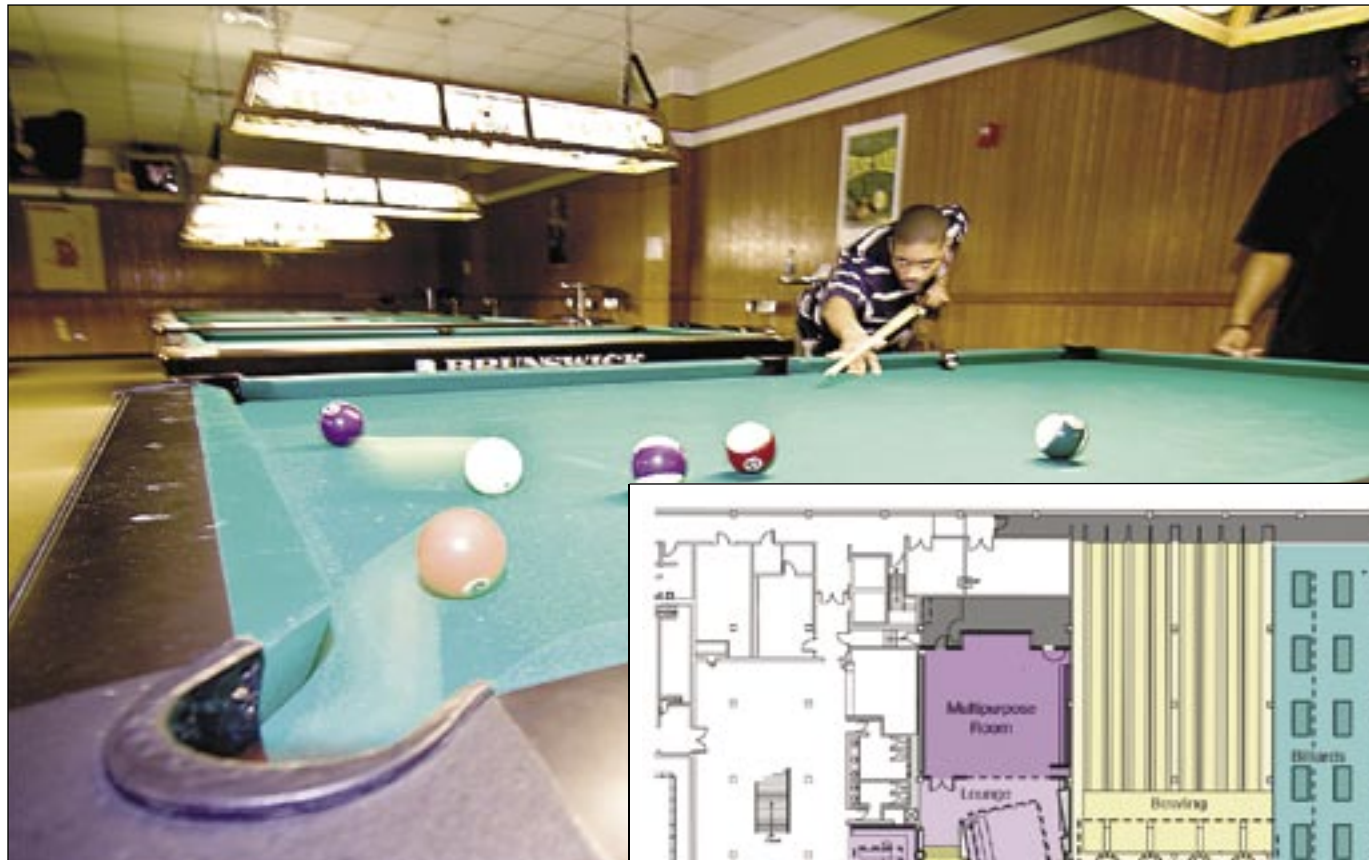


Architect submits Tech Rec proposal



By Brian Casey /STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Above: students enjoy Tech Rec's pool tables. Right: the proposed multipurpose room and lounge (shaded purple) will force the tables to move into the back (shaded green).

By Craig Tabita
News Editor

When the Student Center came forward in July with a proposal to convert part of the Tech Rec space into a multipurpose room, the exact details remained vague and yet to be fleshed out.

The picture became clearer this week as ai3 Inc., the architecture firm retained by the Student Center for this project, presented its proposal for the space. Students are now being asked for feedback regarding the new design.

Next week full details of the changes will be on display in Tech

Rec. All students are encouraged to stop by and give their feedback on the drawings before the final design is implemented. The time is limited by the fact that the architect has only been retained through Thanksgiving. Should any major changes to the plans occur after then, additional fees will be imposed.

The architect will also be attending Tuesday's meetings of the Undergraduate House of Representatives and the Graduate Student Senate to present the proposal to each chamber of SGA and all students are encouraged to attend those meetings as well.

