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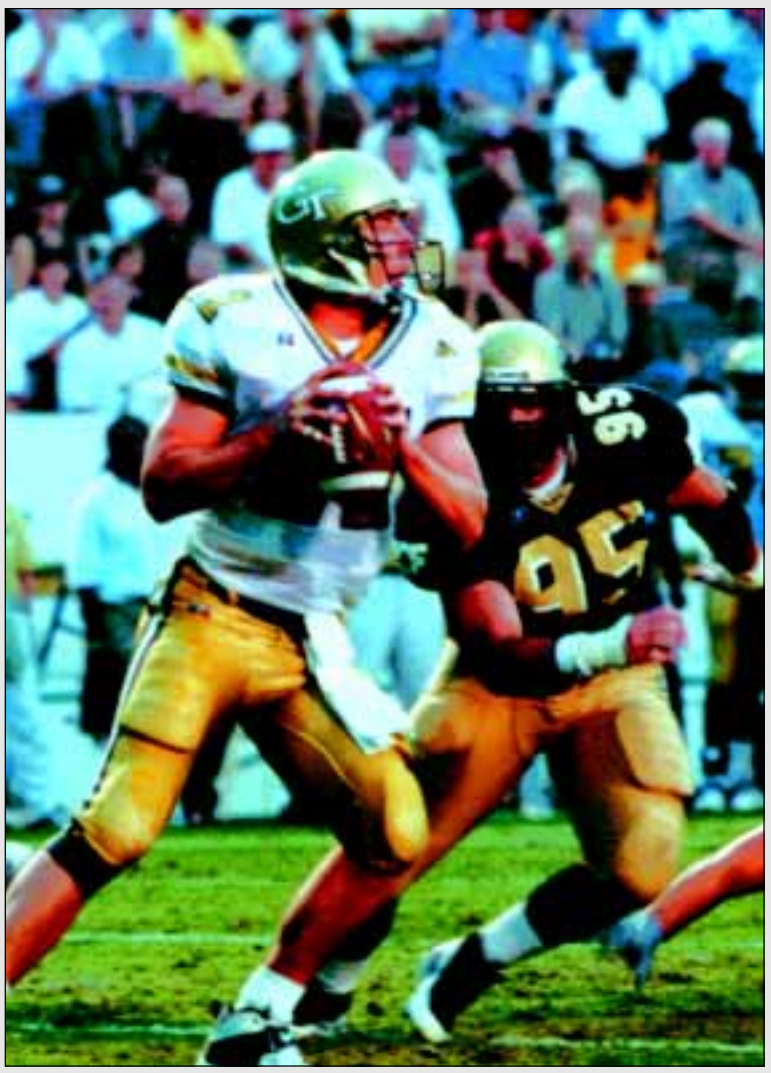

By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Early in Saturday's game against UCF, Godsey and the Jackets struggled to stay alive. The recovery came in the last four minutes. See page 52.

Tensions rise in Home Park

Disagreements between students and other residents over wild parties fuel unrest in neighborhoods around campus

By Jennifer Hinkel
News Editor

Disagreements between students and their neighbors in Home Park have reached peaks of tension in the past weeks, with complaints of non-student residents ranging from illegal parking to loud parties and animal abuse.

"Some of the bigger issues are really more related to binge drinking than parking," said Jennifer Burke, president of the Home Park Community Improvement Association and Home Park resident.

"The biggest problem that everybody complains about is wild parties."

Residents of Home Park have complained to police, the neighborhood association, and Tech authorities about the parties. In some incidents, partying has escalated into driving across private property, reckless driving, breaking car windows and taillights, and stealing property from lawns and home exteriors.

"This is not a matter of once in a while, of one party a semester," said Burke. The parties that annoy neighbors are those that occur weekly, or even two and three times during the week and weekend.

"We have to be concerned. Those are our students."

Gail DiSabatino
Dean of Students

Safety issues permeate the concerns of both parking and partying; if cars are parked improperly or on both sides of some narrow streets, fire and police vehicles cannot reach Home Park destinations. Similarly, safety becomes a concern when rowdy parties move from inside residences to the streets and lawns of Home Park.

Home Park resident Linda Rivera has experienced frustration when dealing with student revelers who share her street. She believes that binge drinkers letting a dog loose on Hampton Street near her house were responsible for the death of her cat, found dead after her neighbors hosted a party.

