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## Athlete sues Tech over UJC process

By Jennifer Hinkel  
Focus Editor

Tech defensive tackle Reggie Koon took the Board of Regents to court in late fall, arguing that the procedures applied during a Undergraduate Judiciary Cabinet hearing violated his constitutional rights and did not follow due process of law. Because of the contestation, Tech officials agreed not to enforce the disciplinary ruling that would have suspended him through this semester. Koon was also able to keep his athletic scholarship and continue playing football.

Koon's legal argument stems from UJC hearings that addressed allegations that he had violated the Student Policy on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct within the Student Code of Conduct. Student justices at a Spring 2001 UJC hearing found Koon responsible for the allegations brought against him, but the Tech administration overturned the findings because of an error. A second hearing, this one 26 hours long, in September of 2001 again found Koon responsible for the allegations; as a result of the UJC recommendations, the Dean of Students suspended Koon for the remainder of the academic year.

According to Koon's petition to the Superior Court of Fulton County, Koon could not cross-examine the witnesses against him, observe all of the witnesses against him, present evidence in his chosen order or manner, subpoena witnesses on his behalf, or have a lawyer speak for him during the hearing. According to the *Fulton County Daily Report*, Koon "blasted the proceedings as a 'secret criminal trial' in violation of the U.S. Constitution."

Koon's lawsuit stated that many of the justices at the September hearing had also heard the case the previous Spring. According to the *Daily Report*, "Koon argued that the justices should be disqualified because they had prior knowledge of the facts of the case and had already made a determination that he should be disciplined, but most of the justices refused." However, the group of justices present at the September hearing were, for the most part, different from the Spring group, and none of the voting mem-

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## CoC charges 187 with cheating

Tony Klumper  
Assistant News Editor

When students received their final grades online over the winter break, most assumed the fall semester was over and behind them. However, for almost 200 Tech students now under investigation by the Dean of Students office, this is not the case.

On Tuesday, the Dean of Students office reported that 187 individuals were under investi-

gation for honor code violations.

According to Associate Dean Karen Boyd, the students have been accused of cheating on projects in two introductory computer science classes, Introduction to Computing (CS 1321) and Object-Oriented Programming (CS 1322).

The issue was brought forward after programs developed by Tech CS professors to detect cheating found many similarities among the works

completed by different students.

Boyd told the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* that this is strictly prohibited under the Tech Honor Code. "If you look in the code of conduct, it says unauthorized collaboration is prohibited," said Boyd. The College of Computing makes it clear that students must work individually on all programming projects or homework assignments.

Collaboration among students is taken seriously in the

Computer Science department, because, according to Boyd, the professors need to be able to use homework assignments to gauge how well an individual student understands the material.

The students who are being investigated will now have to meet with members of Tech staff as well as with members of the Dean's Office to explain their side of the story. Boyd and her

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## Snow forces some to skip semester start

By Daniel Amick  
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Two weeks ago, a rare winter storm blanketed Tech campus and the rest of greater Atlanta with several inches of snow. A snowman sprang up in front of the Skiles Building and more than one person was attacked by a well-packed snowball. For many, though, the snow posed major travel problems.

The storm system blew in from the Gulf of Mexico on Wednesday, January 2. Snowflakes continued to fall until midday Thursday, less than 24 hours before Spring semester classes were set to begin. By the time the system swept northward into the Carolinas, it had dumped 4.6 inches of snow in the Metro Atlanta area, the single largest accumulation in ten years. The heavy snow and ice made students' attempts to return to Georgia Tech hazardous.

Roads and highways became dangerous for drivers by Wednesday afternoon. Tech student Gage Stille attempted to make the relatively short trip from Rockdale to Atlanta that day. While crossing an icy bridge, Gage lost control of his vehicle and wrecked, totaling his car and injuring his friend. Stille managed to return to the campus safely on Thursday, but only by driving at 25

miles per hour.

"No one was on I-20," said Stille. "Rockdale is really close, but [driving] still took a while. I wouldn't have come back [Thursday] if I'd lived farther away."

The Georgia Department of Transportation began heavy salting and sanding of all interstates as soon as ice began to accumulate, but many local roads remained treacherous. The Georgia Highway Patrol reported at least one fatal accident.

