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Tsunami Response

Groups launch relief campaign

By Nikhil Joshi
Staff Writer

Led by SGA, Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), Alpha Phi Omega (APO) and the Georgia Tech Ambassadors, over 50 student organizations are working towards raising \$60,000 in aid for earthquake and tsunami victims in Southeast Asia.

Tony Le, a fifth-year Management and Electrical Engineering major and president of ODK, is part of the team of students in charge of planning the effort. "We decided that we wanted to collaborate," he said. "We have the resources at Tech to come together and do something great."

According to Le, the role of ODK is to "organize and ensure that the organizations involved are collaborating and not competing with each other."

Responsibilities have been divided up between the participating organizations. SGA and Move are in charge of collecting donations at tables located on Skiles Walkway and other places around campus. FAB has organized efforts in housing (going door-to-door to ask for donations). APO has set up buckets at various locations in which contributions can be placed while Greek organizations are raising awareness in fraternities and sororities. Each organization has taken charge of a specific area, Le said.

In addition to collecting donations, student leaders are planning events for which they expect large turnouts to raise money. APO set up a benefit concert scheduled for Jan. 25. Le also indicated that a raffle is a possibility and that students

will ask for donations from small businesses in the area.

Fifth-year Management and STAC major Patricia Breed, a member of the steering committee of TEAM Buzz, which is also part of the fundraising effort, said that "the effort is unique; it is more effective to work together than having one organization take charge of the entire effort."

The target, \$60,000, came out of a challenge to reach every student and member of Tech staff and faculty, put forth by leaders of student organizations. The goal calls for a \$3 contribution from each of the approximately 20,000 people at Tech. According to Le, the idea was first proposed at a leadership retreat.

Undergraduate Student Body President Amy Phuong, Vice President of Student Affairs William Schafer and Vice Provost Robert McMath spoke about the tragedy at a kickoff rally on Jan. 18.

Student leaders feel that the goal can be met and may be surpassed. Jessica Lynn McDonald, SGA chair of cultural affairs, said that "it looks like we will pass it [\$60,000] based on how much help we have already been offered. People will be collecting money at basketball games, football games and other campus events. It is a huge effort."

"It is definitely possible [to surpass \$60,000]," Le said. "People have been very generous. We have not come across any negative attitudes. So far everyone has been helpful."

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Photo courtesy of Nickolas Faust

A scene of the destruction caused by the Dec. 26 tsunami along the coast of Thailand. The disaster caused at least 220,000 deaths. Groups are raising money for victims.



By Jon Drews / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Fit for a King: Participants at an ecumenical service Sunday, Jan. 16 sing in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life. The service's featured speaker was Ga. congressman Sanford Bishop. Tech's FOCUS group sponsored the event. FOCUS aims at increasing the number of master's and doctoral degrees granted to minorities.

Misconduct procedures revised

By Michael Handelman
Staff Writer

If the Faculty Senate approves an updated student conduct code in February, professors will help decide punishments for students convicted of cheating in their classes. Currently, professors are not involved in the crafting of sanctions for students who commit academic misconduct.

This policy change is included in a newly revised "Student Code of Conduct," drafted by the Office of the Dean

of Students and the Student Rules and Regulations committee.

Other proposed changes to the conduct code include defining and creating sanctions for acts of harassment and guidelines regarding the amount of time that students and student organizations may use to respond to student honor code violations.

Increasing the level of professor participation in student academic misconduct cases is expected to decrease the waiting time for accused students to receive a resolution to their case.

According to Assistant Dean of Students Andrea Goldblum, "Most of [the student conduct code changes] have to do with efficiency, and it's efficiency for the students, because the biggest complaint students have is how long these processes take...and most of these changes are designed to make this process more efficient and effective."

Currently, if a student is charged with academic misconduct, such as

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Clough unveils plans for capital campaign

By Haining Yu
Assistant News Editor

Plans for Tech's next fundraising campaign were unveiled to the Faculty Executive Board at their Jan. 11 meeting in a presentation made by President Wayne Clough and Vice President of Development Barrett Carson.

