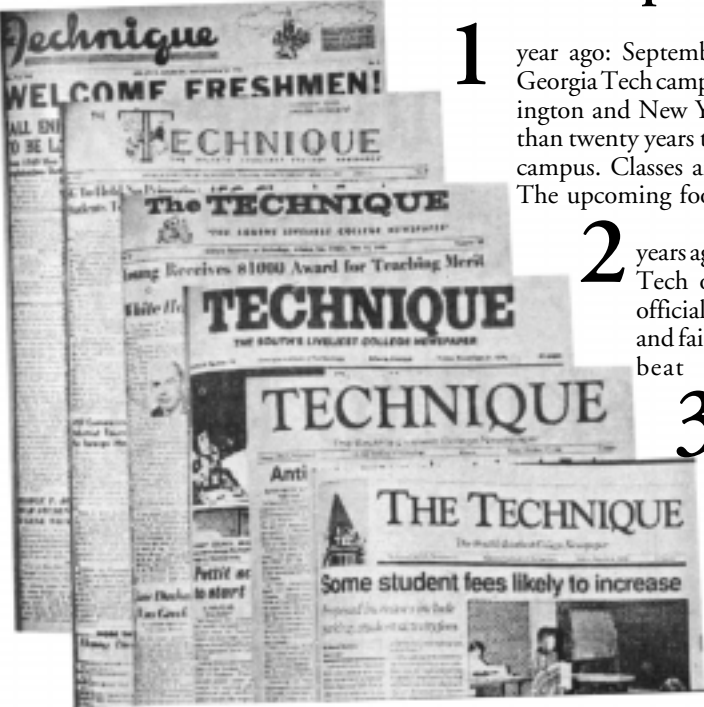


From the archives...

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1 year ago: September 14, 2001—President Clough closed Georgia Tech campus following the terrorist attacks on Washington and New York. This marked the first time in more than twenty years that a non-weather related incident closed campus. Classes and activities resumed the following day. The upcoming football game against FSU was postponed.

2 years ago: September 15, 2000—Attorneys asked Tech officials to ban access to Napster. Tech officials met to consider their request. Tech tried and failed to overcome FSU. They did manage to beat the point spread by 17 points.

3 years ago: September 17, 1999—The InterFraternity Council passed a new alcohol policy that was supposed to get tough on underage drinking by giving wristbands to party-goers 21 or older. Top-ranked FSU defeated the Yellow Jackets 41-35 in Tallahassee. Joe Hamilton completed 22 of 25 passes for 387 yards and a total of four touchdowns.

New Chancellor visits Tech

By Tony Kluemper
News Editor

Making his first visit to Tech since being appointed chancellor of the Board of Regents, William Meredith was on campus Thursday, Sept. 5 to meet with students, faculty and administration. Meredith, who was inaugurated as chancellor in June, replaced Stephen Portch, who served in the position for seven years.

Prior to taking the position as chancellor of the Georgia Board of Regents, Meredith served in a similar capacity for the state of Alabama. While serving for five years in that position, he was responsible for three doctoral research universities, which have a combined enrollment of 40,000 students, 17,000 employees, and an annual budget of \$1.8 billion.

Although the new chancellor resides in Atlanta, he has been unable to make a visit to Tech during the summer.

Before the meeting with members of the Tech community, Meredith was able to tour campus, including many of Tech's newest projects such as the Technology Square Project and the nearly completed Environmental, Science, and Technology Building.

Meredith was also able to view the first phase of renovations on Bobby Dodd stadium that were completed earlier this month. In addition, he was given an up-close introduction to one of Tech's oldest mascots, the Ramblin' Wreck. The viewing was led by members of the Reck club.

The introduction to campus was followed by a ceremony that gathered members of the Tech community to meet Meredith.

Next week's poll on Atlantic Station

This week's poll is related to the new Atlantic Station. What part of the development are you most looking forward to? Tell us what you think at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique.

OIT Open House October 8-10

OIT will host an open house for the faculty and student body October 8-10. All events will be held in the Rich building.

The event, which features the theme "Information Technologies: Partnering for Progress," will include displays, information sessions and workshops about Customer Support Services, Information Security, and Instructional Technologies.

OIT will also be giving tours of the new Library West Commons multimedia center which opened last month.

Women's Union to remember Sanger

The Women's Student Union will host an event on Saturday, September 14 to celebrate the birthday of Margaret Sanger.

Sanger was one of the nation's earliest birth control advocates. Professor Andrea Tone, a member of the History, Technology and Society faculty, will give a lecture about the history of birth control methods in our society and how birth control has impacted women's lives.

The event will take place at 7 p.m. in the Clary Success Center theater and free birthday cake will be provided.

