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By Ben Keyserling/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Dancing on ice: Couples dance during Buzz on Ice, the winter semi-formal hosted by the Residence Hall Association, last Friday evening at the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center.

Students may lose priority registration

By James Stephenson
Staff Writer

A committee is currently investigating priority registration and is proposing changes to the current system. The main change proposed by the committee is to make priority registration need based.

"[Priority registration] was raised with the Associate Dean's group," said Registrar Reta Pikowsky.

"They decided to appoint an ad hoc committee to take a look at it. On this group we have myself, the associate registrars, Dana Hartley from GTM, an undergrad rep, a graduate rep and a couple of the associate deans. So there is a pretty broad spectrum."

The group is looking at several issues and complaints about the current priority registration system raised by students over the past few months.

"The first thing we looked at was who had [priority registration] and who wants it, and there is a long list of groups who want it," Pikowsky said. "We came to the conclusion that there are problems [with the current system], which led us to

drafting some recommendations to the associate deans."

"The first [possible scenario] is it should just be need based," Pikowsky said.

"One of the important questions we've been trying to answer is the issue of need versus perk, and of the people who have it, how many need to have it and how many have it as a perk," Pikowsky said.

Currently close to 10 percent of the student body has some form of priority registration. The committee believes that number is too high.

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Registrar

Pikowsky said.

The issue of who has a legitimate need and who does not is something the committee is seeking to define.

"Students with needs are students with disabilities and in-season student athletes who have to be practicing or have to be at a meeting at a certain time," Pikowsky said. "Look, for example, at students with disabilities. If you are in a wheelchair,

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Radakovich replaces Braine

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

Dan Radakovich was announced as the seventh Athletics Director in the Tech athletic department's 102-year history. Radakovich replaces Dave Braine, who has served in the position for nearly nine years.

"It's a pleasure and a culmination of a lot of hard work," Radakovich said. "I'd like to thank [Institute President Wayne] Clough and the search committee for having confidence in me."

After Dave Braine announced his retirement for medical reasons

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Dan Radakovich
Athletics Director

on Jan. 11, 2006, Clough and the Athletic Board spent the next six weeks conducting an exhaustive search. They were aided by search firm Baker Parker and Associates.

"Every application, nomination and name was put into a pot to consider all of those individuals,"

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OIT doubles space on Spectrum

The Office of Information Technology (OIT) doubled the amount of available space for each user's Spectrum email account to a gigabyte. According to OIT's website, the addition was motivated by user requests. The storage increase went into effect Feb. 10.

In addition to the email space increase, OIT has made new anti-spyware software, Spy Sweeper by Webroot Software, freely available to Tech students, faculty, staff and administration.

The software is available for download from OIT's website at www.oit.gatech.edu.

CoC receives grant for ICE at Tech

A unit of the College of Computing received a \$130,000 grant from the Toyota USA Foundation to support its Institute for Computing Education (ICE@Tech) program. The program strengthens the technology skills of current and future high school computer science teachers in an effort to raise the number of schools in Georgia that offer Advanced Placement Computer Science courses.

Housing adds co-ed dorms to East Campus

By Jenny Zhang
Copy Editor

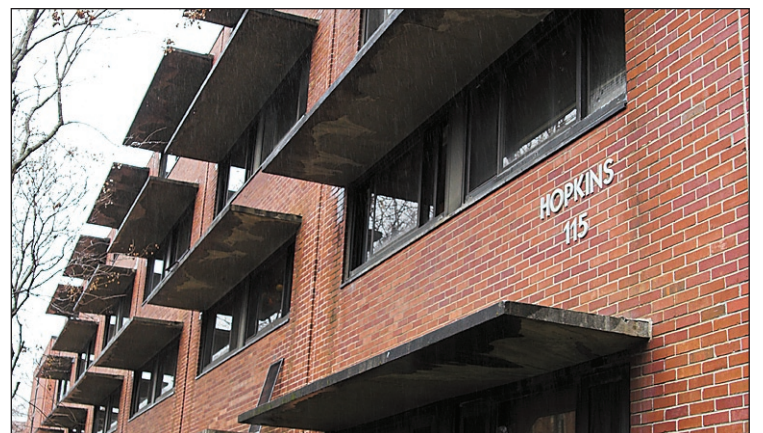
Students began to apply for housing Feb. 15, initiating the first step of a registration and preference process that has undergone a few significant changes for the upcoming fall semester. This year the minimum number of students required to apply for the group housing option will be five, and three traditional style dorms on East Campus will be co-ed for the first time.

"The [housing] process is designed to figure out how many people want to live [on campus] next year and allow them to be with their

friends as much as possible," said Dan Morrison, associate director of Housing for Residence Life. "Our goal is to honor roommate requests first and building preferences second. We tweak the process to find more opportunities for friends to live together."

