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All about the *Technique*

By Daniel Amick
Editor-in-Chief

The *Technique* is Georgia Tech's official student newspaper. Founded in 1911, the paper has been published weekly since then, except for a brief period when it was published twice weekly.

The *Technique* consists of five sections: News, Opinions, Focus, Entertainment and Sports.

Each section covers a different area of interest. The News section, which starts on the front page of most issues, covers activities, issues and decisions prompted by members of the Tech community. Administrative and faculty decisions of note, as well as student organization news appears in the News section.

The Opinions section is a forum for letters to the editor from students, faculty, staff members and alumni; full-length opinion pieces written by members of the *Technique* Editorial Board; and the consensus opinion, the official position of the paper on campus issues.

To compose the consensus editorial, the members of the Editorial Board meet for approximately one hour each week, discuss the issues in each section that most directly impact students, then attempt to form an overall opinion on them. The Opinions editor then articulates the Editorial Board's position in the consensus column.

Focus is a magazine-style section that provides in-depth, feature-length stories about Tech ideas, issues and individuals.

The Entertainment section includes features about Tech- and Atlanta-based entertainment offerings that appeal to students, as well as music, movie and restaurant reviews.

The Sports section covers a wide variety of Tech sports from varsity to club and intramural teams, as well as sports news.

Each section has an editor who is responsible for its content, layout and administration.

The *Technique* has a general staff meeting every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in room 137 of the Student Services Building. The meeting is open to people interested in writing or taking pictures for the newspaper and to those already involved. Section editors often meet with their staffs to assign and collect stories. On Wednesday nights, the editorial staff works to edit stories and design the layout for the following Friday's paper. Students interested in getting involved should email Daniel Amick at **editor@technique.gatech.edu**.

Technique Credo

This paper is the voice of the student body and the servant of its interests. It is the champion of all causes that will contribute to the development of the institution in numbers, influence, and character.

It has been named the *Technique*, a name that expresses the purpose and nature of the school and paper as well, perhaps, as it can be expressed in a word. For although we desire inspiration with school spirit, and a wealth of life and feeling for every student, yet we desire also the aim of our work and study should not be forgotten. That, with each succeeding issue, the name should become associated with the richest experiences of our college life, with our most intense efforts, and happiest accomplishments—this is the hope of the editors.

For the *Technique* desires intensely to serve; to express for us our wishes and needs; to increase our school spirit; encourage us in disappointment; congratulate us in success. It desires to make more efficient the management of student enterprises by offering a means of communication between the directors and the workers. It will obviate many meetings that are now necessary and make more effective those that are held.

It wishes to bring the alumni in closer contact with college life and college enterprises; to bring more quickly and solidly their support to our efforts; to make them feel themselves more intimately a part of the school.

In a word, the *Technique* desires to serve as a timesaver, a conserver of energy and spirit, a power behind every college movement.

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From the files of the GTPD...

Crime Reports

Theft

7/30/2004   **21:03:00 hrs.**
Location: Student Center
Incident: Report of a stolen bicycle.

8/1/2004   **8:33:00 hrs.**
Location: Klaus construction site
Incident: Report of stolen tools.

8/1/2004   **11:55:00 hrs.**
Location: Peters Parking Deck
Incident: Report that a Honda Accord was entered and items were stolen.

8/2/2004   **19:10:00 hrs.**
Location: Peters Parking Deck
Incident: Report that a black 1996 Jeep Cherokee was entered and items were taken.

Property damage

7/20/2004   **11:02:00 hrs.**
Location: Student Center
Incident: Report of damage caused by a water leak.

8/2/2004   **16:32:00 hrs.**
Location: MRDC 2 Building
Incident: Report of a damaged passenger door.

False alarm

8/2/2004   **19:04:00 hrs.**
Location: Graduate Living Center
Incident: Report of a false fire alarm.

Trespassing

8/2/2004   **1:32:00 hrs.**
Location: 500 Block of Strong Street
Incident: Offender arrested for criminal trespass.

Injured person

8/1/2004   **23:00:00 hrs.**
Location: Love Building
Incident: Report of an injured person transported by ambulance to Piedmond Hospital.

Information

8/2/2004   **19:10:00 hrs.**
Location: 351 Ferst Drive
Incident: Report of disorderly conduct.

8/2/2004   **21:22:00 hrs.**
Location: CCF House
Incident: Report of harassing phone calls.

Fee

However, a convenience fee for credit card use is not allowed by some credit card companies, most notably Visa. But, Hercick said, there is a differentiation made based on the channel used for the transaction. All credit card companies allow a form of a fee to be charged when a secure transaction channel other than face-to-face purchasing is used.

Still, some variation exists here, as well. Visa, for example, will only allow flat fees to be charged for online or other similar credit transactions that require secure, convenient channels (such as telephone credit card transactions). MasterCard, though, allows for any of three forms of charges: flat fees, percentage-based rates or tiered fees.

When the credit card use of the student body was examined, Hercick said, it was found that most used Visa. As such, the best viable option for charge assessment was a flat fee.

> ### "The advantage of WebCheck for Georgia Tech is it is much less costly than a credit card payment."
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> **Joel Hercick**
> AVP, Financial Services

The Office decided to assess a charge to students rather than place the burden of payment within the mandatory Technology Fee so that students could make the choice whether or not to accept the charge by paying with credit cards or other means.

"You can think of it in terms of, 'I have alternative ways to pay this,'" Hercick said.

"On the other hand, if we want the model of a Technology Fee, then it becomes a mandatory fee to all students regardless of if they make [credit card] payment," he added. "Rightfully or wrongfully, wisdom or lack of wisdom, we thought it was a fair means to provide a convenience," Hercick said.

The administration decided $25 was a fair charge (down from a $50 charge considered at one point). The decision was announced over the summer in a July 16 email entitled "Important Bursar Information." Red text on the invoice payment screen online also announced the charge, and the new availability of WebCheck.

However, the news of the fee was not mentioned until the fifth paragraph of the email, and not indicated in its subject line. In addition, many students away working for the summer or on vacation might not check their email as often as they would at school.

"I think the announcement method was insufficient since they spam us with so much useless email that when they sent out a useful email it sort of slipped through the cracks," said Daniel Cooksey, third year Aerospace Engineering major.

Hercick said the announcement came in the summer so as to allow for the change to take place for the beginning of the school year. "The beginning of the year is the optimum time to implement a change," he said.

More students used WebCheck than credit cards for fee payments this fall. According to Hercick, roughly 4,200 students' transactions were via WebCheck, as compared to 3,300 who paid by credit card.

Students also still have the options of mailing in checks, or paying in person at the Bursar's Office.

Electrical Engineering graduate student Erich Stunteveck said he understood why the charge would need to be assessed, and that WebCheck worked fine for him. "It was really convenient to use that."

Klaus construction underway

By Arcadiy Kantor
Staff Writer

The Klaus Advanced Computing Building, wedged between Fifth Street and the College of Computing, is on schedule for completion in February 2006. The building, which has faced a variety of problems that delayed construction, including land ownership issues, is one of the most ambitious construction projects in Tech's history.

