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Break-ins result in vandalism, thefts at Student Services

By Andrew Santelli and Shala Sundaram
News Staff

A series of break-ins over the past weekend left several areas of the Student Services, or "Flag," Building significantly damaged. A number of offices were forcibly entered, with small thefts and vandalism marking each of the two incidents.

Around 9:00 p.m. Saturday evening, a student in the Student Publications office of the building heard banging on an exterior door, followed shortly by the sound of shattering glass. The student, Kristi Odom, locked herself behind a second interior door and called the Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD), who responded to the scene immediately.

"[The police] were here within a couple minutes. It was absolutely amazing," said Odom, who recalls hiding in an interior room of the office in fear that the perpetrator could be violent.

GTPD officers responding to the scene were unable to catch the sus-

pect. Police believe that shortly after leaving the Student Publications office, the suspect entered the office of Graduate Student Body President Grant Jenman in the nearly adjacent SGA office suite.

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Associate Dean of Students

The suspect attempted to steal a laptop computer, which he or she tried to conceal in a plastic bag.

"The police got there so fast that [the burglar] didn't have time to sneak out with the laptop," said Dean Stephanie Ray, evidenced when the computer and bag were found on the floor the next day.

Police believe that upon hearing approaching police sirens, the suspect may have fled the scene. A broken window in Jenman's office was the likely entrance and escape route.

Though the suspect left quickly, he or she was able to steal a boom box before fleeing the scene, according to Undergraduate Student Body President J.R. Spriggle.

After the police dusted for fingerprints in Jenman's office, they secured broken windows with boards and repaired several broken locks against further intrusion.

However, a second incident occurred the following night in the same building.

At some point after 12:30 a.m. on Monday, February 19, a perpetrator entered a vestibule next to the Student Publication offices through a section of the glass door that had been boarded up after the previous evening's break-in.

The suspect then gained entry to the main area of the Student Publications offices by removing ceil-

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By Chris Baucom / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Two break-ins to the Student Services building resulted in extensive vandalism to the Women's Resource Center and neighboring offices.

Academic Senate plans for 'dead' Dead Week in Fall 2001

By Tony Kluemper
Assistant News Editor

Due to an Academic Senate decision that will take effect in Fall 2001, students may begin to find finals less stressful as Dead Week becomes truly dead. The resolution, which was passed last year, will work to limit the amount of work professors give during the week before final exams.

Many students have realized that in past semesters, 'Dead' Week has been anything but dead.

"The main problem with Dead

Week is that many teachers use this week to give last tests and final projects, instead of using it for review sessions for finals," said freshman Computer Science major Greg Youree.

"Therefore, in the end, you actually have two weeks full of test and projects."

According to SGA Academic Affairs committee chairman Nate Watson, this perception of Dead Week could change drastically next December.

"Last year's Academic Affairs committee was able to get the Fac-

ulty Senate, at the same time they passed the end of senior exemption from finals, to pass a bill stating that beginning with Fall 2001, there will be no tests or quizzes given during Dead Week," said Watson.

"I don't think [the resolution] is anything new," said Dr. Edward Thomas, the secretary of the Faculty Senate.

Traditionally, Dead Week has been a week designated for study, reading, and review without the pressure of tests during that time.

Watson feels that giving students a Dead Week without tests and quiz-

zes will result in reducing the stress of finals week as well.

"I think that making Dead Week truly 'dead' will give students more time to adequately prepare for the end of the year finals," said Watson.

"At Georgia Tech, finals seem to count a very high percentage of [students'] final grades and play a big role in their success or failure in that particular course," Watson added.

Although the proposal will not take effect until the Fall 2001 Semester, many students are already looking forward to a Dead Week that actually provides stress relief

instead of causing more.

"If professors aren't allowed to give quizzes or tests during Dead Week, I would have additional time to relax or study for finals without having to worry about studying for other tests during that week," said Youree.

While some students are well informed about the issue, many students are still unaware of the new proposal and when it will go affect.

According to Watson, making all students aware of this issue will

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Black History Month Keynote Speaker



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Reverend Al Sharpton addresses a crowd for Black History Month. Sharpton's talk was sponsored by the AASU and GTSBE. See *Campus Life*, p. 13.