Wellness Center to discuss alcohol use

The Tech Wellness Center will present "What's to Lose?," a program dedicated to the dangers of alcohol use, on Skiles walkway next Thursday, Sept 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event will focus on the adverse affects of drinking use relating to all areas of life. The center encourages all to stop by to learn more about the problem.

Tech remembers September 11

By Madhu Adiga
Senior Staff Writer

Tuesday members of the Tech community took time to honor the memories of individuals killed in last year's Sept. 11 terrorist attacks through a variety of means.

The U. S. Congress and Georgia Governor Roy Barnes declared Wednesday, the one-year anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, Patriot Day, and all flags were flown at half mast.

At 8:46 a.m., the moment when the first plane hit the World Trade Center last year, Georgia Tech's campus whistle blew three times, and again at 10:29, when the north tower collapsed. Both occasions were followed by a moment of silence. The whistle was blown in honor of the three Tech alumni who died as a result of the attacks.

At noon, students, faculty, and staff gathered at the Campanile just as they had a year ago for a remembrance ceremony. The Georgia Tech Marching Band and Chorale led those who attended in the "Star Spangled Banner," and Undergraduate Student Government President Tiffany Massey led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In her opening remarks, Massey recognized the Atlanta and Georgia Tech Police Departments the Atlanta Fire Department, and the military personnel in attendance for their role as community leaders in a time of tragedy. Those students and faculty who spoke at last year's me-



By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

On Wednesday members of the Tech community gathered at the Campanile plaza for the September 11 remembrance ceremony. President Clough, seen above with an Atlanta fire fighter, spoke at the event.

morial service returned this year to share their perspectives. Military retirees, veterans, active duty members, and representatives from ROTC were in attendance.

After Massey's opening remarks, President Wayne Clough offered words of hope as well as a personal account of the tragedy. He spoke of

flying to New York City with his family shortly after the attacks and how strongly it affected him when the plane flew over Ground Zero.

"We gather here today to shape our shared remembrance, but also to move together towards hope and

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Hackers compromise Tech computer system

By Tony Klumper
News Editor

Although the majority of students may not realize the problem exists, the Office of Information Technology (OIT) announced earlier this week that there has been a recent increases in the number of external probes into Tech computing systems.

OIT announced the problem to the student body in a mass email Tuesday. According to the announcement, since Sept. 6 over 100 computers on systems throughout the campus have been compromised.

The hackers have attacked by placing programs into the system that are designed to cause a breakdown by not allowing access to Tech computing resources.

Officials at OIT are not worried about important Tech data being compromised by the attacks, but they do warn that these programs could lead to Tech's involvement in a much wider, more far-reaching attack.

John Mullins, the Chief Information Officer of OIT, pointed out that certain computer users are at

greater risk than others. "Windows computers are the primary victims of these attacks," said Mullins.

OIT is currently working to find a solution to the problem. "No one here at GT, the vendor or the internet security community is yet certain how these attacks are propagated from one system to another," said Mullins.

However, Mullins reports that progress is being made. "We are

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OIT Chief Information Officer

working with Microsoft and other information security organizations to develop the appropriate software fix," said Mullins.

Until that fix is introduced, OIT has been working to find ways to prevent future attacks. According to Mullins, OIT has already blocked off-campus access to some applications. "We believe two heavily used applications, Secured-Windows based Filesharing and Internet Relay chat, are being exploited," said Mullins.

"These applications are currently the source of a large number of system compromises that allow off-campus hackers to remotely control affected GT systems."

Council Clippings Senate and House

SGA assistant warns House against use of financial slate

By Daniel Amick
Senior Staff Writer

Maybe everyone had gotten a little more sleep. Maybe there was something in the air. But whatever the reason, the tension and high emotions of last week's Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) meeting seemed to evaporate Tuesday night.

ECE Representative Bill Asher was in attendance. At one point, he made an impromptu announcement to the House that he had not, in fact, resigned.

Moving swiftly through the few bills before them, members seemed determined to put the recent debate over slate voting behind them. But the controversial issue still managed to insert itself into the meeting. SGA Administrative Assistant Georgia Braxton, who has worked with student government at Tech for 15 years, addressed the UHR as a special guest.

She expressed concern over the concept of a slate, encouraging representatives to "reconsider the special rules of order" that implemented the new voting procedure.

"The House has limited its own power," said Braxton. "Listen to me closely. Each of you are giving up your power to control [a budget of] \$2.5 million."

Braxton's remarks received prolonged applause by a small number



By Miki Tornabene / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

House members say the pledge at last week's meeting. Next week UHR will discuss increasing the student availability of the Ferst Center as part of the new format under which meetings center around campus issues.

of those in attendance, but there was no further discussion of the topic.