While Tech continuously seeks donations and receives about \$70 million a year on average, the capital campaign would provide a concentrated effort towards large fundraising goals.

Of the billion-dollar campaigns already underway at Tech's peer institutions, the dollar amounts range from \$1 to \$3 billion. According to Carson, no dollar amount has been officially set yet for Tech's campaign; however a \$1 billion mark was identified in the presentation as the preliminary goal.

Upon being questioned on why the number was not set higher, Clough

indicated that the low dollar amount was set as to not scare off donors.

While evaluations and planning began a year ago, and official gift accounting for the campaign already began last July, the campaign is still in the "quiet stage" during which the many details can be worked out.

According to Carson, the next stage of the campaign is to solicit ideas, goals or areas of improvement for which fundraising is needed. The first of such meetings took place Wednesday morning with the academic Deans.

According to Clough's presentation, in the end, all facets of the institute, from faculty to staff to students, will be asked for their opinions on what's needed most.

A large concern pointed out in the Faculty Executive Board was the increasing gap between Tech's annual

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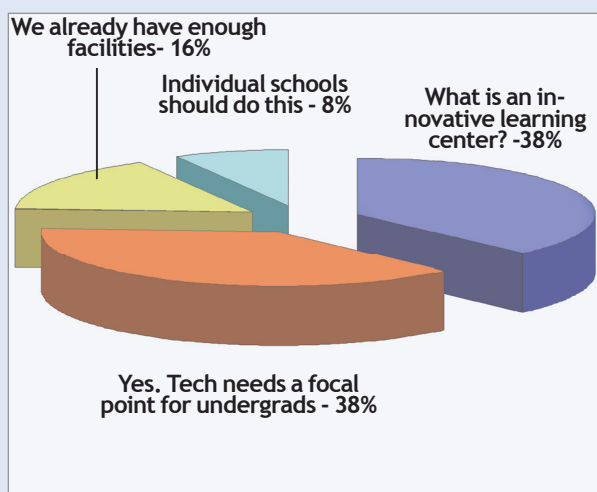
OIT sponsors new firewall software

OIT is now sponsoring a new security program for Tech computers. RealSecure Desktop has replaced ZoneAlarm as the school's supported firewall software. The new program is available for download at OIT's software distribution website, software.oit.gatech.edu.

According to an OIT press release, "OIT is operating the central console for RealSecure Desktop users at Georgia Tech. Through the console, OIT will manage the application's firewall policies, collect security event data, and automate the distribution of updates."

Event to feature file sharing debate

The Honor Advisory Council is sponsoring "What's the Download" Monday, Jan. 24 in the Ferst Center. The event is tentatively scheduled for 8 p.m. and will debate the ethics of file downloading online.

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By Lauren Griffin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

*This week's question:***Should class attendance ever be mandatory?**Tell us at www.nique.net**GTPD enforces drug ordinance**

The Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) is now enforcing Atlanta city ordinances for underage alcohol consumption and marijuana possession of less than one ounce.

Drug offenders can now be issued a citation to appear in a city of Atlanta court. They can also be arrested on a city ordinance charge by the GTPD.

Additionally, GTPD recently trained over 200 Department of Housing staff members to recognize the smell of marijuana as well as recognize various drug paraphernalia.

*From the files of the GTPD...***Campus Crime****Community relations training**

The entire GTPD has been training in community-organized policing with instruction lead by Deputy Chief Anthony Purcell. Goals of this initiative include improving relations with the campus community and local police.

New GTPD campus surveys as well as a new safety committee are designed to create an open forum to discuss problems on campus.

Orange-throwing investigation

On January 7, a report of an orange thrown through an open window was investigated by the GTPD. Crimes such as this result in a follow-up with the room where the object was thrown from. If there

are any injuries, a student conduct violation is issued to the offender, who also must meet with a dean.

