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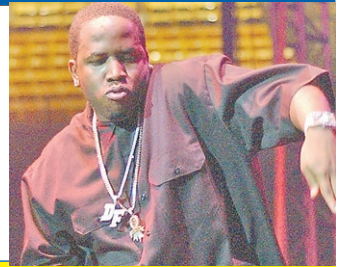
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Graab wins presidency, Byrne nabs VP

SGA announces election results for officers, representatives

By James Stephenson
Staff Writer

Student Government Association (SGA) elections closed Wednesday, and the foundation has been laid for next year's student government.

Alison Graab won the presidency, while Paul Byrne was elected as executive vice president.

"I'm just very excited," Graab said. "It's an honor. I would like to thank everyone for voting."

Graab won the presidency by a narrow margin with 50.8 percent of the vote, or 1,736 votes, in her favor. Only 28 votes kept her out of a run-off with Patrick Cook, who received 1,211 of the votes. Richard Wright and Will Ferguson received 245 and 224 votes respectively.

Byrne won the vice-presi-



By Matt Bishop/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS



By Jamie Howell/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Alison Graab (left) was elected undergraduate student body president and Paul Byrne (right) was elected undergraduate executive vice president. Results were announced Wednesday.

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OIT installs new telecom. system

By Ranganath Venkataraman
Staff Writer

Every building on campus will be integrated into a new telecommunications system by the end of December as part of a new Office of Information Technology (OIT) initiative. The project aims to improve upon the current technology and allow the system to be more easily updated in the future.

"Starting sometime this summer we will start to install equipment in buildings around campus," said Sam Rundles, the project director for OIT.

In addition to replacing the existing telephone services, the change will allow the system to be upgraded more easily in the future.

"We will have a platform that will allow us to utilize all the nuances that are being developed today," Rundles said.

According to John Mullin, associate vice provost of Information Technology, the changes implemented would not be immediately visible to students. "The

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Swant assumes new duties, title

Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning Steven Swant will assume additional duties as Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance Robert Thompson's deputy. To reflect these additional responsibilities, Swant's title will be changed to Vice President for Administration and Finance, while continuing to lead and direct the Office of Budget and Planning.

Assembly funds building projects

The 2006 session of the Georgia General Assembly allocated funds for two major building projects on campus. Tech received \$38 million in bonds to construct the Nanotechnology Research Center Building and \$4.9 million in bonds to renovate the Old Civil Engineering Building. Both projects were a top priority in the Assembly's budget.

Additionally, the Assembly was able to create and fund new programs that will be beneficial to the University System of Ga. as a whole. The budget includes an average four percent salary increase for University System faculty and staff. The increases will take effect January 1, 2007.

When whistle blows ceremony April 21

Attend the annual "When the Whistle Blows" ceremony at 6 p.m. April 21 and honor the memory of those who have passed away over the past year at the annual ceremony. The event takes place on the Tech Tower lawn.

Klaus construction continues through fall

By James Stephenson
Staff Writer

Due to a four month extension of the construction deadline, the Klaus Computing Building will not be open for classes fall semester.

"The extended date was mutually agreed upon by all parties," said Ron Leroy, a Facilities project manager. "[Tech] reluctantly agreed to the extension."

The original completion date for the Klaus Computing Building was April 17, but was extended to August 21 after delays slowed the project's progress.

"A lot of different things [caused the extension]," Leroy said. "The issue is very sensitive around the site and around campus because many people in the Tech community wanted to use that building for the

fall semester."

Even though the building construction will be completed in August, the building will not be open for use until October.

"On Aug. 25, the original extended deadline, the building will begin being loaded with furniture and that will continue until Sept. 29," Leroy said. "During this time, the Audio/Visual and Distance Learning people will be installing equipment in the classrooms."

According to Leroy, users can begin to occupy the building Oct. 2.

"Initially, it will just be administration offices that will be used

because the classrooms will not have any classes scheduled in them," Leroy said. "Fall classes will not be scheduled for the building."