The building, funded in part by a $15 million donation from alumnus Christopher W. Klaus, will house faculty of both the College of Computing and the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, facilitating improved communication and synergy between the two Institute departments.

The construction has slowed slightly in recent months, hindered by a prolonged period of rainy weather. "You can't control Mother Nature, so you have to wait til the weather dries out," said Ron Leroy, the project manager for the Klaus Building construction.

"That ... hurt us a little bit [as far as] trying to get things accomplished," Leroy said. "You can't bring your trucks into the site when there's so much water and you have to pump everything out."

The weather has led to some reshuffling of the project's schedule. "The contractors have been trying to do some other things ... on the site to catch up on other little things that we've got to do," Leroy said.

"We've put a cistern in kind of ahead of schedule," he said. "It made sense for them to do that because they have the staff to work on it."

The contractors working on the project have also been forced to use explosives to deal with significant quantities of subsurface rock. Students who attended classes in the summer felt frequent tremors in

By Ethan Trewhitt / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Demolition of the old Health Center and Old Naval Reserve this summer was followed by the start of construction of the Klaus Advanced Computing Building. Completion is set for 2006.

the College of Computing as the explosives were set off.

Using explosives is a dangerous task that requires speed and efficiency. "They have to be careful of the weather conditions... Once they put the explosive in the ground, it has to go. They can't let it just sit there," Leroy said.

Leroy's team sent out email notices and conducted meetings with faculty who would be affected by the blasts, but they still had a disruptive effect on classes in the area. "They worked through my lectures, so I sometimes got distracted," said third-year Computer Science major Daniel Pak.

The explosions have had a positive effect on the construction's progress, however. "Up on the north half end of the site, we're already down [as deep as] we need to be," Leroy said. The construction will proceed southward until the entire site is as deep as necessary for the building

New wayfinding signs aid campus navigation

By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

New wayfinding signs were added over the summer to help students and visitors alike find their way around campus.

By Joshua Cuneo
Assistant Online Editor

Returning students may notice the new directional and pedestrian wayfinding signs that cropped up all over campus this summer. These signs are the latest products of the Wayfinding Sign Project, an effort headed by Facilities to ease navigation of the campus for visitors.

"We have long known that finding your way around the campus was a bit difficult," said Bradley Satterfield, the campus architect for the Office of Facilities Design and Construction. "There was a complete lack of any good directional signage."

Installation of the signs is mapped out into three major phases. The first phase was completed this summer, in which approximately 30 of the signs were mounted around campus, including major directional signs to guide vehicular traffic into parking areas.

Most of the remaining signs will be installed during Phase 2, which begins this fall. This will include mounting 80 building identification signs and 33 pedestrian directional signs and is expected to be completed within the next year. Some follow-up infield signage and enhancement of existing street signs is also scheduled.

"For example, our consultant is preparing a traffic sign that would say that the…speed limit on this

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> **Bradley Satterfield**
> Campus architect

campus would be 25 miles per hour and also advising the driver that pedestrians always have the right of way," Satterfield said.

The project also includes plans to mount campus maps onto the currently blank Campus Directory boards, which were installed earlier

this year.

These maps will be graphically similar to this year's full-color fold-out maps, and Satterfield said he hopes to mount the first ones by next week.

In addition, the project coordinated with the Department of Parking and Transportation to provide the Stinger and Trolley route maps and parking lot identification number signs, which were installed last year.

Satterfield is also cooperating with the Midtown Association on their related wayfinding sign project in order to coordinate "the identity of Georgia Tech within the greater Midtown district."

According to Satterfield, the original driver for a wayfinding sign system came from the Master Plan studies conducted in 1997. Aside from general need, Technology Square was also a primary motivator behind the project.

"If Technology Square has good signs, then the campus itself has to have signs of similar quality," Sat-

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China

no reply. Chinese authorities did not notify American officials of the detention until August 4. According to a U.S. Embassy spokeswoman quoted by the Associated Press, the delay constituted a consular treaty violation.

In a brief meeting with American officials on August 6, and later in information provided to the *Technique*, Wang described harsh treatment by Shanghai agents of the PRC State Security police.

Wang said he was held in solitary confinement for four days. He told U.S. diplomats that he was interrogated, threatened, and, at times, deprived of water and sleep for extended periods.

His interrogators pushed him to confess to endangering state security and spying for American intelligence agencies. They also pressured him to become an informer or spy for them.

Referring to the activities of secret police, Wang said he believed that "the best way to curb their abuses and to promote China's rule of law and transparency of governing is to force more sunshine into the secretive and torturous world of the SS police; like vampires, these secret persecutions cannot survive in bright light."

Wang denied the espionage allegations his interrogators leveled against him, calling them completely phony and simply an excuse to detain him and search all of his belongings.

After pressure from the U.S. Embassy, Chinese police released Wang on August 8 and deported him. After spending time with his family, Wang returned to Tech and resumed teaching this week.

In an email to the 2004 China study abroad program participants, Wang wrote that he was returning to normal life. He said he would work to prevent similar events in the future and urged his students not to abandon their interest in China.

In 2001, four Chinese-born American academics were arrested and convicted on espionage charges before being deported.

Senate approves mid-semester drop day

By Michael Handelman
Staff Writer

[Editor's Note: This article is reprinted, with modifications, from the May 28 issue of the *Technique*.]

The Academic Senate has voted to move the last day to withdraw from class, also known as drop day, from the sixth week of the semester to the middle of the term.

At the annual meeting of the academic faculty held in late April, the Academic Senate considered proposals on grade substitution and the date for drop day.

Prior to the meeting of the Academic Senate, the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, a constituent committee of the Senate, approved the measure.

According to the meeting minutes, Paul Benkeser, chair of the Student Regulations Committee, reported to the Senate that "the [drop day] proposal deals with modification of the calendar to take better advantage of the mid-term grades for 1000- and 2000- level courses."

Benkeser also stated that "students in [introductory classes] receive a mid-term grade of either 'Satisfactory' or 'Unsatisfactory'…currently, this information becomes available…during the academic period following term's registration."

Under the new proposal, mid-term grades will be released six weeks into fall and spring semesters, two weeks prior to drop day.

Students will continue to not receive a tuition refund if they withdraw from classes early; tuition will only be refunded to students who withdraw from all classes.

According to Registrar Jo McIver, implementing the new drop day would allow "students [to] have more experience with a course when considering a withdrawal…this may reduce impulse drops following the first exam."

McIver also states that "more time would be available for the advising period. This should improve the effectiveness of persons involved in academic advising and academic support."

The Registrar's findings also suggested that academic units take advantage of a withdrawal hold, a restriction on the ability of students to withdraw from classes without the consent of the school.

This recommendation was suggested to prevent students from disrupting work groups or other team activities in classes whose coursework is predominantly in groups.