The changes being implemented this year will offer students more opportunities to live with friends. The group option, made with sophomores in mind, permits a maximum of 24 friends to live together in traditional-style housing. Starting this year, only five people are needed to

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By Chris Clarke/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Hopkins Residence Hall (above) is one of three dorms that will be changed to co-ed housing to accommodate more groups this fall.

Two sexual assaults reported on campus

By Alex Sunwoo
Contributing Writer

Two cases of possible sexual assault were reported this past weekend. Both events were reported Sunday Feb. 19, but these two cases are not related.

"These two victims were able to provide the information identifying the suspects, but no charges have been filed. These two cases are ongoing investigations and we are inter-

viewing all witnesses throughout the spectrum, the evidence and working in conjunction with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI)," said Ronal Weaver, Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) public safety captain.

The first case involved possible sexual battery and was reported by a female student from Agnes Scott College who was attending a fraternity party. The suspect is a Tech student.

According to the police report, the victim told police that she had been drinking a few shots and mixed drinks with friends. She further added that the drinks were made in the suspect's room.

She then told the police that she remembers everything up until 1 a.m. and she awoke around 11 a.m. without her shirt. She was unclear as to what really happened but she suspects there had been inappropriate sexual contact.

The victim was referred to DeKalb Medical Center for a medical examination. Evidence from the exam was turned over to the GBI. The GBI is also examining the clothing worn at the time of the incident for possible evidence.

The victim was able to provide the first name of the suspect but was not able to provide more.

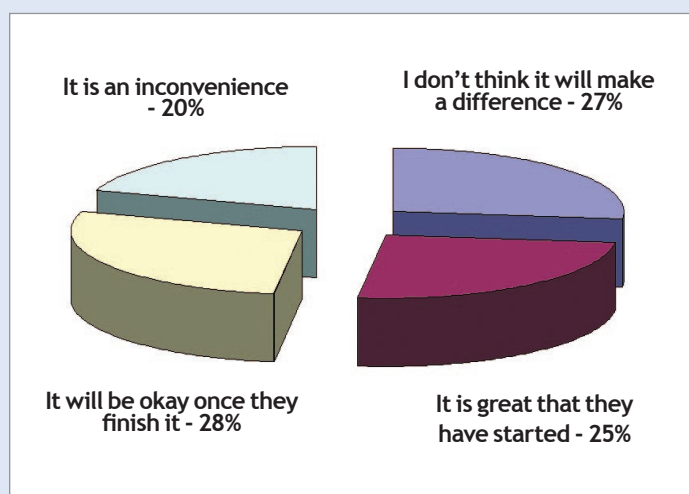
According to Weaver, he has been

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TechniqueOnline Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 49 responses.

What do you think about the CRC landscaping project?



By Hillary Lipko / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:

What do you think about priority registration changes?

Tell us at www.nique.net**All fall down**

A light pole on the corner of Bobby Dodd Way and Substation Dr. was knocked down by an unknown white vehicle Feb. 3. The light pole was valued at \$2,400.

Doesn't it smell nice?

At 10:02 p.m. Feb. 3, an officer received a complaint that the smell of marijuana smoke was coming from a room in Woodruff Residence Hall. When the officer knocked on the door, the resident could be heard spraying air freshener in the room. However, the officer could still smell smoke upon entering the

From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime**No longer a mama's boy**

An officer was asked by a parent to check on the welfare of their student Feb. 4. The student told the officer that his phone was broken and he would call his parent later. The parent was concerned because they usually spoke weekly, but he had not talked to them in two weeks.

I swear it is my brother's

A person was stopped with an expired tag at 5:18 p.m. Feb. 4, and a check showed that the vehicle

had suspended registration and no insurance.

The driver said the vehicle was his brother's car. The driver was cited and the car impounded.

One hot Stinger

On Feb. 5, a bus driver called to report that her bus was on fire. Upon arrival, it was discovered that the bus was not on fire but was smoking and would not turn off. The Atlanta Fire Department (AFD) was called.

After several attempts to stop the engine, AFD sprayed carbon dioxide foam into the engine and the engine shut off. It is suspected that improper fuel was used in the engine.