The plan is currently labelled

an interim design, but should it be carried out, the biggest consequence will be the relocation of the billiards tables in the front to the back area currently occupied by air hockey and table tennis.

In place of the tables will be the multipurpose room and a lounge. The entrance will also be extensively renovated to make the facility more inviting from the outside and a bigger draw for Student Center pedestrians.

The multipurpose room is intended to be able to accommodate approximately 60-70 people and could be used for purposes ranging from dance classes to

accommodating parties when the entire Tech Rec space gets rented out. Besides being able to be used in conjunction with the other Tech Rec resources, it would be an alternative to the frequently rented-out Student Center Ballroom and other similar locations around campus.

But a drawback is that some current parts of Tech Rec may be eliminated to make space for the proposed design. It has yet to be determined where air hockey and table tennis will be relocated.

"If [the multipurpose room]

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UHR debates two-thirds funding rule

By Emily Chambers
Senior Staff Writer

The Undergraduate House of Representatives debated for over an hour this week about the regulations placed on the House by the Joint Finance Policy. Specifically, the debate was over policy mandating that the House fund only two-thirds of any capital outlay requests made by student organizations.

Student organizations can request funds from two different accounts. The first is the prior year account, which is used for short term or single use expenses such as travel and registration fees. The second is the capital outlay account, which funds long term multiple use expenses, such as athletic uniforms and technical equipment. In prior years,

organizations were restricted in their funding based only on their tier, need and the item requested. However, the recently amended JFC policy further restricted capital outlay expenditure, capping the available funding at two-thirds.

Representative George Ray and Senator Grant Farmer submitted a bill proposing an amendment to the current JFC policy, striking the two-thirds rule. "The issue we are considering here is how we do our jobs, whether we use our

best judgment to do our jobs or if we just let policy blindly dictate what we do," Ray said.

"This issue we are considering here is how we do our jobs...or if we let policy...dictate what we do."

George Ray
Third-year PUBB

more willing to simply amend a bill to meet JFC policy and pass all financial allocation requests. Proponents of the amendment argued that the two-thirds mandate eliminated

the legislative responsibilities of the House, making the process automated.

While no organizations had come forward to argue that the two-thirds restriction was prohibitive to their needs, many representatives expressed the concern that expensive capital requests would be eliminated, as groups would be unable to fund even a third of the price without the help of Student Government Association. Organizations are responsible for raising the final one-third of their capital needs on their own. They have the options of fundraising, raising organizational dues, achieving corporate sponsorships or requesting money from the Student Foundation. SGA is expected to

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ES&T explosion triggers false emergency alert

By Arcadiy Kantor
Opinions Editor

The Tech Police Department mistakenly distributed an emergency notification instructing students to evacuate campus in response to a chemical explosion in the Ford Environmental Science and Technology building Thursday afternoon.

"We got a report of an explosion of a chemical operation on the second floor," said Bill May of the Atlanta Fire Department. "On our arrival we did evacuate the ES&T building."

At some point after the building had already been evacuated, Tech's recently installed emergency notification system distributed an announcement reading, "Evacuate campus immediately and tune to local media for additional information." The message was followed less than 10 minutes later by another, instructing students to disregard the notification.

"The [fire department's] incident commander felt [the explosion] was contained in the one building and it was not necessary to expand that evacuation," May said.

"The text message was triggered in error; we don't know how or why," said James Fetig, assistant vice president of Institute Communications and Public Affairs. "An investigation will take a look at that to determine what happened."

The false alarm is the first time the new system has been used since its launch in August. Most students received the notifications successfully. "The good news is that it appeared to work; most people followed the instructions," Fetig said.

However, the fact that the first alert students received is a false one could reduce the new system's effectiveness in the event of an actual emergency.

"Is it embarrassing? Yes. Are we concerned about the credibility of the system? Absolutely," Fetig said.

According to May, one minor injury occurred, as a result of the explosion, which involved the chemicals tetrahydrofuran, acetonitrile, and sodium. The injured person was not transported to a hospital.

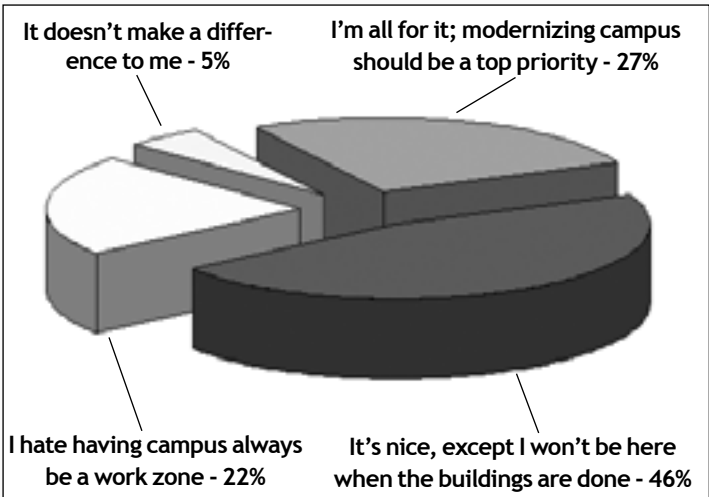
In response to a reported explosion, the Atlanta Fire Department evacuated the ES&T building yesterday.