The move brings Tech into conformance with the existing policies of the University of Georgia and Georgia State University, both of which have their last day to withdraw in the midpoint of the term. However, outside of Georgia, class withdrawal procedures differ greatly.

Prior to the policy change, students who cross-registered for classes at Georgia State had to withdraw from classes by the earlier Tech drop date, instead of the later Georgia State withdrawal date.

Stanford University allows students to withdraw from a class up until 80 percent of the course has been completed; the Massachusetts Institute of Technology allows students to withdraw from classes up until 85 percent of the term has been

By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Punter Andy Thomson holds the ball for an aspiring place kicker at Football Fan Day Sunday, Aug. 15. Fans had a chance to get autographs and pictures of the football team.

Delta Chi builds new house

By Kristin Noell
Senior Staff Writer

Delta Chi is in the process of building a bigger and better house after 15 years on Tech's campus. As the fraternity has developed, it has outgrown the small house it currently uses.

"We normally have to have chapter at different locations on campus like the Instructional Center," said David Sibal, Delta Chi president.

The new house will greatly improve day-to-day activities of the fraternity, he said.

"All the rooms are going to be single rooms, which is something that the brothers wanted," Sibal said.

"We're going to have a better kitchen, a chapter/dining room, study rooms, a computer room, and everything's going to have state-of-the-art technology," he added.

The new industrial kitchen will improve the quality of the fraternity's meal plan, the chapter/dining room can accommodate chapter meetings, and many technological

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> President, Delta Chi

compatibility issues that brothers struggled with in the old house will be resolved.

"This house is really old and so

it's hard to adapt it to modern stuff," Sibal said.

The new building will house 27 more Delta Chi brothers, in addition to the seven in residence at the old house. "For the brotherhood, it's important for the guys to be able to live together to build the fraternity," Sibal said.

The two buildings will eventually be connected with a large front porch, probably by next fall. The rest of the building is scheduled for completion by spring semester.

"The plan is to finish it [in] late December, and ideally, brothers will be able to drop their stuff off before they go home for Christmas," Sibal said.

"We're not really sure if that will time out, but most definitely they will be moving in by January 1."

The move-in date comes only

Administration introduces new online interface, scatters OSCAR Web pages

By Stephen Baehl
News Editor

To the surprise of many returning students, typing in the well-known www.oscarweb.gatech.edu address to deal with the usual fee payments and registration issues will not pull up the familiar OSCAR Web main page.

In its place is the plain declaration: "The OSCAR Web site has now moved," followed by links to class schedules and transfer information; general registration information; and the Course Critique. Each is now found at its specific office's web site: **oscar.gatech.edu**, the Registrar's homepage and the SGA homepage, respectively.

"What we're trying to do is get everything on one page—on the Registrar's page," Registrar Jo McIver said, referring to all Tech student registration-related information online.

"The OSCAR Web page was out there because Banner did not provide something. That page was only supposed to be a temporary fix," added Debbie Williamson, associate registrar.

What Banner (the system students use to log in to pay fees and register for courses) lacked was a way to look up class schedules and information about them without having to log in.

As such, when it was created in 1997, OSCAR Web was also made to provide information to faculty, incoming students, and others who had no means to log in and check course schedules.

However, McIver said, "What we wrote was not real-time with the database. We were dumping from the database over to this program. So it could be an hour or two hours old, which was not a good situation if you

went up there to look to see if a class was available, and you went to register and it was probably gone."

McIver said the Registrar's office pushed to have this feature included in Banner itself in order to afford real-time information. "Finally, Banner said, 'we will write something so that you can look at the schedule of classes real-time outside of your PIN number,' " McIver said.

With regard to the new setup, third-year Aerospace Engineering major Rick Uhlman said, "The in-

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terface is improved, and linking to the respective offices is a step in the right direction." However, he noted that navigation through the different features that used to be on OSCAR Web can still be difficult.

Williamson pointed out two shortcuts not mentioned on the course look-up page to help students navigate. Once a student has selected an item within the subject code field, rather than scrolling down to, for example, Math, a student can simply type a letter to be taken directly to subjects starting with that letter. Typing "M" would then take a student directly to the math subject.

When filtering a search for course

numbers, another shortcut students can use is typing the number of the course level followed by a percent; for example, typing "6%" in the course number field would return all 6000 level classes within the subject selected. Both shortcuts are new features in the registration interface.

However, the interface still causes confusion. Students can easily get lost among the forest of links they must navigate through for registration.

"Why can't they just make it easy?" said Rebecca Guertin, a first year Architecture major.

Williamson said that on the Registrar's website are videos detailing different registration procedures. By clicking the "registration" tab on the Registrar's website, www. registrar.gatech.edu/, then the "Registration Assistance" link on the left, a student can select to see the registration videos.

Also included in the new interface is a new program currently in the beta testing stage for Fall 2004. The Curriculam Advising and Program Planning (CAPP) system acts like an automated advisor.

It can be reached from **www. oscar.gatech.edu**, under Student Records in the Student Services section (GTID login required).

The program tracks a student's major, notes its requirements, and lists what from among each requirement the student has fulfilled.

Red text will indicate a required area of a major that a student's credits to date do not fulfill.

"This is a beta testing system, so we have the students go in there and take a look at it and if they find problems, then they contact their advisor, and...we will go in and make changes accordingly," Craig Womack, assistant registrar, told the *Technique* in July.

Breaking the Bubble
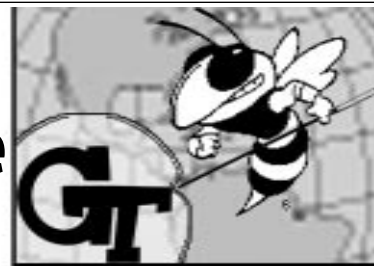
A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Below are summaries of a few of the important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

Hurricane Charley rips across Florida

Hurricane Charley tore through Florida Saturday, leaving behind a wake of lost lives, wrecked buildings and climbing damage costs. The hurricane, which strengthened to a Category 4 system just before touching land in western Florida Saturday afternoon, hit south of its expected target of Tampa, instead devastating the small retiree town of Punta Gorda. At least 16 deaths were attributed to Charley, which moved east across the Florida peninsula before cruising northward along the U.S. east coast, losing its strength and eventually dissipating Sunday. President Bush declared a federal disaster area in the state, allowing federal aid to pour into the affected areas.

Iraqi militant surrenders peacefully

The Shiite Muslim holy city of Najaf, Iraq saw the hesitant beginning of a peace process Wednesday when radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr announced he and his forces would quit their hideout at the Imam Ali mosque. The cleric has promised to disband his Mehdi Army and enter into the normal Iraqi political process after a U.S. army threat of action against his forces.

Najaf had seen an intense situation this past week in the U.S. offensive against the insurgents . Iraqi police told reporters Sunday that they must evacuate the city, an order which left embedded journalists within the U.S. military the sole media presence in Najaf. Police had earlier warned the journalists to leave in the midst of rumors of car bombings targeting journalists; when none left, the evacuation was ordered.

