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Military Week Bringing out the big guns



By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The annual Military Week event, organized by Army and Air Force ROTC, began on Monday with a Veterans Day celebration at the Campanile. Throughout the week, members of ROTC and area military units displayed various pieces of paraphernalia including a wide range of weapons to students.

Student orgs may gain access to Ferst

By Daniel Amick
Senior Staff Writer

Members of student government and administrators from the Robert Ferst Center for the Arts have reached an agreement that will allow student organizations to use Ferst Center facilities without paying rental fees.

"This is really a good deal," said Undergraduate Student Body President Tiffany Massey. Massey and Graduate Senator Pelham Norville were instrumental in negotiating the agreement.

"I think this is great," said Ferst Center Theatre Director Jay Constantz. "Anything we can do, either at our level [in the Ferst Center] or at the level of student government, to make the Ferst Center more accessible to students is a great idea."

Normally, the Ferst Center's rent-

al fee is about \$2,000 for full day usage and somewhat less for shorter rental periods. Under the agreement, the Student Government Association (SGA) will allocate a lump sum of \$10,000 to cover the rental fees for all student organizations that use the facility. The agreement covers only the rental fee.

A joint allocation bill for the lump sum will likely come up for a vote at next week's Undergraduate House of Representatives meeting. At Tuesday's meeting, Massey urged representatives to act quickly.

"We have been waiting to do this forever," said Massey. "There are student organizations waiting on us. We need closure on this issue."

Constantz agreed. "This process has been going on for seven or eight

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Lottery to be held for UGA tickets

Due to excess demand for tickets for the away game against Georgia, the GTAA will hold a lottery for those wishing to purchase one. Students can register at the ticket booth on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

The winning numbers will be drawn on Wednesday, and winners will have up to two days to purchase one ticket. On Friday, the non-winners that registered for the lottery will be allowed to buy any remaining tickets.

Ramblin' Nights ends this Friday

The last Ramblin' Nights of the semester will take place tonight from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at SAC fields. The event will feature pop artist Edwin McCain live.

Blank Foundation provides donation

Tech's Mentoring for Success program received a \$50,000 year-long grant from the Arthur Blank Family Foundation recently to help support minority students in grades 6 through 12.

Student receives \$10K scholarship

Tech graduate student David R. Magid won a scholarship last week sponsored by Coca-Cola and the National Society of Hispanic MBA's. David is pursuing both a Masters in Business and in Civil and Environmental Engineering.

SGA initiates student-led Capital Campaign

By Madhu Adiga
Senior Staff Writer

In the hopes of generating more money for campus activities, the Student Government Association kicked off its promotion of a student capital campaign. Spearheaded by Graduate Student Government president Alan Michaels, the project will be an attempt to raise capital from students and faculty for enhancing student life at Tech.

The Georgia Tech Legacy Brick project will be a sale of engraved memorial bricks to be placed in a location on campus allocated by the administration. The bill for this project passed without opposition

in the Graduate Student Senate, and passed with only two opposing votes in the Undergraduate House of Representatives, allocating \$30,000 for start-up funds.

"The only question that the graduates really had was whether or not the administration had already approved it," said Michaels.

The resolution, authored by Michaels, passed with heavy support due to its emphasis on the need for more effort to improve student life and the fact that most of the money Georgia Tech receives is not allocated for student activities.

"Most people agreed that something needs to be done about campus activities, because people are

generally dissatisfied with student life here," said Undergraduate Student Government president Tiffany Massey.

In fact, the discontent is one of the factors that prompted Michaels to head up the brick project. "I would read articles in the Technique and see comments that SGA doesn't do anything, which has been a valid concern for a while now," he said, "I wanted to make a big change in that."

In devising the project, SGA looked at five other institutions who have implemented the memorial brick sale as an effort to raise capital: Penn State, Florida State, Ohio State, Wake Forest and the University of

Michigan. "We wanted to look at other engineering schools, like Michigan, for example," said Michaels.

"We want to use these schools as a model, because they have already done this project and have been very successful with it. Even after the first year, some of them are selling 2,000 bricks a year without having to promote it heavily," said Massey.

"I think it's a great idea, and I'm glad SGA is trying to raise money. I don't know how many other students will support it, but I wouldn't mind having my name on a brick," said Jill Martell, a third-year biomedical engineering major.

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Library announces further renovation plans

By Sriram Narasimhan
Senior Staff Writer

The elaborate renovations made to the Library West Commons (LWC) over the summer have kept Tech students demanding more state-of-the-art computer workstations, made apparent by the long line of students waiting to use the facilities which are almost always filled to capacity.