By Craig Tabita /STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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How do you feel about campus construction?



By Kenny Baskett / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:

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Larceny-Theft

11/4/2007 17:30:00 hrs.

Location: 505 Tenth Street/Research Administration Parking Lot

Incident: Report that a red '97 Jeep Cherokee was entered and items were taken.

11/3/2007 19:00:00 hrs.

Location: 750 Ferst Drive/Campus Recreation Center Field

Incident: Report of a stolen Nike nylon bag and contents.

11/2/2007 12:00:00 hrs.

Location: Turner Place between McMillan St. and Curran St.

Incident: Report of a stolen Georgia license plate

From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime

Criminal Trespass

11/2/2007 15:00:00 hrs.

Location: Tech Parkway @ Wallace Street

Incident: Report of broken window on a white '05 Scion TC.

11/2/2007 0:10:00 hrs.

Location: Eighth Street between McMillan Street and Curran Street

Incident: Report of a damaged side mirror on a gray '03 Mitsubishi Galant.

11/1/2007 20:16:00 hrs.

Location: 157 North Avenue/Bobby Dodd Stadium

Incident: Offender arrested for criminal trespass, was transported and released to the Fulton County Jail.

Motor Vehicle Theft

11/1/2007 22:00:00 hrs.

Location: Fowler Street between Sixth Street and Fifth Street

Incident: Report of a stolen brown '05 Nissan Pathfinder.

Forgery-Fraudulent

11/2/2007 21:30:00 hrs.

Location: 157 North Avenue/Bobby Dodd Stadium

Incident: Offender arrested for forgery-currency, was transported and released to the Fulton County Jail.

Traffic Accident

11/4/2007 7:20:00 hrs.

Location: Eighth Street @ Hemphill Avenue

Incident: Report of a two vehicle accident.

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be a last resort in their attempts to raise capital.

Representative Chirag Arya presented an argument for the amendment using economies of scale, stating "Bigger organizations have a clear advantage when it comes to dues, fundraising and networking. That makes it easy for large organizations to have capital bases, but more difficult for smaller organization to have the same advantage. We are effectively

penalizing organizations based on their inability to fundraise, which is discriminatory," Arya said.

Representative Carlos D'Almeida presented the counter argument. "This policy was set as a last resort as a means to help organizations that come to us receive a specified, non-discriminatory amount. In my mind, it seems unbelievable that there are organizations that would be completely unable to find any other money," D'Almeida said.

The two-thirds requirement was designed to help limit the financial allocations made by SGA, which is

responsible for maintaining available funds to organizations throughout the year. Should SGA be unable to fund all requests, the mandatory student activity fee could be raised.

The House passed the bill with a vote of 29 in favor and 12 against. This will merely stand as the opinion of the House, as the Graduate Student Senate failed the bill.

In order for any changes to be made to the bylaws of SGA or the JFC policy, both bodies must have passed the bill with a two-thirds majority.

While organizations are still

limited to two-thirds the amount of their capital outlay requests according to JFC policy, it is possible for the bodies to suspend the bylaws and fund a request in full.

"Essentially if an organization can prove that their expenditure will benefit the entirety of campus, and not just one person or one organization, then they should be able to get full funding. For example, the astronomy club that was funded in full this week will allow anyone to use their equipment. They are providing a service to all of campus," said Grant Farmer, Graduate Senator

and co-author of the bill.

While the bill did not technically pass the legislative process, it is the hopes of its proponents that it will encourage more discussion over all bills, including financial allocations, in both bodies.

"Getting new representatives to speak on issues of policy like this makes them more comfortable speaking to the House, makes them more active. I think it helps them get the idea that we have a vested interest in what we are doing here, and that what we vote on is part of something bigger," Ray said.



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Council Clippings



Each week, elected members of the houses of the Student Government Association (SGA) meet to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings.

Graduate Student Senate

GSS fails JFC changes

By Corbin Pon

Assistant News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) convened on Tuesday to consider four bills. Executive Vice President Carl Yerger presided over the session, which began with reports from the executive officers and senators.

There was an announcement about proposed renovations to the Tech Rec to make it a more all purpose space. The architects would be meeting with students to get their input on the project.

The committee report on Health Services reported that the student health insurance steering committee would be meeting to discuss insurance matter for next year and Fall 2009.