Dream Team receives rude awakening

The U.S. basketball "Dream Team" lost in the Olympics Sunday for the first time since the U.S. began sending NBA stars to the Olympics in 1992, halting a 24-game Olympic winning streak. Puerto Rico pulled off the upset with a deciding score of 92-73. The U.S. team, sporting such stars as San Antonio's Tim Duncan and Philadelphia's Allen Iverson, still has a strong shot at gold, however. In order to reach the quarter finals, the "Dream Team" need only finish in the top four of its six-team group.

New Beginnings

By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
Freshmen crowd the floor of the Coliseum for the traditional kick-off of their Tech careers, Freshman Convocation.

By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
Student employees rush to keep up with housing sign in during the busy move-in.
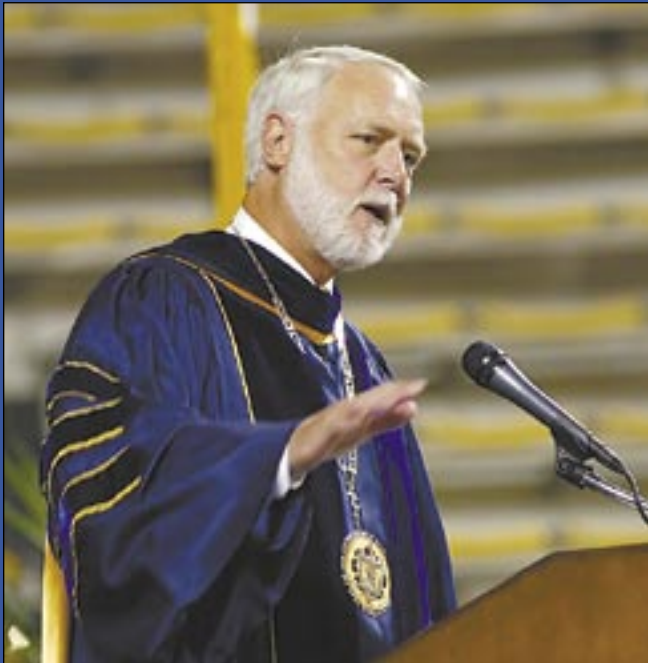
By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
President Wayne Clough addresses the freshman class.

By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
Students and parents alike worked hard through the weekend to move personal belongings.

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submit your own

I voted for myself.

William Schafer sounds like William Shatner. Sorta looks like him too.

Photo Editor Jamie Howell is Hot! what a heart breaker! haha, had to do it jamie ;)

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?!?!?

to whoever plays the trumpet over by Van Leer: you need to stop classified ads

one doesn't realize how important water is until Housing TURNS IT OFF!!!!!!

so this victoria person whose named is forever branded upon Skiles in chalk seems to have 365 birthdays a year...lucky bitch...

Boy Appreciation and Boy Scouting = BABS

I still think that Scion is the answer to the question that the automotive industry never asked.

At least it gives Toyota's marketing team something to do.

so i still haven't been on this waterslide yet.

Nor didst Thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption

come back for a masters.....nah

Thank god I am out of Tech! Have fun suckers!

New words to use and their originators (or actually, who uses the word all the time):

Asshat: Luke

Everyone needs to come to Jax Beach and visit table 69 at Lynch's on Sunday nights.

Hey how can i get to write for the paper? give some instructions, one might think you dont want new people...

Class of 08' r0x0rs!

mmm tapioca pudding

Tech is so much more pleasant when you're not taking classes.

No, you cannot write for opinions.

Increased enrollment eases student org budget woes

By Stephen Baehl
News Editor

Increased student enrollment this year has provided the funds the Student Government Association needed to keep intact the already tight student org budget passed at the end of Spring semester.

After the Board of Regents approved only $12 of the $14 requested for the Student Activity Fee, SGA was worried about the possibility of needing to resubmit an even more constrained budget.

"For every dollar of increase, we get [approximately] $30,000 dollars," Undergraduate Student Body President Amy Phuong told the *Technique* in May. "If you look at the overall picture, it's not enough," she said.

Joint Finance Committee (JFC) Chair David Andersen said the $14 was to offset the extra burden the CRC's heightened budget requirements put on the Student Activity Fee allocations.

However, fees generated from a greater enrollment than expected has changed the outlook on the budget.

"It looks like the budget is in good shape," Phuong said Monday. "The increased enrollment…is pretty much going to save us this year."

Furthermore, Phuong said, "We haven't gotten numbers for the rollovers yet from people who haven't used all their money."

Money from this source would go to Prior Year Capital Outlay and the respective graduate and undergraduate reserve accounts. These accounts are used throughout the year to fund student organizations that submit bills to SGA. Student organizations might use this method to address fiscal problems resulting from the budget SGA passed in April.

"We'll be expecting a lot of bills coming in this year," Phuong said. "More than ever, just because a lot of people did not get their money through the budget."

Phuong hopes the rollovers will provide substantial funding for the year. Last year, she said, even with budget problems, SGA enjoyed its largest capital outlay account. Phuong attributed the situation to past SGA members' planning and budgeting, and said SGA is trying to follow their example for the future, as well.

In the meantime, students in organizations that find themselves lacking the money they need are not without hope.

A planned handbook will present other options to students aside from submitting bills to draw money from Capital Outlay and the undergraduate and graduate reserves.

Phuong said the book is planned for release in late September, at the time of the President's Council retreat. With the coming Six Flags Night to organize, she said the work pressures eased by not rushing out the booklet would help SGA do the best job it could.

"David [Andersen] has done a really good job and given really good tips on how to write a bill and how to write a budget," Phuong said of the guide. The handbook will also include a database for corporate sponsorships and information on how to go through the Development Office to get funding, as well as a section offering letter-writing tips for those wishing to solicit corporate or other contributions.

In addition, SGA will take budget applications earlier this year in hopes of better budget planning. Phuong said the deadline for submissions is the fifth week of school, much earlier than last year.

Last year, the budget was brought before the SGA much later than usual due to the late appointment of a JFC chair; Phuong aims to avoid some of the same mistakes this time around.

Also, last year, some electronically submitted budget applications were lost. This year, SGA wants student organizations to submit their applications both on disk and in paper format.

Furthermore, Anderson is considering another possibility to alleviate future budget issues with regards to student organizations and the Student Activity Fee.

Andersen is researching the possibility of creating a separate fee for the CRC so that future increases in the CRC's budget demands would not spill over and affect student organizations

GREEK TO ME

By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Alpha Epsilon Pi set up a rock climbing wall to draw new pledges to their fraternity during Rush this week.

By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Theta Chi brothers enjoy a game of pool with possible pledges during Rush Week.

SLIVER

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Instead of studying, I spent the night staring at my autographed poster of Miss Texas Pete.

Hell Yea I want some Cheezy Poofs!

