



Human error causes false evacuation alert



By Blake Israel / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Atlanta Fire Department responds to a report of an explosion in the Ford Environmental Science and Technology building.

By N. Denisse Gonzalez
Contributing Writer

Last Thursday, following a small chemical explosion in the Ford Environmental Science and Technology building, the Tech community received a series of emergency notification messages even though the evacuation was restricted to the ES&T building.

"It was strictly human error. Someone sent it out who evidently had the capability but did not have the authority to send the message and should have never sent it," said Andy Altizer, Director of Emergency Preparedness.

Peter Hylton was sitting in class

when a group of students in the back of the room told their professor of an emergency evacuation message they had just received on their phones. As the fourth-year International Affairs and Modern Languages major and his classmates walked away from campus, Hylton received a voice message with instructions to evacuate. Shortly thereafter, he received two other messages to disregard the evacuation notice.

"Your heart speeds up, because you don't know what's going on. What wasn't going on that they originally thought was happening? At the same time, I saw a news helicopter flying over. I was totally confused on what to do," Hylton said.

At the ES&T building, Altizer was notified by a police officer that someone had sent out an emergency notification for campus wide evacuation.

"It was not something I wanted to hear, because it was not a situation that would ever begin to warrant a campus evacuation. We immediately made a decision to retract the message, before we knew who sent it or how it was sent. We are extremely sorry that it even went out. It was a surprise and a disappointment," Altizer said.

Altizer did not disclose the identity of the individual who sent out

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INCIDENT TIMELINE

Approximate times of the emergency alerts sent to students.

12:24. Evacuation alert text message sent to students.

12:26. Evacuation alert e-mail sent.

12:32. Text message retracting alert.

12:33. E-mail retraction of emergency alert.

12:35. First evacuation alert automated phone call.

12:39. Automated phone call retracting alert.

Students present feedback on Tech Rec proposal



By Andrew Ash / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Posters showing new design concepts for Tech Rec are set up in front of the entrance. One of the new key design elements is a multi-purpose room to be incorporated into the current space. Students were able to post their comments on the proposed changes.

By Emily Chambers
Senior Staff Writer

Last week the Student Center revealed plans to renovate Tech Rec, the multi-purpose recreational space on the bottom floor of the Student Center. The proposed renovations include the creation of additional lounge space, a multi-purpose room, new seating options and billiard areas and a renovated entrance.

A display outside the facility displaying the new plans and soliciting student input quickly filled with sticky notes expressing confusion over the purpose of the added room and the impetus for what seems to be a change to the Tech Rec identity.

Over the past 10 years Tech Rec has incurred significant losses in revenue, forcing both the institute and Student Government Association to step in to help cover costs. The Institute has been paying \$50,000

to cover annual custodial, maintenance and utility fees, and SGA has allocated a portion of the Student Activity Fee to Tech Rec, paying \$30,000 to employ the student assistants who run it. Even with these

indicated that less than 10% of the student population used Tech Rec on a weekly basis. Over just the past year there has nearly been a 25% decline in regular student use. Dissatisfaction with pricing, food op-

design is an attempt to accommodate the growth areas of use, which is parties and group functions, while still supporting all the previous uses of Tech Rec," said Rich Steele, director of the Student Center.

The Student Center initially approached the upper administration with a request for a capital budget last March. In order to accommodate the growing demand for event space, the idea of a multi-purpose room was incorporated into the renovations.

The Student Center was granted a \$230,000 budget for renovations and upgrades this year, \$30,000 of which has already been allocated on a new point of sale system for Tech Rec. The system was put in place earlier this fall. The funds will be supplied by Auxiliary Services, and none of the renovation budget will be

subsidies as well as extensive lay-offs, price increases and cut-backs within Tech Rec, the center has still incurred over \$200,000 in lost revenue.

Student surveys over the past 10 years have also shown a significant decline in use of the space. The student survey from spring of 2007

tions and equipment maintenance are also common complaints on the surveys, all of which are being tentatively addressed in the redesign plans.

"The biggest concern was that there were 14,000 square feet of space which lacked significant use, and so a change needed to be made. The

Dining halls go tray-less

By Ranganath Venkataraman
Senior Staff Writer

Patrons of Brittain and Woodruff Dining Halls are noticing the absence of a previously essential entity: the tray.

The tray's absence marks another foothold that Tech has established in its response to the water crisis, according to Shequita Barnes, Dining Services marketing manager.

"This was a decision that was made by Dining Services, with the support of Auxiliary Services. Some of the immediate need is brought on by the water shortage that we are experiencing locally," Barnes said.

Barnes indicated that, as a regional organization, Dining Services had a duty to play its role in helping to alleviate the water shortage situation.

"Our governor has been working feverishly to try to mitigate the water shortage situation and we feel that part of our responsibility is to try to support the initiatives that the state has, in reducing our water consumption," Barnes said.

The elimination of tray usage has proven to be a potent solution to the water problem, according to Barnes.

"We have to wash those trays everyday," Barnes said. Dining Services' research has shown that the tray-less initiative would save a total volume of 3000 gallons of water daily.

This number stems from a calculation that multiplied the water consumption rating of the dish machine by the hours taken to clean trays.