"Drunken binges, loud screaming, parking all over the place, turning dogs loose, throwing drink containers all over the street, and not taking responsibility for maintenance [of residences]" are among the problems Rivera sees with students living in the neighborhood.

"The problem is that kids where they happen to be sometimes forget that they're living in a neighborhood," said Burke.

Rivera is of the opinion that Tech administration should become involved in solving the issues of Home Park.

"I feel that the administration could take action," said Rivera. "They are being a bad representation of their school."

Rivera would like to see "some sort of disciplinary

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Housing gives West Campus dorms a facelift

By Justin Lund
News Staff

Living on west campus just became cooler. Fulmer Hall was completely renovated during Summer Semester with the installation of completely controllable climate systems.

The dorm was finished ahead of schedule this summer, allowing all 58 students to move in before the expected October 1 completion date.

"We were very happy that we could open on time for the fall," Associate Director of Housing Dan Morrison said.

The complete renovation added to the building a "four pipe system," which means that students can control the temperature of their rooms with a thermostat instead of the older system that relied on housing to regulate the air conditioning and heat.

Fulmer was finished first because it is a hub for most of the dorms in the west campus area. "Everything looks brand new from the inside," said senior and Fulmer Community Adviser Houssine Squalli.

Also included in the Fulmer renovation was the addition of carpet in the rooms, full reworking of the electrical systems, and new modular wardrobes and dressers instead of the old in-wall furniture. Fire sprinklers were also installed in every room, even though they are not required by Georgia state law.

"It is unfortunate that we do not get many positive comments in this business, but we have received very few negative comments [about Fulmer]," Morrison said.

This vote of confidence will help plans move forward for other dorm renovations in Caldwell, Folk, Armstrong, and Hefner, all of which are to be completed by 2008. Woodruff renovations have already been completed, as well.

The Department of Housing uses a strategy of finishing two complete renovations every three years.

In the meantime, Housing is maintaining and cosmetically refurbishing dormitory buildings. Woodruff underwent this preservation over the summer.

"I like the work they did this summer, it makes it look cleaner and nicer," said sophomore Jinesh Naik, a resident of Woodruff.

Housing will completely renovate Woodruff by 2008 with

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By Chris Baucoum / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A view from the inside of an apartment on West Campus. Renovated dorms will have furniture similar to the apartment style.

Board of Regents changes fee policy

A change in policy by the Board of Regents will require Tech, along with the other member institutions of the University System of Georgia, to create a committee with at least half of the members being students if the institution wants to initiate a mandatory student fee or increase a current fee. Tech is currently working out the details of forming a committee to begin work on fee proposals.

The change was put into effect in early February of this year due to consistent annual raises in student fees that were covered by HOPE ever since the scholarship's inception. The Board of Regents intends for student input to help keep raises in student fees from becoming unmanageable.

Each school's Student Government will appoint the students who are placed on the committee.

"Proposals to increase mandatory student fees and proposals to create new mandatory student fees, submitted by an institution, shall first be presented for advice and counsel to a committee at each institution composed of at least 50% students," said John Fuchko, former chairman of the Student Advisory Council.

In addition to the other duties of the committee, the following year it will start reviewing budget proposals for technolo-

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Suspect arrested for involvement in summer break-ins

By Jody Shaw
Managing Editor

Throughout the month of June, the administrative buildings on "the Hill" were hit by a plague of burglaries and break-ins. New information about the incidents has been uncovered through the police investigation, and a suspect, who was initially arrested on June 11, has been charged with three counts of burglary.

"We arrested a guy while he was committing the second burglary of the Admin [Administration] building," said Chief Jack Vickery of the Georgia Tech Police Department. "We'd gotten some fingerprints from the Admin, Lyman Hall, and D.M. Smith [break-ins]. We got crime reports back on two of them, and his fingerprints were at the first burglary of Admin and at Lyman HalL…and we're still waiting on the lab report from D.M. Smith."

Vickery said that such property crimes usually have extremely low solvability rates.

"A lot of times, you don't have a suspect and you don't have any information to follow up on. There's just nothing there to connect the crime with a specific person," said Vickery.

The method of operation at each was remarkably similar. The suspect, who is already charged with three offenses, could be charged with a fourth crime if the lab report from D.M Smith contains his fingerprints. It is unlikely, however, that he will be linked to the other break-ins that occurred this summer at the Student Success Center, the Savant Building, and MRDC II.