Jennifer Steele, a second-year INTA major, was in Savannah when the snowstorm hit. After observing a frozen fountain in her front yard and hearing reports of treacherous road conditions on the Interstate through Macon, she reached a definite conclusion.

"We decided, no, we can't go," said Steele. She was not able to return until Saturday.

The snow also disrupted air travel at Hartsfield International Airport. Most of the delays were restricted to aircraft attempting to takeoff, rather than incoming flights. Nevertheless, Delta Airlines canceled almost 800 flights due to weather, deicing problems, and taxiway congestion.

Georgia Tech was one of numerous Atlanta-area institutions that closed its doors to staff on

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By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Linvia Vue and Tim Lan enjoy playing in the snow that was left after a winter storm hit on January 2. Campus was closed the next day.

## New north deck opens after year-long delay

By Eleanor Baccay  
Contributing Writer

The long awaited North Campus Parking Deck finally debuted with the start of spring semester. The holders of B07 parking permits can now park their vehicles in a state-of-the-art facility that contains a total of 850 spaces.

The anticipated opening of the new parking deck was projected to be in March of 2001, the supposed end of a three-year building process.

However, the deck wasn't turned over to Georgia Tech until December 12, 2001. Complications with the construction of the parking deck postponed its opening.

"There were cracks in the [parking decks] internal structure, and its columns needed to be repaired," said Rod Weis, Director of Parking and Transportation.

The Parking Department was told that the deck was ready the day before winter break began. Students were informed by email at the start of the semester that the deck was open and that they could begin parking their vehicles.

Approximately 700 permits will be sold, and so far over 300 have been sold to students.

The remaining parking spaces are to be used for daily parking. Visitors using the deck will pay a daily rate of \$8.00, either through an attendant

or through an automated cash acceptor. The price of a permit is currently \$238, but is projected to be \$475 next year when prices are standardized for all on-campus parking.

The North Campus Parking Deck is located between State Street and Atlantic Drive on Peachtree Place. The deck provides Buzz Card entry and exit. Emergency call boxes are positioned in elevators and at the entrances to the stairwells on every level. Although there is no video surveillance of the pedestrian areas of the deck, it is the best-lit deck on campus through the use of the latest in lighting technologies.

"I am very glad that Tech has it in its possession," said Weis.

The deck's opening delay was disappointing to those Tech students who would have liked to park in it earlier. However, the many students who were issued a spot this semester seem to be grateful for it.

First-year graduate student Maneli Noorkami said that she heard a little about the parking deck's faulty construction, but was not too concerned about it.

"Parking is very hard to get [at Tech]," said Noorkami. The handsome deck seems to be a great asset for the Tech campus.

Perhaps Arun Sharma best summed up the excitement about the deck when she said, "It's parking on campus!"

## Republicans to host Rep. Linder

The College Republicans will host John Linder, U.S. Representative from District 7, on Monday, January 28 in room 320 of the Student Center at 7:00 p.m.

## Tech tradition reborn April 27

After a one-year hiatus, Tech Beautification Day, formerly sponsored by Freshmen Council, will return in April. The beautification of Tech is set to take place on Saturday, April 27.

Technique Online Voice Your Opinion!

Last issue's poll garnered 115 responses to the question:  
"Is your 'dead week' dead?"

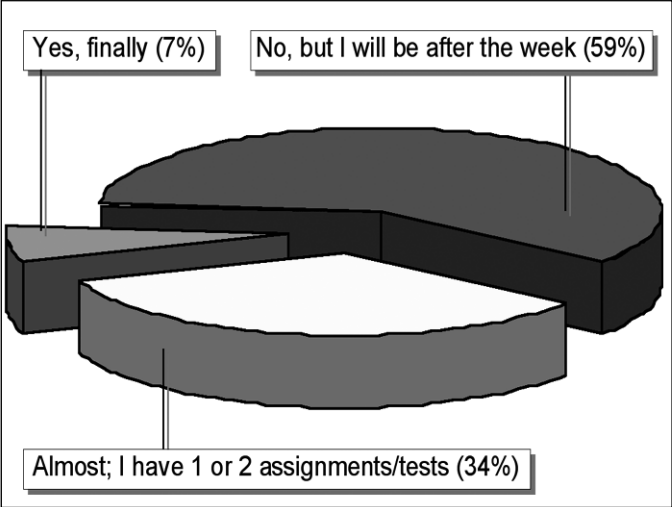


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This week's poll is about cheating. Why were so many students turned in for cheating in CS? Do you think its a high number? A low number? Tell us at [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique).