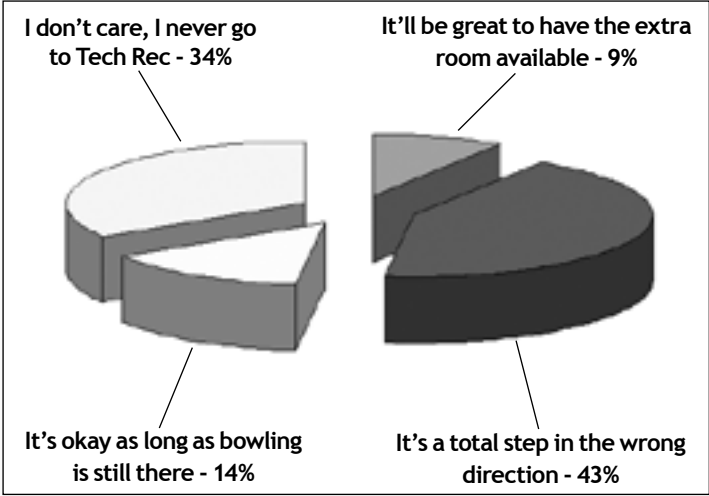
The program, which was initi-

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How do you feel about the Tech Rec proposal?



By Kenny Baskett / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:

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Criminal Trespass
11/6/2007 16:00:00 hrs.
Location: North Ave. Apartments
Incident: Report of damages to an electronic exit sign and elevator button
11/6/2007 21:33:00 hrs.
Location: Student Center parking deck (Clydeck)
Incident: Report of a broken window and a damaged ignition on a silver '04 Mitsubishi Lancer
11/6/2007 8:00:00 hrs.
Location: North Ave. Apartments
Incident: Report of a damaged call box

From the files of the GTPD...
Campus Crime

Burglary
11/8/2007 11:45:00 hrs.
Location: Athletic Association
Incident: Report of stolen laptop computers
11/6/2007 12:00:00 hrs.
Location: Institute of Paper Science and Technology
Incident: Report of suspicious mail
Driving Under the Influence
11/10/2007 4:09:00 hrs.
Location: Fifth St. @ Spring St.
Incident: Offender arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving on the wrong side of roadway
11/11/2007 20:00:00 hrs.
Location: Sixth Street Apartments
Incident: Report of stolen exit signs
11/13/2007 23:28:00 hrs.
Location: Wing Nuts
Incident: Report of a stolen tip jar
Information
11/6/2007 4:26:00 hrs.
Location: Edge Athletic Center
Incident: Report of suspicious phone calls
11/13/2007 14:50:00 hrs.
Location: Campus Recreation Center
Incident: Report of a stolen cell phone, camera, wallet and contents

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ated on Nov. 12, was conceived a few weeks ago and was supported for implementation in both dining halls. No decision has been made as of yet about the trays in the Student Center Food Court.
While the tray-less initiative is a response to the drought problem, Barnes said that Dining Services was in a constant campaign to improve its sustainability.
"We've been having discussions since the beginning of the semester

about our sustainability efforts overall. We have introduced various measures in our operation that serve to preserve and protect our environment; and we will be doing more as time progresses," Barnes said.
Current emphasis, however, rests on the water conservation objective, according to Barnes, and she is hopeful that students will reciprocate favorably to the situation.
"We hope that students serve as supporters or even champions of the initiative," Barnes said.
Respondents viewed the initiative favorably, and some had sugges-

tions of their own to advance water preservation.
"I'm in support of the changes, largely because I think that Brittain and [Woodruff] can help spread awareness of the situation," said Alex Stroh, a fourth-year Biomedical Engineering major.
Other respondents felt that the current arrangement was more convenient than the previous setup, which was an added bonus to conserving water.
"It is great that the dining halls are going tray-less. I actually enjoy the plates being placed throughout

Brittain, so you don't have to wait in line anymore just to get a tray, plates, napkins, and silverware," said Mallory Williams, a fourth-year Civil Engineering major.
The alternative proposals prominently featured the usage of paper plates.
"People tend to come at certain times of the day, so a bigger issue might be all the washing done between peak meal hours," Stroh said.
"Why not switch to paper during the less busy hours and stop running washers entirely during these times?

GT dining could also switch to paper but still use trays. That might save just as much water but would probably be more convenient," said Phillip Grigsby, a first-year Aerospace Engineering major.
Barnes noted that Dining Services would keep in constant contact with students, in regards to their future plans.
"We will definitely be communicating with students about the status of the initiative, and I would encourage students to look out for postings regarding any future plans," Barnes said.

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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.

Undergraduate House of Representatives

UHR passes allocation bills, makes appointments

By Craig Tabita
News Editor

This week's meeting of the Undergraduate House of Representative began with a pair of presentations.

The first was by Melissa Moore, director of communications for Auxiliary Services, concerning various initiatives in which the department is currently involved, including the conservation of water in the dining halls by eliminating trays.

The second, by Student Center director Rich Steele, concerned the proposed renovations to Tech Rec, including the addition of a multi-purpose room and various aesthetic and functional upgrades to the space. Only a few minutes were allowed for questions and after a couple had been asked, executive vice president Matt Peebles encouraged the others to e-mail Steele.