This week's campus crime information written by Kenneth Baskett

Women's Awareness Month 2006

Uniting Our Issues, Our Passion, and Our Voices to Raise Awareness

WAM Kickoff
March 1, 10 am – 2 pm
Skiles Walkway



Women in Classical Music

March 8, 6:30-7:45 pm
Wesley Foundation



Take Back the Night
March 16, 7 pm
Campanile



Institutionalizing ADVANCE
March 2, 3:30 – 5pm
Success Center, Cleary Theatre

Dr. Sylvia Maier: Trafficking
March 6, 6 pm
4th St Apt S, Lounge

THE
VAGINA MONOLOGUES
March 9 & 10, 7 pm
Institute of Paper Science & Technology, Auditorium

How to "Listen to Your Body" in a Diet Culture
March 14, 7:30 pm
Student Center Ballroom



Ladies Day at the CRC
March 30, All Day



International Women's Panel
March 7, 7 pm
Success Center, Cleary Theatre



Conservative Women in Politics
March 13, 6 p.m.
Piedmont Room



Hosted by GT College Republicans

Comedy Show



March 31, 8 pm
Student Center Commons Stage

Corrections

In last week's newsbrief, "Management earns high marks", it incorrectly said that the *Financial Times* ranked the College of Management 80th in the nation. The college was actually ranked 80th in the world.

sliverwww.nique.net/sliver

It is 5 AM!! CS2200 overflowed my buffer!!
sala bainchod!!

The chief export of Chuck Norris is pain.
Chuck Norris lost his virginity before his dad did.

Chuck Norris is currently suing NBC, claiming Law and Order are trademarked names for his left and right legs.

Low income Hispanic males have the worst taste in car fashion...EVER

best campus movie fest movie was zobots

how ironic, teh jarz loves NIN and her head is like a HOLE now

Thanks to everyone for sharing your iTunes in the library!!

calc3 for cs exam pwn3d me - engineers have the easy calc3! this is ridiculous, my life seems to go in a very cyclic series of happiness and depression.

"all the dishes rattle in the cupboards when the elephants arrive"

Man, breaking up sucks.

I love my legs

How hard is it to get a stapler that works in the library?

I bought one for 99 cents at Wal-mart and it works 10 times better.

Sejdefa, you are lame.

Pants? Who needs 'em!

boom

he destroyed the city and escaped to the sea.

Winter Olympics are fun. Except for silly sports like curling.

someone out there loves

someone else

mmm....nutella

sweeet

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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

Senators discuss set of CultureTech bills

By Heather Hubble
Contributing Writer

The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) passed a total of six bills and tabled one at its Tuesday meeting. One of the bills appointed three new graduate senators and the other bills allocated funding to the Wushu Club, Culture Tech, the Georgia Entrepreneurs Society, Mock Trial and the Mars Society.

The first bill considered appointed three new senators: John Kim, a Public Policy graduate student, Kapil Gupta, an Industrial and Systems Engineering graduate student and Eli McKenzie, a Management graduate student.

The original bill only called for the appointment of Kim and Gupta, but the senators amended the bill to include McKenzie as well. McKenzie replaced a senator from the College of Management who recently resigned.

Following the vote on the senatorial appointment bill, which passed unanimously, Kasi David, president of GSS, swore in the new senators.

The next bill the senate considered proposed to provide \$1,350 to the Wushu Club to defray the costs

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| • Joint Allocation to Wushu Club |
| • Joint Allocation to CultureTech (part A) |
| • Joint Allocation to Georgia Entrepreneurial Society |
| • Joint Allocation to Mock Trial |
| • Joint Allocation to Mars Society |

- | Bills tabled |
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| • Joint Allocation to CultureTech (part B) |

of sending eight club members to compete in the 10th Annual Wushu Collegiate Competition on March 4 in Oregon. The club requested \$350 to completely cover registration fees and \$1,000 to help cover the cost of plane tickets.

For the past two years, the club has only sent three members to the competition, but this year the representative stated that the founding members of the club would be graduating soon and that the club would benefit from sending less experienced

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Undergraduate House of Representatives

UHR passes five allocation bills

By James Stephenson
Staff Writer

The Undergraduate House of Representatives met on Tuesday. Six bills were passed and one was tabled until further information becomes available.

The appointment of Perrin Quarshie as the new Civil Engineering Representative was approved by unanimous acclamation and Quarshie was sworn in.

The first bill discussed was a joint allocation to the Wushu Club. Wushu is a Chinese form of martial art.

The Wushu Club asked for travel expenses to attend a competition at the University of Oregon. The bill was amended per Joint Finance Committee (JFC) recommendations and passed.

The first of two joint allocations to CultureTech was next to be brought before the House. The organization representative was not present but the author of the bill explained its contents.

The organization asked for funds to subsidize the cost of food for the 23rd annual Food Fare event. The funding would allow CultureTech to lower the cost per plate from \$12 to five dollars and enable students to afford participating in the event.

It was pointed out that the bill was against JFC policy, which prohibits funding for food. A motion was brought to amend per JFC policy, but the motion failed. The reasoning representatives gave was the spirit of the policy was to prevent organizations asking for pizza money for club meetings.

In the case of CultureTech's request, the food is the main part of the event and to amend per JFC would mean denying the majority of the funding for the event. The bill passed in its original form.



By Jason Ossey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A representative for the Georgia Entrepreneurial Society presents a bill to the UHR that would help fund two workshops for the group.