Well these demands may soon be answered. Preliminary steps are now underway to expand the facilities to the second floor of the library. These renovations will not only meet the high demand but will also provide an additional test-bed for the soon-to-be-built Undergraduate Learning Center.

Initially prompted by a visit by President Wayne Clough and the Provost to the LWC, the library

administration, with the guidance of OIT, decided that it should embark upon a second phase of the library renovations; this time providing a more collaborative environment for student group projects.

"We were positively impressed that we had done something valuable to the students' success [on the first floor], but there were some things we weren't able to build into it," said Richard Meyer, Academic Dean for the library.

Although the first floor LWC renovations were originally planned to be rearranged regularly to incorporate spaces of a collaborative nature, it was discovered that because the demand was so high for the individual workstations, no particular arrangement stuck as a preference. This fact led to the decision to con-

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By Shelley Hoyal / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students work together at the group study areas on the second floor of the library. Plans are underway to renovate this area beginning this summer.

Technique Online Voice Your Opinion!

Last issue's poll garnered 82 responses to the question:
"What changes do you feel should be made
in the dorm smoking policy?"

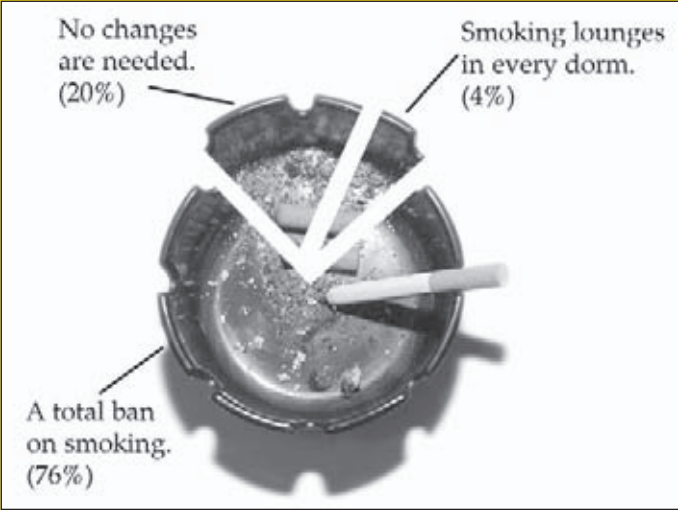


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This week's poll is related to the student led Capital Campaign. How do you feel about the proposed memorial brick sale? Tell us what you think at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique.

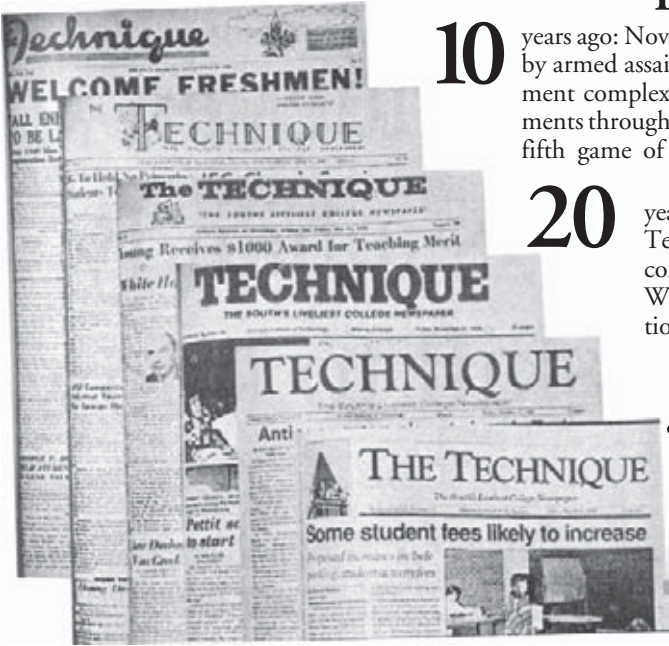
From the archives...

The Nique's top stories from:

10 years ago: November 13, 1992—Two families were attacked by armed assailants while in their rooms at the Burge apartment complex. Apparently the attacker entered the apartments through the street level windows. The Jackets lost their fifth game of the season to Baylor by a score of 31-27.

20 years ago: November 12, 1982—Bill Laite, A Tech alumnus and owner of a beer distributing company, presented the idea of a new "Ramblin' Wreck" brand beer to the Georgia Tech foundation. The foundation failed to support the idea.