"Activities may be scheduled for the spaces during the fall, but the logistics of moving a class in the middle of the semester into the building are too complicated to make it plausible," Leroy said.

According to Leroy, the building will have a lot of vacant space even after the initial users occupy the building. Leroy anticipates the space being used in some form or fashion.

"When you have that amount

of space, someone will use it, but it won't be officially scheduled," Leroy said.

The building will be primarily used by the College of Computing; the College of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Auxiliary Services, which includes Parking and Transportation.

"There will also be a component of the building that will be for campus use," Leroy said. "There will be a 200 seat auditorium and other classroom space."

The set deadline is official. The building construction must be completed at that time, and no further delays are foreseen.

"We are meeting on a bi-monthly basis to discuss scheduling and to make sure everything is on track,"

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ADF files free speech lawsuit against Tech

By Amanda Dugan
News Editor

The Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) filed a lawsuit March 16 on behalf of two current students against Institute officials claiming that their First Amendment right to free speech has been violated. ADF, a national Christian legal defense fund, filed the suit on behalf of Ruth Malhotra, a fourth-year Public Policy major, and Orit Sklar, a third-year Civil Engineering major.

The following administrators were named as defendants in the suit: Institute President Wayne Clough; Gail DiSabatino, former Dean of

Students; Danielle McDonald, assistant dean of Student Involvement; Stephanie Ray, associate dean and director of Diversity Programs and Michael Black, director of Housing.

The lawsuit claims that the Institute actively censors disfavored expression on campus and that the Tech environment "squashes" First Amendment freedoms through policies outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and the Housing Community Guide.

The lawsuit also challenges the fact that mandatory Student Activity

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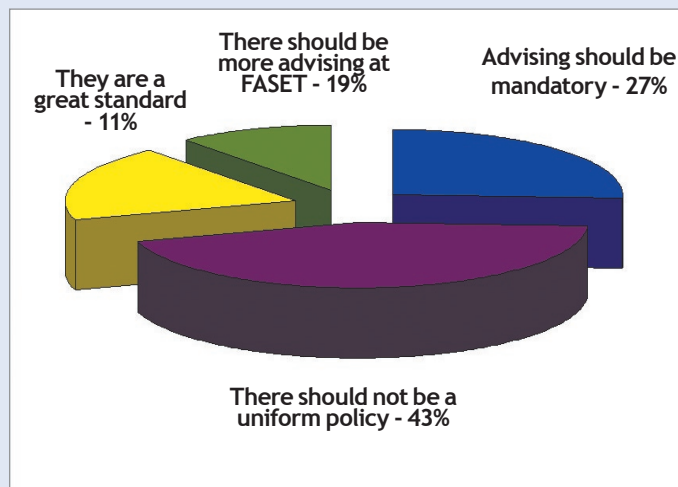


By Ayan Kishore/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Hot entertainment: A fire eater performs on Skiles Wednesday at the Student Center Programs Council's "Fire and Ice" event.

TechniqueOnline Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 59 responses.

What do you think about the proposed uniform advising policies?

By Hillary Lipko / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:

What do you think about the Klaus construction delay?Tell us at www.nique.net**Alot of work for a late note**

On April 2 between 2:00 and 3:00 a.m., a student was struck on the left side of his jaw while vandalizing the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house.

He knocked over two trash cans and overturned a sofa before stopping when an unknown offender struck him.

After being struck, the victim was momentarily rendered unconscious. He suffered a bump to the head and was disoriented.

The victim had no observable injuries, but did request a note to send to a professor regarding his injuries and his resulting inability to complete an assignment on time.

*From the files of the GTPD...***Campus Crime****Ran out of gas, huh?**

At 2:10 a.m. April 1, a student looked out of his window when he heard his car alarm and saw a man taking items from the back seat of his Honda Accord. The student went outside and yelled at the man, who then started to run. The student gave chase to the man until he stopped at Fifth St. and Williams St. The man returned the items he had taken from the vehicle and the student called the police. The man was arrested and transported to Fulton County Jail.