A second allocation to CultureTech which asked for \$1,711 to pay the fees associated with using the Ferst Center for its multicultural performance night was tabled until further information could be obtained.

A joint allocation to the Georgia Entrepreneurial Society was then brought before the House. The organization requested \$1,225 to help fund two workshops.

The first workshop would teach how to start up your own company. The second would teach how to become a professional investor. The total cost for the two workshops is \$27,400.

The bill was amended to match amendments made by Graduate

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given the name of a witness and he has made an attempt to interview the witness but thus far she has been unreachable.

The second incident was reported by a female Tech student who was also attending a party at a different fraternity house. The suspect is not a Tech student.

According to the victim's statement to the police, she had been drinking before the alleged incident. The victim recalls that her boyfriend had passed out in his room and shortly after she had climbed up into her boyfriend's loft.

She stated that she was unclear as to what happened after that but she was awakened by a white male in the bed touching her inappropriately; she realized that she had been disrobed. Initially, the victim had mistaken the individual as her boyfriend but immediately realized he was a stranger.

The victim was taken to Grady Hospital for a medical examination. The evidence is to be turned over to GBI for further investigation. The victim has also submitted other items from the evening to be used as evidence in the investigation.

According to the police report, the suspect was identified by one of the fraternity's brothers who had

invited the suspect to the party. The

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Ronald Weaver
GTPD Public Safety Captain

suspect was in town for a sporting

event. The person who invited him to campus added that he was unclear of what hotel the individual was staying in.

Two witnesses told police that they saw the suspect leaving the fraternity house nervously and they recall the suspect saying “someone is passed out upstairs and you should check on them”.

According to Weaver there are several witnesses who were present at the party and more interviews are currently under way for all of these witnesses.

Weaver said the victims in each case have been given complete guidance for further action.

Weaver also gave students sugges-

tions to protect themselves. “Female students should take more caution when attending a party that could lead to a binge drinking. In a situation where a student is intoxicated, the occurrence of rape is far more pronounced in these situations.”

Weaver said students need to pay special attention to their drinks while at parties. “In the growing concern of date rape, I encourage students to be wary of drinks that are offered by other people and always open containers yourself. Make sure to keep your drink at all times even when you go to the bathroom. Avoid drinks that tastes or smell strange and always avoid drinking from open containers,” Weaver said.

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Clough said.

After reviewing numerous candidates, the pool was officially reduced to two on Tuesday, and by early Wednesday morning Clough announced that the search was over. The athletic board had a regularly scheduled meeting Wednesday morning and approved Radakovich by a unanimous vote.

“Yesterday we narrowed the search down to two individuals,” Clough said. “We thought both of them could do this job and had great but different strengths. We had meetings with our coaches and staff and worked into the evening making sure we had all the information that we could possibly get relevant to our choice.”

Radakovich's wife Marcie was in attendance for the announcement, but their two children were unable to be present.

Radakovich is expected to take over at the end of March or early April. It is unclear how long, if at all, Braine will remain on the job during the acclimation period.

“There needs to be an evaluation and a learning process,” Radakovich said. “There is a great staff in place that is very experienced and

knowledgeable of what goes on here at Georgia Tech. You need to have that local knowledge to be successful.”

Radakovich was most recently the senior associate athletic director at Louisiana State University and has served in that roll since 2001.

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Dan Radakovich
Athletics Director

He was the director of athletics at American University in 2000 and helped with the school's move to the Patriot League.

Radakovich was also an associate athletic director for six years at South Carolina after a five-year stint at Long Beach State in the same position. His career as a sports administrator started when he served as the athletics business manager for Miami in the

early 1980s.

He earned a bachelor of science in Finance from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1980 where he also lettered in football. Radakovich earned his master's degree in business administration from Miami in 1982 and completed the Sports Management Institute's executive program in 1992.

Radakovich has made the adjustment to being at Tech quickly. During the press conference, he referred to Tech as “the Institute” and the Southeastern Conference as “that other conference.”

“I work at Georgia Tech, and I'm very happy to be here.... This is the institution that gave me the opportunity to be an athletics director,” Radakovich said.

He went on to add that he doesn't see himself going back to LSU, but the school in Baton Rouge will always hold a special place in his heart for giving him the opportunity to come to Tech.

The other finalist was former Tech head coach and ESPN commentator Bill Curry. While he lacks the administrative background of Radakovich, Curry had the charisma and backing of several alumni.

“There isn't the name recognition with Dan Radakovich as there is

with Bill Curry,” Radakovich said. “That means I have to work a little harder at meeting with the alumni and friends of the Institute.”

Clough made sure to thank Curry, who was not in attendance, during his seven-minute address.