"We may not be able to prove that he did all of them. The evidence may just not be there on all of them, even though since he was arrested things kind of stopped," said Vickery.

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> **Chief Jack Vickery**
> GTPD

While other burglaries have occurred on campus since the arrest of the subject, they have been scattered happenings unlike the highly centralized attacks of early summer. Many of the property crimes that have happened since the beginning of fall semester have been bike thefts or car break-ins rather than security violations of Tech facilities.

In most of the administrative burglaries, only small items were taken, as it appears the subject was more in search of cash than valuables. In one of the Administration building incidents, however, several laptop computers were taken, and thus far none have been recovered.

GTPD believes that the suspect has no direct connection to Georgia Tech, although he possibly worked for a subcontractor doing ventilation work for the Institute at some point. Such a job would have provided the suspect with the knowledge of the Tech campus necessary to execute such a string of burglaries while leaving behind little evidence and few signs of forced entrances into the facilities.

"There was forced entry [into individual offices] once inside the buildings, but generally for getting into the building itself, he managed to do that. When he got inside the building he would go through a ceiling tile or break a window or something like that," said Vickery.

A similar though unrelated penetration occured in the Office of Senior Associate Dean of Students Karen Boyd. An intruder managed to gain entry into Student Services and was found in the Office of the Dean of Students. It has been determined that the intruder in Boyd's

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News briefs

Undergrad Student Government positions available

The Student Government Association (SGA) of currently has available positions for Elections Committee Chairman and Community Affairs Committee Chairman. The selection process includes an application and an interview. Applications are available at the SGA Office in Student Services Building. For more information please contact Chris Kavanaugh, Executive Assistant, at chris@sga.gatech.edu.

Undergraduate SGA meetings broadcast on GTCN

All Undergraduate House of Representatives meetings are broadcast on channel 20 in conjunction with the Georgia Tech Cable Network. The meetings take place every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. and are broadcast life. Each meeting will be rebroadcast on Saturdays and Sundays at 8:00 p.m., also on Channel 20.

Impact Speaker Series brings entrepreneurs to Tech

A new speaker series featuring entrepreneurs, founders, and executives of high-tech and biotechnology companies who have made a significant impact in their industry. The Impact Speaker Series is free and open to the public and takes place in the Wardlaw Building, located on North Avenue at the corner of Techwood Drive. The series is co-sponsored by the DuPree College of Management and the College of Engineering.

For more information about the Engineering Entrepreneurship program and the Impact Speaker Series, call 404-385-1072 or visit www.entrepreneurship.gatech.edu.

The September schedule is as follows: September 8, Tripp Rackley, Founder, nFront and Vice Chairman, Digital Insight; September 15, Mark Swanson, CEO and COO, AppGenesys, Inc.; September 22, Sanjoy Malik, CEO and President, air2web; September 29, Dr. Russ Medford, CEO and President, Atherogenics.

The series will continue through the months of October and November; complete information and schedule of speakers is available via the Web site.

Course drop procedures for Fall 2000 Semester

The last day to reduce the number of hours for which you are registered is Friday, September 29. Any student who wishes to drop a course(s) must do so using the WEB Student Access System.

The last day to completely withdraw from school is October 29. Students who plan to withdraw from school (go to zero hours) must do so using the WEB Student Access System as well.

All holds must be cleared to access your account, whether to drop one or more courses or to withdraw.

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Stogner steps down as SGA Vice President of Finance, budget policy changes enacted

By Rusty Johnson
News Staff

> "I want to make it easier for student organizations to get the money they need to thrive, and I want to make the JFC Policy fairer."
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> **Dave Stopp**
> Vice President of Finance, Student Government Assoc.

Although Kevin Stogner decided several weeks ago to resign from his office as the Vice President of Finance for the Student Government Association, the reins have just now passed to senior David Stopp.

Stopp met with the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) for the first time Monday.

They created a proposal that would amend the JFC Policy, which is made of guidelines that JFC uses to determine how submitted student organization budgets will receive funding from annual Student Activity Fees.

"I want to make it easier for student organizations to get the money they need to thrive, and I want to make the JFC Policy fairer," said Stopp, who also serves as Executive Vice President of the Residence Hall Association.

"I want to increase its clarity to make it easier for Student Organization Presidents to understand the guidelines."

The policy the JFC will bring forward for Student Council approval next Tuesday is almost twice as long, and it prevents confusion by explaining the SGA structure before presenting the actual guidelines.