30 years ago: November 14, 1972—Tim Mitchell resigned as director of the Student Center. Mitchell served as director for nearly four years and oversaw the construction process and completion of the center in 1970. Mitchell felt that the biggest problem he faced while at Tech was "Tech's pull towards mediocrity."



Stanphill addresses Graduate Senate

By Tony Klumper
News Editor

After finishing in record time last week, the Graduates decided to make it last this week as the senate meeting ran for over an hour. Not only were eight bills on the agenda, but the meeting also featured presentations on SAC II and the Ferst Center.

To begin the meeting, Butch Stanphill, director of SAC, presented an update on the construction of the new facilities at SAC, complete with a taped virtual tour of the project. Stanphill commented that the aquatic center should be enclosed and ready for student use by July of next year.

"Once the aquatic center is enclosed, we will move everything that is in the front of SAC to the back area," said Stanphill. "Once everything has been moved the remaining SAC structure will be torn down in order to build the new front area."

According to Stanphill, the total project should be complete at the beginning of fall semester 2004. However with the increase in space in the new facility, SAC is requesting funding for eight additional positions in their budgets for next fiscal year.

Stanphill wanted to make sure that Senators were well educated about the project and the need for the new positions when making budget decisions.

The other issue discussed before any bills were even mentioned dealt with student organizations' use of the Ferst Center. According to senator Pelham Norville, who is the graduate representative on the Ferst Center Advisory Board, SGA is currently looking at a plan where funding from SGA would pay for student's use of the center.

"The idea for SGA to directly fund student organizations' use of the Ferst Center were expressed at the issue meeting held by UHR last month," said Norville.

The plan under discussion would allocate \$10,000 a semester from student fees to pay for rental of the Ferst Center for student organizations.

However, not every student led event

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Council Clippings Senate and House



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

UHR representatives discuss a bill at the Nov. 5 meeting. At this week's meeting, the House considered a bill funding start-up costs for a new student Capital Campaign.

Bills Considered

Undergraduate House of Representatives

Joint Allocation to Tech Chess Club	Author: Eman Kirbah	passed
Joint Chartering of Atl. Chinese Christian	Author: Tim Cailloux	passed
Joint Chartering of Jackets Skeet Shooters	Author: Tim Cailloux	passed
Joint Chartering of Jacket Table Tennis	Author: Tim Cailloux	passed
Joint Chartering of Glory Phi God	Author: Tim Cailloux	passed
Joint Allocation to Chinese Stu. Assoc.	Author: Jon Bonus	failed
Joint Allocation to GT Water Polo	Author: Han Chang	tabled
Resolution on Music Dept. Facilities	Author: Mindy Park	passed
Joint Allocation to Capital Campaign	Author: Tiffany Massey	passed
Joint Resolution for Capital Campaign	Author: Tiffany Massey	passed

Graduate Student Senate

Joint Allocation to Tech Chess Club	Author: Joseph Jeong	passed
Joint Allocation to Chinese Stu. Assoc. (b)	Author: Catherine Jamal	failed
Joint Chartering of Glory Phi God	Author: Tim Cailloux	passed
Joint Allocation to GT Water Polo	Author: Joseph Jeong	tabled
Joint Allocation to Tech India Club	Author: Radha Narayanan	passed
Appointments of Committee Chairs	Author: Alan Michaels	passed
Joint Allocation to Capital Campaign	Author: Alan Michaels	passed
Joint Resolution for Capital Campaign	Author: Alan Michaels	passed

Undergrads debate chartering issue

By Daniel Amick
Senior Staff Writer

The Undergraduate House of Representatives hovered precariously on the edge of quorum throughout Tuesday night's meeting. A number of members were not present because of a Music Department concert. As a result, Executive Vice President Nate Watson was forced to call a five-minute recess early in the meeting to determine the precise number of reps needed to satisfy quorum. The move was also designed to buy time for additional members to arrive. After some impromptu calculations, Watson announced that quorum had in fact been met, and the meeting resumed.

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Robert McMath spoke to the House as a special guest. He gave representatives a detailed presentation about the new Undergraduate Learning Center, a massive academic building for which construction is set to begin within a few years.

"We went all over the country to look at buildings," said McMath. "We saw buildings that worked. We saw buildings that didn't work."

When completed, the ULC will be adjacent to the library and, at over 200,000 square feet, will be larger than the Student Center. It will include state-of-the-art classrooms, laboratories, a version of the Library's West Commons, academic support services and what McMath called a "Skunk Works" facility for developing new teaching techniques.