To the Michael Moore activist in my Prob/Stat class: stop turning around.

home park

Seriously, if Vinnie leaves "sick" again today, I'm leaving. I'm not working 6th day so he can go home.

Ms. Malcolm, you're an idiot.

It's not OSCAR anymore, it's GTWAS. GT was.. who knows?

Bursar's office charging $25 to use credit cards = usury

Anchorman was awesome! steve carell pwns.

Course Critique is the shizit!

When this sliver makes it to the 'Nique, I would have graduated. Times have changed rapidly in the four years I have been here-some for the better and some for the worse. Debate issues that matter, summer without classes is relaxing

hello S.M. from P.R.C.

I saved myself $500 and I'm parking on the streets. I figure if my car's going to get stolen anyway, might as well have $500 in my pocket and not hanging on my rearview mirror... where ever that may b

hey, so someone at the technique needs to fix the sliver box so that it can take more than, like, 50 characters

also, the em dashes on the online versions of stories look like hyphens. come on, don't do that to the em dashes. they deserve more respect than that.

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It's confirmed: in my 4 years at Tech, Summer 2004 CS1371 has been the worst ever, due to course administration

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Peter R. and John S. are the disciples of Data Marshalling.

Tell Spruill to say in Acapulco.

Why is the Sliver Box not printed on the web?

State of the art: a tour of the CRC

By Haining Yu

The newly finished Campus Recreation Center opened Monday, Aug. 16. Hundreds of Tech students swarmed the facility to check out the building's features, trying everything from the new "state of the art" cardio equipment, to the weight machines and racquetball and squash courts to the new 35 ft. climbing wall.

The CRC is just short of 300,000 sq. feet in size. 15,000 sq. feet of that space makes up the new fitness center/weight room, with roughly 190 pieces of cardio and weight equipment altogether. Each machine is brand new, and state-of-the-art technology can be found on all of the treadmills, elliptical machines and step machines; the user can channel-surf on the built-in TV screens while burning calories.

Among the other additions are four racquetball courts and one squash court, a 35 ft. indoor climbing wall, new locker rooms, and a leisure pool complete with a "lazy river" and additional lap lanes for those who wish to exert themselves. A patio is available for activities or simply for sunning, and everything is topped off with the highlight of the new pool, a 185 ft. waterslide.

With all of these changes—not to mention the immense size of the new facility—getting around can be a bit perplexing. No worries, though: a friendly service desk is available at the entrance for all members of the CRC as a "one stop shop" to get information, rent lockers, and sign up for programs. Inside the facility, signs guide users to the appropriate areas.

Access to the basketball courts and track, which are on the fourth and fifth floor, respectively, can be reached via the stairs located just past the BuzzCard entrance, or via elevators located to the right. The freight elevators used last year to access the courts and track care now locked, as is the side back entrance used last year. The fitness center/weight room, racquetball courts, squash court and climbing wall are all located one level below the entrance. Equipment

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Outdoor Recrea[...] (ORGT) is also now loc[...] its new boathouse ju[...] its kayaks, canoes an[...]

A new campus ea[...] able at H2O Café, in[...] "free zone" of the C[...] space just outside the[...] H2O Café overlooks t[...] provides healthy alte[...]

The final phase of the Campus Recreation Center was completed over the summer. New facilities that opened to students Monday included a waterslide, racquetball courts, an indoor hockey/soccer court and an expanded weight room.

Photos by Jamie Howell, Christopher Gooley and Jonathon Mehlberg / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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tion Georgia Tech ated in the CRC, with st out back housing d rafts.

ating option is avail- n what's called the RC. Located in the e Buzzcard entrance, the leisure pool and rnatives to eating on

campus, featuring smoothies, wraps and salads. Starbucks coffee can be purchased there as well. Open throughout the day, the café features a fun aqua-beach theme with employees wearing Hawaiian shirts and straw panama hats. There is even a saltwater aquarium complete with tropical fish.

The completion of the CRC adds a welcome addition to parking, as well. The garage located next to the CRC is now a permanent residential deck, adding much-needed parking space to the campus. From 5:30 to 8 a.m. and from 4:30 to 12 p.m., the deck will be available

for permitted vehicles assigned to other lots on campus. BuzzCard is required for entering and exiting, and any car not assigned to the CRC lot found inside between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. will be ticketed.

According to Mike Edwards, the director of this "much improved version of the facility," CRC construction was able to stay within budget as it expanded from the 90,000 sq. feet of usable year-round space in the Student Athletic Center (SAC) to nearly 300,000 sq. feet of usable year-round space in the newly completed CRC. Students did, however, see an increase

in the student activity fee to cover the increased operating costs needed for the larger facility.

No foreseeable large increase will be need for the future to maintain operating costs, though, Edwards said. "Not like there was, not like last time. We will begin to work on the budget for fiscal year '06 very soon with SGA."

Though new on the job, Edwards has had his share of working at Tech. For twelve years Edwards has worked in Budget and Planning, and he also managed the Aquatic Center for the Olympics in 1996. After roughly two months as director of the CRC,

Edwards knows all his staff by name and can recite all the details on the CRC with ease. His "theme" for the new facility is to have "every student to come over here and participate, be in and see the facility. Every student on campus," he said.

"Recreation means different things to different folks. We want to provide that recreation to every student, every faculty and staff member on campus. I think we have a superb building," he added, inviting everyone to "come on over and participate, or hang out in our lounging areas and have fun from the daily stresses of academics here at Georgia Tech."

New VP heads Student Affairs

By Arcadiy Kantor
Staff Writer

[Editor's Note: This article is reprinted, with modifications, from the July 9 issue of the *Technique*.]

After the retirement of Lee Wilcox, the previous Vice President of Student Affairs, last year, the administration undertook a lengthy search for a replacement. The candidate selected, William Schafer, arrived and formally started his job on campus on July 1.

"It's an incredible feeling to have this opportunity ... to come here and work with the students at Georgia Tech, who are some of the top in the country," Schafer said.

Schafer said he was excited to have started his new position. "I've been getting to know the university since late February, but it feels better being here full-time and really getting to know people," he said.

In his first few days, he has been speaking with a variety of students, faculty, and staff around campus.

"I think my first step has to be to listen to a lot of people ... about what they view as the needs and priorities of the university," Schafer said. "I'm setting up a large number of meetings with different people to get to know them."

One of Schafer's first priorities will be to get acquainted with the needs and desires of the campus.

"As a new person coming in, you've had all kinds of experiences at the other schools that you've been at, but it's really important to find out about the Georgia Tech culture, and what students are looking for from a student affairs position," he said.

Schafer has a variety of plans to implement in his new position. "I think as the Vice President of Student Affairs, you are the lead for setting the direction for many things that happen to students outside the classroom," he said.

"It's a very wide array of responsibilities."

Schafer said he hopes to build on some of his past successes by starting new programs that deal with building the leadership capabilities of students. "I think that can be very beneficial to a student while they're in school, and when they leave to pursue their interests [further] either in graduate school or in their job," he said.

