wednesday, April 21 at the Student Center Commons. Corey Boone was elected the Undergraduate Student Body President, garnering a total of 56 percent of the votes.

"This was pretty much the most challenging thing I have ever done in my entire life. I ran against the absolute most qualified person at Tech, and I know without a shadow of a doubt that he would have done an excellent job," said Boone, a third-year MGT major and current Vice President of Communications for SGA.

Jimmy Williams, Boone's opponent in the runoff election, received the remaining 44 percent of the vote.

"I'm just really proud of my team. The guys that volunteer, the girls that volunteered did such a great job. They gave up so much of their time and they did a fantastic job. I feel for them more than anything. Corey's going to do a fantastic job," said Williams, a third-year BMED major and SGA's Vice President of Campus Affairs.

Elections began two weeks ago, with five candidates running for the position of Undergraduate Student Body President. Following the first round of elections, Williams led the field with 41.3 percent, compared to Boone's 38.5 percent.

The elections this year received more votes overall than last year. Over 3423 students voted in the run-off election, lower than the number of students who voted during the general election. Still, approximately 91 percent of the number of students who voted in the general election participated during the runoff.

When asked about his future involvement in SGA, Williams said,

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Union supporters protest Sodexo



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On Skiles walkway, union sympathizers gathered from Atlanta area colleges to protest working conditions under the Sodexo corporation. Protesters rallied against unequal pay at different institutions, and against firings related to workers unionizing.

By Matt Schrichte
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On the same day that actor Danny Glover was arrested at a protest outside of the U.S. headquarters of Sodexo, a similar, albeit smaller protest was taking place on Tech's campus.

The protest began at Tech around 11 a.m. on Skiles Walkway and consisted of 20-30 current students, former Sodexo employees and protesters unaffiliated with Tech who were there to express their Sodexo employee concerns.

Sodexo is a French multinational corporation that specializes in providing food services and facilities management worldwide. The company is in charge of operating various food services at a number of Atlanta-area colleges, including Tech, Emory and Morehouse.

The protest hosted at Tech was the second Atlanta rally in as many days, partially organized by representatives from the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). The first protest was held at Emory University on Tuesday, April 13. The two events were part of SEIU's "Clean Up Sodexo" national campaign.

"Basically, we're supporting the dining hall workers in their unionization campaign. I think workers should have a living wage and have rights on the job, and that's why we're fighting for their right to unionize," said Keefer Dunn, second year ARCH.

One of the protestors, Phyllis Jackson, is a former Sodexo employee. She worked as a supervisor at the Pizza Hut located in the Student Center. She was suspended and subsequently fired from Pizza Hut in Dec. The officially stated reason on her termination papers state that she was fired for leaving an

extra pizza in the chute, but she believes a recent union arrival back in Oct. 2009 was the reason for her termination.

"I have been in that Pizza Hut for three years supervising. Just because the union came in here and they saw us talking and signing paper[s] to the union, some of [Sodexo's] employees, that's when they started firing. They fired me first," said Jackson.

In response to the allegations made by the protestors, Monica Zimmer, Sodexo director or public relations said "The activity against Sodexo at Georgia Tech on Friday was part of an ongoing SEIU smear campaign that spreads misinformation about the company's labor practices, misrepresents its record on a variety of issues, and attempts to force the company into dealing with the SEIU to the exclusion of UNITE HERE and other

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GSS, UHR pass \$4.4 million student budget

By Kamna Bohra
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On Tuesday, April 20, 2010, the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) and the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) passed a \$4.4 million Student Government Association (SGA) budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. The budget uses profits generated from student activity fees (SAF) to fund Tech organizations.

This year's budget allocates \$3 million to Tier I organizations, which are the Campus Recreation Center (CRC) and the Student Center. The budget allots \$930,000 to Tier II organizations, which include the graduate and undergraduate SGA, the Interfraternity Council (IFC), student

publications, DramaTech, Outdoor Recreation at Georgia Tech (ORGT) and WREK radio. The budget designates \$480,000 for Tier III organizations, which include sports clubs, cultural organizations and other special interest groups. The SGA budget for the fiscal year is approximately \$130,000 up from last year's \$4.27 million budget.

With statewide budget cuts and talk of tuition hikes, the UHR originally wrote a bill for \$4.3 million, while the GSS wrote a bill for \$4.5 million with the expectation of a student activity fee increase.