Campus crime down 29.7 percent

The GTPD reported a 29.7 percent reduction in crime from 2003 to 2004.

Substantial reductions of 40 percent or more were seen in numbers of aggravated assaults, robbery, motor vehicle theft, bicycle thefts and theft from coin-operated machines.

Burglary and rape, however, did increase by one incident each this past year. GTPD attributes the overall reduction in crime to focusing on community based policing.

This week's campus crime information contributed by Amanda Dugan

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Making Friday lectures more interesting

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

Grads approve three-strikes attendance rule

By Arcadiy Kantor
Senior Staff Writer

The Graduate Student Senate barely met quorum to hold an uneventful meeting Tuesday.

The meeting commenced with a discussion of a new attendance policy being implemented this semester. Secretary Mitch Keller reviewed the policy, which implements a strict three-strikes rule. Under the new rule, a senator's third unexcused absence from a GSS meeting will result in that senator's automatic impeachment.

Senator Pelham Norville, standing in for Vice President Lisa Brown at the meeting, briefly discussed SGA's tsunami relief efforts and urged senators to contribute to the donation fund.

The senators also discussed a survey concerning group health insurance for Tech students. The insurance premiums are expected to rise by a significant amount next year, and the GSS is exploring ways to make the increased cost more manageable.

The only bill considered at the meeting was a previously-postponed allocation to DramaTech to fund the costs of either a new dimmer system

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- Joint allocation to DramaTech
 - Resolution congratulating GSS member on upcoming wedding

- Bills Withdrawn**
- Joint allocation to the Hong Kong Students' Association

or a new winch. The club estimates that either purchase will cost the same amount, and has agreed to cover one of the two with its own funding.

The bill has been postponed in the past because of confusion about the improper installation of the old winch that is forcing DramaTech to invest in a new one at this time.

SGA had hoped to determine who installed the old winch and subsequently force them to take responsibility for the installation costs associated with a new one.

Those efforts failed, however, and the bill was sent back up for consideration.

The Joint Finance Committee recommended spreading the cost of the winch over two years, funding half of the bill at this time and

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Undergraduate House of Representatives

UHR funds six boats for Sailing Club

By Shan Sharif
Contributing Writer

The Undergraduate House of Representatives held its first session of the semester Tuesday night. A total of six bills were passed, while two were postponed.

Among the bills passed was a joint allocation to the Georgia Tech Sailing Club (GTSC).

According to the representatives of GTSC, the club cannot compete without six boats. Currently, two out of their six boats cannot be used at all due to structural damage. Also, the organization's representatives stated that the last four boats may "go out any minute."

GTSC is asking for six new boats since these six will wear equally over time. The club's representatives believe that purchasing all six boats at one time will be about a 15-year investment. Furthermore, they stated that it is simply not cost effective to simply repair the damaged boats.