News Feature Fake IDs on Campus

Easy to use bogus IDs, students say

By Nasir Barday
News Staff

The recent Atlanta ordinance preventing patrons under 21 and over 18 from entering bars and nightclubs has caused bouncers all over the city to turn away this age group—unless those now underaged partyers have fake IDs to trick the bouncers into allowing them to enter.

According to some Tech students, getting an ID is easy, and the risk of severe punishment as a result of using a fake ID is minimal.

"The trick is to know where and where not to go," said a biology major who wished to remain anonymous. "The hologram on my fake is really corny,"

she continues, "and if a bouncer looked closely enough at it, I'm sure they would know it was fake."

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Name Withheld
Biology student

Bars and clubs usually take measures to stay current with fake ID production.

"We [hire] a business that gives classes on fake IDs each

year," said Jeff Girard, a manager at the Park Horse Tavern.

As an additional measure, bouncers at some clubs and bars also check out of state licenses against books published for the purpose of verifying IDs.

A general manager at Fuel who wished to be named only as "Mark," says that his establishment subscribes to these books to keep current with non-Georgian licenses.

However, other clubs are lax when it comes to out of state licenses.

"We don't have a book. Most out of state IDs have a hologram. It's pretty easy to know if it's fake or not," says Natalie

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Old McDonald's to be office space

By Tony Kluemper
Assistant News Editor

Although many East Campus students were hoping that the vacancy in the AA building would be used to provide a wider variety of food service on campus, the AA recently decided to take a different plan of action in filling the space. According to Athletic Association representative Steve Orsini, the group originally tried to meet student demand; however, the space proved to be unattractive to most vendors.

"What we've done in the past few months is to ask certain food vendors to bid on leasing the space," said Orsini. "Although some vendors were seriously interested in the space, based on the sales achieved by the McDonald's [that formerly occupied the space] most vendors felt that the space didn't fit into their business plan."

Because the AA received no offers from food vendors interested in leasing the space, the group in charge of filling the space decided it was time to take a different approach. Therefore, in late January, a decision was

made to look internally within Tech to see how the space could best be used. After this decision was made, the AA looked at many different options including more office space.

After much debate, the AA

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Steve Orsini
Athletic Association rep.

decided that the space, which is located directly adjacent to the north parking lot of Bobby Dodd Stadium, would be used as the offices of a number of contractors who will be working on numerous campus renovations in the next three years.

"In the end, we saw that this space would best be used as the

center of operations of the contractors, who have been hired to renovate the football stadium and the baseball field," said Orsini. "A year from now the north parking lot [of Bobby Dodd Stadium] will be a construction site. Therefore the space was a perfect site for their offices."

"When they [the contractors] expressed interest in that space, we worked out a deal for them to use that space."

Many East Campus residents are disappointed that the space won't benefit the students to a greater degree.