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Dan Radakovich
Athletics Director

“Bill has tremendous strengths and we have great admirations, as a person, for everything he's done and for his contributions to Georgia Tech,” Clough said. “I am very grateful for Bill Curry, his participation in the process and his grace in actions throughout the process in his desire to serve his alma mater.”

Radakovich inherits an athletics

department that competed in the men's basketball championship game two years ago and has reached bowl games for every season under football Head Coach Chan Gailey.

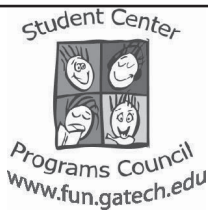
“The job of an athletic director has become consistently more challenging over time,” Clough said. “Dealing with finances, issues of policy, facilities and trying to serve the needs of the student-athletes.”

The Institute is also in the process of facing its first NCAA academic probation.

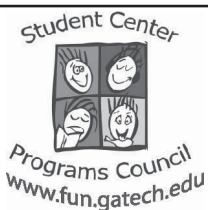
“I don't know what roll I'll play [in the probation process],” Radakovich said. “I've been able to read some of the information and will serve whatever role President Clough thinks is appropriate for me.”

Clough also mentioned another candidate for the position.

“We had one candidate that could not talk to the [athletic board],” Clough said. “A gentleman by the name of George P. Burdell. Some of you may know George as a legendary student at Georgia Tech. George started at Georgia Tech in 1928. He's managed to complete some course during all of the time since. He applied and sent in a very eloquent application, which I loved to read. However, he declined to be interviewed.”



Weekly Activities



Honk Your Horn for Popcorn!
Tuesday, February 28
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Student Center Commons Stage
If you hear a horn honking, come over and grab some free popcorn. While the horn is honking, the popcorn will be popping!

Film Festival:
"Walk The Line" **FREE**
Thursday, March 2
7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.
Student Center Theater
The early years in the life and career of music legend Johnny Cash, whose work transcended musical boundaries to reach out to everyone. A testament to making art and music and being young, the film explores the world he came from and his experiences beginning a career during the birth of rock and roll. It also is a love story detailing Cash's burgeoning relationship with June Carter.



Film Festival:
"Howl's Moving Castle" **FREE**
Thursday, March 9
8:00 p.m.
Student Center Theater
A young girl named Sophie is cursed by a witch and given an old woman's body. Ashamed of how she looks, she flees to the woods and happens upon Wizard Hauru's strange Moving Castle. While in the castle, Sophie makes a deal with a demon named Calcifer who can return her to her 18-year-old self.



Be sure and Watch for the "Aristocrats" coming Thursday, March 16, Student Center Theater.

Trace Your Face!
Wednesday, March 15
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Student Center Skiles Walkway
Why not take a break from class and stop by the Student Center to have a caricaturist trace your face!

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GTCN adds ESPNU channel to campus cable line-up

By Ranganath Venkataraman
Staff Writer

The Georgia Tech Cable Network (GTCN) added ESPNU to the campus cable lineup last week. ESPNU is a channel that specializes in college sports and is owned by its parent network, ESPN. It was originally launched as a competitor for College Sports TV.

This addition is a result of analysis of multiple surveys conducted by GTCN, according to Carol Pulliam, general manager of the network.

"GTCN has surveyed students on topics ranging from viewing habits to our line-up, and students let us know ESPNU was one of their favorite channels," Pulliam said. "I've received numerous emails and calls from students requesting the addition of ESPNU."

A number of students had commented favorably on the idea of having ESPNU on a customer satisfaction survey from last year, according to Miles Edson, assistant director of Housing for technology.

"College students enjoy the sports and ESPNU is targeted at the college student," Edson said. "A lot of

students have requested it since it came out."

According to Pulliam, channel additions are decided by a number of variables. Surveys are conducted and emails are sent in order to confirm whether the addition is a popular choice or something favored by a select few.

"The moment [ESPNU] was made available we picked it up."

Miles Edson
Assistant Director of
Housing for Technology

"We really try to craft a line-up that reflects what the residents want to watch and is far superior to what they could see elsewhere for the price," Pulliam said.

While, according to Pulliam, GTCN had considered adding ESPNU for some time, contractual issues with Dish Network, GTCN's

programming supplier, had delayed the addition of the channel.

"ESPNU was only made available to commercial customers recently," Edson said. "The moment it was made available we picked it up."

Students appeared to be divided in their opinions on the addition. Many seemed to agree that students could watch more sports, however some other aspects of the addition were also considered by students.

"I thought that it sucked really bad that we had all these sports channels and we didn't have ESPNU," said Adrian Rodriguez, a first-year Electrical Engineering major. "It's really cool that we can watch Tech sports on ESPNU."

Tech's Sept. 17, 2005 home game against Connecticut was broadcast on ESPNU. "I was trying to watch the Connecticut game and was disappointed that it was only broadcast on ESPNU," said Bradley Herrmann, a second-year Mechanical Engineering major.