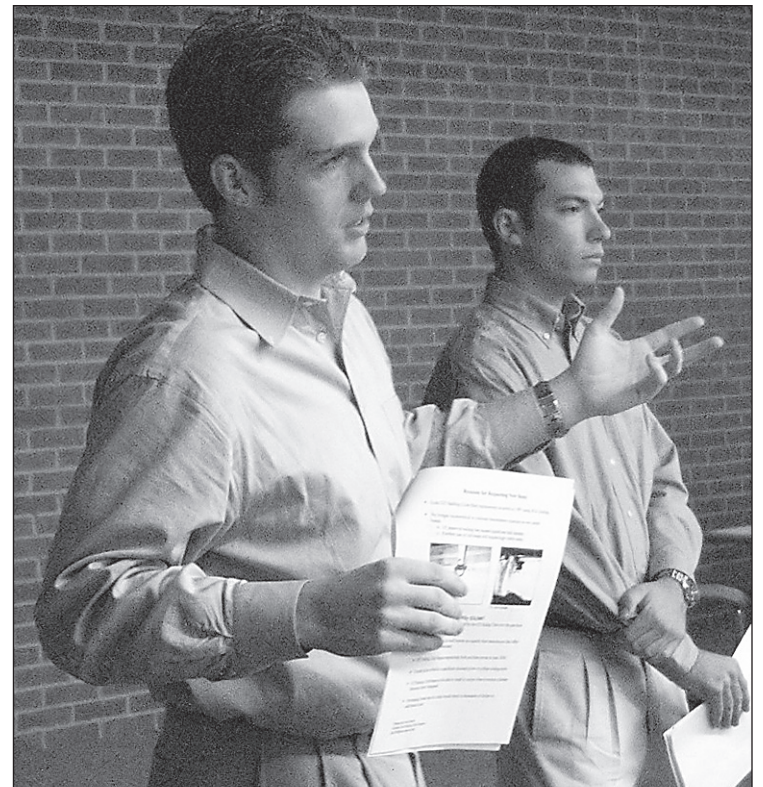
Since meeting with the Joint Finance Committee, the club has raised \$6,000 in corporate sponsorship. However, the sponsorship is probably only available if six boats are purchased. Also, there would be a \$4,000 trade-in value for the old boats.

UHR Representatives discussed splitting the bill in half, with SGA agreeing to fund three boats now and promise to fund three at a later date.

However, some representatives stated that SGA cannot make promises on what they will do in the following year.

GTSC representatives pointed out that funding only three boats would jeopardize the six thousand dollars of corporate sponsorship they had already obtained.

Furthermore, they stated that



By Scott Medway/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Representatives discuss a bill during Tuesday's UHR meeting to allocate more than \$26,000 to the Sailing Club.

the prices for the boats will increase by about three percent if they are not purchased by the end of the month.

An amendment to split the bill in half failed, and ultimately the original bill passed, funding GTSC for six boats.

An old bill to fund DramaTech's failing dimmer system was discussed again. The current system is breaking down at an increasing rate and DramaTech fears the whole system may break down soon. The bill was passed.

The Wreck Racing Club also presented a bill for their chartering. This club was created in August of

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Bills passed

- Joint allocation to DramaTech
- Joint chartering of Wreck Racing Club
- Joint allocation to Georgia Tech Sailing Club
- Joint allocation to the Ferst Center for the Arts
- Joint chartering of Association for India's Development
- Joint chartering of Field Hockey Club, Art Infinitem, the Kendo Club, and the Wreck Racing Club

Bills tabled

- Allocation to bowling club
- Joint allocation to Hong Kong Student Association

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By Ethan Trehitt / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Young Engineers: Tech student Anushka Munasinghe referees as a team's robot performs at the FIRST Lego League competition. Hundreds of middle-school students competed in this past Saturday's event, which was held in the CRC.

Bursar's Office drops credit cards

By Gopinath Jayaprakash
Contributing Writer

Last semester, the Bursar's Office changed its credit card payment process. Instead of charging Tech students a \$25 "convenience charge" for online credit card transactions, as of this semester, Tech will no longer accept credit cards as a payment method.

However, a third party vendor will accept American Express and MasterCard when paying online

at Oscar.

After the implementation of this policy, there was a significant increase in the number of students making their payments via WebCheck from 5,500 to 6,500. The number of credit card payments (using the third party vendor) fell from 3,300 last semester to 686 this semester. There has also been an increase in mail-in payments this semester.

"With tuition becoming an increasing part of our total finance as state appropriations have been

reduced over the last several months, the goal is to provide a safe, convenient and low-cost alternative, and WebCheck is that alternative," said Joel Hercick, associate vice president of financial services.

When asked what made the Office of the Bursar drop the use of credit cards altogether and not stick to the \$25 "convenience fee" for online credit card transactions, Hercick said, "Although we were

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However, Le said, student leaders still face challenges. "The biggest obstacle is being able to reach every single student and member of staff and faculty."