He also hopes to create more social activities for students to participate in outside of classes.

"There [are] a lot of good programs in place, but I'd like to build on those and see how we can continue to strengthen those programs for students," he said.

In addition to his plans for new programs which would affect students, he hopes to have a personal impact on the student body.

"I hope [students] will feel comfortable ... talking to me, coming to get to know me, whether it's in my office or out at functions," Schafer said.

Schafer is looking forward to joining the Tech community. "That's the most enjoyable part of a job like this for me, is getting to know students and watching them grow and develop during their years at Tech," he said.

Schafer, previously the Associate Vice President and Dean of Students at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), officially accepted the position in late February.

"In these searches, it has to be a good match both ways ... the university certainly needs t find somebody who they feel is good for the position, and then you as a person applying... need to feel comfortable," he said.

William Schafer took over Lee Wilcox's old post as the head of Student Affairs this summer. Schafer said he looks forward to working with Tech students.

By Derrick Ma / Student Publications

Klaus

plans.

The building is being constructed to comply with the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards, and will be only the second building on campus to follow the guidelines.

The LEED standards outline specific requirements for environmentally-friendly features of a building, and include provisions for the use of biodegradable materials, controlling storm water runoff, and other construction tasks.

"We're trying to retain the water [on the site] so ... when we have a need for irrigation, we [can] just recycle the water," Leroy said.

"We have on the site two cisterns, which is kind of unusual on this campus." The cisterns will give the building sufficient capacity to collect and store the water generated by its AC units as well as other sources of water.

Students look forward to the completion of the building, though some only wish to see the construction come to an end. The construction has led to the closing of several sidewalks and passages, inconveniencing students who must walk around the construction to get to classes. "Construction has become an unwelcome blemish on our picturesque campus," said second-year Chemistry major Richard Kuo.

Drop

completed.

Student reaction to the drop day change has been mixed.

Andrew Howard, RHA President, said, "[Drop day] is something that the students wanted…they've been pushing for it for quite a while.

"The faculty recognized something that needed to be done and…it proves that the faculty has the students' interest in mind and is not just concerned about their own research," Howard said.

Bobby Henebry, a recent Mechanical Engineering graduate, questioned the usefulness of the move.

"Students abuse drop day, so moving it half-way in the semester doesn't help anything…[students] should spend more time preparing for the class and schedule."

"Life doesn't always give you a second chance—if you just put in the time that you are supposed to, you won't have this problem."

Henebry also felt that any benefit that some students might derive from the policy "is advantageous for the wrong group of people."

The number of students potentially affected by this policy change comprises a small percentage of Tech's students.

According to the Student Regulations Committee, four percent of undergraduate students drop their courses in a semester, double the rate of graduate students, of which two percent drop their courses. The motion to pass the drop day measure passed without any dissent in the meeting.

However, a decision about another proposal, grade substitution, which had been slated for consideration by the Academic Senate during the April meeting, was delayed pending further research.

According to the findings of the Student Regulations Committee, "The general consensus was that most faculty were indifferent [to the grade substitution policy]…of those with strong opinions on the policy, more were in favor of it than opposed to it."

This lack of consensus, in addition to a perception that student opinion on the proposed policy was split, led the committee to direct further research on the issues of retention and course-repeat outcomes.

Number of freshman women up 32 percent

By Arcadiy Kantor
Staff Writer

[Editor's Note: This article is reprinted, with modifications, from the June 25 issue of the *Technique*.]

Statistics on the freshman class released in June showed significant increases in both female and minority students. The 2004-2005 freshman class has nearly 800 women, as well as 108 Hispanic students.

The number of women admitted shows a 32 percent jump over last year's freshman class. The Hispanic population showed even stronger growth, with a 52 percent increase. Other minorities, including African-Americans and international students, each showed increases of 20.6 and 11.2 percent, respectively.

The College of Sciences will see the largest increase in the number of women taking classes in the fall. With nearly three-fourths of the incoming Biology majors being female, and an 80 percent rise in the number of new female students overall, the college can expect continued growth in the future.

Other colleges benefiting from the increase are the College of Architecture, which admitted 62 percent more women than last year, and the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, with a 20 percent rise.

Many of the majors with the worst male-to-female ratios continue to have weak female enrollment, however. The College of Computing, as well as most programs of the College of Engineering, did not see significant increases in the number of women admitted.

A significant cause of the increase in the number of admitted females may be the programs aimed at attracting middle and high school girls to careers in science and engineering, such as the Georgia Tech Futures program.

In addition to recruiting programs, Tech offers several resources for current female students. These include the Women's Resource Center (WRC), an on-campus organization that aims to make the campus environment more supportive and welcoming for women, as well as several college-specific organizations, such as Women@cc, which focuses on women pursuing Computer Science majors.

Some students welcomed increases in the female population. "I think it is good," said Electrical Engineering major Pranav Anbalagan.

Other students worried about potentially discriminatory admissions practices, however. "[It] makes me wonder if they're getting in just because they're girls," said Computer Science major Ellen Matthews.

According to Matthews, this is a common belief among some students on campus. "Walking into class as a girl, I think sometimes the guys think, 'She's just here because they're filling up their quota for girls.'"

"It's a good thing that they're getting the opportunity to come, but at the same time it puts … stereotypes on the girls who are here, no matter how they got here," she said.

The admissions office said that no preferential treatment is given to female applicants or any other minority population, explaining that the reason for the increase has more to do with females' drive. "When women are looking at college, they are looking at making a difference and an impact on the world," said Katie Faussmagne, Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admissions.

The Institute's Hispanic population, which has grown 125 percent since 2001, has also contributed to increasing diversity on campus.

Freshman Facts

MOST POPULAR MAJORS

AE (219)
ME (297)
UEC (319)
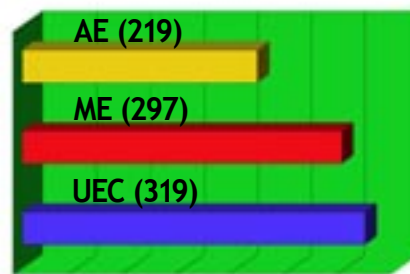
Average High School GPA: **3.72**

Average SAT score: **1334**

National Merit Finalists: **104**
National Achievement Finalists: **13**

Most popular first names
Female: Jennifer (24), Jessica (23), Ashley (18)
Male: Matthew (66), Michael (62), Andrew (61)

Most popular last names
Female: Smith (8), Kim (6), Lee (5)
Male: Lee (17), Patel (15), Smith (15)

TOP 5 FOREIGN COUNTRIES

India (54)
South Korea (13)
Pakistan (5)
Bangladesh (4)
Taiwan (4)
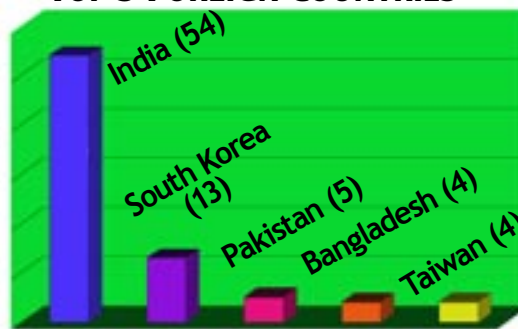
No. of Freshmen: **2,617**
Varies slightly during Phase II enrollment