The policy also includes descriptions below each topic to illustrate how student organizations should proceed to receive funding.

The proposal has many other modifications.

One change will give added inducements to student organizations that have raised substantial funds to pay for part of their budget.

Another change will allow the travel policy to be changed weekly to reflect rising gasoline prices.

Yet another change will allow similar student organizations the option of consolidating their budget requests together, and be considered as Tier Two organizations.

"This would make less work for all the Presidents and Treasurers of those organizations that decide to participate," said Stopp.

"This in turn means fewer budgets to consider, which would allow us to get the needed money to these organizations quicker."

Also, JFC recommends in its proposal that nationally chartered organizations be allowed to apply for a budget for the purpose of defraying local costs.

The new guidelines also outline a procedure to reallocate previously allocated funds.

Further, with the agreement of all organizations involved, smaller bills can also be grouped together and presented before Council to decrease the amount of time Organizational Representatives must spend in meetings.

Danielle McDonald, the Student Organizations Coordinator, has agreed to be the new advisor to the Joint Finance Committee.

According to Stopp, this would give essential continuity to the process each year.

"She would help future Finance Vice Presidents through answering questions and acting as a student resource," said Stopp.

She started by co-presenting an informative budget workshop with Stopp and former Vice President of Finance Megan Boehmer on August 28 for Student Organizations desiring guidance on how to file a budget request, and about 50 people attended.

"I am committed to eliminating any unnecessary inconveniences that Student Organizations must go through before being given their fair share of their Student Activity Fees," said Stopp.

Stopp has also decided to keep his position as an At-Large Representative, to which he was elected the first week the Undergraduate House of Representatives met.

Stopp feels that he can effectively keep both positions separate by simply abstaining on all financial bills, and believes that opportunities exist to make an impact on campus that he would not have without serving as a representative.

The deadline for student organizations to submit a budget has been extended as follows.

Tier One and Tier Two budgets are due on September 15, while Tier Three budgets are due on September 22.

Those wishing to submit a group budget should notify David Stopp by September 15, and adhere to the Tier Three deadline above.

"Careful! This belongs to J.R.!" -- James, talking about playing RISK.

Fees

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gy and athletics, along with other budgets. For some time, government officials have been investigating the possibility that HOPE could run out of funding, and had been looking for ways to cut costs.

At the beginning of the year, Governor Roy Barnes, concerned by the possibility of South Carolina and Alabama creating state lotteries, thus depriving Georgia of a significant source of HOPE income, proposed that mandatory, non-academic fees be cut from what the HOPE scholarship pays.

However, that proposal caused a massive outcry from students and student governments around the state, as well as the Student Advisory Council, a student lobby group to the Board of Regents.

A meeting was set up between the Board of Regents and students representing Kennesaw State, Georgia State, Fort Valley State, UGA, and the University System as a whole. Instead of exempting student fees from HOPE coverage, Governor Barnes decided that all student fees be budgeted by committees comprised of 50% students.

> Students could have been forced to pay an estimated $30 to $170 per term in additional fees per semester.

The Board of Regents unanimously approved the policy change, with a deadline of next fiscal year.

To help organize the newly formed committee, SGA President JR Spriggle has appointed Dave Stopp to oversee the student side of the implementation of the new policy.

Additionally, SGA put together a proposal dealing with a restructuring of the Institute Resource Allocation Advisory Committee (IRAAC), in order to decrease the time necessary for the transition.

Despite the fact that most students seem in favor of the new policy, others disagree. "I think it's really stupid, because for nonrecurring fees, it will make it almost impossible to raise the money necessary to do campus improvements like building a new parking deck," said Julie Rugg, a management major.

Had Governor Barnes decided to exempt mandatory student fees from coverage from HOPE, students could have been forced to pay an estimated $30 to $170 per term in additional fees per semester.

The new policy was first thought up almost two years ago in the Student Advisory Council, when students debated ways to keep fee increases in check.

Feature Photo Campus Construction

By Alisa Hawkins / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Construction of a new parking deck is just one of the numerous construction projects being implemented around Tech campus.

"You might end up flirting with someone and winning them over with your charms." – Yahoo Horoscope.

Neighbors

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action to curtail the drunken binges."

She has contacted some members of the administration, including Dean Bill Barnes, regarding her complaints with students, along with filing formal complaints with the Zone 5 precinct of the Atlanta Police Department.

"If they are disturbing the peace, if they are blocking emergency vehicles, the police should cite them," said Rivera.