"Getting the word out is another big obstacle," Breed said. "We are trying to put out as many tables and buckets as we can, to try and reach everybody on campus."

Phuong encouraged SGA members to make announcements in class as well as to ask students, professors and faculty to help out and donate. "The challenge of \$60,000 includes the entire community, not just students," she said.

All of the money, McDonald said, will go to AmeriCares.

"One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to the people who need it," she said. "Even a small donation can make a big difference."

"The biggest obstacle is being able to reach every single student and member of staff and faculty."

Tony Le
President, ODK

"There are millions of homeless who need aid this second," Le said. "This is the quickest way to reach them. We have to remember that they have lost everything that we take for granted—and it is difficult to imagine that being taken away."

The campus-wide effort will continue until Jan. 26, the one-month marker of the tragedy.

A closing ceremony event will take place in the Ferst Center Saturday night, Jan. 29.

Students can help out by donating at the various tables or buckets around campus or at sports events.

Those interested in volunteering to collect donations at the tables or elsewhere should contact Jessica McDonald at jessica.mcdonald@sga.gatech.edu.

More information can be found at www.ttr.gatech.edu or at www.move.gatech.edu.

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the other half next fall. According to JFC chair David Anderson, the committee is trying to set a precedent to spread the cost of funding major expenses over several years.

Several senators disagreed with the recommendation, however. Member-at-large Ed Greco inquired about the benefits of allocating only half the money now, considering the organization won't be able to put the

funds to use until such time as they get the remaining amount.

The organization representatives clarified that replacing the winch was not an emergency and the work involved could wait until the fall, but the majority of senators agreed with Greco's logic.

The senate ultimately passed the bill in full.

The meeting concluded with the passing of a spot resolution congratulating a senator for an upcoming marriage.

Panel examines information security



By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A panel of computer experts discussed problems surrounding spam and internet security Tuesday. The panel included FTC Commissioner Orson Swindle and College of Computing Dean Richard DeMillo.

By Abhishek Narula
Contributing Writer

On the morning of Jan. 18, the Georgia Tech Information Security Center (GTISC) in the College of Computing organized the first GTISC Security Summit at the Georgia Tech Global Learning Center in Technology Square.

Addressed by Orson Swindle, commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the main aim of the summit was to examine growing information security issues and to highlight what the government and the IT industry are doing to curb spam and spyware.

This conference was held at Tech because of the increase of spam, phishing and spyware software on the internet; since Tech has a large network, it has been greatly affected

by this trend.

In 2001 e-commerce accounted for nearly eight percent of retail in the U.S. Due to spam and spyware, this number has gone down considerably.

"We are on a journey. It will be exciting, frustrating and fruitful only if we work together."

Orson Swindle
Commissioner, FTC

Swindle, a Tech graduate, explained that consumers worldwide are losing confidence in online businesses

due to this nuisance. "Consumers will lose faith because things on the internet are destroying their computers," he said.

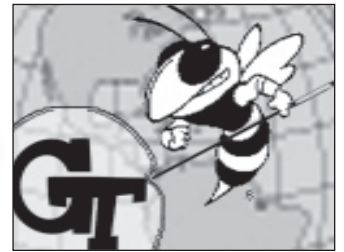
He emphasized that something must be done to prevent this. "Get together and collectively solve this... We must empower consumers to solve this problem," he said.

The most difficult part in this quest is making people aware of the problem.

"Law alone cannot solve the problem," Swindle said. He went on to say that we are never going to stop spam, but a combination of law, technology and consumer awareness can help reduce it. "We are on a journey. It will be exciting, frustrating and fruitful only if we work together," Swindle said.

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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.

Parental kidnappers placed under arrest

Alisha Ann Chambers, 18, and James Canter, 29, were arrested in Tennessee on Wednesday after abducting their two-year-old son Paul and his 11-month-old sister Brianna from their Virginia foster home last Saturday. Police said the children were unharmed.