During her announcements Anu Parvatiyar, undergraduate student body president, encouraged people to stop by Tech Rec and view the displays that are set up in front of the entrance, where the proposed changes are diagramed and students have been posting sticky notes describing their reactions.

"The voice that's most important

Bills passed

- Appointments to Institute-wide Committee
- Appointments to JCOC committee
- Joint allocation to GT Astronomy Club (after conference committee)
- Joint allocation to FreShGA
- Joint resolution on the regional water shortage
- Joint allocation to GT College Democrats

is [that of] the students," Parvatiyar said.

She also discussed last week's emergency alert that was issued in error, encouraging all students to contact her with the times when they received the alerts by e-mail, phone call and text message, as well as the name of their mobile phone provider.

The first funding bill considered was the joint allocation to the GT Astronomy Club, a bill which the House passed last week for the full amount requested of \$1,206 after suspending the Joint Finance Committee bylaws which specify

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Graduate Student Senate

GSS passes three funding bills



By Robert Comber / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Rich Steele, Director of the Student Center, speaks to the GSS about the future renovations that are going to be made to Tech Rec.

By Emily Chambers
Senior Staff Writer

The Graduate Student Senate began their meeting with two presentations.

First Melissa Moore, director of Communications with Auxiliary Services, spoke on upcoming campus activities as well as campus efforts to conserve water, such as forgoing trays in the dining halls, which saved 3000 gallons of water.

Moore finished her presentation with trivia and prizes for the senators.

The Senate also entertained Rich Steele, director of the Student Center. Steele spoke on the upcoming

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Bills postponed

- Joint resolution on the regional water shortage

renovations to Tech Rec. Posters of the current designs stand outside of Tech Rec on display for the public to view.

"We really need to have the participation in Tech Rec grow, as

at this point we can't allocate 14,000 square feet of your student center to a space that is not being used," Steele said.

After 40 minutes of announcements, the Senate approved their meetings and began consideration of the first bill, the Joint Allocation to GT Astronomy club.

The bill passed last week in differing versions by the House and the Senate and had been resubmitted after going through a conference committee.

The final version of the bill allocated five-sixths of the club's capital outlay request and passed the Senate with 16 votes in favor, seven votes against and four abstentions.

The second bill brought before the Senate was the Joint Allocation to FreShGA. The organization was requesting funds for the annual One Night Stand event during dead week.

The bill was amended to \$909 out of the prior year account per the Joint Finance Policy and passed the Senate with 24 votes in favor, two votes against and four abstentions.

The third bill of the morning was the Joint Resolution on the Regional Water Shortage. The bill was postponed.

The final bill voted on by the Senate was the Joint Allocation to GT College Democrats. The organization requested \$576 to present Michael Moore's film Sicko. The bill described the showing as educational, prompting debate in the Senate over the educational value of the film.

"I'm not sure I am comfortable marketing a film as educational when it might have errors in it, and it is so obviously political," said Senator Andrew Schulman.

Eventually the bill passed with 17 votes in favor, three votes against, and four abstentions.

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If we care so much about saving water, why not turn off the irritating of Tech traditions?

ATO INDEPENDENT SOCCER, Champions of the world perhaps?

2 girls 1 cup > brittain food

i'm so glad housing is washing the north ave windows in a water drought

bring back the pumpkin on north ave north!!!

That date auction was pornographic

I sure wish we got Wednesday off for Thanksgiving.. lame

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I hate you, AE1355. IE, here I come!!!

Joe, I have been meaning to tell you. You like boys.

Hm... Does the CRC/Center Street boy have a receding hairline?

Are you talking about me?

because I can't help it =(

BoomerangBoy says "Come play at Yellow Jacket Park after 1"~

Hot indian chick who's always in the Arch. building for the win-

You should introduce yourself to that guy with those things sticking out of his backpack sometime-

nice teeth

i'm somewhat disappointed with guitar hero III

i hate ERROR - MAJOR RESTRICTION

I just found another pile of cheese!!!

Flirting is not a viable solution

Oh Calculus, how I loathe thee!

pew! pew! pew!

two bits man- stop hitting on my BFF. none of us like it.

What is with all these Bryant ads?

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Alert

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the evacuation notice, but said that corrective action was taken. The individual works in the Tech police communications center, from where he sent the message.

“We have several messages in the system that are preloaded for fast notification. One is a general campus evacuation that we would build upon. He tried to send that one out [for the Ford building only] and ended up sending the general evacuation message out,” Altizer said.

Friday morning, administrators and students met at an After Action Report (AAR) meeting to discuss what became the first run of Connect-ED, the new emergency notification system Tech purchased. Anu Parvatiyar, undergraduate student body president, was one of two students present.