Sets of twins: **6**

Freshmen with multiple legacies: **119**
Freshmen with at least one legacy: **548**

Percent female: approximately 30.5
Ratio: roughly 7 males to 3 females

WEB APPLICATIONS

Other (37%)
Online application (63%)
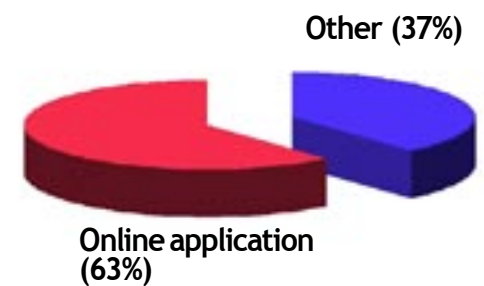
States represented: **48**
All but Wyoming and South Dakota. Students also come from D.C., Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands

High schools represented: **1039**

of 1600 SAT scores: **10**
who did it on same test: **9**
Perfect ACT scores: **1**

Who Represents You?
Undergraduate SGA representatives

Class Representatives

MEMBER-AT-LARGE:		Vacant
SENIOR:	*President*	Eleanor Baccay
		Stephanie Bent
		Thomas Johnson
JUNIOR:	*President*	Andrew Howard
		Paul Myrne
		Sherard Chiu
		Kevin Sinha
SOPHOMORE:	*President*	Tiffany Schoen-hoff
		Saira Amir
		Micah Lucas
		Joseph McCleod
FRESHMAN:	*President*	Patrick Cook
		Ashley Elleby
		Brianna Ford
		Richard Wright

Major Representatives

AE:	Heidi Anderson
	Daniel Hegeman
ARCITECTURE:	Marian Alicea
	James Holder
ATHLETIC ASSOC.:	Vacant
BIOLOGY:	Aaron Bolduc
BME:	Augustin Luna
CHEME:	Robert Eads
CHEMISTRY:	Vacant
CIVIL ENG:	Robert Blackman

Major Representatives (cont.)

CS:	Roland Alberciak
	Adam Edwards
	Daniel Peck
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ECON:	Vacant
ECE:	Sarah Hancock
	Sidhant Jena
	Chris Moore
	June Zhang
HTS:	Vacant
ISyE:	Katherine Kearns
	Matt Ridley
INTA:	Rafael Corrales
MGT:	Cristina Baccay
	Danny Kenyon
	Matt Swanburg
MSE:	Matthew Taylor
MATH:	Vacant
ME:	Cleveland Fann
	Alexander Michaud
	Joey Sanchez
MODLANG:	Vacant
PHYSICS:	Vacant
PSYCH:	Vacant
PUBP:	Alex Suarez
STAC:	Vacant

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EXECUTIVE VP:	Lamar Stewart
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VP ADMIN. AFFAIRS:	Matt Ridley
VP CAMPUS AFFAIRS:	Tiffany Turner
VP FINANCE:	David Andersen
SECRETARY:	Vacant
TREASURER:	Vacant

More Information:

To get involved in the Undergraduate House of Representatives, in Undergraduate Student Government, or to contact your student government representative, visit the SGA homepage at: **sga.gatech.edu**. You can also contact your representative by email or telephone.

Undergraduate House meetings are open to the student body. Representatives meet weekly beginning Tuesday, August 24, in room 117 of the Student Services Building at 7:30 p.m.

Some positions remain vacant. If you are interested in a position as a representative for one of these departments, please contact the SGA office in the new Student Involvement Area in the Student Center Commons.

The *Technique* provides weekly reports on the proceedings of SGA meetings including lists of bills passed.

And You?

Graduate SGA representatives

Senators*

BIOLOGY:	Karen Sankovich
CHEM-BIO ENG:	Adam Brancato
CHEME:	Anshul Dubery
	Prashant Jain
	Jay Stockard
	Deepali Palta
	Priyanka Rohatgi
ECE:	Nicolas Autret
	Collin Brown
	Eric Clopper
	Sankalp Gaur
	Michael Holmes
	Mark Hooper
	Deepak Jahagirdar
	Alan Michaels
	Apurva Mody
ISyE:	Hemir Doshi
	Karen Feigh
	Ramakrishna Thiruveedhi
INTA:	James Barnes
	Adhil Shetty
ME:	Brooke Bunzmann
	Andy DeMaio
PHYSICS:	Ed Greco
	Neeraj Kothari
PUBP:	Lisa Brown
	Abigail Waite
TEXT. ENG:	Jianghong Liang

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COORDINATOR:	Vacant

More Information

The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) is the legislative body of the Graduate Student Government (GSG). GSS has input into the annual SGA budget. GSS meetings are held every Tuesday at 11 a.m. in room 117 of the Student Services Building. Senators are elected during the fall semester.

*Due to the fall elections of senators, many positions within the Graduate Student Senate are currently vacant. These positions have not been listed, but information on what positions are available can be found at the Student Government Association Website, **sga.gatech.edu**. Follow the link on the left to the graduate portion of the legislative branch.

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The undergraduate SGA executive officers, from left to right: David Andersen, Krista Hollingsworth, Amy Phuong, Lamar Stewart, Matt Ridley and Tiffany Turner.

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Some of the graduate SGA executive officers: President Kasi David and Executive Vice President Lisa Brown.

Freshmen

"When the size of the freshman class came in big, we had to look at where we could be able to accommodate people," Morrison said. Housing moved roughly 100 sophomores from the traditional dorms to Hemphill Apartments, normally a graduate student dorm, and about 150 transfer undergrads to the Graduate Living Center, also a normally graduate-only residence.

By doing this, Morrison said, "We were able to take spaces that were normally traditionals for sophomores, like Hanson, Hefner, Hopkins, and put freshmen in there."

Even after all of the shuffling in housing, about forty freshmen were left without accommodations. These were freshmen who had missed the May 1 deadline, but "just barely," said Morrison. "They clearly wanted to be here, and we wanted to find a way to house them."

Thus, 40 potential living areas were identified as "flex spaces." With the exception of one living space, all of the lounges chosen were in fact former rooms themselves and were merely re-converted to their previous state to house two to four students. According to Morrison, they are the "same as the room next door. Same set of furniture, Ethernet, cable, etc." The only noticeable difference might be a different wall color, or style of door.

"Everybody at first really reacted, as you would, too, until we really were able to reassure them that they have the same set up," Morrison siad. "Once they saw that, I think people were a lot more relaxed about it."

Two males in Smith Residence Hall were added into rooms that have been converted from a two-person room to a three-person room.

The one exception is a former kitchen lounge in Smith Hall that was converted to house six.