The real focus of Tuesday's meeting was UHR's upcoming issue meeting next week. Issue meetings bring a specific topic, like enhanc-

ing academic integrity or improving music facilities, before the entire House, a so-called Committee of the Whole, for discussion. Executive Vice President Nate Watson described how small teams will be

assigned to "research, research, research" an issue beforehand, examining every aspect of the problem in detail.

SGA is planning a massive Public Relations campaign to promote the meetings and encourage student involvement.

The first issue meeting will take place next Tuesday. The issue for discussion will deal with ways to improve Ferst Center accessibility for students. Persons "with something at stake," said Watson, will be invited. Anyone wanting to participate in the discussion can attend.

Another topic before the House was Ramblin' Nights. Dean of Students Gail DiSabatino reported that the first Ramblin' Night was a success, with "well over 525 students" attending. She could not be sure of the exact number because many attendees didn't bother swiping their Buzzcards.

In her weekly report to the UHR, SGA President Tiffany Massey announced that a new portal on the SGA website would be set up to deal with Dead Week conflicts. If students have a specific problem with any department's Dead Week policy, they can submit their complaints through the website. Massey expressed hope that these improvements will provide an "orderly means" of dealing with any problem.

The UHR's old business was al-

most an afterthought. A joint allocation to the Georgia Tech Student Chapter of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics was again referred to the Joint Finance Committee for review.

The House also discussed three nomination bills. The nominee for Advocate General, Public Policy Representative Mike Handelman, was approved by unanimous acclamation, as was the nominee for the Student Grievances and Appeals position of the Institute Committee, Elizabeth Webster. Another appointment bill was moved out of new business and into old business. They considered and approved by unanimous commission Matt Dart and Naveen Dittakavi for Institute committees.

Before adjourning, Nate Watson took the time to acknowledge the work of Textile Representative Joey Woodall and Public Policy representative Mike Handelman, who, he said, were models of what a UHR member should be. Both hold office hours to stay in constant contact with their constituents.

"Anyone wanting to know how to be a better representative should talk to these two guys," said Watson.

He concluded by saying that many people had told him that this was the best group of UHR representatives they had seen and "I know we're going to do great things."

Tech's finest discover renewed vision New duties for GTPD

By *Sriram Narasimhan*
Senior Staff Writer

Before the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the simplest of mistakes made by any police officer could often be met with a slew of criticisms or insults by a frustrated or infuriated public, usually to the effect of "a lack of good service."

On that tragic day one year ago, however, as members of the New York Police Department and the Fire Department of New York instantly became American heroes, this seemingly futile anger turned into a long-term praising and reverence for our officers, including a much stronger and more able Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD).

The role of the GTPD has always been to provide any services needed to protect the life and property of Tech, in addition to ensuring that everyone adheres to all campus, state and federal regulations.

In the case of a campus-wide emergency, such as the one on 9/11, different phases of the Emergency Mobilization Plan go into effect to adequately provide greater resources for the Tech community.

During the terrorist attacks, much of campus closed

down, while the GTPD's active officers went from eight-hour to twelve-hour shifts. Of particular importance was the protection of the Neely Research Center. Although its nuclear reactor is decommissioned, the center still currently contains some radioactive material.

In the months following the attacks, the campus received quite a few anthrax scares, but fortunately none of these ever tested positive. "I can't think of any direct attack against Georgia Tech in the last year," said Patrick Wypasek, Patrol Captain and Interim Chief of the GTPD.

The less conspicuous of the GTPD's virtual watchdogs around campus kept a close eye over any possible racial or religious tensions that were created by the attacks. There were very few reported incidents.

"[The department] trains folks in cultural diversity regardless of the effects of 9/11," said Wypasek.

The GTPD is encouraged by the fact that more resources are available without increasing delay. The recently created Department of Homeland Security as well as the Fulton County Homeland Task Force keeps officers more informed of events in other law enforcement agencies.

One Year Later: A Campus Reflects



By Charles Frey/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students look at the Sept. 11 tapestry made on Wednesday. The attacks caused changes in many campus organizations.

The ability of the GTPD to perform has certainly increased in the last year, and officers are more motivated to not allow their level of vigilance to falter.

"I think the support is there and it did increase as a community. People were less lenient to tell us if we were wrong. But we still encourage criticism we still look at the service to see if we did something wrong. Tensions are certainly less aggravated," said Wypasek.

By *Sriram Narasimhan*
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Immediately following the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., thousands of Muslim and Arab students across the country had fears that most Americans unfamiliar with the Islamic faith and Arabic culture would harbor a false impression of their philosophies. Over the past year, two Tech organizations have responded to these fears by providing

Muslim and Arabs feel effects

Diversity awareness up

counseling to their members as well as socially interacting with and educating the general public.

