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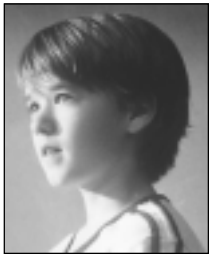
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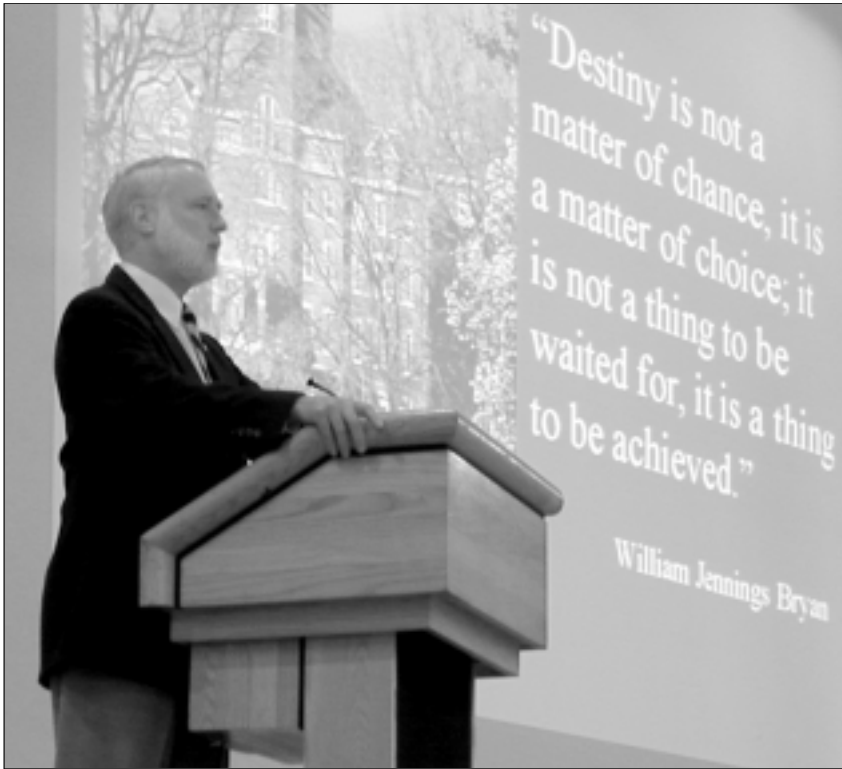
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## Clough pushes undergrad learning initiatives

*President focused on themes such as undergraduate research, student and faculty diversity, retention rates, and the teaching and learning environment in his annual State of the Institute address to the Tech student body*



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

President Clough encouraged undergraduate learning initiatives and the continued progress of Tech during the next century in his annual State of the Institute address.

By Tony Kluemper  
Assistant News Editor

Georgia Tech President G. Wayne Clough shared his vision for the future of Tech when he presented the 2000 State of the Institute address in the Student Center ballroom.

During his presentation, Clough provided students and faculty with an understanding of the accomplishments of Tech in the past year and the direction the institute is headed in the upcoming years.

According to Clough, during the course of the 20th century, Georgia Tech has strived to obtain the same level of recognition as MIT and Harvard by taking the paths followed already laid by these schools.

"I think that in the past decade we have begun to develop an agenda of our own making that has others looking to us for further direction," said Clough.

"We are now entering the twenty-first century, and we want

to make it our century — a time when our collective efforts lifts Georgia Tech from the ranks of the good, solid schools, and establishes us as a center and source of innovation."

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President

been accomplished at Tech during this time of change, Clough focused the beginning of his address on the achievements of the Tech community. Clough feels that one of the greatest accomplishments of Tech is the improvement in the quality of students.

Clough also addressed the

success of the research programs over the past year by recognizing that research expenditures reached an all-time high of about \$274 million, which marked the sixth consecutive year of growth. Clough also examined the building projects that are currently affecting the Tech community.

"We all know that a first-class research university requires first-class facilities, and we continue to make progress in that direction," said Clough. "That is our goal as we plan to take a historic step across the Interstate barrier and become an active participant in Midtown."

According to Clough, this Midtown location will be especially important for the DuPree College of Management as it develops closer relationships with Atlanta's high-tech community. In addition to this project, Clough commented on many more aspects of the Master Plan aimed at producing additional

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## Sigma Phi Epsilon faces two years of suspension

Jennifer Hinkel  
News Editor

As the result of a decision made this week, the Sigma Phi Epsilon (SigEp) fraternity will be sanctioned to a two-year suspension from campus. The administration decided not to take the recommendations of the InterFraternity Council (IFC) Judicial Board, which suggested sanctions requiring chapter members to "rehabilitate their fraternity from a continuous pattern of dangerous activity."