The couple originally lost custody of their children and were wanted for arrest upon the discovery of a methamphetamine lab within their home.

Sheriff Mark Shook of Watauga County, North Carolina, said, "Parts of the meth lab, the toxic waste and the chemicals were sitting right beside the baby's formula."

The foster mother, who asked not to be identified, said she didn't think Chambers and Canter would intentionally harm the children. "They love them. That's why they took them," she said. However, she noted, "They're influenced by the drugs and the lifestyle that they lead. Those risks are obviously there."

Inauguration sees heightened security

Chief Justice William Rehnquist was set to swear in President Bush for his second term of office at noon Thursday. The affair was to see unprecedented security, although there was no indication that a specific threat had been issued. A large number of law

enforcement personnel and high tech equipment was in place to police the event.

Plans for the ceremony included the traditional inaugural parade after the swearing in of the president, as well as nine inaugural balls.

All of the events cost around \$40 million. According to the Presidential Inaugural Committee, funding for the ceremonies has been provided by private donations and ticket and merchandise sales.

Cow manure lights up Vermont homes

Manure from the 1,500 cows at Blue Spruce Farm in Vermont is being used to power an electricity generator. The generator burns methane gas from the manure, and is expected to provide enough power for some 330 households.

Central Vermont Public Service Corp. spokesman Steve Costello said several farms have produced their own electricity through similar methods, but this is the first time in the U.S. such power generation has been offered to customers.

So far, about 1,000 customers have signed up for the power service, which comes at a cost of approximately 16 cents per kilowatt-hour, to help support the farmers.

Typical residential households pay 12 cents per kilowatt-hour for electricity.

"The girls are now officially producing two streams of income, a milk check and a power check," said Earl Audet, who owns the farm with his brothers.

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cheating or plagiarism, the case is referred directly to the Dean of Students office without an opportunity for students to discuss the charges with their professor.

However, accused students have expressed frustration that they did not have an opportunity to resolve a misconduct issue with their respective professors.

Until this policy, professors were prohibited from contacting any of their students who were accused of academic misconduct.

The biggest question received from students about code of conduct violations is, according to Goldblum, “Why didn’t my professor talk to me about this?”

Despite this new avenue of resolution for misconduct cases, both professors and students have the option to forward a case regarding violation of the code of conduct directly to the Dean of Students office without professor involvement, a process akin to what is currently standard practice.

“At any time, faculty will have a choice of not dealing with it,” said Goldblum. “They can still forward

it on, and anytime faculty can ask us to be there when they talk with the student, and at any time the student can ask that it is referred to us,” Goldblum said.

The updated conduct policy also includes a new clause that defines acts of harassment; the current policy does not explicitly allow students to be charged directly with harassing another student, faculty or staff member.

“Right now we have [a policy] that says that if you hurt someone, or if you disrupt, or if you have weapons...and we have a policy about sexual harassment, but there is no policy prohibiting harassment that may put people in fear, or lead them to not feel comfortable living in a residence hall or going to class,” Goldblum said.

The proposed harassment policy states that “placing another person in reasonable fear of his or her personal safety through words or actions directed at that person, or substantially interfering with the working, learning or living environment of the person” would subject the offending student to determined sanctions.

Goldblum noted that constitutionally protected speech, such as po-

litical speech, would not be restricted by the harassment policy.

However, she expressed concern that some students may construe instances of objectionable free speech as acts of harassment.

“I think that there may be cases where we will have to counsel students about the difference between free speech and harassment and give definitions...often you fight speech with speech,” Goldblum said.

“It is clear that it is not meant to have anything to do with freedom of speech by definition, and there has been a need for it...and there have been people who have been in fear, and there have been people who have been distracted from study, or who don’t feel safe in a lab,” she added.

Another clause in the new policy deals with student response to inquiries by the Dean of Students office.