Permission slip needed

A male was observed entering a black BMW belonging to a Tech employee on the morning of April 3.

The man did not have permission to enter the vehicle. After a brief search of the area the man was found.

Mary and Jarle, right?

A female student returned to her room to find an unknown male standing in the dark by her computer at 2:10 a.m. April 4. The man appeared to be tampering with the wires connected to the computer. When confronted, the man could only give the first names of the two students in the room. The victim left the room quickly and returned with a friend to find the man already gone. Both residents stated that nothing appeared to be missing.

This week's campus crime information written by Kenneth Baskett

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Facebook shud be banned.

I sent my Mac to Boot Camp.

If you were really gay; why is there still a need to dress as a female? (drag queens?)

them drag queens looked good...better than most guys

on campus can get

someone should change the

time in the clocks in Van

Leer . Man day light savings

is out !!!

Beckham , Softy & Jerry

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Meeting or Mating what is

it ???

yay for a new way for physics

to shaft students

I love you

My social security number is

a carmichael number.

Hooray. We should close

more stairs to weld on metal

plates.

Student Appreciation Day =

S.A.D.

Thank you FASET!!!

I hate Edgar Allen Poe. With

a passion.

DO NOT call your sister and

ask “if you are interrupting

anything” at midnight on her

honeymoon

OR IF your new brother-in-

law is “having a fun time”

He who pukes on the floor

ought not annoy his room-

mates

I <3 Two Bits Man!

Red Jesus for President!

Gotta curl for the girls.

Where are all the slivers?

There were some but not

many

This sliver box needs more...

slivers!

Man allergies suck

Congrats to the new Nique

ed board!

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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.

Graduate Student Senate

GSS passes pair of housing resolutions

By James Stephenson
Staff Writer

The Graduate Student Senate met Tuesday. Eight bills were passed, two failed, and one was not voted on due to a loss of quorum.

The first bill brought before the Senate was the joint allocation to the Taiwanese American Student Association. The organization was seeking funding for their night market event, which is a big part of Taiwanese culture. It will be a festival type event with carnival activities and performances. The bill passed.

The second bill brought before the Senate was the joint allocation to the Sport Parachute Club. The organization was seeking funding to pay for their parachute repacking, which must be done by an FAA certified advisor. The bill passed.

The third bill brought before the Senate was the joint allocation to the Campus Leadership Reception. The event will be put on to bring leadership of various organizations to get together and plan events together. The bill failed.

The fourth bill brought before the Senate was the joint allocation to the African Students Association. The

Bills passed

- Joint Allocation to Taiwanese American Student Association
- Joint Allocation to Sport Parachute Club
- Joint Allocation to African Students Union
- Joint Allocation to Gymnastics Team
- Joint Allocation to Badminton Club
- Joint Allocation to Ferst Center for the Arts
- Resolution on Graduate Student Housing Payment Plans
- Resolution on Tenth and Home Single Student Housing Costs

Bills failed

- Joint Allocation to the Campus Leadership Reception
- Resolution on Waiting Lists at Events Free to Students

organization was seeking funding for their spring concert. The event will bring in African musicians and will have skits, as well as per-

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Undergraduate House of Representatives

UHR passes amended budget

By Nikhil Joshi
Focus Editor

The Undergraduate House of Representatives met on Tuesday. Eight bills were passed and two were failed by the House.

The first bill brought before the House was the joint allocation to the Taiwanese American Student Organization. They will be throwing a night market, which is a festival event where they play games and watch performances. The bill passed.

A bill which was considered last week, the joint allocation to Christian Campus Fellowship was reconsidered.

The rules were suspended, the bylaws were suspended and a motion was brought to reconsider the bill. The motion passed, but the bill failed for a second time.

The next bill brought before the House was the joint allocation to the African Students Association. The bill was seeking funding for their African concert at the Ferst Center and passed.