"It is difficult not to follow a hearing board's recommendations. However, the Board's own findings leave us no acceptable choice other than to not implement those recommendations," read a letter to the president of Sig Ep from Assistant Dean of Students Bill Barnes. "For narrower breadth of violations Georgia Tech has suspended fraternities."

"I believe these sanctions create the greatest likelihood of success for the creation of a Sigma Phi Epsilon

chapter at Georgia Tech that will operate in a manner consistent with the ideals and purposes of the Fraternity and the Institute."

"This decision has not been made lightly. In order to offer the best possible opportunity to once again see the type of Sigma Phi Epsilon at Georgia Tech of which we can all be proud, significant sanctions are required," wrote Barnes.

The chapter was found responsible for violating 34 counts of alcohol, hazing, and drug policies including Georgia State law, Tech policies, InterFraternity Council policies, and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity policies.

"All of these behaviors except for some of the minor thefts occurred while the chapter was on social probation," stated the letter.

The administration based their decision on the IFC Judicial Board findings, although the sanctions exceeded those recommended by the Judicial Board.

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## What is HAZING?

Part three of a multi-part series

When hazing issues come to the forefront, Greek organizations often find themselves under the microscope. However, hazing can occur in any type of group, such as an athletic team or a musical group. Such activities are becoming more recognized on a national level. The *Technique* examines the possibility of such activity on campus.

By Jody Shaw  
Managing Editor

The recent investigation of the Yellow Jacket Marching Band for suspected hazing violations ended last week when the Dean of Students Office officially closed the investigation without issuing any charges.

"Some of the things that were initially reported to us were proven to be completely unfounded. Some of them were probably founded on events that aren't quite as they appear. The band is not responsible for hazing," said Karen Boyd, Senior Associate Dean of Students.

The investigation opened at the beginning of fall semester when Boyd received a third hand account from a Tech administrator. A parent told the administrator that she suspected that the band

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Senior Associate Dean of Students



participated in activities that could be deemed as hazing, but when Boyd attempted to contact the parent herself, the parent retracted her original statements.

"We went ahead and investigated because sometimes parents will not come forward officially for fear of what might happen to their son or daughter. So we took the information we had and felt like we couldn't just drop it and say 'oh, there's nothing there,' because what if there was something there. If it was true we needed to

stop it, and if it wasn't true, we needed to clear those allegations from the band," said Boyd.

During the first segment of the investigation, the Dean of Students Office did not interview anyone from the band. The office normally follows such procedure, at least in the beginning, when it initiates an investigation. In this case, Boyd worked closely with Greek Advisor Mark Douglas, who used his experience with Greek

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### Editor's Note

Due to the Fall Semester break Monday and Tuesday of next week, there will be no issue of the *Technique* published next Friday. The *Technique* will resume weekly publication on Friday, November 2.

# Modern Language department faces high student demand, low supply of classes

By Elizabeth Costner  
News Staff

Because of the fluctuating demand for modern language classes from semester to semester and the limited number of faculty in the modern language department, many students have experienced difficulty in scheduling classes when they want to take them.

Many students interested in modern languages must take classes through overload status or delay coursework until another semester. In recent semesters, with the growth of majors such as international affairs and the introduction of a dual degree in international affairs and modern language, the number of students required to take modern language classes has similarly increased.

The conversion to semesters also creates difficulty in predicting the demand for modern languages as the number of students in each major who will take language classes is not yet clear.

“The demand for language classes is hard to forecast. For example, this semester the demand for Chinese and Japanese classes increased while demand for the other languages stayed the same,” said Richard Barke, Associate Dean of the Ivan Allen College.

The number of professors in the language department is not enough to cover the courses requested by the students, and part-time professors are often hired to meet this need.

However, “it’s always a gamble as to which level and which language to hire the professors in,” said Barke.

In addition, because the modern language department often cannot predict the student interest in the language courses until the first week in the semester, contacting part-time professors to hire can be a challenge.

The department is implementing a plan this semester to reduce uncertainty in scheduling language classes.

“We are keeping track of the number of students who enroll in a language this semester and who didn’t get into classes. We will use this number to calculate the expected demand for next semester,” said Barke.

Students enter the language department from many different backgrounds and levels; this situation also limits the modern language department, as professors cannot teach the courses at a steady rate. Overloaded classes also inhibit the professor’s ability to most effectively teach the course.

Last year, Ivan Allen College developed a joint degree program between modern language and international affairs majors. “As the modern language department becomes a greater part of the Tech community and the professors begin doing research, the teaching loads will change,” said Barke.