The Student Activities Committee reported that they chartered 10 new organizations.

The first bill up for discussion was the Joint Allocation to Men's Lacrosse Club. The team was asking for new shoulder and arm pads. They had requested pads three years before and the warranty on the pads had expired. The amount requested was amended to two-thirds of the total cost, \$2,240. The bill passed 31-1.

The next bill was the Joint Allocation to Water Polo. The team qualified for the national tourna-

Bills passed

- Joint Allocation to Tech Water Polo
- Joint Allocation to Men's Lacrosse Club
- Joint Allocation to Tech Astronomy Club

Bills failed

- Joint Resolution to Amend the Policy of the Joint Finance Committee

ment in Arizona. They requested travel expenses and entry fees for 13 members. The bill passed 34-0.

The third bill up for consideration was the Joint Allocation to the Astronomy Club. They requested \$1206.26 for sky charts, binoculars, a telescope and a telescope building kit. The Joint Finance Committee (JFC) recommended cutting the spending by two-thirds based on the capital expenditures policy.

There was debate on whether to make an exception to the policy, because the Astronomy Club requested a similar bill in the Spring semester but complications prevented them from claiming the money.

The senators debated whether GSS was responsible for the complications or the club. The GSS voted to

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Undergraduate House of Representatives

UHR passes three funding bills



By Jon Drews / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Representative Michael Pascutti speaks at the meeting of the Undergraduate House of Representatives. The UHR passed five bills.

By Emily Chambers

Senior Staff Writer

This week's meeting of the Undergraduate House of Representatives saw three funding bills pass as well as the continuation of committee appointments that started last week, but the majority of the meeting consisted of a vociferous debate over a proposed change in the policy of the Joint Finance Committee.

The meeting began with announcements from Anu Parvatiyar, undergraduate student body president. Parvatiyar informed the House that Tech would be sponsoring six student leaders to attend an ACC wide conference this spring to discuss ACC wide initiatives. All campus leaders will be encouraged to apply to the conference, however, "we request that whoever goes have at least a full year at Tech after the conference to share what they learn, so we request

Bills passed

- Appointments to the Institute Wide Committees (Section B)
- Joint Allocation to GT Men's Lacrosse
- Joint Allocation to GT Water Polo
- Joint Allocation to the GT Astronomy Club
- Joint Resolution to Amend the Policy of the Joint Finance Committee

no-one graduating before Spring 2009," Parvatiyar said.

The first legislative action of the evening was a motion by representative George Ray to suspend the bylaws and move a bill that would amend the current Joint Finance Policy. The motion passed, and the bill was considered at the end of new business this week, a week before its scheduled discussion in the House.

The first bill voted on was the Appointments to the Joint Campus Organizations Committee. The bill was divided, separating out those members who had contacted the Nominations Chair Leah McCormick into a second bill.

However, the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) passed the bill in its original form, and as such, a divided bill would have been sent to conference committee, where the GSS would have only had one bill to compare to the House's two. The House then reconsidered the bill, re-unified it, and postponed it until next week's meeting.

The second bill was the Appointments to the Institute Wide Committees, version B. This bill, which was split from last week's corresponding appointment bill, was yet again split, separating those who had contacted McCormick and those who had not into two different bills, sections B and C respectively. Section B, containing those officers with approval, passed, while section C was postponed to next week.

The third bill, and the first financial allocation of the evening, was the Joint Allocation to GT Men's Lacrosse. Carl Wilson, a second-year Industrial Design major, spoke for the organization, which was requesting capital outlay funds to purchase new safety pads. The House passed the bill, allocating two-thirds of the group's total expenses or \$2,240.

Next the house considered the Joint Allocation to GT Water Polo. The club recently beat the University of Georgia at regionals, and was requesting funds to travel to Arizona, as well as registration fees for the National Championships held there.

Varun Prasad, the Joint Finance

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HTS class uses English Ave. area for hands-on study

By Emily Chambers
Senior Staff Writer

Tech students will have a unique opportunity next Spring to participate in a service learning course. The History, Technology and Society course will be called Semester in the City and will focus on the history, demography and social issues facing the English Avenue neighborhood that borders Tech's west campus.

The idea for a service based education option was initiated by Anu Parvatiyar, undergraduate student body president. Parvatiyar approached the Honors program about creating a discussion and service based seminar.

The English Avenue community was chosen for the class's project focus based on its proximity to campus as well as the extensive campus involvement already within the community. Tech organizations and staff have already sponsored job fairs, canned food drives and clothing drives.

Last year there was an organization founded to work specifically with the English Avenue Community, the Agape project. The neighborhood physically runs from south

of Marrietta Street almost all the way to Spellman campus.

The neighborhood crime rates are some of the highest in the city, despite increased efforts by groups such as the English Avenue Public Safety Committee. As of 2005, there have been significant redevelopment plans sponsored by the city of Atlanta, focusing on maintaining the historic nature of the community while still improving the residential zones and the peripheral business areas.