"The GSS recognized that even without a fee increase, the Tech Budgeting Office projects a \$4.55 million revenue from stu-

dents paying the SAF," said Matt Cauble, third-year IE major and Chair of the Joint Finance Committee (JFC), as an explanation of the GSS reasoning.

However, "There is a great uncertainty as to whether or not the Board of Regents will approve our request for a fee increase given the other fees already imposed on students the past year," Cauble said, explaining why the UHR established a budget with respect to no changes in enrollment or SAF.

The conference committee established to rectify the different budgets originally considered passing two separate bills, and the implementation would be dependent on the state's SAF decision.

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UHR representatives look on as members discuss a proposal to amend the budget for fiscal year to meet financial constraints.

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From the files of the GTPD... Campus Crime

By Vijai Narayanan
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Out of the house

Officers responded to a report of an intrusion alarm at the Phi Mu Sorority house. Upon arriving the officer found a male subject sitting in a chair near the front door. The subject identified himself as a student at Tech and that he was waiting for his girlfriend to come meet him. The officer established that his girlfriend was not in the sorority at the time the subject made entry. The subject claimed to have entered the sorority using a door lock pass code which he got from his girlfriend. Upon further questioning the subject became loud and used profane language

towards the officers. The subject was placed under arrest for entering a private residence without the consent of occupants.

Pants on the ground

On April 17 an officer observed two black males engaged in sexual activity behind 728 West Peachtree Street, NW, near Tech Square. They both had their pants down, around their ankles and were engaged in sexual activity in a dark corner. As the officer put his patrol vehicle lights on the subjects, one of the subjects pulled up his shorts and began running. The officer pursued him with his

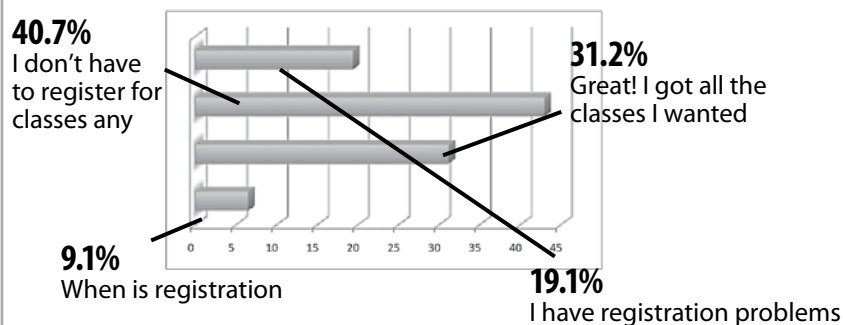
patrol car as the subject ran in a circle around 728 West Peachtree Street. The subject exhausted himself and the officer detained him across the street from the start of the pursuit. He was placed under arrest and transported to Fulton County Jail, for charges of public indecency.

Frisky football

While conducting a building check of Bobby Dodd Stadium, an officer observed two subjects engaged in sexual intercourse, lying on the south end of the football field. The female student identified herself as a Tech student. The male subject stated that he was visiting the student from Afghanistan, and was not a student at Tech. They stated that they had gained entrance by jumping a fence near gate two. Both subjects were issued a criminal trespassing warning.

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This week in Student Government

Each Tuesday, elected members of the two houses of the Student Government Association, the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) and the Graduate Student Senate (GSS), convene to consider allocation bills and discuss issues facing campus. Here is a summary of those two meetings.

By Vijai Narayanan, Assistant News Editor



Photo by Virginia Lin/Student Publications

UHR members listen as organizational representatives answer a question regarding a funding bill.

This edition of *Council Clippings* covers the UHR and GSS meetings from April 20, 2010.

SCPC

The Student Center Programs Council (SCPC) submitted a bill to SGA requesting funding for costs associated with the homecoming concert in the fall. The bill requested funding to reserve a headlining artist, opening artist, production fees, and venue setup, among other costs. The total amount requested was approximately \$97,340. In order to meet with JFC policy and to meet concerns of representatives about the time gap between the time of funding and the event, the bill was

amended to a total of \$11,000. The amended version passed 33-7-2 in UHR and GSS 11-10-3.

YJFC

The Yellow Jacket Flying Club requested \$102,300 from SGA to add a Cessna 182S to its current fleet of aircraft. The organization stated that it currently has three Cessna 172 airplanes and one Piper twin apache. According to YJFC, the organization sold one of its airplanes in March 2010 and has since faced a backlog of pilots wanting to fly its planes. Representatives in GSS were alarmed by the cost of the bill and amended the bill down to \$10,000 in order to meet with a new tentative policy before failing the bill 5-14-0.