The next bill brought before the House was the joint allocation to the Gymnastics Team. The team was seeking funding to attend the national competition in Calif. The bill was brought to a vote and passed.

The joint allocation to the Badminton Club was the next bill brought before the House. The club was looking to help pay registration fees for a tournament at Emory University. The bill passed without discussion.

The next bill brought before the House was the joint allocation to the Student Center Programs Council.

The organization was looking for funding for their "Flicks on 5th" program. The bill was brought up for a vote and passed.



By Jon Drews / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A representative passes around a bucket at Tuesday's UHR meeting. UHR passed an amended FY 2007 Student Activity Fee budget.

The joint allocation to the Ferst Center for the Arts was the next bill brought before the House. The Center was looking for a subsidy for allowing Student Organizations to use the space free of charge. The bill passed.

The next bill discussed was a joint allocation to the Chinese Student Association.

The bill was moved from new business to old business. JFC recommended not funding the event since SGA has already funded a major event for this organization this term. The bill failed.

The joint allocation to the Tech Golf Club was the next bill brought before the house. The club was seeking funding for a tournament out of state. The bill passed.

The last bill brought before the

Bills passed

- Joint Allocation to Taiwanese American Student Organization
- Joint Allocation to African Students Association
- FY 2007 SAF Budget Tier I, II, and III
- Joint Allocation to Gymnastics Team
- Joint Allocation to Badminton Club
- Joint Allocation to Student Center Programs Council
- Joint Allocation to Ferst Center for the Arts
- Joint Allocation to Golf Club

Bills failed

- Joint Allocation to Christain Campus Fellowship
- Joint Allocation to Chinese Student Association

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phones that are there will remain there. Everything we do is behind the wall," Mullin said.

Faculty and staff will be quicker to notice the changes because of the convenience that they will experience when they are relocating.

"Moving today is a complex process and it takes a long time because we have to move the telephones for each person. What we hope to achieve with this new system is to put control in our own hands, shorten the process, shorten the time span and improve the delivered service," Mullin said.

The current system involves a technology known as Sen-trax; in this system, every telephone's wire leads to a closet in the basement, which then connects to a large BellSouth cable. The wires then lead back to one of two central offices which serve Georgia Tech.

"Currently we get our service from the Georgia Tech Knowledge Authority and they sub-contract that out to BellSouth," Mullin said.

The new system, through a contract directly with BellSouth, has two switches located on campus; every building in the campus will be connected to those switches via fiber electronics.

The switches will connect the campus to the public telephone network. One switch serves as a back-up.

"We're going from a central office-based system to a premises-based telephone switch," Mullin said.

This change, according to Mullin will provide many benefits for the Institute.

"The reason for doing this had to

do with improved services," Mullin said. "We will also save the Institute a substantial sum [of money] by running our own service. That money can be reinvested by the Institute. The third element is to prepare us for using advanced technologies such as integration with wireless networks."

"Everything we want to do competes for the same pool of funds. When we can be more cost-effective, everybody wins. The other short term benefit is the service," Mullin said.

Mullin said that a desire for improvement as well as a history of problems with the current service was the impetus for the change.

"Students will probably see the most benefit in the years to come," Mullin said.

"We will work with the providers to integrate wireless data and wireless voice in a telephone environment."

"This new system offers an enhanced voicemail service that we don't have right now," Rundles said.

Improvements to the voicemail service, according to Rundles, were something that would not impact students soon. Students are not expected to see much difference in their dorm room phones.

"Starting in the summer we will be discussing with individual building occupants as to what activities they have going on in their buildings... designate the most appropriate time [for installation]," Rundles said. "It will be a cooperative effort."

Rundles also said that while the project would be completed as quickly as possible with the least disruption, noise would be a part of the process.

Klaus

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Leroy said.

"Small things may slow down progress slightly, such as the fire marshal having a particular issue, but I don't anticipate any further delays."

The main element still under construction is the landscaping of the site. The building sits on a four acre lot and the entire site not in the footprint of the building will be landscaped.