Speaking of a previous incident in which she contacted the police, Rivera said the following of student neighbors: "They had drunken parties all the time. I called the police every weekend or so. They [the students] egged my house in retaliation for calling '911.'"

Rivera also feels the lack of control and peace in the neighborhood comes from the shortage of police officers available to answer disturbance and noise calls from complaining residents.

"We are 400 police officers short... Because of the shortage of officers having more than they can handle with violent crime, noise calls are low priority," said Rivera.

Tension continues to rise as residents see no end to neighborhood conflicts.

"A lot of people around here simply hate students," said Rivera.

"There is no discipline by Tech or the Atlanta PD [Police Department]. I am so disgusted, I am so fed up, that I can't wait to get out of here," Rivera added.

"There is a lack of decorum, a lack of students abiding by civil rules, and a lack of enforcement of it [rules] by Tech and the Atlanta PD. We've all been victimized in one way or another."

Rivera, who grew up in the Home Park neighborhood, does not remember that the neighborhood had problems in decades past.

"It was a lower-middle class, quiet neighborhood. There were never parking or noise problems, no pizza places or short-order restaurants, and nicely maintained lawns. People knew each other. We never had any of these problems."

"If the cops were called, it was a rare thing. As Tech moved in, the old timers started moving out. Tech is essentially driving the old timers out."

For Rivera, the conflicts have reached a boiling point; she is planning a move out of Home Park, possibly to the Atlanta suburbs.

"A lot of these people are from much better areas, but they [Tech students] have made this a slum," said Rivera.

All Tech students residing in Home Park do not share the same perception of student-neighborhood relations.

"I never have any interaction with my neighbors in Home Park," said Computer Science major Jack Foy, who has resided in the neighborhood for several years.

Chemical Engineering major Tony Williams has lived in Home Park for two years, experiencing only positive interaction with neighbors.

"I've never had a problem with my neighbors. They've been the best friends, they've helped out, moving stuff in, moving my brother in when he needed it. The people I got to know, they're really helpful. They watch out to see if you leave anything out, they watch to make sure nobody takes it, they're really good. I've never had a problem or a complaint," said Williams.

The administration has not yet decided "whether or not we will extend our arm" over Home Park discipline, said Gail DiSabatino, Dean of Students.

"We have to be concerned. Those are our students," said DiSabatino of those residing in Home Park and similar neighborhoods.

Some imminent proactive plans by the administration include a brochure for students living in Home Park that will discuss neighborly behavior. Administrators such as Deans Karen Boyd and Bill Barnes will join DiSabatino in speaking at neighborhood association meetings to discuss issues with students and non-student residents alike.

Future plans include a possible Tech response team to act as mediators of Home Park conflicts. Such a group would assist in "get[ting] neighbors to know each other," said DiSabatino.

By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The streets of Home Park appear placid by day; after nightfall, residents deal with noisy parties and occasionally destructive or violent revelers.

By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A Home Park residence is littered with trash and alcohol containers. Non-student neighbors have complained about "drunken binges" and parties.

"You're probably going to be up late tonight, Aquarius, so you might want to go in to work tomorrow late – or not at all." – Yahoo Horoscope.

Renovated food court provides new dining atmosphere

By Kristen Noble
News Staff

In the continued effort to improve the Tech campus, few buildings have escaped the effects of construction or renovation. The highly traveled and undersized Student Center is no exception, with massive renovations already started in the food court.

Now nearly two-thirds of the way finished, a multitude of changes has already been put into place in the Student Center food court. The renovation and change in atmosphere will be ongoing, with additional changes planned to take place in the near future.

The renovation plan began over a year ago, when the necessary funds were budgeted for purposes such as updating and improving the eating area.

"The area had a 1972 look that was very old fashioned in appearance. The colors were orange and drab, the furniture was old and out of date, and we wanted a new, snappy and contemporary look," said Rosalind Meyers, Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services.

The project has been divided into three distinct phases of construction. Phase one was completed during last year's winter break, with changes made to the greenhouse area. Phase two, originally scheduled to be finished before the beginning of the school year, has experienced numerous delays.

Various problems dealing with lighting, counter construction, column wraps, and late furniture de-

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By Alisa Hawkins / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students enjoy the new, remodeled Student Center food court during a typically bustling lunch hour. New lighting, tables and chairs, and traffic pattern around the cash registers were among recent improvements.