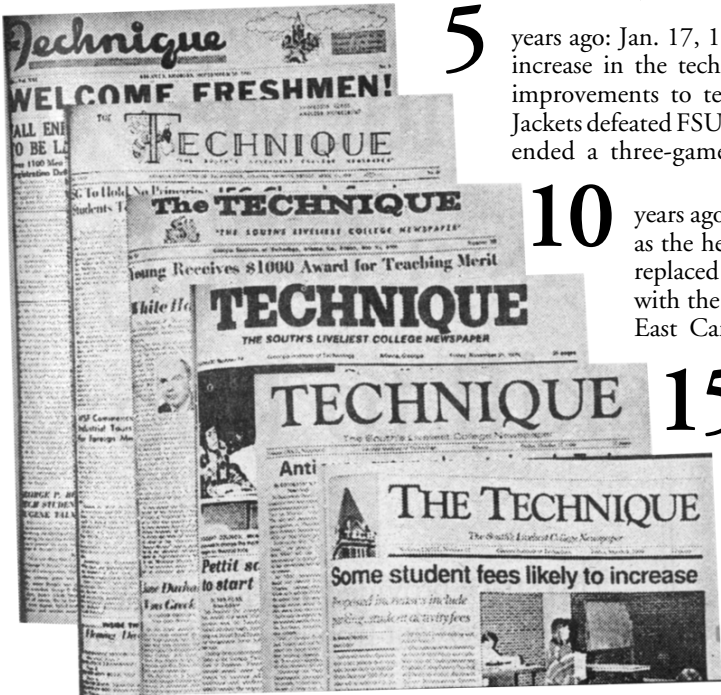
From the archives...

The Nique's top stories from:

5 years ago: Jan. 17, 1997—The administration proposed an increase in the technology fee from \$25 to \$50 to allow improvements to technology facilities in the future. The Jackets defeated FSU 71-58 at the Thrillerdome. The victory ended a three-game ACC losing streak for the Jackets.

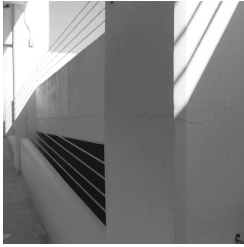
10 years ago: Jan. 17, 1992—Tech hired Bill Lewis as the head football coach of the Jackets. Lewis replaced Bobby Ross, who left to take a position with the San Diego Chargers. Lewis came from East Carolina where he had an 11-1 season.

15 years ago: Jan. 16, 1987—After Bill Curry left to take the head coaching job at Alabama, Bobby Ross was hired as Tech's eighth head football coach. Ross compiled a 39-19-1 record while serving as head coach at Maryland. The Tech Credit Union, which was supposed to open on Jan. 1, was denied a charter by the National Credit Union Association.



Quiz Around Campus!

Yay! That's where I'm a viking!



- 1) The North Campus parking deck will feature state-of-the-art:
  - a) Buzz Card readers—you only have to swipe your card 4 times before the gate opens.
  - b) parking control—each car will be spaced evenly from one another.
  - c) lighting technology—it'll be one well-lit deck.
  - d) cracks in the infrastructure.
- 2) 187 Georgia Tech students are believed to:
  - a) have cheated in a CS course this past semester.
  - b) find Paula Zahn NOT sexy.
  - c) enjoy Diet Coke with lemon.
  - d) have a life outside of school.
- 3) A horn blast at SAC field signals:
  - a) a class change when the whistle isn't working.
  - b) the chance of lightning within a one-mile radius.
  - c) adult swim.
  - d) someone is actually using the North Campus parking deck.
- 4) Here we see:
  - a) people enjoying the snow two weeks ago.
  - b) a desperate attempt to find where the parking spaces on campus went.
  - c) a tragic accident with the new sno-cone machine.
  - d) a girl with a wicked curveball.
- 5) Scotty Crowe's Master Plan:
  - a) works better than Metabolife.
  - b) will guarantee you \$25,000 in three weeks.
  - c) beats out the Institute Master Plan.
  - d) has you study two hours every night before class.