"It does have a few benefits," said Val Tocitu, one of the residents in Smith 300, citing a larger living space as a big plus. According to Morrison, the space is able to house even 10 people comfortably. And as for living with five new roommates, Tocitu said, "it would have been the same in another dorm room, only the number is different."

Derek Mims, a Biomedical Engineering major, said he was satisfied with the living situation. "The only downside is the string of alarm clocks that go off in the morning," he said. "The full kitchen is really nice," he added.

"It's better than other dorms in this building," added one of Mims' other roommates while eating a late dinner in the kitchen.

36 people are living in lounges, with 24 men and 14 women housed in flex spaces. With Monday, Aug. 16, as the no-show date for housing, Morrison said he hoped spaces would open up for those students to move elsewhere.

"We'll probably have seven or eight people who don't show," he said. It was not expected for Housing to get more than 38 cancellations, however, so most of those students will expect to live in their flex space until the end of fall semester.

At that time, people may leave for co-op jobs, graduate or drop out of school. "We always have about three 300 openings in spring semester," Morrison said, and it is likely that the students will be moved out of flex housing.

The only other students impacted are older students who missed the May 1 deadline, mostly graduate students.

"New graduate students coming in late in the summer simply were not going to find a place to live at Tech," Morrison said. However, he added, "Most graduate students have at least a little bit more life skills to live off campus."

The Department of Housing is also discussing the possibility of adding buildings to the Freshmen Experience program. But Morrison said doing so would end up being inconvenient for everyone, especially those who work for Housing.

"We're waiting to see if the Institute plans to permanently expand the freshman class size by a couple hundred, then we'll make that decision," Morrison said.

But because rising sophomores are guaranteed on-campus housing, "a big freshman class becomes a big sophomore class, which means that next year fewer juniors and seniors will be able to get a space on campus."

"We have to get ready for the ripple effect. Everything that's people-specific is going to feel a little more crowded this year. The bookstore can order more books, the dining hall can make more food, but I can't manufacture more housing," Morrison said.

The last time flex housing was used was in 1998, when a similar unexpected increase in the incoming class occurred. That year, 100 beds were actually rented from the Georgia State facilities across the street.

Come to the Photo staff meetings ... Thursday at 6 p.m. in Room 137 of the Flag Building

Signs

terfield said.

The project in its present form has been in discussion since 2000, but the signs themselves did not actually start appearing on campus until last year. This is mostly due to the months-long process in developing them.

The actual manufacture and installation of the signs is preceded by meetings to assure that the graphical information, design, timeline to issue contract documents and approve the graphics manufacturer, and other administrative details are all correct.

Once the signs are ready for installation, the site must first be inspected for any intruding underground utilities.

"It's a long process, considering the scale of the project," Satterfield said. "It's hundreds of signs, eventually, and they all need to be coordinated and look similar."

The signs range in value from $200 to $3,000, which includes the manufacturing cost and other related services. The administration provides the financial support to offset these costs from endowment funds.

The project has also incurred additional expense due to scattered incidences of theft and vandalism.

"The signs were attractive and sought after as souvenirs, and many left the campus with the students at the end of the spring semester," said Satterfield, referring to the signs and

maps that were installed in the spring of last year. "We hope to have the Stinger and Trolley signs restored in about two weeks at a cost of several thousand dollars."

He added that there are plans to install the new signs with more tamper-resistant fittings.

Students who have noticed the signs hope to see further improvements in the future.

"They could be a little more visible, [although] you can't really say that they are done with the design

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>
> ### Bradley Satterfield
> Campus architect

of them," said Jessica Walden, a first-year Industrial Engineering graduate student.

"The most help would be more signage for vehicles," added Erik Kline, a fourth-year Computer Science major.

"I see visitors driving around, apparently lost [and] trying to figure out where to park," he said.

Satterfield, however, is already citing positive feedback from visitors.

"We've had some nice compliments that people appreciate the signs and have found them helpful, and I'm grateful for those comments," he said.

Some returning students have also noticed the signs and applauded the project's efforts.

"Most people who aren't familiar with the…campus terminology would have no idea what 'West Campus', 'Technology Square', or other commonly known places are or how to get there," said Anna Clesson, a second-year Undecided Engineering major.

Some have even observed the benefits of the new system.

"I am usually approached by a non-student person, and I haven't been lately, so maybe the signs are having an impact," said Jacqueline Jones, a fourth-year Industrial Engineering major.

The signs may also prove to be advantageous for students, however, especially for entering freshmen. Some upperclassmen remembered the confusion of trying to navigate the Tech campus their freshman year.

"I'd say that the signs are most useful for new freshmen and parents … but I can remember times when they would have been useful," said Ben Spivey, a fourth-year Mechanical Engineering major.

"Coming from a small town, even learning Tech's campus was overwhelming for me," Walden added. "Those first few weeks were super confusing, and I kept getting turned around a lot."

Delta Chi

about six months after the June 26 groundbreaking ceremony.

"On that weekend, we had all the alumni come back, and a bunch of brothers were here, and there were speeches and thank-yous and…since then it's just been going on like crazy," Sibal said.

"The new house is important for us as a next step in the fraternity. It's a big step," Sibal said.

"Fifteen years we've been in existence here at Georgia Tech; and to be able to build a house like that in that short of time is a big accomplishment for us," he added.

Sibal said they had to work very closely with Georgia Tech in making sure they could lease the land. Delta Sigma Theta used to have a house there and it was torn down; since then, the space has just been a bare lot.

Although Tech has rights to the property, it was his understanding that it was planned to be in the Greek sector. Eventually Delta Sigma Theta got Phi Mu's old house when Phi Mu built their new one, so they no longer needed the land. Delta Chi then looked into absorbing it.

Raising money for the house involved "a lot of person-to-person" type fundraising. Keith Shriver led the fundraising effort, which grossed over $150,000.

"We did do some fundraising on our own, like working football and baseball games, Sibal said. "That's money, but that's not big money,

and a lot of big money came from alumni. It's been good to have the support of people like Keith Shriver and Mike Carroll who've been here since day one and seen the fraternity develop."

"We have a great alumni group," he added. Their housing corporation has Delta Chi alumni who are architects, businessmen and project managers.

"The guy actually working on the house right now, Mr. David Drews, is…the construction manager and his company helped out a lot in getting this thing off the ground. He was actually recognized by Delta Chi nationally with a Meritorious Service Award for all the work he's done," Sibal said.

Delta Chi had more than just one man involved in getting the project successfully off the ground, however.

Sibal believes that the recognition the Tech chapter of Delta Chi has enjoyed at a national level has played a significant part in the development of the project.

In 14 years, the fraternity has won a total of 10 President's Cups, the highest award for Delta Chi nationally.

In addition, the brothers won the North American Interfraternity Conference Award of Distinction last year, which is awarded to the top five out of 8,000 chapters of various fraternities.

"We were very proud of that. That success really helps when you're trying to fundraise and speak to alumni and all that," Sibal said.