Currently, the area between the road and the building is being landscaped.

"There is still a lot of work to do,

but they have made major strides," Leroy said. "The plan is to make sure there are no back doors."

As an example, Leroy cited the path leading from Ferst Drive to the Architecture Building.

"It feels as if you are approaching the Architecture Building from the back side," Leroy said.

"We want to eliminate that feeling and once the project is completed none of the pathways will have that feeling."

The building, once finished, will stand out on campus not only as the newest addition but as a glimpse at the direction the Tech campus will take.

"The building is LEED certified

which is a new step for campus and hopefully the Master Plan will follow in the footsteps laid out by our project," Leroy said.

LEED certification is a sustainable development standard that buildings can earn.

The Management Building in Technology Square is also LEED certified.

"I feel the building will serve as a beautiful addition to campus and as a portal to West Campus," Leroy said.

The building sits on a major pedestrian cross axis and will allow for pedestrian traffic to continue to move through the site as it did prior to the building's construction."

Elections

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dency with 55 percent of the votes cast. Byrne received 1,718 of the votes compared to Aaron Bolduc's 908 votes and Toyo Okanlawon's 499 votes.

"I'm feeling lucky," Byrne said before the election results were announced on Wednesday. "I wore my lucky boxers today."

The vote to pass the proposed Constitutional Amendment passed the amendment with 2,046 votes in favor of the changes and 522 against.

Class and academic representatives for next year were also announced Wednesday. Academic representatives are elected from the various schools at Tech. The number of representatives varies from major to major based on size.

Raj Ghosh Dastidar is the Aerospace Engineering representative. Thomas Fink won the representative position for Architecture. The new Biomedical Engineering representative is Chris Zhang.

Linh Son won the one Chemistry representative spot by six votes over Brian Tomaschik. Perrin Quarshie won the one Civil Engineering representative by forty-eight votes over Yunita Fu. Varun Prasad ran

unopposed and is the new Co-op representative. Gary Mann, Priyanka Mahalanabis and Jeff Wei won the Computer Science representative positions. Grant Farmer ran unopposed to be elected as the representative for Earth and Atmospheric Science.

The new Electrical and Computer Engineering representatives are

"I wore my lucky boxers today."

Paul Byrne
Executive Vice President-Elect

Derek Greene, Jonathon Hong and Kevin Kung. The Industrial Systems and Engineering representatives are Andrea Huber, Stephen Kump, Tina Sweeder and Radhika Kumar. Meena Nabavi ran unopposed and won the International Affairs representative position.

The representatives for the College of Management are Leah McCormick, Michael Warwick and Suzie Holmes. The representative for Mechanical Engineering is Dave Coleman. Doug Gladden ran unopposed and is the Public Policy

representative.

Each class elects four representatives to the House, and the one person who receives the most votes in each class becomes the Class President. Katie Viscelli, John Vaughns, George Ray and Austin Rahn won positions as freshmen representatives with Viscelli receiving the highest number of votes. Matt Peebles, Charlene D'Souza, Scott Bancroft and Brian Lee won the sophomore representative race with Peebles receiving the highest number of votes. Brittany Young, Lara Griffith, Anna Griffith and Kelly Michaud won the race for junior representatives with Young receiving the highest number of votes. Elizabeth Burchfield, William Welch, Vickie Cherry and Steven Hardy won the race for senior representatives with Burchfield receiving the highest number of votes.

Although Graduate Student Senate (GSS) results were not official at press time, Mitch Keller, who ran for GSS president unopposed, said he was looking forward to a productive year.

"I'm looking forward to working on behalf of the graduate students and working with the undergraduate officers to work on behalf of all students," Keller said.