Senators concerned over fee increases

By Jody Shaw  
News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate returned to business on Tuesday January 8 and held its second meeting of the new semester on January 15. With no new business to consider at its first meeting, the senators considered proposed fee increases for the next fiscal year.

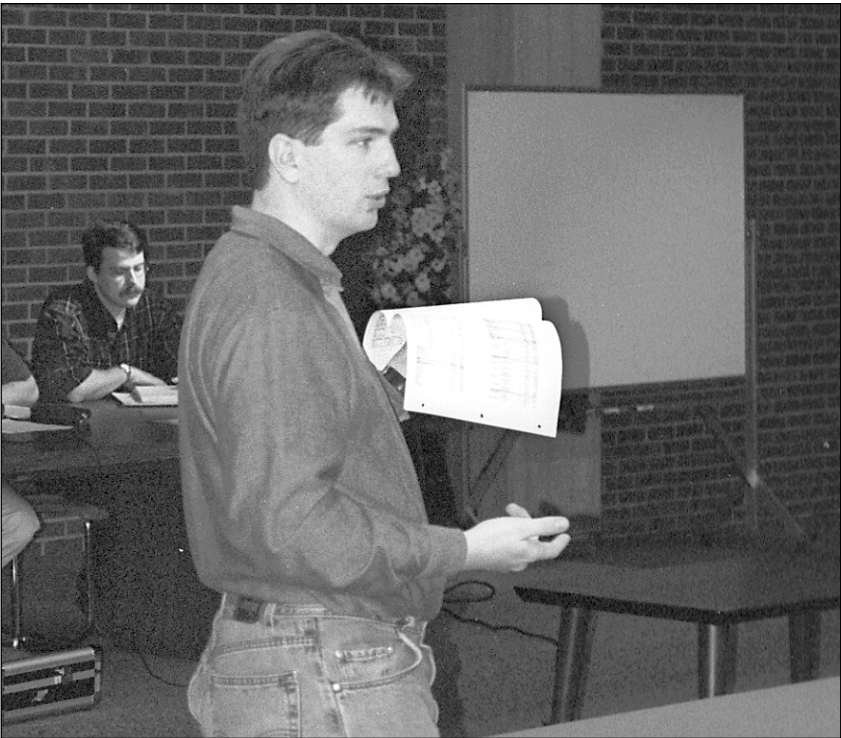
In a lengthy open forum led by Graduate Student Body President Trey Childress, the senators discussed for proposed fee increases: a one dollar increase for Transportation, a one dollar increase for Health, a one dollar increase for Athletics, and a ten dollar increase for Technology. Childress wanted the senators' opinions so that he could better represent their wishes before the Mandatory Student Fee Advisory Committee.

Graduates expressed concern over most of the increases, though in a straw poll, they were virtually split on the issue of whether or not to raise the transportation fee. Childress told the senators the increase would pay for capital projects and improvements such as way-finding signage, new bus shelters, and directional signage for visitors.

The proposed ten-dollar increase to the technology fee was more controversial, and only nine senators of 39 supported the idea. Childress informed the group that the Institute requested the increase because of growth in the number of technology project requests since the fee began. Many of the senators expressed concerns about the way in which technology is managed; ECE Senator Edgar Brown called for more central management of technology and a

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Council Clippings Senate and House



By Brian Oxford / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Vice President of Finance Dave Maybury presents the 2002-2003 budget at Tuesday's GSS meeting. The budget will be debated and voted on in two weeks.