After McMath's presentation, members turned to old business. The most contentious issue up for consideration was whether or not to charter the Atlanta Chinese Christian Campus Fellowship. The Graduate Student Senate had rejected the bill and UHR's Joint Campus Organizations Committee recommended against chartering, saying the ACCCF allows non-Georgia Tech students, faculty, alumni or staff to be members, excludes a large portion of Tech's population by holding services in Chinese, meets

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off-campus and duplicates other religious organizations on campus.

ME Representative Josh Alexander rose in support of chartering, saying he saw no duplication of purpose. He also argued that English-speaking services could exclude Chinese speakers.

“It seems like your argument is a double edged sword,” said Alexander to JCOC chair Tim Cailloux. “You want [ACCCF] to be different to avoid duplication, yet at the same time, you say if they’re different, they’re exclusive.”

Representatives voted on the bill and passed it. However, because the GSS had failed the bill and not enough Representatives had voted “yes” to override such a failure, the bill was effectively dead. Alexander successfully moved to reconsider the

bill at next week’s meeting. If he and others can convince enough representatives to change their vote to “yes,” UHR can override the GSS failure and the bill will pass.

Representatives also considered and failed an allocation bill to the Chinese Student Association over concerns that SGA funds might go toward prize money for a non-Georgia Tech student.

Reps chartered three new student organizations, the Yellow Jacket Skeet Shooters, Yellow Jacket Table Tennis and Glory Phi God. They also pulled from the table an allocation to the Georgia Tech Chess Club, and passed it without discussion.

The Undergraduate House also issued a pair of Joint Resolutions, one in support of Improved Music Facilities and another in support of the Student-Initiated Capital Campaign. Both passed by Unanimous Acclamation.

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would be eligible for the funding.

“The event and the organization would have to meet certain criteria before they could receive the funding to rent the center,” said Norville. The bill to approve this allocation was presented in new business and therefore will not be voted on until next week’s meeting.

In other business, the senate took another look at a bill requesting funding for a Miss Asian Atlanta scholarship pageant sponsored by the Tech Chinese Student Association . Although the graduates had failed the bill two weeks prior, the House passed an amended version of the bill at their meeting last week. Due to this situation the bill was sent to conference committee where it was decided that the organization would only get the funding if the those participating in the pageant were all Tech students.

Many senators felt that even with the new stipulations, the bill still had problems. “I have some strong reservations about student fees going to fund scholarships,” said Norville. After some debate, the graduates failed the conference committee bill by a large majority.

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months,” said Constantz.

“The proposal was thoughtful and well-researched, and I’ve been very impressed that student government initiated this process and came to us,” said Constantz.

If adopted, the agreement will affect a number of groups, including the India Club, the Turkish Student Organization, Panhellenic Council, the Photography Club and the Interfraternity Council, all of which use the Ferst Center at least once a year. Additionally, events like iMovieFest, which could not be held in the Ferst Center last year, will likely qualify for funding under the agreement.

In order to qualify for free rent, a student organization and its event will have to meet a number of requirements. First, the organization must be chartered and in good standing. The organization’s event must be non-profit, non-fundraising and open to all Georgia Tech students, faculty, staff and alumni. Student tickets must be no more than 75 percent of the cost of a general admission ticket and must go on sale 48 hours before general admissions tickets. In addition, the price of a

student ticket cannot exceed \$20.

The event itself must have been held previously, drawing an audience of at least 500 people. Furthermore, the organization must advertise the event with flyers, banners and an ad in the *Technique*.

Additionally, no student organization can request free rent for more than two events per semester. Any unexpected revenue generated by the event will be held by the Ferst Center to fund the cost of rental fees during the following year.

The Ferst Center Event Coordinator will implement the new policy. Organizations uncertain about the process or the eligibility requirements can bring their questions to the Ferst Center Student Advisory Board. The board will be responsible for answering questions and, in the event of uncertainty, will review eligibility status of the requesting organization. It will then issue its recommendation to the Event Coordinator.

Next year, the Ferst Center and SGA will renegotiate a new amount of funds based on the number of organizations that use the facility this year.

The main hall of the Ferst Center is the largest performance facility on campus with 1,155 seats.

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struct an entirely different computer cluster that will not only expand the current facilities but add group-focused study capabilities as well.

"We wanted to add some collaborative spaces with computing support and make them sound isolated," said Meyer.

The hope is that when these group spaces are designed next year, the facilities are used in such a way that students can reserve them and meet together as groups to work on class projects. The computers at each station would incorporate the latest technologies and would be fully supported with a greater variety of engineering-based software. A possibility that has also recently risen is the incorporation of teleconferencing capabilities into each space.