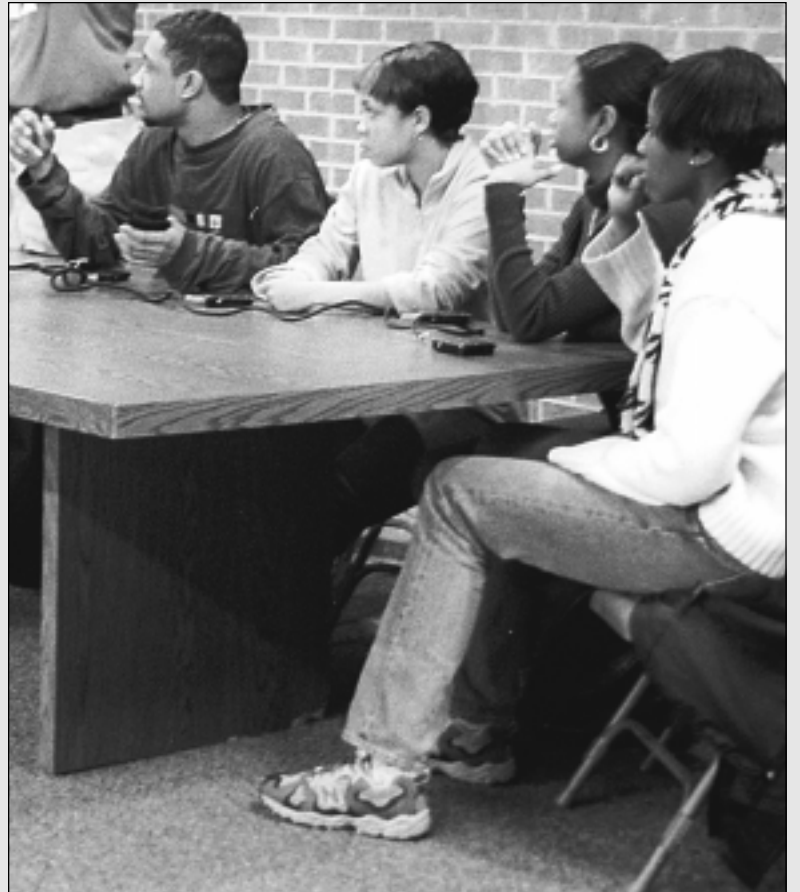
"I really think that the AA could have found a space that would have provided a greater service to the students," said freshman HTS major Alyssa Ribeiro. "Maybe they should have looked at a wider range of food service providers before making a decision to use that great space as offices."

Although many students are against the decision, Orsini feels that the AA tried to put the students' needs first but in the end there was no other option.

"We tried to take the survey

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Black History Month Trivia Contest



By Scott King / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students answer trivia questions for Black History Month, which draws to a close this coming week. For continuing events coverage, see *Campus Life*.

News briefs

Team Buzz 2001 looking for committee members

TEAM Buzz would like to thank all of 1500 volunteers who participated in TEAMBuzz 2000. However, TEAM Buzz is now taking applications for committee members for the 2001 event and is looking for anyone interested in community service to apply.

The committees that applicants can choose from include: Alumni Involvement, Celebrations Committee, Faculty/Staff Involvement, Development, Media Relations, Service Projects, Student Involvement, and Web/Registration.

Application for committee members and info about the committees can be found online at www.teambuzz.org

Send all questions about the committees and applications to D.D. Zhou at gte474n@prism.gatech.edu.

Semmes Scholarship applications due March 16

Applications are now available for this year's Semmes Memorial Scholarship. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA, at least junior standing, and must not be graduating before the Spring 2002 semester.

The Semmes is a \$10,000 merit-based scholarship given to the engineering student who demonstrates academic achievement, outstanding leadership qualities, a strong character, and a true love for Georgia Tech.

Information about the application process for the 2001 scholarship is available through Narl Davidson, from the College of Engineering, in Tech Tower 301. Applications will include two recommendations and are due Friday, March 16 at 4:00 P.M.

Anyone interested should go to <http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/anak/semmes01.html> to find out more information and to download an application.

LeaderShape Institute applications now available

Applications for the LeaderShape Institute are now available and can be submitted from February 26 until March 23. Applications are available on-line at <http://www.leadershape.gatech.edu>.

The LeaderShape Institute at Georgia Tech will be held this summer from Saturday, August 11 - Thursday, August 16 at the Forrest Hills Mountain Resort in Dahlonega, Georgia.

Georgia Employers Career Fair next Tuesday

Georgia Tech is sponsoring the Fifth Annual Career Fair for Georgia Employers next Tuesday. Anyone looking for a full-time, co-op or internship position is welcome to attend the fair which will feature almost 100 Georgia companies.

The companies attending include Motorola and Bellsouth as well as numerous local Georgia employers. The fair will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2001, in the Alexander Memorial Coliseum.

Civil Rights Activist to speak on Wednesday

As part of the 10th anniversary of Ivan Allen College, well-known Civil Rights activist and former Georgia state Senator Julian Bond will be speaking next Wednesday, February 28 at 3:30 P.M. in the D.M. Smith building. Bond will be speaking on the topic of civic responsibility in a technological world.