The primary roles of both the Muslim Student Association (MSA) and the Arab Student Organization (ASO) on campus have always remained the same: they are designed to bring students of the Islamic faith and the Arabic students under common hoods. After September 11, however, both groups increasingly stepped up efforts to increase awareness about their religion and culture.

"We are blessed with a diverse community at Georgia Tech. People respect others' beliefs," said Amil Haque, the MSA president.

"But in order to better understand other religions, the different organizations on campus will have to open up to each other and hold joint events."

Over the past year the MSA has done exactly that, holding events such as weekly informational tables where significant questions are answered, an Islamic Awareness Week, a September 11 community forum and various Islamic literature distribution sites. This academic year will receive no less attention. The introductory class on Islam will begin again every Wednes-

day night starting on September 18, and in addition, the student organization will soon host an interfaith panel.

The more culturally driven ASO will also continue to sponsor Tech community events, and will be featured in CultureFest later this year. Zahi Karam, the ASO president, felt that the cosmopolitan nature of Georgia Tech helped ease tensions between the Arabic student populations and other cultures.

"We were fortunate that the actions of a few didn't portray the whole culture," said Karam.

Both groups were also comforted by the administration, which contacted the organizations' officers to ensure that students of other cultures and religious faiths had not made any personal attacks against the members.

Muslim and Arabic students, as a result, feel more committed than ever before to bring out the qualities of their respective religion and culture to other students.

"More people are now aware about the principals for which Islam stands, such as peace, love, equality, and justice," said Haque. "There are still ignorant people out there who breed hatred, but God willing, the situation will improve."

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healing," said Clough. He also echoed Massey in recognizing the members of the police and fire departments and the military for their "heroism and sacrifice," and mentioned in particular the prompt response of the Atlanta and Georgia Tech Police Departments to the white powder incidents on campus shortly after the attacks.

Following Clough's remarks were words of advice from Richard Barke, Associate Dean of the Ivan Allen College. "These events are not to weaken our virtues, but to elevate them," he said. He spoke of the two challenges we face as a community.

"In a way, globalization has been beneficial, but it has also brought the pain of others to our doorstep. As we learned from the attacks, there is no such thing as a way to combine cultures and civilizations...we belong to a community of nations; the community of nations does not belong to us," said Barke. He also challenged the attendees to remember the "smoke-filled stairwells all over the world" and do their part to "rescue our fellow human beings."

Salman Mian, an Arab-American Industrial Engineering undergraduate who spoke at last year's ceremony, followed Barke. He opened with a quote from a Greek writer, "In our sleep, pain which cannot forget falls on our heart, drop by drop...until a growing wisdom prevails." Drawing from his deep faith in the Muslim religion, Mian offered a message of love, tolerance, and mercy. "The call for love, justice, and hope is one shared by people of all faiths," he said.

Student Affairs Staff member Donna Sammander followed with a challenge to stop the violence. "In the days following the attack, I kept

worrying that people would not separate people from Afghanistan from the Taliban," she said. Quoting both Muslim scriptures and Bible verses, Sammander urged everyone to act with kindness and turn the other cheek. "To do so is to declare that the violence stops here, with you," she said.

Alan Michaels, Graduate Student Body President then spoke, quoting Abraham Lincoln's famous Gettysburg Address. The Band and Chorale closed the program with "America The Beautiful."

"I especially liked the opportunity for community to gather and pay respect and get a word of hope," said Bob Evans, campus minister for the Baptist Student Union.

Also part of Wednesday's events was a gallery open in the Ferst Center for the Arts from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for quiet reflection and prayer. A pamphlet of prayers of the world relevant to the sentiments stirred by the September 11 events was compiled by some of Tech's campus religious organizations and available in the reflection room.

Also featured was a book of reflections on September 11 by numerous American writers. Steve Fazenbaker, campus minister for the Wesley Foundation, developed the idea for a reflection room, and the event was organized by the Interfaith Council.

On Skiles walkway, students had the opportunity to paint a square canvas with their reflections, which were assembled into a tapestry as Georgia Tech's permanent memorial to commemorate the day. Some students chose to make images of red, white and blue, while others depicted the New York skyline, along with many other artistic expressions.

In addition, MOVE, Georgia Tech's community service office,

held a blood drive last week in honor of the September 11 victims.

"This is the first year in a while that we've had a blood drive in September, and the student support was overwhelming," said David Prophitt, Community Service Advisor. The blood drive drew 434 people in all.

Overall, student response to the September 11 commemorative events was positive. "A year ago, I asked students, faculty, and staff to rise above resentment...I am proud of the way all of you responded to that call," said Clough in his address at the Campanile.

"I think it's great to see that this

many people are still concerned about what happened. I remember seeing a lot of people crying at the ceremony last year, and the fact that that didn't happen so much this year is a good sign that people are starting to move on and heal from this," said electrical engineering junior Randall McElroy.