"I think it's good because lots of games last year were on ESPNU and we weren't able to watch them," said



By Robert Combier/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

ESPNU broadcast Tech's Sept. 17 2005 football game against Connecticut; however, ESPNU was just added to GTCN last week.

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make a group, as opposed to the six required previously.

"Groups were very popular last year," Morrison said, "so we expanded on the option. The group process was created to slot people together in traditional housing, since it can be difficult for sophomores to get apartments. This way, they can still be with their friends. Housing can accommodate one-quarter to one-third of all sophomores through groups."

Umehani Dala, a second-year Electrical Engineering major, said she liked the new policy. "Lowering the group requirements is a good thing because people might not have a group of six, and this would allow them to be with their friends," she said.

Changes in housing availability and options have also taken effect.

Traditional-style co-ed housing is being offered on East Campus for the first time in Tech history. Hanson and Hopkins Halls, originally male and female, respectively, will be co-ed. The new Honors dorm, Howell Hall, will also be co-ed for incoming freshmen selected to be Honors students.

"These changes are being made because groups have become popular, and they prefer to be in a co-ed environment. Last year, 85 percent of groups wanted co-ed dorms on West Campus, although more buildings on East are eligible for group housing. Hanson and Hopkins have traditionally not been filled with direct requests, so we chose [them to be] co-ed," Morrison said.

"For all intents and purposes, [Howell Hall] will be just like a Freshman Experience hall. It will have peer leaders, a hall council, etc. The only differences will be

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Dan Morrison
Associate Director of Housing



academic—the students rooming there may take more of the same classes, and they might participate in academic enrichment activities together from time to time," Morrison said.

"Co-ed dorms are a nice addition. People always complain about how they don't have the opportunity to meet others [of the opposite gender]. It would help the guys meet more girls," Dala said.

Few other changes have been made to housing. Morrison does not


expect there to be many issues with students unable to obtain on-campus housing. "The estimated size of the incoming freshman class is slightly larger—around 2,600, which is 200 more than we predicted for last year. Since freshmen and sophomores are guaranteed housing, this will impact upperclassmen by reducing the number of spaces available to them by fifty to sixty beds."

Last year, Hemphill Apartments became an undergraduate building, effectively adding 300 more spaces

to undergraduate housing. "This change is still having a positive impact," Morrison said. "It's 300 spaces more than the growing size of the freshman and sophomore classes. We don't expect there to be drastic increases in the number of displaced upperclassmen because of this previous addition."

Online housing sign-up ends and prepayment is due on March 1. Sophomores who meet the deadline will be given a room selection number that will be sorted by class status and then by the number of credit hours earned at Tech. All other students will be entered into a random lottery that will give them either a room selection number or a wait-list number. Students will be able to designate roommate and building preferences for the fall semester online beginning March 9. More information can be found at www.housing.gatech.edu.

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club members to compete in events at a less advanced level.

Senator Sarah Hancock, an Electrical and Computer Engineering graduate student, pointed out that JFC policy sets a maximum allocation of \$750 for travel expenses and moved to amend the bill to comply with JFC policy. The bill passed as amended and the Wushu Club received a total of \$1,100.

The next bill considered proposed to grant a total of \$3,079.37 to CultureTech to cover the cost of this year's Food Fare. The Food Fare is a 23-year-old event on campus, in which multiple student organizations get together and cook a wide variety of foods from various cultures to be served to students. This year, the organizations plans to sell the food to students at a rate of \$5 per plate.

Because providing funding for food and food-related items is against the JFC policy, the Food Fair is an issue for discussion every year, but the GSS has funded the event in the past. Aside from paying for food and food-related items, another issue that came up for discussion regarding the CultureTech bill was whether or not to grant the organization all of the money requested for advertising. This year, in addition to money for posters and flyers, the organization requested money to pay for a MySpace ad.

Senator Ed Greco, a Physics graduate student, questioned the

need to put more funding than usual into advertising the event, given the event's history of selling completely out of food every year. The representative of the bill responded that trying out a new method of advertising could be beneficial in general and that it would be valuable for the upcoming club leadership to gain experience with the various details that could be associated with running events.

Senator Binh Dam, an Electrical and Computer Engineering graduate student, moved to strike all funding for food and food-related items, but the amendments failed by voice. The bill passed in its original form.

The next bill the GSS considered proposed to grant CultureTech \$1,711 to pay the fees associated with using the Ferst Center for its multicultural performance night. This year, 10 semiprofessional groups are signed up to perform at the event. Last year, between 100 and 150 people attended performance night.