“Right after the incident happened, I sent out an e-mail asking for information from students... My inbox has been flooded, and that’s a good thing. The general consensus is that they’re a little frustrated with the order or the quality of the messages, but they’re glad they got them. I was able to take that back to the AAR meeting and share what some of the

glitches were,” Parvatiyar said. Based on Friday’s meeting Altizer is now preparing an AAR and Improvement Plan for President Wayne Clough and executive vice president for Administration and Finance Bob Thompson. Altizer expects the report to list six or seven pages of recommendations. “Some people thought they should have gotten [the messages], but either didn’t opt in correctly or their phone carrier may have messed it up. Some people complained there was too much clutter in the

e-mail message from the vendor we work with. A few people claimed their emergency notification e-mail went to their junk box, which was a complete surprise to us. Another lesson we learned was that some people ignored the voice message because

they didn’t recognize the phone number...but the most widely received comment was that the message needs to be more descriptive,” Altizer said.

Altizer has removed the evacuation message that was sent Thursday from the list of preloaded messages and has said that he will work around the 130 character limit to create messages that are sufficiently descriptive. Parvatiyar was also added to the Emergency Notification Working



By Blake Israel / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students gather in front of the Ford Environmental Science and Technology building, as emergency services respond to the evacuation alert broadcast by Tech’s emergency notification system last week.

Group and was asked to lead a student focus group to evaluate the messages. Action will also be taken to address the other concerns.

“The constructive comments are welcome. It’s going to make our system incredibly better because we’re learning things especially on the technical aspect that we needed to know,” Altizer said.

In the event of a crisis on campus, five people are authorized to send an emergency notification: the executive vice president for Administration and Finance, the director of Emergency Preparedness, the chief of police, the deputy chief of police and the patrol division commander.

Everyone on campus receives the

message by e-mail, but those wishing to receive it by SMS or voice message must opt in on the passport.gatech.edu website. The messages would be sent out from the OIT operations center.

“[The OIT operations center staff] are trained on it and would be told what to send, either one of the preloaded messages on the system or it may be dictated to them right on the phone,” Altizer said.

If OIT cannot send the message, those authorized to send the emergency notification can also send it by logging on to the Connect-ED website from home or authorizing the police communications center to send it. Altizer said he could also use

Tech’s home webpage, the campus cable network and a new siren system expected to be up in January to relay emergency messages to the campus community.

Since the incident, the number of people opting into the system has increased by six percent to 15,550 users.

“I think what happened last Thursday is one of the best ways to increase participation in the system. It’s sad that it had to be a message like that, that created so much confusion...but it’s good that these questions are coming up now instead of in the aftermath of something much, much worse,” Parvatiyar said.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
12:00	Atmospherics				EDM Sound System		Hour of Slack
1:00	Overnight Alternatives				Coffee and Sushi	WREKage	Bob's Slacktime Funhouse
6:00	Classics					Weekend Cornucopia	Weekend Cornucopia
9:00	Just Jazz					Public Affairs	Public Affairs (Science)
12:00	Blue Plate Special	Live @ Skiles	Blue Plate Special	Live @ Skiles	Blue Plate Special		
1:00	Rock Rhythm And Roll					Weekend Cornucopia	Weekend Cornucopia
6:00	Hemisphericious	Earwhacks	Sports Report	Tech Talk	Country Classics	J.B.O. Broadway	Gharana
7:00	Kosher Noise	Underground Recordings		Gold Soundz	Friday Night Fish Fry	Desoto Hour	
8:00	Indian Masala	RadioBomb	Mobius	54-46		The Saturday Night Cocktail Lounge	Sunday Special
9:00	Sub-Saharan Vibes	Longboard and Longhorns	Destroy All Music	Weekroom Renaissance	Stonehenge		Back Alley Pork Roast
10:00	French Caribbean	Live at Wrek	Friction			EDM Sound System	Personality Crisis
11:00	Continental Drift	New Forces	Psych-out	Electric Boogaloo			

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Reading slivers in dodd's econ- no better way to stay awake.
Dear Calculus TA, you're not mine but you're so fine
Girl with knives in dress, where did you buy that?
girl wearing orange shorts in the crc on tuesday: you are amazingly beautiful
I'm going to simultaneously do both of them. ... As opposed to simultaneously doing one at a time?
Eight topics? Are you serious?
i want you. i need you. ...no, seriously.
Single Suzie
Hey Suzie, I'll go drinking with you...as long as you help me cheat on my girlfriend.
Tom is not from Boston, he is faking his accent.
I need a cigarette. Now.
And a beer.
To the cause of NaN I am fire drills: LEARN TO COOK!
Heroin Hero will be the all time BEST GAME EVER!!
rate my professor
Emergency warnings are useless if we don't know what's going on!!!
EVACUATE THE CAMPUS!!!! Oh wait, it was an accident. Sorry, I hit the wrong button.
EVACUATE ENTIRE CAMPUS! CHEMICAL SPILL!
Don't panic.
I have finally failed out of Tech after 8.5 years...at least I got 2 degrees in the process
Tech needs to reimburse us for the minutes and texts they wasted. It's not free, you know?!
where can i get reimbursed for all those "emergency" texts?
woman in the student center, it was a chemical spill so next time sit down and shut up instead of telling everyone the wrong information
FOUND IGB JUMPDRIVE in library. if you know make&content, contact gth724k@mail.gatech.edu
12:26 Evacuate campus immediately; 12:34 Disregard previous message; will i go to lab at 3?; no, would be the much cooler answer; but i breathe lab as my hot TA suggested; so off i go to lab at 3
EVACUATE!!
wait
DON'T EVACUATE!!!
The Cake is a Lie...
AUGH I forgot to go to Free Lasagna Night-
How can I make a baby with my wife popping in and out of the room
It might be a rock, but it's not stupid

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allocated from student funds.