UHR also failed the bill 5-33-3.

ORGT

SGA considered a bill put forth by Outdoor Recreation at Georgia Tech (ORGT) to purchase items to conduct cave surveys. Line items included laser distance measurement devices, a compass and clinometer, etc. The bill originally totaled \$1198 and passed UHR 40-0-0, and GSS 18-2-0.

Tennis

The Tennis Club requested approximately \$1500 for travel and entry fees to compete in the USTA Collegiate Nationals. No organizational representative was present at the UHR or GSS meetings, but the bill passed anyway, GSS 18-2-1 and UHR 37-2-0.

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.

Apple loses iPhone

The details of the new iPhone were recently posted online. Technology blog Gizmodo paid more than \$5000 for the suspected prototype and detailed all the changes from the current model on their site. While many of the software changes were already revealed in a presentation of the iPhone OS 4.0 last month, the new hardware had been kept under wraps. Additions from the last iPhone include a front-facing camera, a flash on the back camera, increased resolution of the screen and a Micro-SIM card slot. The phone was lost at a bar in Redwood City, CA by an engineer working for Apple. Apple requested Gizmodo to return it to them and said the editor Brian Lam was in possession of "a device that belongs to Apple."

SEC sues Goldman Sachs

Goldman Sachs is being sued

by the Security and Exchange Commissions in a civil lawsuit for creating and selling mortgage investments that they knew would fail. While employing investors whom were betting against the market, the company sold many mortgage-backed investments nationally and internationally. These groups stood to make money if the investment appreciated while Goldman investors would only make money if the investment depreciated. Goldman Sachs countered that they had lost money because of the overall poor state of the economy and not because of the organization of the deal. The SEC has previously not taken any legal action against the companies and the investors who benefitted from the fall of the housing market.

Roethlisberger suspended by NFL

Commissioner Robert Goodell and the NFL have suspended Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger for six games stemming from the instances of suspected sexual assault. While he has not faced charges in either case, details from the case have painted Roethlisberger in a negative light.

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GTRI receives innovation award

By Zimu Yang
Staff Writer

The Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) was recently the recipient of an award from Bennett Aerospace. The hour and a half wine and cheese awards ceremony was on Apr. 14 at the Alumni House and featured guests such as President G.P. "Bud" Peterson, Tom McDermott, the GTRI Deputy Director Research and numerous other professors from Tech.

Also in attendance were several representatives from Bennett Aerospace, most prominently Douglas Bennett, Bennett Aerospace CEO and a former Tech grad. Staff members of the company and staffers of Ga. Senators Isakson and Chambliss attended as well.

"Basically we wanted to honor GTRI and express our gratitude to them and show how much

we value GTRI as a subcontractor and as a partner," said Heidi Collins, a Senior Project Manager with Bennett Aerospace who attended the award ceremony.

The award came as a result of GTRI's partnership with Bennett Aerospace, an advanced research company. Their partnership is a part of Small Business Innovation Research (SPIR), a government research project involved in military and civilian projects designed to spur on small business development within the US.

Their partnership also puts Tech in good company. Bennett Aerospace's other partners include schools like Eastern Carolina University, Notre Dame, N.C. State, Princeton, Virginia and Purdue and corporations such as BAE Systems, iRobot, Applied Research Associates and Orbital Sciences Corporation, among others.

However, it was Tech's win ratio and the scope of its projects

that led to its award; Tech and GTRI won three out of the four proposals they had partnered on with Benett in 2009.

"Last year we won three out of four [proposals]. That's extraordinary, normally the industry market win is 10 to 15 percent, and when we partnered with GTRI we came out with 75 percent," Collins said. "We presented GTRI with the Corporate Partner of the Year [Award] for 2009 and they went up against a number of heavy hitters because we partner with a number of large corporations."

Fruits of the partnership have also resulted in expanded market potential. Estimates place the value to be \$80-\$100 million for work with the navy and \$300-\$700 million for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and are expected to greatly benefit the continued growth of jobs in small

businesses across the country.