"...but you're soon amused by a hot office romance, whether as a participant or a teller of tales" – Yahoo Horoscope

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office had ulterior motives, and his case is currently being processed.

Boyd, who discovered the intruder when she exited her office late at night, called the experience "a good healthy reminder that one shouldn't have false senses of security and should exercise due care."

Despite such incidents, both Vickery and Boyd believe that the campus is a relatively safe one.

"Improving campus safety is a continuing process," said Boyd. "There is no program that will completely solve the problem, but we can't stop trying. Everyone needs to do their part."

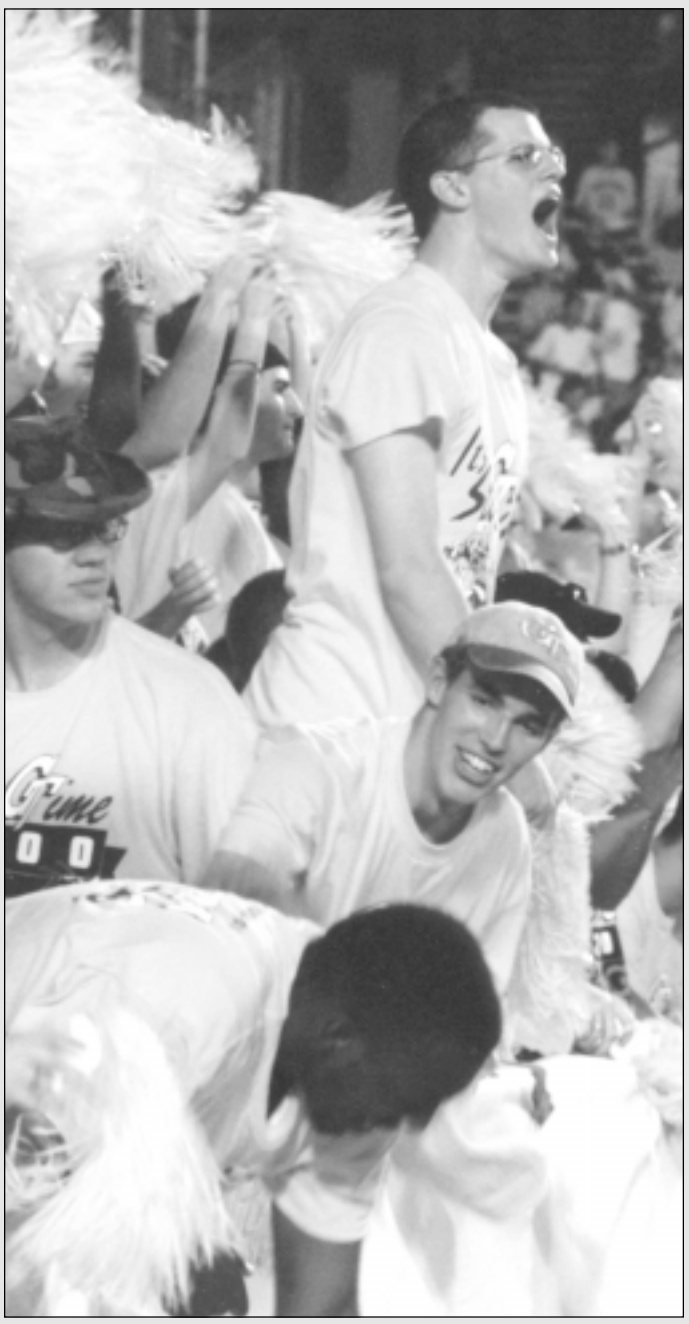
Vickery cited statistics that show college campuses below the national average for violent crime.

"When you look at how large Georgia Tech is, in terms of building space, shear number of facilities, the number of people that are here, and sort of the natural way that a university has to run itself – with a certain degree of openness and accessibility – and take everything into consideration, the staff, faculty, and students here are very security conscience and do a great job," said Vickery.

Still, plans are in creation to increase security around the Tech campus, though the decisions about what steps to take will be made on the departmental level rather than the Institute level. Controlled access systems, whereby individuals use ID cards to enter various buildings, are being phased in. As older facilities are renovated, this new technology will be incorporated.

"I think the key to greater security, ultimately, is people's own awareness and people's own willingness to take ownership of those things that they have control over and responsibility for. We're all part of the solution to make Georgia Tech a safe place," said Vickery.