Council Clippings Undergraduate House of Representatives

UHR discusses elections, provost

By Mary DeCamp
Senior News Staff

Highlights of the February 20 Undergraduate House meeting included an appearance by the Provost and announcements regarding upcoming SGA elections.

Undergraduate Student Body President J.R. Spriggle reminded representatives that SGA Election Applications are available on the SGA Web site, and that they are due by Friday, March 2.

Spriggle also mentioned that the Ferst Center will welcome performances of the opera *Aida* on February 27 and 28. Student tickets are

available for \$15.

The special guest at the meeting was Dr. Mike Thomas, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. His position is second to that of the President. Thomas described the role of the Provost and some of his duties, including being in charge of all deans, vice provosts, and the Vice President and Director of the Georgia Tech Research Institute, among others.

Thomas also spoke of two goals that he has for the Institute, which are reducing the student-to-faculty ratio and encouraging students to attend class on a regular basis.

Thomas was previously the Di-

rector of the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering from 1978 to 1990.

In her report, Dean Gail DiSabatino reminded students of the recent break-ins to the Student Services Building and encouraged students to be careful when staying in school buildings late at night.

She also challenged the representatives to think about ways to help make the campus atmosphere a more social and exciting place, especially since students under 21 will now have a harder time finding places to go in Atlanta to have fun.

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By David Ziskin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

RHA President Dave Stopp and Victor Allen go over the details of Tuesday's Undergraduate House meeting. The UHR meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in Student Services room 117. All students are welcome.

SGA Elections Information

February 26, 6:00 p.m. — Candidate Information Session #1, Student Services Room 117

February 27, 5:00 p.m. — Candidate Information Session #2, Third Floor Student Center

March 2 — Candidate Application Packets due in SGA Office

March 13, 11:00 a.m. — Candidate Information Session #3, SGA Office (Student Services Room 131)

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Several bills were presented before the House, most dealing with financial allocations.

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tives again. After one minor amendment, the bill passed.

Mechanical Engineering Representative Victor Allen authored a bill asking for funds to help the Amateur Radio Club pay for new equipment. After amending the bill per Joint Finance Committee recommendations, it passed.

Allen authored another bill asking for a joint allocation to the American Society of Civil Engineers for things such as travel and registration fees and material costs for an upcoming competition. After JFC amendments, the bill passed.

Spriggle authored a bill to make two undergraduate appointments

to the Joint Finance Committee. The bill passed, appointing Chris Webb and Andrew Nalven JFC members.

Spriggle authored another passing bill, proposing that Rusty Johnson be appointed new Campus Services Committee Chair and Luis Salas be appointed new Parking, Transportation and Facilities Committee Chair.

Sophomore Class President Tiffany Massey brought forth a bill proposing the allocation of money to GALA for an upcoming party that they are planning. After JFC amendments, the bill passed.

ECE Representative Brian Laseter authored a bill to allocate money to the Georgia Tech Men's Ultimate Team for tournament and practice fees. The representatives amended per JFC recommendations and then passed the bill.

Sophomore Rep EW Looney and Freshman Rep Julie Johnson co-authored a bill proposing the allocation of money to Sophomore Summit 2001 for travel, advertising, and activity costs. After an amendment was made to slightly lower the allocated amount, the bill passed.

Freshman Rep Alissa Aiken proposed a bill to give money to the Greek Week Social Committee to help fund a social event that will include a band and allow Greeks and non-Greeks to mingle. After accepting JFC's recommended amendments, the bill passed.

Athletic

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results from the SGA survey last semester and use them to fill the space," said Orsini. "The survey put a Waffle House style concept as the students number one choice, and we tried to look for a vendor, including Waffle House and others, that could provide the seven days a week, 24 hours a day service. In the end, I really appreciated the students involvement in this project."

However, the AA received no bids from Waffle House or any other food service provider to feel the vacancy. According to Orsini, the vendors who looked into leasing the space didn't feel that the space would suit their businesses.

"Places like Waffle House depend on a lot of traffic coming in and out of the restaurant," said Orsini. "In the end they didn't feel that the space had enough traffic, and therefore didn't fit their plans for expansion."