"We had two large efforts for last year that are opening up hundreds of millions of dollars hope-fully of incoming revenue. One is with NOAA and it's a LIDAR [Light Detection and ranging] project and it has the potential to revolutionize the way we gather weather data and it has a market potential of hundreds of millions of dollars... and the other one is a Navy Phased Array Radar Project," Collins said.

Work will continue from the previous year as GTRI and Bennett will both look to progress with more opportunities in the impending year.

"I'd like to thank GTRI for helping to support Bennett Aerospace's exponential growth. GTRI helped make 2009 a very successful year, and we are looking forward to partnering on more opportunities during 2010," Bennett said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Woman robbed on campus at gun point

On the night of April 20, a woman was robbed at gunpoint at Ferst Dr. and Cherry St. on a walk to her car from the library. The male suspect approached the girl, pulled a gun and demanded her belongings. Instead, she gave him cash.

He fled the scene on foot and was last seen on North Avenue. No one was hurt during the incident. The suspect was described as a light skinned black male, around 25 years of age, 5' 8" medium build with a gray t-shirt.

Home Invasion at Home Park residence

In broad daylight on April 21, several residents of a house in the Home Park neighborhood were robbed at gunpoint. The incident happened around 1:30 p.m. One of the suspects had originally appeared to the residents as an interested tenant responding to the "For Rent" sign posted outside of the house.

The suspect requested a tour of the house. The residents showed the suspect the inside of the house, the suspect left and then returned with two other males in a white vehicle with a partial tag of "ARI." They were armed.

After gathering the house's four residents and forcing them into a room, they took several of their belongings and left in an unknown direction. The first suspect was described as a black male, around 6' tall, bald with a dark complexion. The other two suspects were both described as having similar height and complexion.

MRDC evacuated after mercury spill

By Andrew Nelson
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, April 21, at approximately 7:30 p.m., Atlanta and Tech emergency services responded to a reported mercury spill in the Manufacturing and Related Disciplines Complex.

Six fire trucks, two police cars and four emergency response vehicles were on the scene soon after the incident.

"I was sitting and studying on the first floor, and police officers started coming and looking around, and then firefighters came in and put on their respirators and told us all to leave, because there

was a hazardous gas leak," said Seth McKay, fourth-year ME student.

Police officers told Channel 2 news that five ounces of mercury was spilled. David Lai, an ME graduate student, was next door to lab room number 3321 on the third floor when the spill occurred. Lai said that two TAs were in the room at the time of the spill.

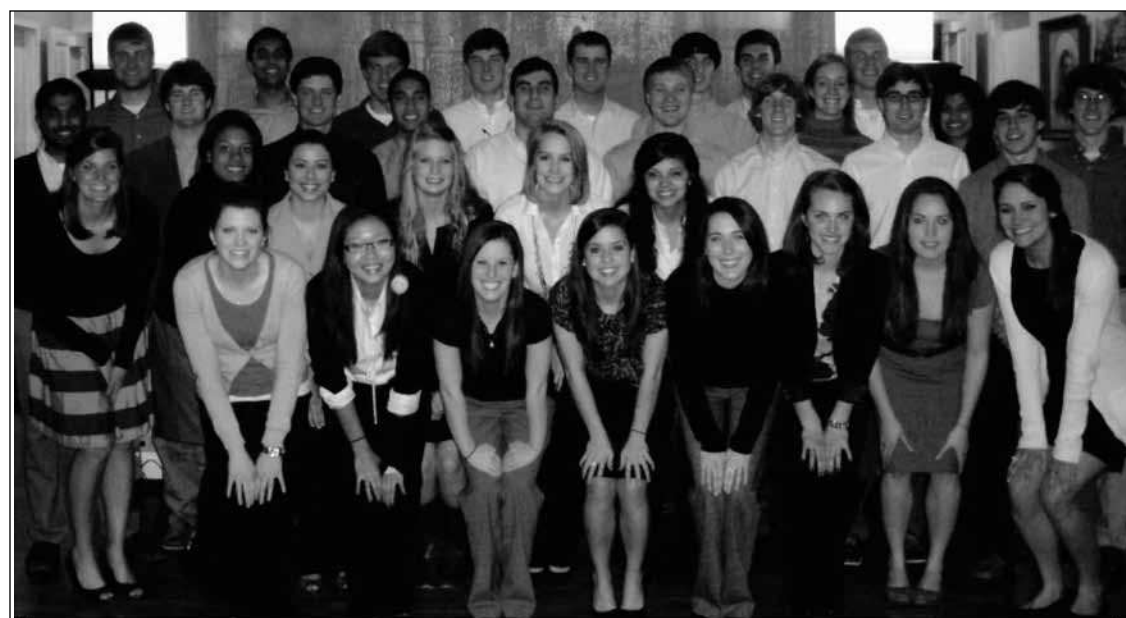
According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the nervous system is very sensitive to all forms of mercury; however, brief exposure to mercury vapor may only cause minor symptoms like

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Firefighters exit the MRDC after a reported mercury spill. Prolonged exposure to mercury can cause neurological problems.