While there is significant housing development in the community, "the area hasn't experienced real gentrification yet, mainly due to the crime", said Adrea Ashmore, director of Tech Partnerships and co-teacher of the course.

The class will be co-taught by Greg Nobles, the director of the Honors program and Ashmore. Students will research the history of English Avenue, speak with members of the community and design service projects ranging from physical building within the neighborhood to creating policy proposals that will benefit the residents.

While the class is currently only open for registration to Honors Program students, any open spaces

"If you understand the personality of a neighborhood... then you are better equipped to help."

Greg Nobles
Director, Honors Program



By Ben Keyserling / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Volunteers work on a yard in the English Avenue area during last month's TEAM Buzz community service event. A new HTS course created by the Honors program will study the area in greater depth.

during phase two registration will be available to the general student body.

"The quality of work that the students do will direct what the projects are, and how the class is directed. Really, we want to combine the intellectual and personal components of the class," Nobles said.

The class is intended not only to aid the English Avenue community and the students in the class but also the Atlanta community as a whole. Nobles has taught similar classes in the past and he explained that creating competent, connected future policy makers is the true focus.

"I like to think of Tech students as

people who will one day be in leadership positions, and far too often those making policy don't understand the people who are effected by it. I think it is important for policy makers to know these people as human beings, and that will be the central issue of the course, getting to know both the policy and the personality of a community," Nobles said.

In order to cope with the safety concerns raised when students venture off the patrolled bubble of Tech campus, the class has been scheduled in the early afternoon and all students will be required to travel and work in pairs.

"I think there is a lot of anti-

urban anxiety among students and parents, and with this class we do want to be able to give people an idea of what it is like to be in a changing neighborhood like this. We want to emphasize that people should not be afraid, but should also not be foolish," Nobles said.

The class is also intended to help students re-think volunteer work. "I don't think that you can go in and help an individual without understanding the bigger issues facing the community. If you understand the personality of a neighborhood, understand the poverty crisis, then you are better equipped to help" Nobles said.

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1:00	Overnight Alternatives				Coffee and Sushi	WREKage	Bob's Slacktime Funhouse
6:00	Classics					Weekend Cornucopia	Weekend Cornucopia
9:00	Just Jazz					Public Affairs	Public Affairs (Science)
12:00	Blue Plate Special	Live @ Skiles	Blue Plate Special	Live @ Skiles	Blue Plate Special		
1:00	Rock Rhythm And Roll					Weekend Cornucopia	Weekend Cornucopia
6:00	Hemispherious	Earwhacks	Sports Report	Tech Talk	Country Classics	J.B.O. Broadway	
7:00	Kosher Noise	Underground Recordings		Gold Soundz	Friday Night Fish Fry	Desoto Hour	Gharana
8:00	Indian Masala	RadioBomb	Mobius	54-46		The Saturday Night Cocktail Lounge	Sunday Special
9:00	Sub-Saharan Vibes	Longboard and Longhorns	Destroy All Music	Wreckroom Renaissance	Stonehenge		Back Alley Pork Roast
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LAWN's separate networks cause some to experience wireless woes

By Corbin Pon
Assistant News Editor

With the installation of access points for Tech's Local Area Wireless/Walkup Network (LAWN) in the residence halls, the Office of Information Technology (OIT) has received complaints from students who have lost connectivity when using the new network. Students using LAWN in the residence halls had their computers tell them they were connected, but they couldn't get the Internet to work.

The issues stem from the fact that the access points in the residence halls, being setup by ResNet, and the access points for the rest of campus are connected to different virtual local area networks (VLAN).

"Say you're associated with the ResNet VLAN... and you move to a location that would normally put you on the other VLAN, [there is support] that keeps you on the [VLAN] you were on, so you don't get a new IP address and you don't have to reauthenticate [your computer]. What we've seen is that in a very small number of cases there are some folks, who... get into a state where the controller hasn't fully decided which [VLAN the user] should be on.... While I think this is happening somewhat frequently, I don't think it's rampant," said Matt Sanders, research scientist at OIT.

OIT says that the only feedback they are getting from the problem is coming from their helpdesk and they estimate there to be a few cases a week. OIT is currently working on the problem and they have open case with the Cisco Technical Assistance Center.

Overall, the response to LAWN



By Ben Keyserling / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students use their laptops in Jazzman's in the Library West Commons. OIT has been receiving complaints regarding LAWN connectivity.

from the campus has been positive said Sanders. However, Sanders did say that the last survey OIT conducted was over a year and a

"It turns out that students really wanted to be untethered, to be able to roam around their room."

Ron Hutchins
OIT Chief Technology Officer

half ago, and it is time to do another survey.