The current design plan was submitted by the architectural firm ai3 Inc. two weeks ago, and does not yet have a price estimate attached. The architectural firm has requested that any changes to the design be submitted by Thanksgiving; however the design will not be placed on the market for bidding until February 2008, giving the Student Center three months to make any modifications to the plans.

During the initial phase of design no students were involved on the planning committee. While the design was structured around the desires of the student body as they were indicated through surveys and revenue, it was not until the current plan was released that a student review panel was formed.

"I feel that last week was the first time students were given input on the renovations

at Tech Rec," said Jessica Calhoun, a fifth-year Aerospace Engineering major and manager of Tech Rec.

The students invited to discuss the design plan included members from SGA and the Student Center.

"The students we spoke to in the meetings with the architects all voiced concerns about student involvement, so at their suggestion we decided to get more student opinion through things like the message boards. We are also planning on starting up a website so students can post feedback there," Steele said.

The student message boards posted outside of Tech Rec relate multiple concerns with the design,

among those the multi-purpose room and the elimination of some of the current gaming space. The current design may also be modified to eliminate the vending section along the right wall near the entrance in exchange for re-instating more arcade and video gaming space.

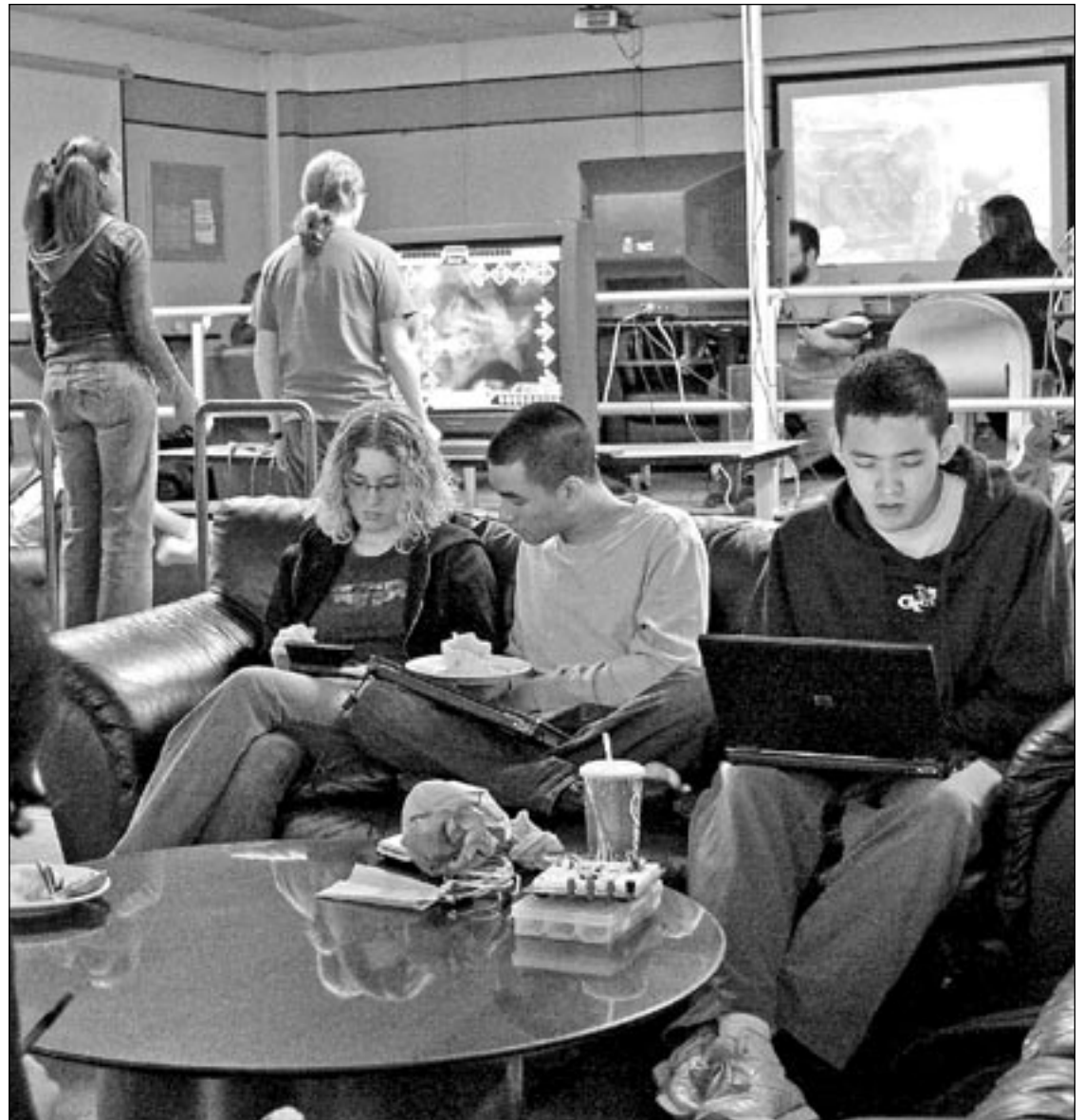
The tentative design of the multi-purpose room actually includes a glass wall that could be removed during normal operating hours, only sectioning off the space when the room was rented out for an event. However, the cost of the glass wall is potentially outside of the budgetary options, so alternative methods of incorporating the room into Tech Rec are still being explored.