One issue that Orsini wants students to realize is that this was not purely a business decision. "Money did not drive our decision to use the vacancy as the office space," said Orsini. "We weren't even offered anything from the food services we approached and therefore we needed to look elsewhere to fill the vacancy."

According to Orsini, students should begin seeing activity in the space again before the end of this semester. The space will need to be renovated and old equipment removed before the contractors move

into the space and begin construction on the stadium. "The contractors could begin using the space as early as the end of this academic semester," said Orsini. "The contractors should be in the space throughout the renovations which will probably last between two and three years."

Many students hope that when the space becomes vacant again after the stadium renovations, the AA will try to meet the students' needs when finding someone to lease the space.

"If they couldn't get a major food service provider like Waffle House, I would hope that in three years they will look at smaller businesses that could possibly better serve the students," said Ribeiro.



By Andrew Pae / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Much to the dismay of many students, no vendor wanted to expand into the former McDonald's which will sit barren until it becomes office space.

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be one the main projects of the Academic Affairs committee during the Fall Semester.

"The [Academic Affairs] committee has been preparing a public relation blitz for next semester, when the actual rules go into effect," said Watson.

"It's pointless to [publicize] a year in advance, but we want to make sure that students know their rights and are informed about what is going on, because we don't want people to take advantage of the students' not knowing what is happening."

One of the questions that many students still have about this issue is how the rule prohibiting tests and quizzes will be enforced in upcoming semesters.

Watson feels that it is the responsibility of both the Dean of Students Office and the Student Government Association to make sure that the best interests of the students are met and that professors respect the resolution by not administering quizzes and tests during the week.

"When the faculty Senate passes something, it becomes Student Government's responsibility to ensure that students rights are maintained by acting as an advocate for the students," said Watson.

"So, if a student's rights are violated for any situation, then [the student] should contact the Dean of Students office or their Student Government representative."

Freshman Mechanical Engineering major Kim Kulka wonders how effective the enforcement of this new policy can be.

"If a professor tries to give a quiz or test during dead week, I don't see what the student can do to stop them," said Kulka. "If they have already taken the test by the time they go to the dean or SGA, what is going to be done to make sure that the rule is enforced in this case?"

"Quite how it would be policed, I don't know," said Thomas, who expressed that professors should not have a problem with a resolution that mostly reinstates a previous understanding of the definition of Dead Week.

"What is going to be done to make sure that the rule is enforced?"

Kim Kulka
ME Freshman

Campus news from around the nation

California debates axing the SAT

By *Bonnie Chance*
Daily Californian

(U-WIRE) University of California at Berkeley—Eliminating SAT I scores in University of California admissions may not completely silence administrators' qualms over standardized tests, but it could bridge the gap in educational inequalities, Berkeley school officials said yesterday.

UC President Richard Atkinson's announcement on Sunday to make the SAT I optional for UC applicants electrified the academic community. While city officials herald many of the trends set by the system—one of the leading institutions in higher public education—many question how realistic the recommendation will be. School administrators also contend that it may be time to reform the SAT I test, which was administered nationwide for the first time in 1926.

Ted Doran, president of the city's school board, said eliminating the standardized test element of UC admissions will be "a step toward equalizing opportunity to getting into college." He described the whole admissions process as "a very mixed bag" of components.

"Standardized tests, I don't believe are a valid indicator of success in college and have often been used to make it more difficult for minority students to get into college," Doran said. He pointed to the university's "4 Percent Plan" as a valid alternative to the test, where the universities take the top percentage in each school and guarantee them places in the UC system, as long as they meet course requirements.

Ejecting the SAT I test could also possibly alleviate the achievement gap that afflicts underrepresented minorities throughout Berkeley schools, officials said. At Berkeley High School, 250 out of 875 freshmen—many of whom are minorities—are failing core classes they need for graduation.

U. Chicago sued for radiation poisoning

By *Rebecca Jarvis*
Chicago Maroon

(U-WIRE) University of Chicago—Residents of a small town in Tennessee are suing the University of Chicago, claiming that the University is partially responsible for radiation poisoning they have suffered since the 1940s. The town of Oak Ridge, located in northeastern Tennessee, has been the site of nuclear testing since the University of Chicago set up the first facilities there under government contract in 1943.