"We are still in the discovery stage," said Crit Stuart, the library's Associate Director for Public Services. "We are asking students what kinds of spaces they prefer to do learning, projects, and take breaks between assignments, as groups. We are sure that the expansion is mainly about supporting group endeavor, and not about supporting individual endeavor."

In fact, most students working on group assignments feel that improvements to the library are necessary. One such student is Aaron Lovitz, who is currently preparing a formal presentation with several others for his INTA class.

"It seems like we have to get our [online information] from everywhere else and bring it back to the library just to meet. It's just a good

place to meet as a group at first, but not to actually set up our presentation. The library's only convenient because it's at the center of campus," said Lovitz.

Another aspect of the designs that has been focused on includes aesthetic appearances and living areas for students to relax between long intervals of studying or completing certain assignments.

"Students and faculty are saying that we should also build in relief and even consider how we can use

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Crit Stuart

Library Public Services

art and various objects to give [students] a break from intensive group work," said Tony Gilmer, Project Advisor for the library renovations and an OIT staff member. "We will also provide greater access to [refreshments]."

In recent focus groups, in fact, administrators have discovered that most student groups prefer an environment where they can perform three steps in a single location, without the hassle of going to the library to collect information, then going

off-campus for respite, and then meeting elsewhere to actually develop the group presentation, whether on PowerPoint slides or computer-based demonstrations. The library and OIT are investigating various forms of student lounge areas and media software to accomplish this.

"The library would incorporate three things: study, stop and software," said Gilmer.

The entire expanse of the second floor would be renovated for these purposes. One of the concerns the library had was in figuring out where the reference books currently located there would go. No definitive plans have been made yet, but most likely each book will be evaluated and either discarded if out-of-date or moved to another floor.

If enough funding is available, the collaborative effort between the library and OIT will also result in the renovation of the presentation practice room behind the LWC as well as an upgrade to the computer cluster in the Homer Rice Center. The practice room would allow students to rehearse their individual or group presentations in a sound-proof locale, equipped with the latest multimedia technologies.

Architects who will review the second floor expansion, presentation practice room and Homer Rice Center upgrade have already been hired, and are expected to complete their design and budget proposal by Feb. 15.

Only then will a formal request for funding be submitted to the Provost's office. If the proposal is approved, construction could begin as early as the summer.

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Even though the project idea has generated support in both branches of Student Government, several concerns still stand, such as the cost of the bricks, the effectiveness of the sale and the location of the bricks.

The administration has not allocated a specific space as of yet, but SGA hopes that Yellow Jacket Park, the area to replace Hightower, will be an option, as well as the area between the Library and the Bookstore Mall, and near the Undergraduate Learning Center.

Bricks will be priced on a multi-tier scale for all sectors of the community, and right now are projected to be \$50-75 for students, and approximately \$125 for faculty.

"I think it's a good idea in theory, but I don't know if students will want to pay that much money," said Blake LaFever, a fifth-year computer engineering student.

Fourth-year mechanical engineering major Samir Idnani agrees that the bricks might be too expensive to generate much student support. "I'm sure faculty and alumni would like the idea, but I don't know how well it would work with the students," said Idnani. "Still, I think it's really good that SGA is trying to do something about student life," added Idnani.

Organizers of the project realize that many people will have concerns and questions about the student capital campaign. "I would love to hear student concerns once word about this gets out, because even I had plenty of questions about how this will work," said Massey.

"It would be great if we could make the bricks cheaper for students, but with the cost of installing the bricks, engraving and other such things, we have to charge more to generate enough profit to make this project worth doing. Other schools who have done this project have made their bricks even more expensive," said Massey.

Massey also added that SGA will target other groups for donations, such as corporations and young alumni, from whom they have received much support, even a pledge of 100 bricks.

As to what kind of activities the capital will fund, nothing concrete has been planned. "I'd like to extend the graduate conference fund, [which funds travelling to academic and professional conferences], to undergraduates. I'd also like to see more major concerts on campus," said Michaels.

Idnani agreed. "I'd love to see more concerts, like SR-71 and Reel Big Fish last year," he said.

"I think it would be great to have more activities at the SAC; SAC Attack was a blast," added LaFever.

"I just hope people realize just how much this project will do for both students and administration to improve the quality of life," said Michaels.

Now that the bill has passed SGA, organizers will talk to representatives from the Development Office and the Alumni Association to figure out how to publicize and manage the project and get space from the administration. Initial request letters will then be sent out in early December.