OIT began collecting data on LAWN in 1999. On a daily basis there are over 10,000 unique users logging onto LAWN, with eighty-

five percent of the usage being students.

The different VLANs that service the ResNet access points and the other campus access points were created to help with problems from expanding the size of LAWN.

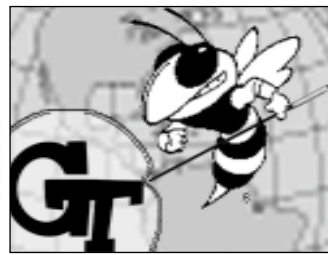
"We were looking for a solution to deal with scalability. We knew we were adding ResNet, and we knew more and more students were coming with laptops and other devices with WiFi. We also knew we couldn't continue to grow a single flat network as large as it needed to be," Sanders said.

Currently, there are 1932 total access points for all of LAWN. He expects there to be well over 2000 access points when ResNet installation is done.

"We started out LAWN as one contiguous network until it grew

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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.

Venezuelan students shot during protest

When student protesters returned to campus after a march opposing President Hugo Chavez's plan to rewrite the nation's constitution, they were fired on, resulting in two gun-shot injuries reported Bloomberg. Seven more victims had other injuries, according to a university official. The incident occurred at the campus of the Universidad Central de Venezuela. Local television station, Globovision, broadcasted images of protesters running for cover.

The students marched across downtown to the Supreme Court building to petition for a delay to a planned December 2 referendum to modify the nation's constitution. The changes would include eliminating presidential term limits, easing the seizure of private property and reducing the power of state governments.

"We are making a call to the owners of the mass media, to the students, to the leaders of the opposition political parties—enough already," Carreno said.

Space shuttle Discovery lands safely

On Wednesday, the space shuttle Discovery landed at the Kennedy Space Center, reported The New York Times. Commander Pamela A. Melroy landed Discovery shortly after 1 p.m., ending the mission that lasted just over

15 days.

Five spacewalks were planned with one being for preparing Harmony's external fitting and two for moving the 35,000-pound array. The fourth spacewalk would be to test repair techniques for the shuttle's external heat tiles, and the fifth would be for prepping the station for the December visit of space shuttle Atlantis.

The first three spacewalks went off without any issues, but problems caused the mission managers to change the plans for the rest of the mission.

The rotary joint that rotated the right-side solar arrays was found to contain metal shavings, suggesting the joint was grinding itself down. The fourth spacewalk was changed to examine the joint, but when opening the relocated solar array, a snagged wire tore two holes in the solar array. The spacewalk plans then changed to repair the array.

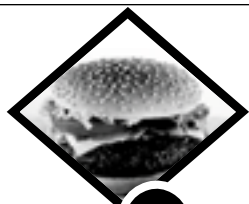
Of the seven member crew who flew aboard Discovery, Daniel M. Tani remained aboard the station. They brought back Clayton Anderson, who had been living and working on the station since June.

The end of the mission sets off a scramble aboard the International Space Station to prepare for the next mission. There are three spacewalks planned for the three-person crew to get the station ready for a new laboratory module, known as Columbus. It will be brought aboard the space shuttle Atlantis on a mission that will launch as early as December 6.

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By Jon Drews / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Showtime: Big Boi of Outkast performs during the half time show of the Tech-Virginia Tech football game on Thursday, Nov. 1.

UHR

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Chair, recommended that the organization be funded \$1,750. The House amended per the JFC recommendation, and the bill passed.

The final financial bill voted on by the House was the Joint Allocation to the GT Astronomy club. The organization was requesting capital outlay funds to purchase new equipment, including specialized binoculars, a sky map, as well as telescope kits and equipment.

The Joint Finance Chair recommendation was \$1,206.26, also two-thirds of the bill. However, unlike the previous capital outlay bill, the House chose to suspend the bylaws for consideration, and instead passed the bill with the full funding requested by the organization.

The final bill of the night was the Amendment to the Joint Finance Policy, which had been moved into new business earlier in the evening. The bill specifically pertained to the portion of the new JFC policy dictating that all tier three organizations receive only two-thirds of any capital expenditure needs. The co-authors of the bill, Representative George Ray and Senator Grant Farmer, felt

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keep to the JFC recommendations, and the bill passed at two-thirds of the requested amount, 32-1 with two abstentions.

The final bill was the Joint Resolution to Amend the Policy of the JFC. The bill concerned the two-thirds cap the JFC imposed on capital expenditures. After debate for both sides of the issue, the bill failed to pass, 5-19 with one abstention.

The fact that the GSS failed this bill was significant because the UHR, after much debate, ended up passing it during their session later that day; as a result, the UHR's passing of the bill was not binding.