During discussion of the bill, a question arose of whether or not the performance night would draw a crowd of 500, which is the minimum attendance required for the organization to use the Ferst Center rent-free (paying only the \$1,711 in fees, rather than paying fees and rent). Due to uncertainty on the issue of whether Ferst Center officials believed that the performance night would draw a sufficiently large crowd as to gain rent-free use of the facility, the senators voted to postpone

further consideration of the bill until next week. They assigned a senator the task of coordinating discussion with Ferst Center officials.

Following consideration of the second CultureTech bill, the senators moved to discussion of a funding request from the Georgia Entrepreneurial Society. The organization requested a total of \$1,120. The senators amended the bill to include \$250 for flyers, instead of the \$125 originally requested, to include no funding for binders, instead of the \$395 requested, and \$400 to pay a speaker, which did not initially appear on the bill. The bill passed as amended by unanimous acclamation. The organization received \$1,225, \$105 more than its initial request.

Next up for consideration was a bill proposing to grant \$366.05 to Mock Trial to defray the cost for 14 people to attend the regional competition in Tallahassee, Fla. The bill passed with no discussion by unanimous acclamation.

The final bill the GSS considered at its Tuesday meeting proposed to grant \$5,065 to the Mars Society at Tech for sponsoring a six-member group research trip to the Mars Desert Research Station in Salt Lake City, Utah from March 18 until April 2. The senators amended the requested \$1,800 for travel to \$562 as per JFC policy, and struck the funding for patches and polo shirts for the crew. The bill passed as amended to award a total of \$3,062.50 to the society.



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Anant Kishore, a representative for Mock Trial, speaks to UHR about a bill requesting money for travel to a regional competition.

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Student Senate (GSS) and passed.

The next bill discussed was a Joint Allocation for Mock Trial. The organization asked for \$366.05 for travel expenses for 14 people to a regional tournament in Tallahassee, Fla. The bill passed with no discussion.

A Joint Allocation to the Mars Society was the final bill brought before the House.

The Mars Society plans to travel to the Mars Desert Research Station

in Utah to live like they were on Mars for two weeks. The organization asked for funds to cover travel expenses and shipping expenses for their equipment.

The bill was amended per JFC policy to give the society \$3,047. This bill was sent to conference committee because the GSS passed the bill for \$3,062.50.

The meeting concluded when representatives of FreShGA gave a brief presentation where they thanked SGA for their support throughout the year.



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you have a hard time navigating campus and need to be able to set up your schedule accordingly.”

“If you have something that requires you to be at a certain place at a certain time during the day, then that is a need,” Pikowsky said. “If it is just something that you like to do like you joined a club or something, that is not a need. The need cannot be being someplace where you have decided you should be.”

“Then what we would do is future need-based requests. We would say that in the future anyone who wants it has to present a need that can be documented. It would have to be somewhere at a specifically scheduled time, and it would have to be a reasonable obligation that you have as a student,” Pikowsky said.

If the system gets changed, those students who currently have it but do not have a need would cease to have it at some point in the future. “What we might recommend is that we phase it out for those who have it as a perk,” Pikowsky said. “[Students] would be notified that they are being phased out; that they have

“What we might recommend is that we phase [priority registration] out for those who have it as a perk.”

Reta Pikowsky
Registrar



priority registration until a certain time, and then they would be back in with everyone else. ...We are not just going to pull the rug immediately out from all the students.”

Pikowsky said the timeline of phasing out the priority will depend on the program. “For some programs, if a promise has been made we will honor the promise for a reasonable amount of time,” Pikowsky said. “It depends on the particular program. If someone has advertised [priority registration] and it affects the following school year, they would potentially get it for Fall of '06 and Spring '07, but that would be it.”

Pikowsky said some programs may keep priority until students graduate.

Student opinions about priority registration were mixed. “I can

see why some people need it, but I don't think other groups need it,” said Pierre Jimenez, a fourth-year Aerospace Engineering major.

“I think athletes need priority registration because they have to fit practice and training into their schedules,” said David Chou, a second-year Architecture major.

The committee also looked at how to define priority registration.

“We're coming to the conclusion that it is simply an earlier time ticket depending on the number of credits you have and/or your admission status,” Pikowsky said.

These recommendations still have to pass the Associate Dean's group before implementation of any changes can begin.

“These are just recommendations we are making,” Pikowsky said.

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Alex Stroh, a second-year Biomedical Engineering major.

Some other students felt access to more televised games was not conducive to an academic environment while others were doubtful of the value of the addition. “I think it's a bad idea. Sports is a distraction for us and it's less time to do homework because there's more opportunity for you to watch what you want to watch,” said Mike Perzinski, a third-year Mechanical Engineering major.

John Bird, a third-year Polymer, Textile and Fiber Engineering major, said he was unsure about the technical aspects of the channel as well as the overall value of acquiring ESPN. “ESPN, as far as I know, shows lower quality games with smaller colleges. I guess it's better in the fall season, but right now, we'll probably have only one or two games,” Bird said.