Feature Photos Tech Football



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Swarm, Tech's student cheering section, offered support to the Jackets on the field as they battled to overcome the UCF challenge.

By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The new Jumbotron provided Yellow Jacket football fans with glimpses of replays during Saturday's game against Central Florida.

Feature Sliverbox: Dance Party Deadline.

University of Virginia housing snafu puts women RAs on all-male halls

A mistake in planning puts two college women in charge of male residents. The men look forward to getting "good tips about girls" from their female Resident Assistants, says one Virginia student living in the dormitory.

By Adam Justice & Josie Roberts
University of Virginia

(U-WIRE) Many things will be different for first-year guys in the University of Virginia's Kent dorm this year. They have a new woman in their lives: She's their Resident Advisor (RA).

"I thought she [Cara] was just one of the [Greeters] who kept using our bathroom constantly on Move-In Day," first-year College student Craig Kemper said of the woman he later learned was his RA.

This year, the age-old rivalry between New Dorms and Old Dorms is overshadowed by talk about the girl living next door.

This year, three female RAs — second-year College students Charlotte Hudgins and Cara Coolbaugh and third-year College student Miya Hunter — will be in charge of halls of male residents.

Life in University residence halls has been changed, thanks to a statistical glitch.

"There was a mixup with the number of students" admitted to the University, said Sarah Chewning, fourth-year College student and co-chairwoman of Residence Life.

According to Chewning, the Admissions Office typically selects a class composed of 60 percent females and 40 percent males.

The residence life department selected RAs in the spring, anticipating that the ratio of females to males would remain three to two.

"We made [resident] staff selections based upon the composition of the typical first-year class," Chewning said.

This year, however, the percentages of male and 54 percent female, according to Ida L. Wootten of University relations. Because the number of males admitted was nearly equal to females, residence life found they had under-anticipated the number of males who would enroll.

They had no alternative but to assign three female RAs to male halls.

"It was weird for the first half hour, but once I accepted it, everything was all right," first-year Engineering student Grahame Burke said.

In two of the McCormick Road houses, Kent and Humphreys, the second floor, which has traditionally been female, is now male. In fact, the bathroom signs on those floors still read WOMEN in bold letters.

"I remember when I first came in and saw 'Cara' written on the RA door.

Then there was a Women's sign on the bathroom door. I figured I had to be on the entirely wrong hall," first-year College student Paul Crane said.

Crane lives on the second floor of Kent and is one of Cara Coolbaugh's residents. Hudgins, who was notified over the summer that she would supervise males in the first-right hall of Kent, said she was a little taken back by the news.

> "I think she could kick all our butts, she's pretty buff."
>
> **Rafael Defaria**
> First-year engineering student

"I was surprised and excited about the challenge — I figured that being an RA would be challenging anyway," she said.

While somewhat nonplussed by the experience at first, Hudgins said she is pleased with her residents so far.

"These guys are pretty cool and I enjoy them," she said.

The residents, for the most part, agree. "Cara's like one of the boys," first-year Engineering student Rafael Defaria said.

Crane agreed. "I think she could kick all our butts, she's pretty buff," he said.

"So is her boyfriend. He'd be there to back her up if things got out of hand."

Defaria admitted that even though it can be easier to relate to guys at times, he can get good tips about girls from his female RA. "I had two sisters growing up, so it's nothing new," Kemper said of living with Coolbaugh.

Hudgins has also scheduled activities for her residents focusing on male issues in an effort to connect with her hallmates of the opposite sex.

She has scheduled a visit with One in Four, a peer education group of male University students who work with men to educate them about sexual assault, notably rape.

"I'm providing information from Student Health (on) general men's health," Hudgins said.

Hudgins also described the experience as a chance to learn what guys act like behind closed doors.

"I've always lived with girls, so it's been interesting to see what it is that guys like to do," she said.

While sexual harassment seems like a remote issue to Hudgins at this time, she said she is prepared to deal with anything.

"I'm a very strong individual, and I think that I can nip anything in the bud," she said.

While Hudgins feels confident about performing the duties outlined by the residence life program, she may have difficulty with the more intangible aspects of her position, like forming a strong bond with her male residents.

"There are three [aspects] in being an RA: being an agent of the University, to be a resource for first-years, and to be a friend," said fourth-year College student and former RA Steven Shepherd.

Both the first roles, he said, could be accomplished well by either gender.

"But for the third part, I'd be a little concerned that I couldn't form friendships as well" with members of the opposite sex, Shepherd added.