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Robotics team places second

By Alex Sunwoo
Contributing Writer

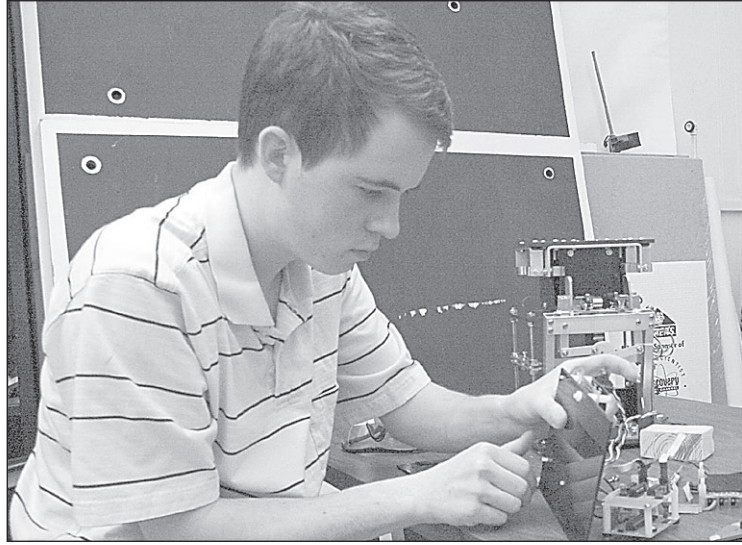
The Tech IEEE Robotics team won second place for the first time in eight years at the 2006 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Southeast Conference Hardware Competition on April 1. The event was sponsored by FedEx, Motorola, and Addison-Wesley and was held in Memphis, Tenn.

A total of 55 schools registered for the competition and only 25 schools qualified for the final competition.

The final contestants were faced with the challenge of fulfilling the main objective, in which competing robots were required to correctly load 12 FedEx packages on to three planes prior to the departure of FedEx flights. The autonomous robot extracts the packages one at a time from a stack inside the chute. The test track consisted of sheet of plywood that simulated the airport ramp area. Each of the contestants were judged on the robot's ability to get the packages onto the planes within the given time limit.

The GT Robotics Team, consisting of 10 members with multifarious backgrounds in Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering and Mechanical Engineering, designed a robot with a focus on controlling factors.

"At the competition, we noticed two main distinct approaches to the design," said Simon Chen, the IEEE Robotics Team captain. "One is to build a light robot that delivers a single package at a time but does it as fast as possible in 12 trips. The



By Ariel Bravy/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A member of the Tech Robotics Team works on the robot that placed second at the IEEE Southeast Conference Hardware Competition.

other approach is to carry as many blocks as possible in one load and reduce the number of trips."

The Tech robot used the second approach and carried five blocks in one trip at a medium speed using a rotating carousel.

According to Chen, the team encountered a lot of problems with making the motor control system reliable. "Instead of purchasing a commercial

motor controller, we designed and built our own," Chen said. "It was a great learning experience, but it took a lot of time. As a result, we ran out of time deploying an autonomous control algorithm that could have won us the competition."

Despite losing the first place, the team maintains its positive spirit and is looking for ways to improve.

"This is the first time our school has placed in the top three."

Simon Chen
IEEE Robotics Team
Captain

"We are very pleased with the outcome because this is the first time our school placed in the top three," Chen said. "Based on this experience, I believe... you must have a motivated team with an organized schedule and plan. This experience was a great example where teamwork exceeded what any individual could have accomplished. We had a team with multiple disciplinary backgrounds and that was the secret ingredient to our success."

The team is already shifting gears toward the next competition which will take place in the spring of 2007.

"We plan to continue our success by preparing for the next competition earlier," Chen said.

"Most schools had two semesters to work on the robot, and we designed and built ours this year in three and a half months. We also plan to have an organized transition process where the graduating seniors on the team mentor the underclassmen to ensure that the knowledge was passed on."

GSS

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formances by various groups in the area. The bill passed by unanimous acclamation.

The next bill brought before the Senate was the joint allocation to the Gymnastics Team. The team qualified for the national competition in Calif. and were asking for entry fees and travel for the competition. The bill passed.