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My social life has turned into the people who I see in the library oops I did it again...

I should be doing ym senior design, but im typing slivers instead.

If I were single I would make it more obvious than a bracelet

why the hell isnt anyone fixing sga course critique?

dear klaus, i have chalkboards and whiteboards. blows your mind doesn't it? - skiles

Tech accepts AAU invite

By Emily Chambers
Editor-in-Chief

On April 20 Tech received the honor of an invitation to join the historic Association of American Universities. President G.P. "Bud" Peterson accepted the honor on behalf of the Institute.

"I am certain this is something Georgia Tech has aspired to for some time. It's a very elite group with many fine institutions," Peterson said.

The AAU is a consortium of 61 universities from the U.S and two from Canada. According to aaup.edu, AAU universities stress research in the teaching process. As of 2007, members of the AAU account for 62 percent of a research grants awarded by the National Science Foundation, 54 percent of NASA grants and 48 percent of Department of Defense grants.

Members of the AAU include both private and public universities. The Association was founded in 1900 by the 14 universities who were leading the nation in granting PhD's. Peterson was chancellor at the University of Colorado, a member of the AAU.

"I participated for about three years. The presidents [and other administrators] meet on a regular basis...and they talk about some common issues and problems," Peterson said.

Today the organization pushes initiatives and talk about the major questions facing universities. They discuss stances the AAU can take on certain policy issues even if they are cautious about making an official statement.

"The AAU does not make policy, they collectively discuss the issue and then periodically take a stance. They are very selective about those public statements that they make," Peterson said.

The organization will still come out in favor of a certain idea if its members feel as though it is particularly important.

"When I was participating [in these discussions with other members], we talked about stimulus funds and how they might be helpful for higher education and the research programs we have... How should they be designed? How should they be directed?" Peterson said.

The AAU, in partnership with other universities, had lobbied to be a part of the development and writing of The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 concerning research and education. The schools helped direct more than \$21 billion in funding for scientific research and development.

Tech will be the consortium's 63rd member, the first new member in nine years since the 2001 addition of Stony Brook and Texas A&M. In the AAU's official press release on the invitation AAU President Robert M. Berdahl said "Georgia Tech is an outstanding institution that, like other AAU universities, plays a major role in the nation's research enterprise, as well as in training the next generation of scientists, engineers, and scholars."

The AAU membership process is twofold, beginning with a quantitative assessment of the potential university. Universities are evaluated based on competitively funded federal research support, membership in the National Academies, national research council faculty quality ratings, faculty arts and humanities awards, fellowships and memberships and citations.

"A lot of institutions use those types of metrics to try and improve their program and types of

activities they are involved in," Peterson said.

According to the National Science Foundation's Academic R&D Expenditures: FY 2008, released this month, Tech had \$281,184,000 in competitively funded federal research support, one of the top figures for a university that was not a part of the AAU.

While the honor affects many of the administrators and leaders on campus, the school's admission into the AAU will not necessarily affect students on a day-to-day basis.

"[This changes the perception of Tech more so] with other organizations than to students. I think it's probably not a big issue for students, but faculty are very aware, administrators are very aware, our board of regents, my advisory board are all very cognizant for what this means to Georgia Tech and the benefits that [the institution can] accrue from it," Peterson said.

Still, the students are likely to see a benefit from the increased prestige given to Tech by being a part of the organization.

"I think it certainly adds to the value of your degree. I think it helps us with the programs we were involved in, the types of educational programs [and] the types of research programs," Peterson said.

Coming into Tech, this was one of Peterson's plans for the institute's future.

"Being invited to become a member of AAU was yes, a goal. I was asked about it during the interview process...It is not so much to work to get into AAU as it is trying to work to accomplish those things that are important. If you do that and focus on that an invitation to AAU will come," Peterson said.