The policy stipulates that both students and student organizations must “respond in a timely matter” to charges of academic misconduct brought before them.

This clause was put in place to

allow for the implementation of sanctions if a student organization or student refuses to respond to an inquiry from the Dean of Students in a timely manner.

“Currently, the institute can interim suspend a student or remove them immediately in very, very select cases,” Goldblum said.

“For instance,” she added, “if someone is in immediate danger to themselves or others, they can also do that with an organization... One thing that has been added to that is that they can do an interim suspension if they fail to respond in a timely matter.”

This new policy also stipulates that students and student organizations that are convicted of conduct code violations have no more than “six working days” to appeal their case to a hearing panel.

Goldblum is optimistic that the Faculty Senate will favorably receive the proposed changes to the student conduct code, saying, “The Faculty Senate meeting is February 1, so if they pass it, it could be implemented immediately unless they decide to implement it at a later date.”

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Andrea Goldblum
Asst. Dean of Students

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last year.

According to the representative attending the meeting, they purchase, modify and race cars.

So far, the club has been self-funded, and they estimate that their annual budget in the future would be approximately \$4,000. The bill to charter the Wreck Racing Club was passed.

Four bills for the chartering of other organizations were slated together. The slated bills for the joint chartering of the Association for India’s Development, the Field Hockey Club, the Art Infinitum and the Kendo Club were passed.

The Ferst Center for the Arts requested funding for a student representative to travel to New York so the representative could ensure that students’ interests were being kept in mind when booking events for the Ferst Center. The allocation passed.

A new member was appointed to the Joint Finance Committee. Tim Dennis was sworn into his new position on the JFC during the meeting.

Also, an appointment to the Undergraduate Student Council was passed. Thomas Alexander Johnson was sworn in as the new Vice President of Campus Affairs.

Bills for an allocation to the Bowling Club and a joint allocation to the Hong Kong Student Association were postponed.

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pleased with the convenience fee in the fall, an increased migration of students to WebCheck, as well as a significant drop in credit card payments and fees, there were steps we needed to take to counter the changes Georgia Tech faced."

"We got a midyear budget cut from our state corporations amounting to around \$6 million, and thus we needed to look for ways to cut down our expenses," Hercick said.

Hercick also said that the Bursar's Office received feedback from the credit card companies themselves, stating that if Tech planned to charge a "convenience fee" for credit card payments over the web, then it would also have to assess the same fee for WebCheck.

"But," Hercick said, "we did not want to charge \$25 for this cost-effective means for us to receive the payments."

The Bursar's Office recognized that it needed to provide the means by which some of the students could still make their payments using a

credit card online, but with an additional fee.

Bursar Carol Payne was successful in locating a company that would provide a means by which students could still pay using American Express or MasterCard.

"The merchant fees for the credit card payments since its launch in 1998 had amounted to a million dollars, and so we wanted to eliminate 100 percent of it," Payne said.

"So, we tried to take a small step in trying to eliminate some of the cost using the flat convenience fee, as Visa had stated that any charge for credit card payments online had to be a flat fee," she said.

The ultimate goal is to eliminate any fees and the Office of the Bursar was taking small steps to get all the students prepared for the implemented change this semester.

Even though they charged the convenience fee last semester, the measure had only covered 25 percent of the fees.

"This was another reason why we had to move to an avenue that would enable us to make a percentage based charge for credit card payments.

Georgia Tech cannot accept any credit cards [because] we would then have to assess the same charges on WebCheck," Payne said.

Payne said that they are encountering problems with people's notion of WebCheck. One misconception, she said, was the use of the debit card as a means to pay using WebCheck. "There is still confusion of what is a WebCheck. It is really a payment over the web by check, the real paper form. The number asked for is the routing number but some people type in the debit card number," Payne said.