While the design is relatively fluid, the multi-purpose room is an integral portion of the renovation that will be retained.

"We originally viewed the room as part of Tech Rec, with games such as table tennis inside. However, the design of the multi-purpose room was based

not only on Tech Rec needs but also the needs of the Student Center as a whole, and there is currently a shortage of this sort of contained event space. The multi-purpose room was a key part of our budgetary proposal and if eliminated it could significantly change our budget options," Steele said.

The main focus of the renovations will be lounge space and the additional room, but there will still be gaming, with multiple projectors, gaming systems, and lounge spaces included in the current design. Tech Rec recently updated their lounge space with the addition of couches from the upper level of the Student Center after that area was renovated



By Jon Drews / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students enjoy free time at Tech Rec. Students submitted their opinions on the architect's proposal on the intended redesign of Tech Rec this past week. Many concerns over the design have been raised.

and redecorated.

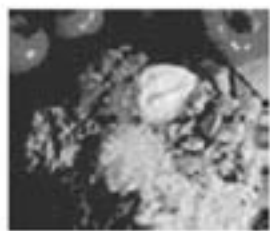
The \$200,000 budget given to the Student Center for the renovations will not cover extensive equipment upgrades. The video gaming systems that Tech Rec currently has will not be upgraded, nor will the bowling lanes.

The bowling lanes need almost \$200,000 of maintenance work to

replace the 37 year-old pin setters which frequently break down and halt bowling. Tech Rec has not been able to employ a full-time lane mechanic in the recent past, and as such must cope with student maintenance and repairs of the pin setters. The upgrade of the bowling system was a frequent request found in the sticky-notes on the display.

"Hopefully the renovations will make Tech Rec a more inviting place. Every lounge has its character, and we really think that Tech Rec will be the place for people who enjoy gaming and billiards. We have over 18,000 students here at Tech, so we just want to have as much space for them to use in the Student Center as possible," Steele said.

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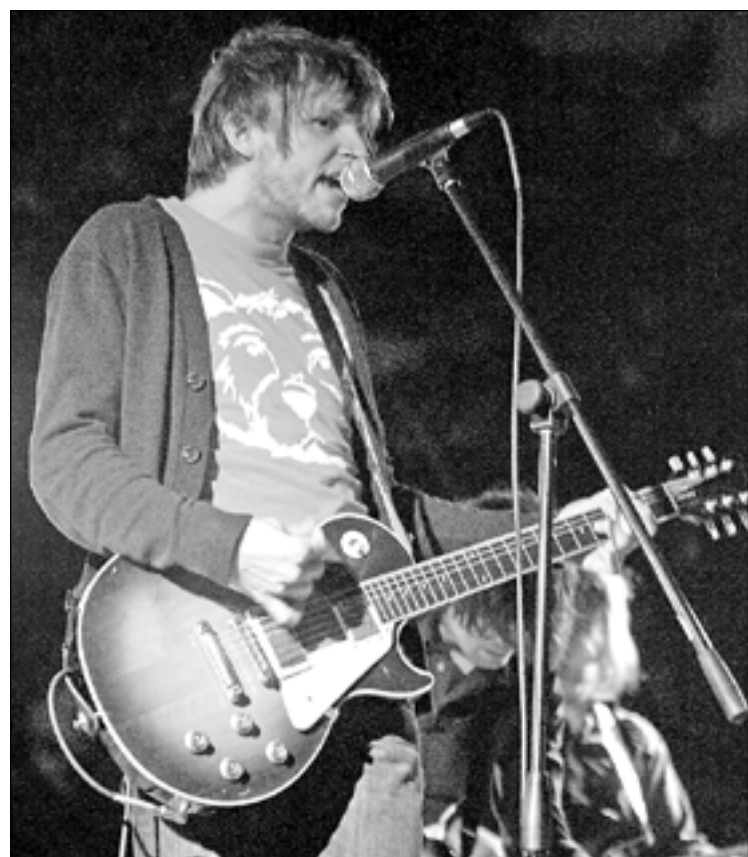


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Musicians Network hosts indie rock band



By Jon Drews / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A free concert was held in Yellow Jacket Park, Friday Nov. 9, with opening acts The Lasch and Lorien and headlined by Copeland.

By David Lowry
Contributing Writer

Last Friday, Nov. 9, Yellow Jacket Park shook as music echoed throughout Yellow Jacket Park. Three bands, The Lasch, Lorien, and Copeland, started playing at 8:30 and didn't stop until the morning hours.

Brought in by the Tech Musician's Network, the three groups performed for hundreds of Tech students in a loosely fenced-off area in the middle of Yellow Jacket Park.

The concert was free for all students with a BuzzCard, but a general admission fee of \$10 was charged to non-students.