Following research on chain reactions, and the first sustained nuclear reaction, which took place under the University's Stagg Stadium in 1942, the U.S. government commissioned the University of Chicago to operate a Tennessee plutonium plant called X-10, now known as Oak Ridge National Laboratory. In 1945, just before America dropped the atomic bombs on Japan, the University handed over its position as contract operator of X-10 to Monsanto Corporation.

Now, more than fifty-five years later, the people of Oak Ridge are filing two class action law suits against the University, as well as other leading corporations affiliated with the X-10 plant and the two other laboratories in the area, known as Y-12 and K-25. The residents contend that the University and other contract operators withheld information about the dangers of radioactive wastes, an omission that resulted in health hazards for workers and residents of the town.

"That's all wrong," said Alvin Weinberg, a former U. of Chicago scientist who worked at X-10, in response to the allegations. "To imply that there was any ulterior motive on the part of the University of Chicago is ridiculous...The entire project was done by the government, for the government, at the request of the government, and was paid for by the government."

Trial for assault case begins at OSU

By *Melia Cox*
OSU Daily Barometer

(U-WIRE) Oregon State University—Three Oregon State University students appeared in Benton County Circuit Court Tuesday, facing charges of assault in connection with a July 21, 2000 incident at an off-campus party that left a university senior hospitalized.

After a jury selection process that took nearly seven hours, the first day of a trial that is expected to last one week ended with opening statements from prosecution and defense attorneys who told two very different stories of the events that took place during a party at a residence locally known as "Jackson Hole."

"You could hear the thud of kicks and punches, and see [the victim] lying in the fetal position on the warm summer night of July 21, 2000," Carle said. "That is what witnesses will testify to."

The prosecution contends that several OSU students began kicking and punching the victim as he lay on the ground, and continued the assault after Becerra tried running away.

The students facing charges were all members of the OSU football team at the time of the incident. In the defense's opening arguments, attorney Richard Wehmeyer described the incident as a "melee" and "bar-room brawl."

Two of the defendants pleaded not guilty to felony assault III, reckless endangerment and disorderly conduct on Nov. 16. The third defendant pleaded not guilty to similar charges.

The victim was hospitalized with multiple lacerations, a broken nose and a black eye after the July 21 incident.

Fake IDs

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Pearen, a manager at the North Highland Pub. This laxness allows more fake IDs to be accepted.

"When I show [my fake], I have it in a wallet, which neutralizes the hologram. Most bouncers just look at the expiration date and birth date," said the biology major.

"No one has questioned the ID, or me, but I am prepared if someone were to ask."

When having her fake ID made, the biology major listed the information appearing on the fake ID as honestly as possible, "so it would be no problem to answer questions under pressure."

When a bar or club rejects an ID as a fake, it is almost always confiscated. It's the "the right legal thing to do," says Mark, "normally it's not an arresting procedure." But some bars and clubs, like the Highland Tap, take further action. "We

confiscate the ID and issue a warrant of criminal trespass. If they try to get in again, they'll be arrested," said Paul Croasdell, a manager at the establishment. "It's kind of like jaywalking. [The police] know everyone does it," says Mark.

"Eight times out of ten the person realizes they've lost this game and leaves," Mark continues. But other times, "they bitch and moan about getting [the fake ID] back and end up getting arrested."

According to each person interviewed that uses one, the risk of getting into trouble for attempting to get into a club with a fake ID is minimal.

"I have some friends that got their fakes rejected," said the biology major, "nothing happened to them though, the license just got taken up."

In fact, according to some, fake

IDs can easily be recovered after confiscation.

"I've never seen anyone get in trouble for a fake ID," said a Civil Engineering Freshman who also wished to withhold his name from publication.

"Whenever I think of someone that brings in a fake ID, I think that my [liquor] license is in jeopardy."

Jeff Girard
Manager, Park Horse Tavern

"Usually, they'll sell it back to the person," he added. "It's more taking it up and getting a lecture."

When asked if he felt that the

common policy of confiscating fake IDs was sufficient, Girard remarked that the thought had "Never crossed my mind" because the danger that prompts punishment is not on the same level as other mischief.