Some students were upset by the change. But others found WebCheck a better alternative than credit cards. "Payments made via WebCheck are much more convenient than using credit cards and I feel the satisfaction that it is saving Georgia Tech money," said William Mays III, first-year Nuclear and Radiological Engineering major. "I felt that the announcement about the change in credit card payment process was much more effective this year as compared to last semester when they introduced WebCheck."

OIT raises weekly student print limit

By Emily Tate
Contributing Writer

Students came back this semester to changes in the printing policies set by the Office of Information Technology (OIT).

The most noticeable change for students upon their return was that instead of the 50 page per week limit from last semester, they had 100 pages at their disposal.

Beginning this semester, students are given the option of printing up to 100 pages from any of the computer labs found on campus (the library, the French Building, and the Student Center). This 100-page allowance is not in effect for every week, however.

Under the current system, up to 50 pages that students do not use from the original 100 pages roll over to the next week for use with the standard 50 pages per week allowance.

Should students need to use more than the set number of pages, OIT still offers services from Central PS,

which allows students to print as many pages as needed.

Another change is the date at which the printing allowances are reset.

Often, students trying to prepare for Monday classes the night before would not have the number of pages necessary to print what they needed for the next day.

In response to this particular problem, OIT has changed the reset time from midnight of Monday morning to midnight of Sunday morning, making pages available for people to print in preparation for Monday classes.

Another complaint OIT received from many students was that they just never knew exactly how many pages they had left for any given week.

In response to problems of this nature, OIT has created a site accessible to students so that wherever they are, they can pull up their printing account.

The webpage with this and other printing information is print.labs.gatech.edu.

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spending and the funding it receives from the state. The indication of large tuition hikes to come also poses a growing need for need-based financial aid.

Faculty pay was another area brought up in the presentation, as Clough stated Tech's need to stay competitive in attracting and retaining top faculty members. New buildings and increases to Tech's endowment are also likely to be on the campaign's "wishlist" of institute priorities.

According to Carson, anything is possible at this point, and he expects the campaign to touch all aspects of Tech, including research facilities, student life, athletics and

scholarships.

A preliminary time line sets the public portion of the campaign to begin on June of 2007, lasting until December 2010.

A rollout period lies in between December 2006, the end of the quiet phase, and June 2007, allowing time for the plan to be presented to major donors across the country. Counting all the phases, the campaign will last roughly six and a half years.

Tech's last capital campaign began with a goal of only \$300 million, but ultimately raised \$711.8 million over the course of five years. Since the end of that campaign in Dec 2000, Tech has already begun working to broaden the range of potential donors, and has identified over 6,000 alumni for the coming campaign.

Capitalizing on Tech's growing reputation, planners are reaching out to many foundations and corporations as well.

Many targeted donors are those who did not contribute in the last campaign, and planners are also hoping that an upswing in the national economy will also help increase charitable inclinations.

During the last campaign, 80 percent of the funding came from .01 percent of the donors. Likewise for this campaign, large donations made by individual entities are expected to make the majority of the funding.

The finalized proposal containing all the details of the campaign is slated to come out this June, in time for the annual meeting of the Georgia Tech Foundation.

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After the keynote address, five panelists from the IT industry discussed their companies' perspective on security issues. The panel consisted of: Gary Betty, President and CEO of Earthlink; Christopher Rouland, Chief Technology Officer of Internet Security Systems; Arthur Coviello Jr., President and CEO of RSA security; Paul Judge, Chief Technology Officer of CipherTrust; and Richard DeMillo, Dean of the College of Computing.

The panel reiterated that there must be a cooperative effort to con-

trol the spread of malicious code on the internet.

One point that was brought up during the discussion was that the future calls for consumer-oriented technology. "We must refocus technology from technology to the end user," said DeMillo.

The panel also urged educational institutions like Tech to play a big role in finding a solution that would instill consumer confidence.

Currently there are no plans for this summit to be held at other higher institutions but GTISC hopes that other institutions will do so, since spam and spyware affect so many people.

Come to our weekly staff meetings!

**Tuesday @ 7 P.M.
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