The next bill brought before the Senate was the joint allocation to the Badminton Club. The club was requesting a subsidy for registration fees for a tournament at Emory. The bill passed by unanimous acclamation.

The next bill brought before the Senate was the joint allocation to the Student Center Programs Council for its summer movie program "Flicks on 5th." The bill passed.

The next bill brought before the Senate was the joint allocation to the

First Center for the Arts to subsidize the Center renting the spaces out to student organizations for free. The bill passed.

Two resolutions were brought before the Senate. The first resolution was the Graduate Student Housing Payment Plans, and the second was the Tenth and Home Single Student Housing Costs. The GSS requests that graduate students be allowed to pay rent on a monthly basis as families currently are able to do. There was a move to forward motions to Bursar's Office, and the resolutions passed.

The last bill to be brought before the Senate was a joint resolution for waiting lists at events free for students. The resolution would allow students on the waiting list to enter and fill open seating. The bill failed.

A joint resolution on the availability of Stinger and Trolley departure times was not voted on because the Senate lost quorum.

UHR

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House was the joint resolution of the FY 2007 Student Activity Fee Budget. A major point in the discussion of the Budget was the movement of the Musicians Network from a Tier III to a Tier II organization, which passed.

A motion was brought before the House to strike the Pride Alliance from the budget due to the belief that the Alliance was a partisan organization. The motion failed.

A motion to strike lines to pay the undergraduate treasurer and graduate secretary passed. A motion was brought to strike the GSS coordinator funding from the budget. The motion passed the House.

A motion was made to strike money from the India Club budget for Garba sticks. The sticks are used in cultural dance. The motion passed.

A motion to strike lines from AIESEC budget for lodging and

travel was made. The budget did not specify distance to the location. The motion failed.

A motion to amend the budget to Anime-O-Tekku to reflect JFC policies was made and passed. A motion to change the Student Center Program Council's budget \$1750 due to an increase in photographs was made and passed.

A motion was made to decrease the graduate conference funding to approximately \$61,000, which was the same as last year. The motion passed.

The budget was brought to a vote before the House and passed as amended.

In his executive report, David Andersen said he had decided to withdraw his veto on last week's bill providing funding to the Muslim Student Association. After meeting with certain individuals, he determined that the bill was in line with SGA's policies as it was viewpoint neutral.

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Greek community joins campus recycling effort

By Jenny Zhang
Copy Editor

The Greek community is starting to take an active role in campus recycling efforts, beginning with its sponsorship of a major event at this year's Earth Day April 21.

The Inter-Fraternity (IFC) and Pan-Hellenic Councils have collaborated with the Facilities department and Atlanta Recycling Solutions to implement Electronics Waste (E-Waste) Recycling as part of the day's service.

"There was a big push to make Earth Day bigger and better this year," said Annie Sistrunk, Pan-Hellenic President. "A lot of [Greeks] are already involved with Earth Day, and we wanted to put our resources into supporting our members."

"With this program, we hope to educate our members about environmental issues and start to mobilize them for similar projects," said Michael Morland, IFC President.

"We're providing funding and incentives for Greeks to volunteer

their time during the day, with free lunches and t-shirts," said Jonathan Sangster, IFC Secretary.

"This is the first year that Facilities has worked on an environmental project of such a large scale with the Greek system," said Cindy Jackson, Tech's Recycling Program Director.

"This shows that Greek students are ready to go to the next level with the recycling program."

The e-waste program will collect old appliances and electronics for proper, environmentally-friendly disposal. Atlanta Recycling Solutions will haul away the waste, which can include everything from computers to fax machines to cameras, and either break it down or refurbish it.

Over 120 Greek students will volunteer at the recycling site located in the parking lot between Skiles Walkway and the Student Center Commons.

According to Jackson, e-waste is the fastest growing recycling problem in Atlanta.

"People throw away their used electronics without realizing they contain hazardous wastes that cannot go into landfills," Jackson said. "Hopefully, this [program] will keep that from happening."