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Representative Carlos D'Almeida makes an argument in favor of the JFC's two-thirds funding policy during Tuesday's UHR session.

that the policy was restrictive and prohibitive to smaller organizations that might be unable to do sufficient fund-raising to cover one-third of their capital expenditures. After

much debate of the nature and need of JFC policy, the bill passed the House. However, as the bill had previously been failed in the Senate, the amendment was not effected.

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so big that we couldn't support it anymore, and we had to divide it into two. The logical place to divide it was ResNet and the rest of the campus," said Ron Hutchins, associate vice provost for research and technology and Chief Technology Officer for OIT.

He said that the current condition of LAWN is the way it is now because of past considerations.

"When we first started out this project, I wanted to see us build out a wireless network that did not introduce a single proprietary product that we had to make people buy... and I wanted authentication

not to have to require that [the user] install a piece of software on [their] machine," Hutchins said.

When LAWN was first constructed, mobility within the residence halls wasn't a consideration, because every bed had a Ethernet connection said Hutchins. Students wanted access to LAWN and at first the common areas were given access points.

"Once the common areas were built out, it turns out that students really wanted to be untethered, to be able to roam around their room, their neighbors room without having to [reconnect]. So, [OIT] partnered up with Auxiliary Services and Housing to do a wireless build out across the dorms," Hutchins said.



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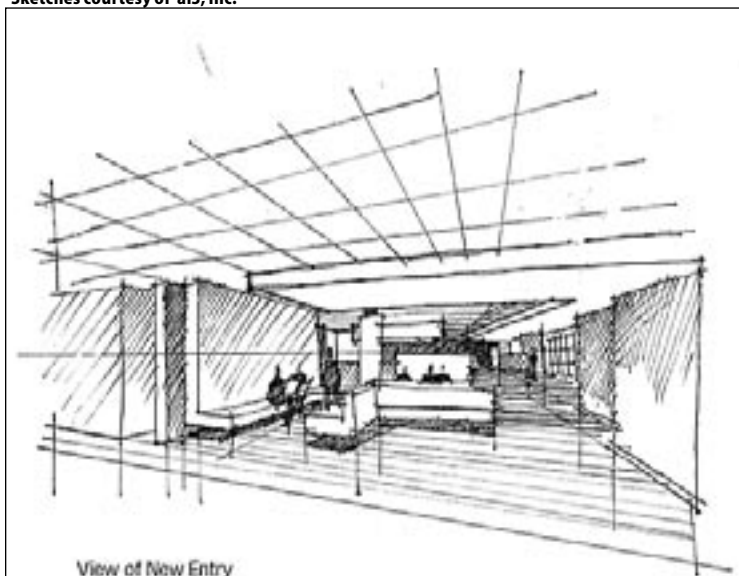
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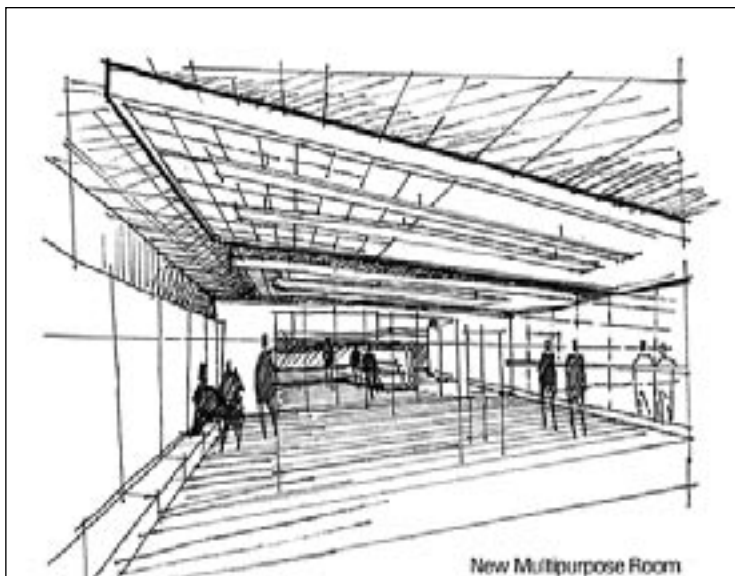