Many students found that the steps of the Campanille offered a good spot to listen without the charge.

The Lasch, a four-person group composed entirely of Tech alumni, opened the concert. As it was still early in the evening, only a couple

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McLaughlin chosen as first Vice Provost for International Initiatives

By Corbin Pon
Assistant News Editor

Steven McLaughlin, a professor from the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE), has been chosen to serve as the first vice provost for International Initiatives. The new role was created out of the Office of the Provost's continuing efforts to focus Tech on improving its footprint on the global stage. McLaughlin's new position will take on the responsibility of ensuring the quality of Tech's global education, research and economic development initiatives.

"I'm a really strong proponent of international initiatives. I've spent a lot of time in a number of capacities abroad and [have] really seen the value to the students, to faculty [and] to the state," McLaughlin said.

Increasingly, Tech's international activities have been composed of elements of education, research and economic development.

"One of the prime motivators for this new position was to be able to focus on all three... because more and more of what [Tech does] internationally isn't just one of those pieces," McLaughlin said.

To his new position, McLaughlin brings with him experience in all three fields where Tech has placed its international focus. From 2006 to 2007, McLaughlin served as deputy director of GT Lorraine (GTL), Tech's campus located in Metz, France.

"I've seen the kinds of experiences the students [have gotten] and how those experiences have really changed them.... Midnight in a train station stuck somewhere in Germany, you can have an experience that changes how it is you think.... As deputy director of GTL, you get to see that a

lot and you get to hear from students how much [these experiences] means to them," McLaughlin said.

McLaughlin's experience in industry revolves around his involvement with several start-up companies. A company he was working with worked a lot in countries like Taiwan, China and Japan.

"[I've seen] the tremendous opportunities, and [I] really appreciate how business is done.... in different parts of the world," McLaughlin said.

As a professor within the School of ECE, McLaughlin has had

"You can have an experience that changes how... you think."

Steven McLaughlin
Vice Provost of International Initiatives

longstanding collaborations with individuals abroad that span from personal relationships to research-oriented ones.

"I've been in the trenches, and I know what the opportunities and challenges are for doing something big abroad... and to run a successful program. Also having seen and worked in so many different cultures and collaborated with so many different kinds of people, it allows me to have a strategic approach to build new relationships... in different parts of the world," McLaughlin said.

The basis for all of Tech international initiatives deals with the establishment of partnerships. Many of the organizations that

Tech involves itself are focused on areas like job creation within the science and technology fields, and Tech's previous experiences with economic development for the Georgia economy transfer over.

These partnerships are emphasized to be mutually beneficial. Not only can Tech impact development abroad, it also gains from partnering with organizations doing research on topics that are more thoroughly explored in other parts of the world.

As for initiatives at Tech, the International Plan and related programs, such as study abroad will fall under McLaughlin's purview.

"We've had a very good response [to the International Plan] since it was initiated.... We need to expand those opportunities and systematize some of the processes, and professor McLaughlin will have primary responsibility overseeing that," said Gary Schuster, provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs.

"We're going to spend increased effort on [programs] like the International Plan, to make [it] as attractive to students as possible [and] to [provide], hopefully, the financial resources that will make it easier for students to do the International Plan. There will be a huge potential impact the more partners we can engage and the more we can bring down barriers for students to go abroad.... That's my job, to bring those barriers down and provide more opportunities to go abroad," McLaughlin said.

"All major US universities are in the process of sorting out what globalization mean for them.... The more we learn about what other universities are doing, we realize we're pretty far out ahead of the majority of them," McLaughlin said.

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off wrong

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the only reason the big boi concert sucked is because we go to a school
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there are plenty of normal single girls here, but the guys 1. don't know
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granting two-thirds of the amount needed; this was the lead-up to the lengthy debate the House had later over the justness of the two-thirds policy. However, the Graduate Student Senate did pass it under the two-thirds policy, so the bills had to be reconciled by conference committee. As a result, the compromise was to give five-sixths of the requested amount, and the revised bill passed the House 40-2.

Members of FreShGA then spoke about the One Night Stand event that their organization is planning for Friday, Dec. 7. One Night Stand, falling on the Friday before dead week, is meant to serve as a stress-reliever leading up to finals. FreShGA requested \$996.50 and, after approving the JFC recommendation of cutting the \$200 requested for flyers to \$112.50 because they can be obtained more cheaply in the Student Involvement office, the House passed the bill 37-1 with two abstentions.

The next item of business was a resolution concerning the water shortage, emphasizing the seriousness of the problem and imploring "all higher authorities to take appropriate action to ensure the continuity of our water resources both now and during future droughts." Representative Austin Rahn recommended adding the words "both in the Georgia Tech administration and the government"

after "higher authorities" to clarify the meaning, and the House agreed to amend the bill to contain those words. But afterwards, a debate broke out as Representative Andy Williamson questioned the necessity of passing this sort of resolution, since few would think that SGA opposes water conservation and thinks lightly of the water shortage. Other representatives countered by saying that it was important for SGA, as a voice of the students, to formally show administrators that the students do care about this issue.

"Let's start talking on campus about these [political] issues."

Sarang Shah
Physics Representative

The resolution passed 36-4 with one abstention and is now pending the GSS to consider it next week.