Tech sponsored Atlanta's first ever e-waste recycling drive in the

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IFC President

summer of 2003, when over 70 tons of e-waste was collected.

"It was so successful that people kept asking us when we were going to do it again," Jackson said. "It's good that we're bringing it back to campus now and we're very excited that the Greek community will be involved."

The Earth Day event has been

developed in conjunction with a pilot recycling program for Greek houses.

"The pilot program is an initiative from the Greek community," Morland said. "We're making recycling a top priority this year. Seven sororities and ten fraternities have already signed up for the program."

Greek houses' prior lack of involvement with the Institute's recycling program was due to a number of issues. The Greek system contracted with Tech for solid waste management less than four years ago. Before that, each house was responsible for its own solid waste disposal.

"Integrating Greek solid waste management with Tech took a while. It wasn't until that was done that we could be proactive and work with Facilities. We wanted to take the next step with the recycling program," Morland said.

However, the program has been delayed to Fall 2006 due to Tech budget cuts.

"The exact same plans are in place

for the start of fall and continuous work is still pouring into the program," Sangster said.

A limited number of Greek houses will be able to become involved with the recycling program due to budget restraints.

"If the pilot program is successful," Morland said, "we'll be able to ask for more money and have more houses participate."

Once the Greek program is underway, it will join a comprehensive recycling initiative that has been in place at Tech since 1997.

Current campus recycling efforts collect newsprint, aluminum cans, plastic bottles, glass, tires and mixed metals in 80 academic support buildings, throughout the entire Housing program and at two major drop-off sites on East and West Campus.

"Greeks have traditionally been involved in humanitarian endeavors, so to be able to do something earth-related is exciting and new," Sistrunk said. "We hope to reach out and set an example with this recycling initiative."



By Julia Bunch/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Camping for a cause: Sisters from Alpha Chi Omega sit outside their tent at Relay for Life last Friday. The weather forced the fundraiser to be held in Bobby Dodd Stadium's festival area.

Lawsuit from page 1

Fees cannot be used to fund political or religious activities.

Amelia Gambino, interim assistant vice president of Institute Communications and Public Affairs, said that Tech could not comment on the lawsuit, however, she said free speech was encouraged on campus.

"We want to make sure that everyone knows that we certainly take the civil rights of students very seriously. We encourage and have a history of open dialogue on campus. In general we want organizations to express themselves and be very active on campus. We don't encourage violence and intolerance of others," Gambino said.

Not all students agree with Malhotra and Sklar. "As a relatively conservative student, I don't believe that the majority of students at Tech, whether liberal or conservative, would agree that the institute limits free speech on this campus.

Instead, I see Tech as a very accepting environment that allows for all students—regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or political viewpoint—to speak freely on the issues that they feel most passionate about," said David Andersen, undergraduate student body president.

The lawsuit also claims that the school engages in a "scheme" of indoctrination of individuals into particular religious beliefs through the Safe Space program.

Safe Space is an optional training program on campus whose purpose, according to their website, is to "increase the visible presence of student and adult allies who can help to shape a school culture that is accepting of all people, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or any other difference."

"I just feel that this is an unnecessary step. I believe all parties just wish everyone could have worked together on something before taking a legal step. [Safe Space] is not at all

endorsing any [religion]. I do not believe it is religious indoctrination," said Scott McKee, a second-year Public Policy major and the student coordinator of Safe Space.

"At an Institute as diverse as Tech, programs like Safe Space teach people to be open minded and accepting of other's differences," Andersen said.

Sklar and Malhotra are both members of the Georgia Tech College Republicans (GTCR). GTCR recently passed a resolution in support of the lawsuit that states they "applaud these members for their courageous actions and supports their efforts...."

This campus issue has gained attention at the national level as it was mentioned in a recent *LA Times* article about Christians not accepting tolerance policies.

A complete copy of the complaint can be found on ADF's website, www.telladf.org/UserDocs/GeorgiaTechComplaint.pdf.

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