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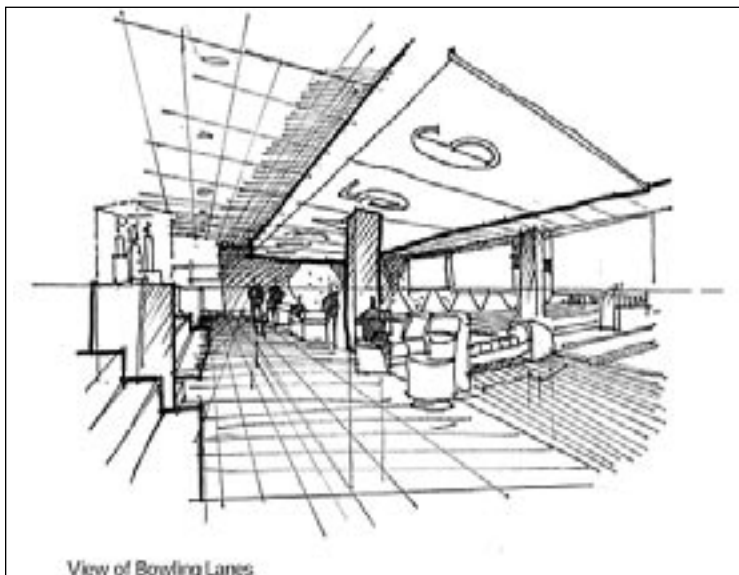
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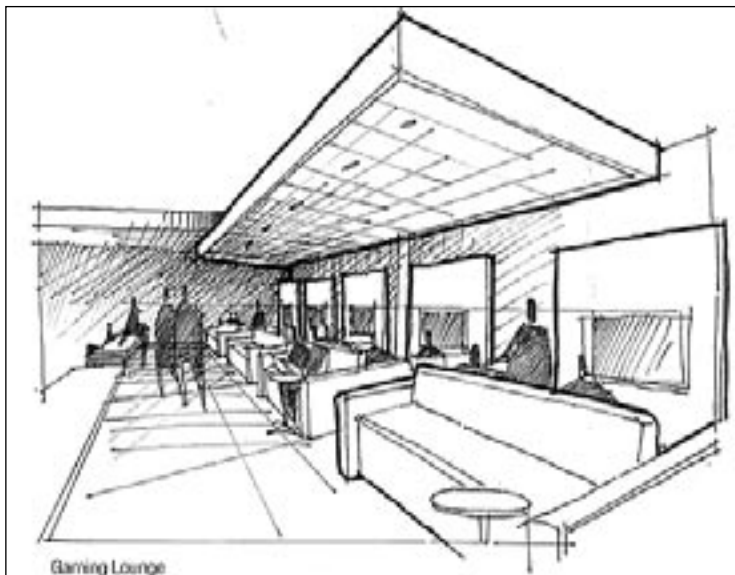
View of New Entry



New Multipurpose Room



View of Bowling Lanes



Gaming Lounge

These four sketches show the proposed design of Tech Rec. The design is yet to be finalized, with a period of student feedback occurring next week.

Clockwise from top left:

To replace the current entrance to Tech Rec, the new entrance will contain a more open view of the interior of the facility from the outside as well as lounge seating and decorative walls, intended to catch the eye of passers-by in the Student Center and make them aware of the facility's presence.

The new multipurpose room, located in the front where billiards tables currently stand, is projected to be a highly flexible space used for a range of activities from dance and martial arts classes to parties, meetings and luncheons. The room will have a moveable glass wall and will hold between 60-70 people.

For the gaming lounge, the current plan and sketches show five gaming stations with a flat panel display and a double sided sofa lounge at each gaming station.

The biggest change to the bowling lanes will be the addition of bleacher-style seating in the area, as well as large projection screens above each lane.

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was just another option or an addition to the space, then yeah, we'll take it, but it's not just another option, we're getting rid of something to have that in its place," said Scott McGraw, a second-year Mechanical Engineering major and Tech Rec employee.

A major intention of this planned

upgrade is to broaden the appeal of Tech Rec among students. According to the architect's report, "Tech Rec doesn't cater to all students, [it's] only a destination for those that are into gaming, pool, and bowling." Therefore, the multipurpose room is touted as a method to bring new visitors to the facility on a more regular basis.

Employees at Tech Rec don't necessarily see that as a good thing.

"The purpose of the multipurpose studio is to allow other people from outside the Tech Rec community to use our space, which is kind of odd because they're not using our space to do our stuff, they're using it to do their stuff," said Matthew Postema, second-year STAC major and Tech Rec employee.

A 2007 Auxiliary Services survey shows that 54% of respondents never visited Tech Rec, and Abi Shama,

a third-year Industrial Engineering major, could have counted himself in that group until, as a member of the Student Center Program's Council he was recruited to be among the first group of students to see the architect's proposal and give feedback.

"I could be one of the majority of people that just don't go there. If you go to the Student Center you probably hang a left to check your mail and go to the Student Center

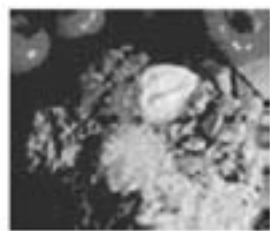
Commons and hang out, or you go upstairs to grab a bite to eat. But you don't really hang a right [to enter Tech Rec]," Sharma said.

"We hope to get some more T.V.'s and seating and events happening there, so when you have some free time between classes you'll go to Tech Rec and hang out, and maybe bowl.... When I saw the plans, I just felt like it was just conducive to a better environment," Sharma said.

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