Bills Considered

Undergraduate House of Representatives		
Joint Allocation to GT Leadership Conf.	Author: Caroline Pflueger	passed
Allocation to STAC Society (iMoviefest)	Author: Nadia Mahoud	failed
Joint Allocation to Ramblin 'Reck Club	Author: Chris Kavanaugh	passed
New Campus Recreation positions	Author: Stephen Popick	passed
Appointment of Elections Committee	Author: Chris Kavanaugh	passed
Appointment of JFC Member	Author: Chris Kavanaugh	passed
George Parker		
Graduate Student Senate		
Joint Allocation to Women's Lacrosse	Author: Laura Sheppardson	passed
Joint Allocation to GT Leadership Conf.	Author: Laura Sheppardson	passed
Joint Allocation to Ramblin 'Reck Club	Author: Trey Childress	passed
Appointment of GSS Senator	Author: Trey Childress	passed
Lindsey Rich, Public Policy		

House denies funds to present iMovies

By Jody Shaw  
News Editor

The Undergraduate House of Representatives kicked off its second meeting of the semester with some controversy. Many consider the House to be the more fiscally liberal of the two Student Government legislative bodies, but on Tuesday, it proved it can be just as stringent as GSS when it denied funding to the Science, Technology, and Culture (STAC) Society.

The bill in question would have provided nearly \$4,000 to the organization to rent the Robert Ferst Center for the Arts and projection equipment to hold an event for freshmen and other Tech students.

Throughout the last week, students living in the Freshmen Experience (FE) program have been making five-minute digital movies as part of an event called iMovie Fest. The STAC Society wanted to rent the Ferst Center to show the movies and announce the winners of the movie-making contest with a \$1,500 first-place prize.

SGA members expressed concern about spending 40 percent of the remaining \$10,000 in the Undergraduate Legislative Reserve account on one project.

ECE Representative Eric Clopper asked if the group would be able to hold the event without UHR support, but Tushar Thrivikraman of the STAC Society expressed doubt.

"All of the rental costs for the Ferst Center and the technical equipment are fixed and required," said Thrivikraman. STAC Society Representative Danny White noted that the group tapped its fundraising sources—both on- and off-campus—to purchase the cameras and computing for

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Technique Funny ha-ha or funny uh-oh?

The Road to Salt Lake Olympic Flame at Tech



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The 2002 Winter Olympic Torch, which was designed by Tech Professor Sam Shelton, kicked off its tour of the U.S. in Atlanta on December 4. The torch's visit to the city took it through Tech campus, which served as the 1996 Olympic Village, on the way to Utah.

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the movie-making itself.

Senior Representative Craig Tommasello suggested that the group perhaps use the Student Center ballroom, which seats 900, since it is cheaper to rent, and the STAC society only anticipates that 1,000 students will attend. Junior Representative Tiffany Massey suggested that the group move the event outside on a big-screen monitor.

Both suggestions had disadvantages; the Student Center ballroom is not as acoustically sound, and the outdoor setting could limit the attendance and cost more than the Ferst Center rental. The STAC Society members insisted the Ferst Center was their preferred location.

AE Representative Brian George encouraged the passage of the bill, but noted a larger problem highlighted by the specific bill.

"Every time a Robert Ferst Center bill comes up for discussing, we have this problem [of excessive costs]. We used to have a negotiated contract for reduced rates for student organizations," said George. He implied that SGA should seek such a contract with the Ferst Center for next year.

Management Representative Andrew Keen asked the group to look into renting the Student Center ballroom space, since the iMovie Fest is a first-year event with no attendance history. The STAC Society agreed.

Though the Representatives failed the bill, Freshman Representative Caroline Pfuelger suggested she may revive the bill after the STAC Society looks into renting the less-ex-

pensive Student Center ballroom.

In addition to the STAC bill, the representatives also considered a bill for the Ramblin' Reck Club (RRC). With the construction on Bobby Dodd Stadium, the Ramblin' Wreck, Tech's unofficial athletic mascot, lost its home garage near the North Avenue end of the facility.

The club moved the 1932 Model A Ford to another on-campus garage. According to the club, however, the door of the garage is almost thirty years old, and there is little security to speak of. The RRC asked SGA for funds to replace the garage door and revamp the security.

"Our major concern is the safety of the ramblin' wreck. We have some

funding, but that money covers the normal costs of operating the club and upkeeping the car each year," said Reck Club President Mike Harris.