Thus far, though, the situation seems to be working out well for all parties involved.

Jennifer (the other Jennifer) is trying desperately to change her personality!/

Feature Photos Tech Football

By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Swarm erupted into cheers as usual during Saturday's game. See Campus Life page 19 for more on football traditions, Game Day festivities, and pregame / postgame events on East Campus.

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an estimated cost of at least $4 million.

The ULC will be cosmetically touched up this summer including some new carpet and paint. Hefner and Armstrong will also eventually undergo cosmetic touch ups as well, including new lounge furniture and work in the bathrooms.

There will be no major renovations, as Housing would exhaust their unsubsidized 2001 budget.

The complete overhaul in Fulmer cost the Department of Housing $1.8 million.

The state requires that the money for any project of this size be deposited in an account before the plans are even approved.

Georgia Tech must first approve the plans, then it must be designed, and finally the Georgia Board of Regents must also approve it. The plans involved have to take future costs into consideration, including construction estimates.

The money that is set aside for renovations is taken from Housing's only source of income, $24 million in rent payments.

This source is a limited one, as each year the Department of Housing is required to pay $6.5 million towards its Olympic housing debt.

Caldwell residence hall, the next of the Tech Estate Buildings, will be renovated in 2002 for $2.5 million. The project will displace all 154 Caldwell Freshman Experience residents. Suitable housing will be supplied for these students.

The new renovations have caused some difficulties. Since Housing no longer regulates the new HVAC systems, they had to increase the chilled water capacity on campus. Housing built one of these new chillers behind the Center Street apartments and next to a Facilities building.

> "It is unfortunate that we do not get many positive comments in this business, but we have received very few negative comments."
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> **Dan Morrison**
> Associate Director, Housing

Similar improvements will be made to east campus in the distant future.

Housing does not have the financial resources to complete more than one building at a time.

Tech will also use these buildings in the summer for not only for students, but also for conferences held on campus. This is one of the reasons that carpet was installed in Fulmer. It will serve as a test case to determine whether to carpet the rest of the dorms.

Hey, I'm working very hardly here!

Dining

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liveries have pushed the project completion date back as far as the last week in September.

The completion of phase two will bring about an entirely new look for the food court. The old furniture and booths have been removed, opening space for a brand new ceiling, floor, and lighting plan. New counters are being constructed to flank either side of the main eating area, along with stools for solitary diners.

New tables sporting a dark blue laminate, chairs of metal and wood in bold colors such as purple, blue, green and red, as well as high-top chairs and tables that echo the style of the Cyber.Café are still awaiting arrival and installation.

The construction of phase three is slated to take place either during the upcoming holiday break at the end of the semester, or over the summer 2001 session, depending on the estimated time needed for completion.

This project phase includes the introduction of new eating concepts in the court, such as an Italian food station that will occupy what is currently the Freshens Yogurt stand.

The yogurt and smoothie vendor will then be moved to the main dining area to accommodate late-night operation of the food court and Freshens.

Phase three will also see the addition of a glass partition between the cash registers and the main rooms, allowing students to have access to the space 24 hours a day, and also providing extra study space in the center of campus.

"This should make the dining room a much more enjoyable, attractive and contemporary place to spend time," said Meyers.

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Renovations on the Student Center food court began during the Summer Semester. Now, the remodeling project is in its second phase of construction. Future plans include opening the food court during late night hours.

Update Physics Quizzes

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Professors of Physics 2211, commonly known as Physics I, have decided to administer quizzes on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

The change was made to free up lecture time for teaching course material and also to allow students 90 minutes rather than 50 minutes to complete quizzes.

According to Vice Provost Bob McMath and the Board of Regent's Student Bill of Rights, students cannot be forced to take quizzes at a time not originally declared in the schedule.

"[T]he right to attend classes during their regularly scheduled time without deviation from such time and without penalty if the student cannot attend instructional hours not institutionally scheduled" is a right clearly stated on page 345 of the current Georgia Tech General Catalog.

While the School of Physics cannot require students to take quizzes at the evening time, professors request that students without serious conflicts take the quizzes on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

The Student Bill of Rights states that students have the right to take the quizzes during time previously scheduled, such as lecture or lab time that appears on OSCAR.

Therefore, requests to take the quizzes during lecture time must be recognized by professors without consequences to grade or other course material.

Most physics professors have also been willing to accommodate students who have conflicts with Monday evenings at the students' convenience.