In this program, international affairs majors take the same core classes but also choose more elec-

tives from a language.

“The students develop a proficiency in that language that includes more than just speaking,” said Barke. “They learn about the culture and how to communicate for business.”

Through association with the Ivan Allen College and the international affairs majors, the language department “gains more recognition on campus,” said Lionel Lemarchand, Associate French professor. “This program promotes our growth and eases the burden on the language professors since the programs are taught with another professor.”

Due to the small number of professors, the language department is one of the only departments in which the professors have to teach at least three classes each semester to satisfy student demand.

“The students should be able to sign up for the classes that they want. It disturbs their progress if they can’t take the classes they need. We are never going to be able to satisfy everyone, but there is a difference between students not taking classes due to scheduling conflicts and not taking classes because they aren’t offered,” said Lemarchand.

“We have the framework for a really good department. The teaching and research of the professors shows their commitment and dedication to the students.”

The language department has grown significantly in the last few years. Barke feels that the department will continue to improve as “we learn how to match the supply with the demand.”

## Homecoming 2000 Future Yellow Jackets



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A young fan wears Hamilton’s #14 as he watches Buzz ride by in the Wreck Parade. The parade tradition is almost 100 years old.

# News briefs

## SPAARC sponsors class registration fair

SPAARC (Students Providing Academic Advisement, Resources, and Communication) will be holding a Registration Fair for all students on Monday, October 30 at the ESM Building (Corner of Cherry St. and Ferst St., across from the Tech Tower) Room 110 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The fair will help students answer questions regarding class registration for next semester and other general questions on co-oping, switching majors, and obtaining a minor. Advisors are comprised of Tech upperclassmen that have succeeded at Tech. Food and refreshments will be provided. E-mail SPAARC with questions at spaarc@gatech.edu.

## Residence Hall Association seeks V.P. applications

The Residence Hall Association will be accepting applications for the position of Vice President until 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 27. Candidates will be permitted to make speeches and answer questions after applications are submitted. Please contact Dilip Mujumdar at gt7515a@prism.gatech.edu for elections procedures and applications.

## Tech women graduates to offer panel discussion

As Part of Georgia Tech Diversity and Disabilities Week, the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) and business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi are pairing up to bring a panel of successful female Tech graduates to Tech. The panel will speak on October 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the President's Suite of the Student Success Center, discussing how they reached their current positions and answering audience questions about success. Snacks will be served.

## Ohio State launches public policy essay competition

College juniors and seniors are invited to participate in a national public policy essay competition offering cash prizes to the top four writers, including a grand prize of \$5,000. The contest deadline is November 15, 2000. The essay topic is titled "The Internet and the Future of Democracy." Eligible participants must be full-time college juniors or seniors at accredited U.S. institutions as of November 15. The maximum essay length is 1,500 words. Cash prizes are \$2,500 for second place, \$1,500 for third place and \$1,000 for fourth place. Awards are made possible by gifts from the School of Public Policy and Management alumni. Winners will be notified in March. Three copies of the essay must be sent to the OSU School of Public Policy and Management, Public Policy Essay Competition, 2100 Neil Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210. For contest details, visit the Web at http://ppm.ohio-state.edu.

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# Council Clippings Undergraduate House of Representatives UHR passes bill for band trip to Ireland

By Mary DeCamp  
News Staff

Just as two weeks before, The October 17 meeting of the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) hosted a large number of members from various music ensembles, especially the band. Band members attended in support of a bill that would allocate money to help pay for a portion of the costs of an upcoming trip to Ireland for almost 200 members. The marching band was invited to play in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, and the symphonic band will give a concert on the eve of the parade. Matt Mason and Bucky Johnson, Chair of the Music Department and Director of Bands, presented the bill and the benefits of donating money to the band's trip fund. The original requested amount on the bill was \$26,522, roughly ten percent of the cost of the entire trip. After amendment, the amount on the bill was reduced to \$13,261. The bill passed to go on to a

conference committee, where members of the Undergraduate House and Graduate Student Senate will decide on an amount that both groups can agree on. The Graduate Senate failed the bill after amending to approximately \$4,000 Tuesday morning. Many additional bills were brought up before the UHR. Executive Assistant Chris Kavanaugh presented a bill to appoint two more Council representatives. The bill passed, making Jeff Cochran the new Architecture representative and Brandon Lenfest the new Earth and Atmospheric Sciences Representative. Christine McIntyre, Governmental and External Affairs Committee Chair, presented a bill asking for allocations to the Undergraduate Student Council for the Fall Student Advisory Council Conference. Another bill was proposed asking for allocations for the Army ROTC's upcoming trip to its Ranger Challenge in Gainesville, Georgia. Both bills passed. Dean of Students Gail DiSabatino announced that Max Cleland