Photo by Jarrett Skov/Student Publications

Corey Boone talks to GSS member Mitch Keller after winning the runoff election for Undergrad. Executive Student Body President.

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"It's too early to tell. Corey's at the head of the ship now, so he's going to be making the shots and... if he wants me in there somewhere then he and I will talk, and we'll see."

Boone will be sworn into office next Wednesday, along with the new Undergraduate Vice-President, Brenda Morales.

"I have never seen such excitement created around any particular thing, especially when it comes to people who support me, and I just hope that same level of excitement and interest is carried over throughout the year and is channeled through the student body," Boone said.

As Executive Vice-President, Morales will serve as a member of the executive cabinet, preside over meetings of the Undergradu-

ate House of Representatives and oversee legislation passed through the body.

"I am so excited to work with Brenda Morales. She is just the strongest student leader I've ever interacted with in quite some time. I know she is going to keep me on my toes, and I am just so excited to work with someone who is as sharp and committed to making the student experience here at Georgia Tech," Boone said.

Boone hopes to enact elements of his platform over the summer. One of the first things Boone will do is to create an executive cabinet to carry out new initiatives.

"A lot of the initiatives that I have set forth in my platform can be achieved over the summer, so the first steps are to form a team of very qualified individuals who are as committed to this thing as I am," Boone said.

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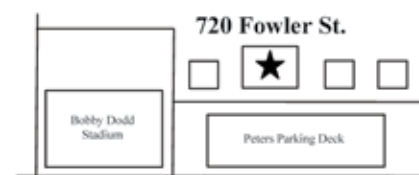
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Homeless Reck optimistic, though time is short

By Coby Lu
Contributing Writer

After a semester of searching, the Ramblin' Reck Club is still looking for a new home for the Ramblin' Reck. Last semester, Georgia Tech Capital Planning and Space Management (GT CPSM) and the Athletic Association (AA) asked the Reck Club to vacate its current location by late spring 2011 in order to make room for renovations and construction work for buildings surrounding the Reck's current location. A solid date for when the Reck has to move has yet to be given.

The Ramblin' Reck Club currently cannot fund building its own garage to store and maintain the Reck, nor is there any suitable space on campus that satisfies the Reck's needs. Additionally, Tech is constantly facing space and expansion issues due to Tech's location in the middle of Atlanta. Due to these conditions, the Ramblin' Reck Club has to appeal to departments like GT CPSM to help with locating and creating space for a new garage and possibly aid in the funding for the construction of the new garage.

"The current garage is extremely small—it does not allow for repairs to be done indoors, it's difficult to get in and out of, and is not suitable for the school mascot. I see this situation as an opportunity to house the Reck in a better and proper garage—but it will take a lot of work," said Austin Berry third-year, MGT major and the car's official driver.



Photo by Sierra Schmidt/Student Publications

The Ramblin' Reck Club, which houses and maintains the Reck, has yet to find a new space for the car since being told that it would have to relocate to a new home by Spring 2011 by Institute officials.

Both President G.P. "Bud" Peterson and Dean Stein, Dean of Students, have been made aware of the situation and expressed concern. However, the main group of people working to solve the problem are Howard Wertheimer, the Director of CPSM, Andy Bolling from Space Management and Lance Lunsway the Director of Parking and Transportation (P&T).

Initially GT CPSM suggested that the Reck Club move the Wreck away from campus. That would move the Reck farther off campus than it has lived since it was first made the Tech mascot in 1961.

"It is important to have the Reck on campus because, being the official school mascot, the Ramblin' Reck should represent Georgia Tech in every aspect of

this school," Berry said. "It should be involved with school activities and events. It's included in logos, merchandise, and recruitment materials. It was brought to campus as a way to unify the student body, and now, it not only does that, but unifies alumni and fans as well.... How can it accomplish its duties without that simple physical connection of being in the heart of campus?"

The Reck Club is meeting with organizations in the administration, including CPSM and P&T, to try and find a place to keep the Reck. The Reck Club is hoping to quickly find a suitable location at a reasonable cost so that physical steps can be taken to meet the Reck's needs by the beginning of fall semester at latest.

"Ideally we would like to have a separate building that houses the Reck with ample space for repairs but space is very limited," Berry said. "The main location we're looking at now is centrally located and safe. Both sides of the discussion seem optimistic about this option, but cost and time may make this difficult to achieve."


The administration is also working to find a home for the Reck.