Next, representatives of the College Democrats spoke about their bill requesting \$576 for a showing of the film "Sicko" on Thursday, Dec. 6 in the Student Center theater, with the vast majority of the cost coming from the license fee.

The film is the most recent by filmmaker Michael Moore concerning the state of health care in the United States and a comparison with

systems in other countries.

Another debate broke out over this bill with Representative Williamson once again leading the criticism of the bill at hand, this time expressing concerns that SGA funding would be going towards a film that he felt supported the political views of Hillary Clinton and the Democratic Party, though he admitted that he had not actually seen the film but had researched it on the Internet.

Several other students spoke up in disagreement, including representative Rahn who added that Tech students are smart enough to recognize the slant that any documentary film will have and encouraged the funding of this bill to promote a discourse on the subject of health care. Representative Williamson cautioned that showing this film would open the door for the College Republicans to request funding to show a film espousing their political views, such as a film opposing abortion rights, but representative Sarang Shah actually encouraged the other political organizations to come forward with these sorts of funding bills provided they meet JFC guidelines.

"Let's start talking on campus about these [political] issues. I'd really like SGA to be involved with bringing that [type of discourse] to campus," Shah said.

After all was said and done the bill to fund the showing of the film passed 35-8.

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.

Transplant patients contract HIV and HepC

Four transplant patients in Chicago contracted HIV and hepatitis C from an organ donor reported The New York Times. A case of the HIV virus being spread through organ transplant has not been seen in over a decade, and this was the first reported transmission of both the HIV and hepatitis C virus at the same time said health officials.

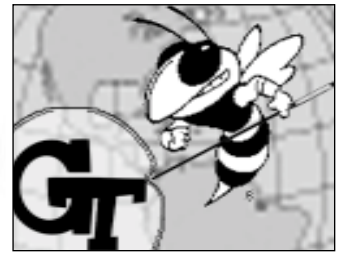
Transmission through organ transplant is rare, and this case highlights a weakness in the system to test for infection in transplanted organs. In most commonly used tests, if the test is performed too early, an infection can go undetected.

"Clearly, the organ transplant community is going to think about the issues raised by this, and we look forward to being involved in those discussions," said Dr. Matthew Kuehnert, director of the Office of Blood, Organ and Other Tissue Safety at the federal Centers for Disease Control and prevention, which is investigating the incident.

The University of Chicago said the operations took place in January, the donor was an adult who died in an Illinois hospital after a traumatic injury. The donor's age and sex was not disclosed. Two patients who became infected were at the University of Chicago Medical Center, one at Rush University Medical Center and one at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Earlier this month, one of the patients tested positive for HIV and hepatitis C. The other transplant patients were then tested and also found to be infected.

The donor had initially tested negative for both infections, but



health officials believe that the test was administered too early and were not found. There is a more sensitive test for HIV and hepatitis C, but it wasn't used because doctors said that it is more difficult and time-consuming. With an organ donation, there wouldn't be enough time to use these tests, because the organs would quickly degrade. It also is more likely to return a false positive, which would lead to good organs being thrown away.

Monkey cloning provides stem cells

U.S. Researchers have cloned monkeys and used the embryos to get embryonic stem cells reported Reuters. Shoukhrat Mitalipov and colleagues at Oregon Health & Science University said they used skin cells from monkeys to create the embryos and then extracted the stem cells from the embryos.

In June, Mitalipov had given some light details about the work at a conference in Australia, but now it has been independently verified by another team. They claim that their work shows it is possible to clone humans and get stem cells from the embryos.

Mitalipov's team had to overcome two barriers to clone the monkeys. First they needed to clone a primate and then get the stem cells. Dyes used in previous cloning apparently are toxic to primate cells. Making the embryo involved taking skin cells and removing the nucleus. It was then put in a nucleus-free egg cell and the egg cell behaves as if it was fertilized. The stem cells are then taken from the embryo a few days later.

Mitalipov's team used 304 eggs from 14 rhesus macaque monkeys and ended up with only two stem cell lines.

Copeland

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dozen students were there to hear the first song. But more and more steadily trickled in.

By the time Lorian began to play, the few dozen turned into a few hundred. "We were worried in the beginning," said Kento Masuyama, a second-year Aerospace Engineering major and member of the Musician's Network. By the time Copeland arrived on stage, a steady crowd was in attendance.

After the concert was over, members from the three bands sat and talked to Tech students while selling and autographing their

merchandise.

"This was the largest concert held here for, perhaps, three or four years.

"I would love to see this happen again. Definitely more music in the park."

Tim Cahill
Second-year NRE

We worked really hard to prepare," Kento said.

The concert was only confirmed

the Tuesday before the concert due to concern over SGA funding.

"Did you wonder why you didn't see any official flyers until Tuesday? We'd planned, but it hadn't been confirmed yet," Kento said.

But no matter the individual preference, many enjoyed the concert. "It was a great evening," said Anna Oneil, a first-year Psychology major.

Almost all students that attended the concert agree on one thing: they want to do it again.

"I would love to see this happen again. Definitely more music in the park," said Tim Cahill, a second-year Nuclear and Radiological Engineering major.

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