would be the honored speaker at the Georgia Tech commencement ceremony in December. Dean Gail also mentioned a new program called Solutions, which will allow students being treated for substance abuse to attend school at the same time. In this program, students will attend class during the day and participate in treatment and counseling at night. Dean DiSabatino also spoke on hazing. She mentioned that the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity will be suspended for two years due to past hazing, and as of November 1, an information line will be set up allowing students to call in if they know of any hazing incidents. Undergraduate Student Body President J.R. Spriggle discussed his meeting with the marketing representative from Marriott. Food services plans to move the Freshens in the Student Center downstairs into the area currently occupied by Pizza Hut and to relocate Pizza Hut

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By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Undergraduate representatives Hoover and Steele listen attentively as bills are presented at last Tuesday's meeting of the UHR. Meetings are held Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Services Building, room 117.

Address

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improvements across campus. After addressing the achievements of the Georgia Tech community, Clough discussed the funding and resources that support these achievements. “We could not attain the accomplishment I have described without ample resources,” said Clough. “Higher level achievements require a higher level of resources, and the Georgia Tech Foundation and the Campaign for Georgia Tech have been great benefactors for our aspirations.” According to Clough, if Tech is to be the institution that defines the technological university of the 21st century, all members of the Tech community need to take the initiative to address the issues that lie between Tech and its goal. “These [initiatives] relate to undergraduate education, diversity, faculty entrepreneurship, and communicating our expectations and plans with those we wish to impact and those who impact us,” said Clough. The president first addressed the idea of improving undergraduate learning at Tech. “To a large extent the early development of Tech was based on undergraduate education, but in the past three decades, the Institute has seen its fortune rise because of growth of its research enterprise,” said Clough. “Our undergraduates do not express the same level of satisfaction with their educational experience as our graduate students do.” Clough commented that Tech has been taking steps to enhance the undergraduate experience. “Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies Bob McMath has been working on these issues for more

than a year, talking with students, faculty and academic and administrative leaders,” said Clough. The initiative Clough presented to improve undergraduate


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President

learning at Tech consisted of four parts. These parts include providing funding to support faculty in their efforts to engage undergraduates in research; developing a charge for Colleges and Schools to provide recognition for efforts undertaken in

support of improving undergraduate learning; providing funding for new graduate and undergraduate teaching assistant positions to support the undergraduate teaching and learning mission; and documenting, reinforcing, and sharing best practices in undergraduate advising. A total of \$250,000 will be given to further undergraduate research opportunities. When faced with the opinion of a faculty member that the amount was too small, Clough said: “Go ahead and challenge me. I’ll find the money.” The president feels that an improvement in undergraduate learning is needed because undergraduates are the base of all world-class universities. “We begin with the need for all of us – students, faculty, and staff – to understand that a superlative undergraduate experience is a significant and integral part of a world-class university,” Clough said. Clough also challenged students

to take an active role by attending class, being prepared, and seeking help in academic endeavors. The address is sponsored annually by the Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) to provide an open forum for students to communicate with Clough. According to ODK president James Stovall, this year’s presentation offered student appeal. “A lot of effort was put into making this address more entertaining,” said Stovall. “Students were able to see pictures and videos about the ideas instead of just hearing them.” According to Stovall, this address gives students an opportunity to directly affect their future. “I think a lot of the time students are unaware of what is happening, and if students realize what is happening they can have a say of the plans as they are being laid out,” said Stovall. “This address gave students the opportunity to voice their opinions and ask questions of President Clough as the plans are being presented.”



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Hazing

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hazing incidents to aid in the investigation.

“Before we called anyone from band in we contacted Bucky [Johnson], the band director. After sharing with him what was going on...he shared some information that we checked into. We asked that he remained removed while we continued the investigation, but we didn’t want him not to know it was happening,” said Boyd.

After notifying Johnson, Boyd and Douglas proceeded by questioning members of the band. Over a four-week period, they talked to more than a dozen individuals about their suspicions.

“We found some practices that were borderline—that could easily slip into the hazing side of the hill,” said Boyd.

The use of RAT caps as tools of division rather than tradition concerned Boyd and others who observe band practices from the outside. Many individuals on campus believe that some band members use RAT caps to single out freshmen.

“I want them to be aware of how the RAT cap is being perceived by the people who are wearing it, and to work very hard so that there is no question about what is really expected, and that failing to follow through is not a problem,” said Boyd.