Bird said that he thinks Tech students generally didn't watch sports and that ESPN had worse recep-

tion than the other ESPN channels. “Right now, it's not logical to add ESPN,” Bird said.

The financial aspects of the addition have also been considered, including the impact on home game

“For as long as I can remember our home games have been televised and student tickets have always been sold out.”

Miles Edson
Assistant Director of
Housing for Technology

ticket sales and the cost of adding ESPN to the channel lineup.

Some people said they felt that ticket sales would not be affected by the televised games. “Watching a game on television is a very different

experience than watching it from the stands,” Pulliam said.

“For as long as I can remember, our home games have been televised and student tickets have always been sold out. So I don't think it'll be affected,” Edson said.

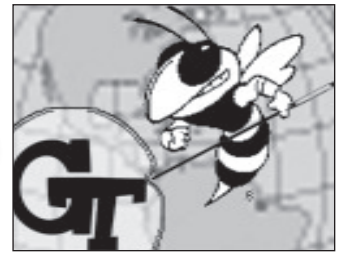
“I don't think it will affect ticket sales. Students who have been going will still go for the overall experience,” said Joe Contreras, a first-year Electrical Engineering major.

According to Pulliam, ad revenue, while a potential source of revenue, would not be considered since GTCN was not a commercial station. “There is no way for us to break into ESPN's advertising time. Additional resources would be required. Plus, do we really want to commercialize GTCN?” Pulliam said.

Pulliam said that GTCN's plan was for revenue to balance service to the campus community.

“We're trying to maintain a fixed budget. We were able to pick up ESPN without any additional money so that makes it a good deal,” Edson said.

Breaking the Bubble



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

Bank robbers steal \$43.5 million

A group of armed robbers stole at least \$43.5 million from a cash center in Tonbridge, England Tuesday night, the Associated Press (AP) reports. The Bank of England disclosed the theft Wednesday. The cash center is run by Securitas Cash Management, Ltd.

According to the AP, the robbers disguised themselves as police officers and pulled over the manager of the company as he drove home. A separate group of thieves went to the manager's house, convincing his family to come with them by claiming he had been involved in an accident.

The criminals threatened to harm the manager's family if he did not cooperate. There, they tied up the 15 employees that were on site, loaded cash into the truck and made their getaway. No one was hurt in the robbery.

The heist, one of the largest in British history, has prompted the Bank of England to call for a review of the site's security. The cash was kept in a one-story windowless building roughly five minutes from the center of the small town, and the compound is surrounded by a six-foot-high steel fence, with cameras monitoring all entrances.

At \$43.5 million, the heist would rank among the top five bank robberies around the world, but according to bank officials the total may still go up. According to the *Times* of London, the total amount stolen may be as high as \$69 million.

Protests increase sales for Indiana Mardi Gras

Protests over lewd and drunken behavior at an Indiana town's Mardi Gras celebration may have backfired, attracting people to the

event, according to the *Star Press* newspaper.

Cheryl Crowder, the downtown event coordinator for Muncie, Indiana, said ticket sales went up after John Tyner, a local pastor at the Tabernacle of Praise Church appeared on Fox News Channel's “The O'Reilly Factor” last week. Tyner decried the improper behavior that occurs at the party.

According to the *Star Press*, many of the churches around the town have put up “No Mardi Gras” yard signs this month, and Tyner collected names of more than 60 other pastors who opposed the city's support of the event.

Local downtown development board members defended the event, however, noting funds generated from the annual celebration went to support a variety of family-friendly events.

Russia-Iran nuclear talks halted

The Russia-Iran nuclear programs talks have, for the time being, come to an end, as the Iranian delegation departed Moscow Wednesday, CNN reports.

Delegates from Tehran met with Russian negotiators on Monday to discuss Russia's offer to enrich uranium for Iran's peaceful purposes outside of the nation a compromise that would end the current standoff over Iran's reopening of some parts of its nuclear program.

Russia's offer is contingent on Iran putting a complete stop on any attempt to run an enrichment program inside its borders, a provision that the Iranian government has said it would categorically reject.

A meeting with European officials, held in Brussels, also failed to bring results. Russia, one of Iran's largest trading partners, is trying to avoid sanctions being imposed on Iran for its restart of a nuclear program despite Iran's insistence that it is for peaceful purposes.

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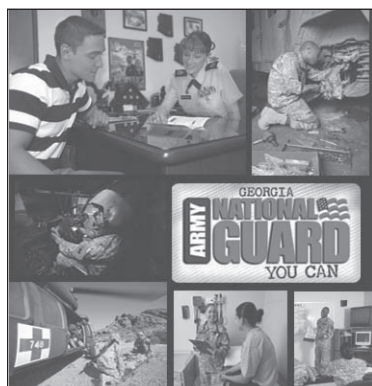
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