"As part of the criteria, the ideal location would be central to campus, eliminating the requirement of having to drive the car through adjacent neighborhoods to get to campus," Wertheimer said, "We hope in the next few weeks that we will be able to finalize a location and share some good news with the Rambling Reck Club."

"The Reck represents students, alumni, fans, and the school in general—the Reck is everything Georgia Tech," Berry said. "As a school, we can't afford to hesitate in making sure our mascot has what it needs. It's very important that we get the ball rolling on this situation as we don't have much time and there are many other projects CPSM has to deal with."

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However, the JFC instead decided to reach a single compromise of the two bills. "The JFC decided... [to fund] at one level and enjoy any extra funds received from an SAF increase in financial bills next year," Cauble said.

To reach a compromise bill, the JFC began with the \$4.3 million version and worked up from there, "since the UHR had passed such a draconian bill at such a low level," according to Parker Hancock, fourth-year EE major and Executive Vice President.

The bill is established using the projected enrollment from the admissions office, but with no expected increase to student activity fee. The JFC reversed the 10 percent stipend cut, with the exception of some positions in the IFC, and increased funding for student publications. It additionally cut funding for the Leadership Challenge Course personnel and publicity for all organizations, except

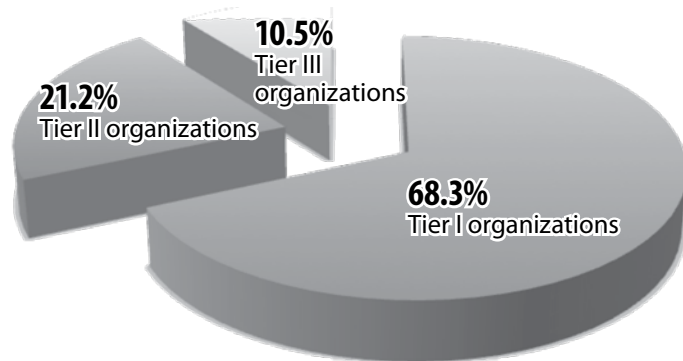
the Student Center Programs Council (SCPC).

"Just because we cut the funding doesn't mean we don't care about the organization. We just have to see it as a bill in the fall," Hancock said.

The budgeting process essentially allocates a minimum projected amount of money. If the actual profits from tuition is greater than the projection, then the UHR allocates this additional money in bills throughout the academic year.

"If SAF increases, we'd get about \$600,000 to allocate in bills, but we're just not really sure if we can bank on it," Hancock said.

To counter potential effects of future tuition hikes, the SGA has implemented a stipend policy that is selective about stipend funding, which is now based on a percentage of the state tuition instead of a set cost. This avoids the issues of fluctuating tuitions and related financial needs.



Total - \$4.4 million

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Pie chart showing SGA budget allocation amounts. The budget that passed from conference committee totaled \$4.4 million.



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Firefighters respond to a reported mercury spill at the MRDC. Emergency services arrived on the scene soon after the incident.

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headache and nausea. Prolonged exposure, however, can manifest itself in profound neurological symptoms or death.

The MRDC houses the offices

and labs of administrators, faculty and graduate students of the School of Mechanical Engineering and the School of Polymer, Textile and Fiber Engineering, as well as provide mechanical engineering classroom and lab space.

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unions... SEIU's allegations that Sodexo interferes with workers' rights to unionize are false. Sodexo will stand by the results of any valid secret ballot election that is monitored by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) and is free of objectionable conduct."

As to the specific allegations of Jackson's wrongful termination, Zimmer said "The union alleged that Phyllis Jackson was terminated because of her union activities. After a thorough investigation and complete cooperation from Sodexo, the NLRB made a determination which resulted in the union withdrawing its charge."

Another Sodexo protester, Martin Gantt, fourth year BCHEM, summed up what motivated him and other students to support Friday's protest.

"What we're doing here today is coming out in support of workers and workers are supporting students. Our organization is workers-student alliance. What we're doing is basically saying is that workers and students need to unite sort of joint struggles, where they're kind of struggling for union representation, they're struggling for fair wages, they're struggling for sanitary recognitions, healthcare," Gantt said. "We're resisting fee hikes, resisting tuition hikes. So we're kind of trying to tell people that, 'Hey, workers and students are in this together and we got to fight together, so that's what we're doing today.'"

After protesting on Skiles the group entered the Student Center, marching into GT Dining offices.

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