One of the rituals in question was “RATs without hats,” which occurs at the end of each band practice. RATs who lose their hats during practice are asked to come before the band and complete a task to earn back their hats. According to band members, however, freshmen decide whether or not they want to participate in RAT cap activities.

“Section leaders and others suggest that you wear them at all band functions, but it is not forced,” said Jennifer Smith, a freshman band member.

Boyd and Douglas also investi-

gated another band tradition known as “dwarfing.” On one night of band camp, the members meet at Couch at midnight. Vets, as band upperclassmen are called, do not tell the freshmen where they will be taken, which Boyd found particularly disturbing. Instead they tell the freshmen to wear comfortable shoes, and that their experience will include something “delicious and different.”

“You are in no way required to go. [Dwarfing] is a fun thing, and it is not sponsored by the school or the band. It is just something you do for fun,” said Smith.

Band members then pile in cars and head to the Chik-fil-a Dwarf House, which is where the name “dwarfing” originated. Both RATs and Vets order a “hot brown,” a menu item found only at the Dwarf House that consists of scrambled eggs mixed with cheese and chicken chunks and topped with bacon. The band members eat the dish without using silverware, and they encourage the freshmen to do the same.

“That’s real close, but it doesn’t fall over the edge. One of the things that is an issue when you are trying to determine hazing and not-hazing is the distinction between younger and older, neophyte and brother. In the [dwarfing], a very big distinction is that a number of Vets were eating,” said Boyd.

Even though Boyd found no evidence to prove that the band hazes, she feels that the band still needs to be careful of the image it portrays. The investigation also raises new issues about the fine line that divides tradition and hazing.

“I think that the difference between tradition and hazing is that one is just about pride. It is simply that you are so proud of something that you just do it—not that it is suggested by somebody else. Hazing is more insidious. It creates an expectation of others, and it is not about keeping it going because it is what you’re proud of, but because it is what you should do,” said Boyd.

Feature Photos Yellow Jacket Marching Band



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

During the traditional pre-game show, the band lines up in the Tech Tower formation to play the Alma Mater. The marching band performs at each home game, with several hundred members.



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The band can be seen warming up by the Campanile fountain before a game. This week, the band’s halftime show will feature music with an Irish theme in anticipation of a trip to Ireland this spring.

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upstairs into the Freshens food court location.

Spriggle also announced that, starting next semester, Physics 2211 quizzes will be given at night. The physics department decided to make the scheduling change this week, bringing the debate over quiz scheduling to a close.

The change in Physics class scheduling will be posted on OscarWeb for upcoming semesters.

*The Undergraduate House of Representatives meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in room 117 of the Student Services Building.*

Suspension

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“There is a consistent trend of dangerous behavior and bad decision making on the part of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Georgia Alpha chapter. Hazing, theft, disregard for social probation, kegs on campus, drugs in the house—these things have all existed. How do you levy sanctions for infractions that exist across the board?” stated the Judicial Board recommendation letter.

Sanctions additional to the suspension of two years include a restriction on any organizational activity of Sigma Phi Epsilon, or any attempt to operate as another organization during the suspension.

The chapter house must be vacated by December 19 of this year, and all letters, signs, and markings identifying the house as that of Sig Ep must be removed.

In his letter to Sigma Phi Epsilon, Dean Barnes quoted the IFC Judicial Board’s recommendation letter as saying the following: “Acknowledged now that someone could have died in this activity—a cold, disease-laden environment where reckless drinking was encouraged and not monitored. This is the most serious concern of the judicial board. Until these dire consequences are admitted, the chapter will not re-

form and move forward.”

“The chapter plead[ed] not responsible to the issue of failing to ‘protect the health and safety’ of its members. This does not show that the dire consequences of these behaviors have been admitted and accepted,” further read Barnes’ letter.

If the chapter wishes to appeal the decision, they must do so in writing to Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Lee Wilcox by today.

Alumni and legal counsel of Sigma Phi Epsilon spent the last minutes of the October 7 hearing complaints that the fraternity was not treated with legal due process in proceedings leading up to the hearing.

Sigma Phi Epsilon alumni president Bill Oakes expressed discontent on the timing of documents and information passed between the InterFraternity Council (IFC) Judicial Board and the fraternity’s counsel.

However, “the documents were clearly received in time for the hearing,” said Senior Associate Dean of Students Karen Boyd. “[The fraternity] had a very fair understanding of what the allegations were early enough.”

“In the end, we have taken actions that do all we can to protect all of our students’ success, while offering an open door to a future Sigma Phi Epsilon at Georgia Tech,” wrote Barnes.



Congratulations  
Rob and Cheryl  
  
on your engagement  
Good Luck!