"Whenever I think of someone that brings in a fake ID," said Girard, "I think that my [liquor] license is in jeopardy. I think [the current policy] is fair."

The low level of punishment doesn't stop students from being cautious when using fake IDs.

"I don't try my fake in places I know will be under strict scrutiny. Buckhead, specifically, is cracking down on fakes," said the biology major, "the only place I use it in Buckhead is Jellyrolls." The freshman Civil Engineer is also cautious. "I've never tried to go into a liquor store with one," he said.

While Buckhead is generally strict concerning checks for fake IDs, the Virginia Highlands seems to be less scrutinous.

"We kind of have an older crowd here," said Croasdell. Pearen's establishment also has an "older crowd", ranging in age "from 21 to 37." Checks for fake IDs are infrequent in the Highlands, as they are usually performed when an individual "looks" young. "We card anyone under that looks like they're under 27." The freshman Civil Engineering major takes advantage of this fact. He reported success in gaining entry to most establishments, "especially if you're with a group of older guys."

Most club managers contacted do not believe that the recent ordinance would cause an increase in fake ID use.

"It's an ongoing issue," said Girard, "it has always been a problem."

"I think that as long as Emory and Georgia Tech exist," said Nancy Saxon, a manager at Atkins Park, "there will always be a problem. Kids are kids."

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ANOTHER DANCE,

ANOTHER LAUGH,

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Break-ins from page 1

ing tiles and climbing over an interior wall, which extended only a few inches above the tiles.

According to police, the suspect then proceeded upstairs to the Women's Resource Center (WRC), called "their target" by Ray.

The suspect entered the WRC by once again removing ceiling tiles and climbing over a wall. Once inside, the suspect stole a number of Women's Awareness Month t-shirts; the total number of shirts stolen was valued at three hundred dollars.

In addition to the theft of the shirts, the WRC and the adjacent conference room, room 217 A, were vandalized.

Ceiling tiles and air conditioning ducts were pulled down and severely damaged in the conference room, while aluminum cans from the recycling bin in the outside hall had been scattered on the floor of the WRC and nearby areas.

"Not only is this a common act of burglary, but more vandalism than burglary," said Ray.

Police, as well as those who work in the Women's Resource Center, said that the burglar may have been after some cash that had recently been removed from the area to another location.

"I would hate to think that someone would do this just to be hurtful to the women on this campus," said Ray. "I just don't want to believe that it's someone in our community. It's really sad to see the students having to walk in."

"A lot of students and staff were in and out of the building around the times the building was vandal-

ized," said Ray. "I just want to caution students not to be in the building alone. I want to encourage students that when they do hear something or see a suspicious person in the building, that they contact the police."

According to Chief Vickery of the GTPD, "there's nothing to indicate one way or another" that the suspect was a student or someone unrelated to campus. However, the police believe the incidents are likely related, with the same person returning to the building the second night.

"Generally, when we're having a problem with multiple entries, it turns out to be the same one or two people coming back—it's a matter of catching [the suspect]," said Vickery. What security measures will be taken to further secure the building remain unclear. "There's always a way to increase security," said Vickery, including installing Buzz Card entry to doors or burglar alarms in individual departments.

"Installing card access helps remove the need for propping doors open," said Vickery. An alarm system may not be ideal for Student Services, as "you've got an area where people are constantly coming and going...alarm systems are possible if you've got a building that opens and closes," said Vickery.

"Some departments have chosen to invest in internal burglar alarm systems; others have chosen to install camera systems," Vickery said of the choices individual departments could make to tighten security within their offices.

Certainly, we're going to give the areas that were hit more attention."

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Stephanie Ray
Associate Dean of Students



By Chris Baucom / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The perpetrators centered the second floor conference room, 217A, through the ceiling. Broken tiles and toppled chairs were just a few of the marks they left behind, as they destroyed the ductwork in the ceiling.



By Chris Baucom / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Saturday evening break-in left the office of Graduate Student Body President Grant Jenman in disrepair. According to police, the suspects used his office as an escape route to avoid being apprehended by GTPD.