The House agreed with the Club and supplied almost \$3,000 to fix up the wreck's new home.

Just prior to the close of business, Tommasello motioned to postpone the one remaining bill in new business one week. With no other bills remaining in new business, the House will not meet next Tuesday evening.

The following week Tech Athletic Director Dave Braine will be the guest speaker at the meeting. Last week's speaker, Jo McIver, answered questions about graduation and midterm grades.

technology fee increase, though only after lowering the amount to five dollars. The board decided not to recommend the athletic fee increase, though Clough can still institute it or any of the other fee decisions at his whim. Childress also announced that Provost Jean Lou Chameau will assemble a committee to review the academic misconduct review and appeals process in the near future. Vice President of Finance David Maybury passed out copies of the 2002-3 budget, but announced that debate on the bill to approve the budget will not take place for another two weeks.

The Senate considered three allocation bills at its second meeting, and it approved all with little debate. Childress's bill to appoint Lindsay Rich to the recently vacated seat of Public Policy Senator passed by unanimous acclimation.

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way to follow-up after fee allocations.

The raising of the health fee was less controversial; the senators overwhelmingly supported the increase to pay for moving costs and prescription increases at the Student Health Center, despite the fact that the health fee was increased by two dollars for 2001-2002.

Only two of the senators supported the one-dollar increase desired by the Athletic Association to help offset its negative balance of \$600,000.

At the January 15 meeting Childress announced the results of the Mandatory Student Fee Advisory Committee's recommendations to President G. Wayne Clough. The board approved the transportation and health requests, as well as the

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bers were the same.

Because Koon did not exhaust all channels within the Georgia Tech system by appealing to the Board of Regents before filing an October complaint in civil court, the Board of Regents is now reviewing Tech's disciplinary ruling. With the civil court petition, Koon solicits a judgment that would declare Tech's disciplinary system lacking with regard to the due process rights afforded to students.

As the case is currently in litigation, Tech administrative and legal officials could not comment directly as to the details of the case. However, Dean of Students Karen Boyd and Chief Legal Advisor Randy Nordin explained the current procedures for the student disciplinary system.

"Basically, what the law requires is for [universities] to have a procedure and follow it," said Nordin.

In forming the procedures for student discipline, "there are some certain things that are required by the law, and we've been very cautious to respond properly to those," said Boyd.

"There are some things that are not required by the law but are still granted in our written process. I think that we've bent over [backwards] to provide things that aren't required... I think there are perceptions of what the law would require that aren't true." Dean Boyd upholds the fairness of the process.

University student disciplinary boards in Georgia follow different due process procedures than civil or criminal courts. Because hearings result in recommendations for disciplinary action within a university, rather than a criminal sentence or civil injunction, student disciplinary hearings do not follow the same procedures as courts.

"There's a different standard of evidence," said Dean Boyd, contrasting the UJC system with civil court. "There are different due pro-

## Obituary Melissa Murray

Georgia Tech recently lost a member of its community when Melissa Linea Murray, 20, passed away on Thursday, January 3.

Melissa was a sophomore Mechanical Engineering major from Spanish Fort, Alabama, where she attended Daphne High School. Melissa graduated in spring of 2000 and was named a President's Scholar upon entering Tech.

Melissa planned to earn her undergraduate degree in M.E., and her master's degree in Biomedical Engineering. She had already been accepted into the five-year degree program.

While at Tech, Melissa was a founding sister of the recently established Chi Omega Tau sorority. During the fall semester, she served as the Philanthropy Chair.

Melissa was an active community volunteer. She was a member of Campus Civitan and tutored elementary school chil-

dren with the Techwood Tutorial Project.

In addition to her sorority and service, Melissa enjoyed athletic endeavors. She was a member of the Tech Gymnastics Club.

Melissa was also very spiritually active. She attended the North Avenue Presbyterian Church of Atlanta and the United Methodist Church in her home town, Spanish Fort.

Melissa suffered fatal injuries in a skiing accident on December 26 in New Mexico. She was on vacation with her family at the time.

Melissa is survived by her mother and father as well as a younger sister and brother. Her sister, Melanie Murray, is a freshman Industrial Design major at Tech.

The family celebrated Melissa's life at a remembrance service on January 7. She will also be remembered at Tech's When the Whistle Blows ceremony.

cess responsibilities... We're not a court."

According to Boyd, complaints about due process often stem from misunderstandings about the system. To alleviate the possibility of misunderstanding, the Dean of Students office and the Chief Justice of the UJC make themselves available to discuss procedures with students and attorneys well before a hearing takes place. Before a hearing, students receive a charge letter, an investigation report on witnesses and evidence and a guide to the process.

"[UJC] is an investigative hearing panel. Their job is to figure out what they think really happened," said Boyd.

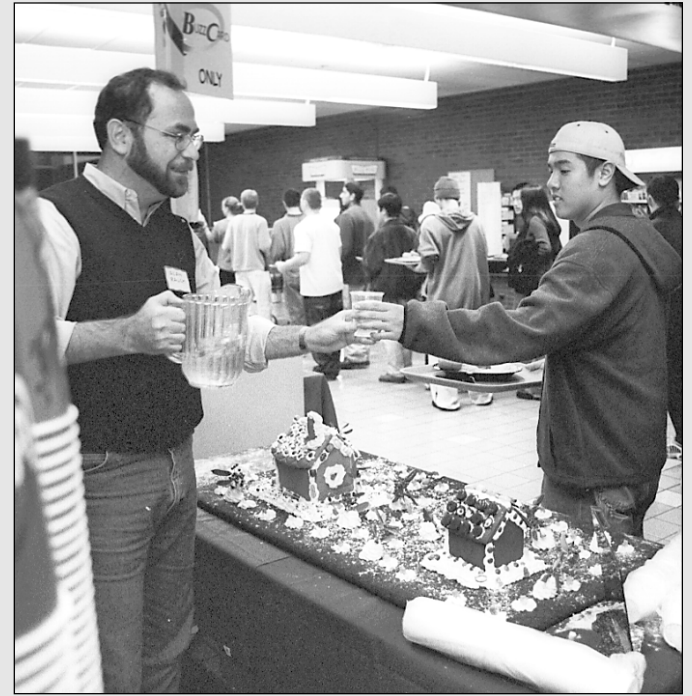
As far as college disciplinary processes holding up in court, few precedents exist. *The Law of Higher Education*, a volume compiled by William A. Kaplin and Barbara A.

Lee, addresses the legal implications of administrative decisions. Invocations of the Due Process Clause of the Constitution, which prohibits the government from depriving an individual of life, liberty or property without certain procedural protections, form the crux of due process arguments. In such an analysis, courts usually assume that "a student has a property interest in continued enrollment at a public institution."

The most detailed precedent, a 1967 case against Central Missouri State College, calls for protections including the right to bring counsel to the hearing for advisement, but not for the questioning of witnesses. However, such cases are uncommon and do not always yield similar results.

A decision from the Board of Regents in this case is expected early next month.

## Finals Week Fun Midnight Breakfast



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Alan Rauch of LCC serves one of the over 1,200 students turned out to the first-ever Midnight Breakfast at the Student Center.

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staff will then make the decision as to whether each individual student should be charged. If students are formally charged, they will present their cases to a review panel made up of both faculty members and students who will make a decision as to the students' guilt.

If the students are found guilty they could receive a failing grade in the class and be placed on disciplinary probation. Although suspension has not been ruled out as a possible punishment, Boyd said that Tech does not usually suspend students for first offenses.

*For more information be sure to read next week's paper. The Technique will feature an in-depth article behind the CoC cheating scandal.*

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Thursday. However, while offices and buildings remained closed January 3, both Brittain and Woodruff Dining Halls opened as scheduled.

"Other than some students not coming in on-time, everything remained the same," said Grace Knight, Unit Manager of Brittain.

The total effects of the storm on attendance are difficult to quantify. No professors called administrators to report that they would be unable to reach the campus by Friday, according to the Office of the Provost. Neither the Registrar nor the Office of the Dean of Students compiles statistical data on daily class attendance at the Institute-wide level, so there is no way to know exactly how many students failed to return on time because of the weather.



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