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Burglaries strike East campus dorms

By Daniel Amick
Senior Staff Writer

A series of burglaries took place in East Campus dorms Wednesday, Oct. 23 that may result in new changes in Housing policy. Between 7:30 and 7:45 that morning, Mark Johnson, a Community Advisor in Hanson dorm, had just turned his alarm off.

"I was stirring but not yet awake,"

said Johnson. As he was preparing to get up, someone opened his door to a 45-degree angle, and then closed it again. Johnson, thinking it was one of his residents, went to investigate. A man was standing at the door.

"He appeared obviously not to be a student," said Johnson.

The man stated that he lived in the dorm. When Johnson told the man that he was a CA and knew all

the residents on his floor, the man then claimed to have found a cell phone and was trying to return it.

"I asked him to please give me the cell phone," said Johnson. "He did."

The man then walked away despite Johnson's request that he wait.

Johnson, another resident and members of the maintenance staff contacted the Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) and Depart-

ment of Housing personnel. After further investigation, it appeared that at least three residents of Hanson dorm had all fallen victim to the same burglar. Missing items included cell phones and wallets.

Johnson described the man as an African American about 28 years old. He was bald and had a small amount of facial hair. The man was

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High honors given to MSE professors

Two Tech professors within the School of Materials Science and Engineering (MSE) were recently elected as members of the European Academy of Sciences, an honor considered by many to be among the highest awarded to a scientist or engineer. Zhong Lin Wang was selected for his advancements within nanocomposite technologies and Joe K. Cochran received the honor for his work in ceramic processing.

Wang is also the director of Tech's Center for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology.

Atlantic Station meeting Thursday

Brian Leary, Director of Design and Development for the Atlantic Station project, will be on campus next week to discuss the master plan of the new development and how it will affect metropolitan Atlanta and the Tech campus.

The talk will be held Thursday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. in the Student Center ballroom. The event is free for everyone.

Annual toy drive Nov. 9 at FSU game

Members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Board will sponsor a second annual toy drive Nov. 9, during the Florida State game.

This year's drive is in memory of the late Michael Isenhour, the former Tech basketball player who spearheaded last year's toy drive. Isenhour, a December 2001 graduate of Tech, died June 13 due to complications from cancer.

Fans are asked to bring new, unwrapped toys with them to the game. Collection bins will be available at all gates of the stadium. The toys will then be donated to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and to the Ronald McDonald House.

Committee addresses official colors issue

By Srivam Narasimhan
Senior Staff Writer

Although Tech's popular Ramblin' Wreck fight song played against its athletic opposition may make references to just two official school colors, white and old gold, the student body may soon be able to sport navy blue as well.

An ad-hoc Colors Committee, the members of which were appointed by President Wayne Clough this past August, was formed due to increasing concerns from alumni that there was no set standard on the specific colors displayed on the uniforms of the athletic teams, band and cheerleaders. Although white and gold were shown together on most of the uniforms, there was no definitive statement on the exact trim, or neutral color, which is often added on the uniform to complement the two primary colors. Some teams often use blue while others resort to black.

"There were a lot of logistics issues. Tech had gold and white, but most schools have white as an assumed [color] and also dark and light colors," said Don Chapman, Colors Committee Chair. "Those were complicated issues to deal with."

Furthermore, students from various alumni-sponsored focus groups commented on the lack of a rigid color scheme on the uniforms, school apparel, and other Georgia Tech-related goods.

"For the longest time I thought the school colors were yellow and black; you look at the fans and you don't see any consistency—you see white, black, navy, gold, yellow, etc.," said were typical comments heard in focus group discussions.

The committee, therefore, had the unprecedented task of investigating the historical significance of the school colors, listening to athlete input, and finally drafting a proposal of its decision, which would then await approval by the Athletic Board, which Clough chairs, the Athletic Association, and the Alexander Tharpe Board.

After several meetings and consultations with the Alumni Association, as well as perusal of decades-old alumni publications, the committee learned that this was not the first time navy blue had been promoted as one of the three school colors. In fact, it was the classes of 1891 and 1892 who had originally selected

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Halloween Challenge Pumpkin Carving



By Tim Cailloux / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Architecture professor Kemp Mooney prepares his pumpkin to be judged as part of the first annual pumpkin carving contest held between professors and students in the College of Architecture.

Child care facility to provide students with new option



By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Contractors look over the plans for a new child care facility in Home Park. The center is expected to open in January and will be open to all Tech students and faculty as well as Home Park residents.

By Madhu Adiga
Senior Staff Writer

Students, faculty and staff at Georgia Tech who have children will soon have another option for child care. The R. Kirk Landon Learning Center, located at the corner of 10th and State Streets in Home Park, is nearing completion.

Georgia Tech has partnered with Bright Horizons, a national leading provider in child care and early education, to manage the center. Garrey McAnally, an employee of Bright Horizons, has been hired to direct this center, which will replace the current child care center located at Home Park.

Spaces are available for infants, toddlers and preschool-age children. Initial reservation for spaces during the center's opening weeks has been going on this week, and applica-

tions are due today at 3:00 p.m.

Priority will go to parents seeking full-time care five days a week. A limited amount of part-time spaces will be available, as well. Tech will receive a certain percentage of the spots, while the remaining spots will be filled by Home Park residents.

"We are trying to work out a system where, for example, if one family needs care on Monday through Wednesday and another needs a Thursday and Friday, we can get those two families to group together and fill one full-time space. However, it is hard for us now to accommodate single part-time spots," said McAnally.

After initial registration, the center will sort applicants by age group, and if the number of applicants in a certain age group exceeds the number of spaces available, a lottery system will be used. If that happens,

parents who do not get a space will be placed on a waiting list. "If parents decide they don't want a space until after January and there are no spaces available, they, too will be on a waiting list," said McAnally.

Costs for weekly care range from \$152 to \$190 weekly, depending on the age group of the child, the most expensive being infant care. Currently, through a CCAMPIS (Childcare Access Means Parents in School) grant from the U.S. Department of Education, with help from the Provost's Office and the Deans, Georgia Tech will be able to provide ten mini-grants to students in need of childcare assistance. The mini-grants will cover half the cost of the Georgia Tech and Home Park Community childcare center.

For student parents like MegAnn

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Technique Online Voice Your Opinion!

Last issue's poll garnered 46 responses to the question: "How do you feel about the changes made this year to the Mr./Miss GT rules?"

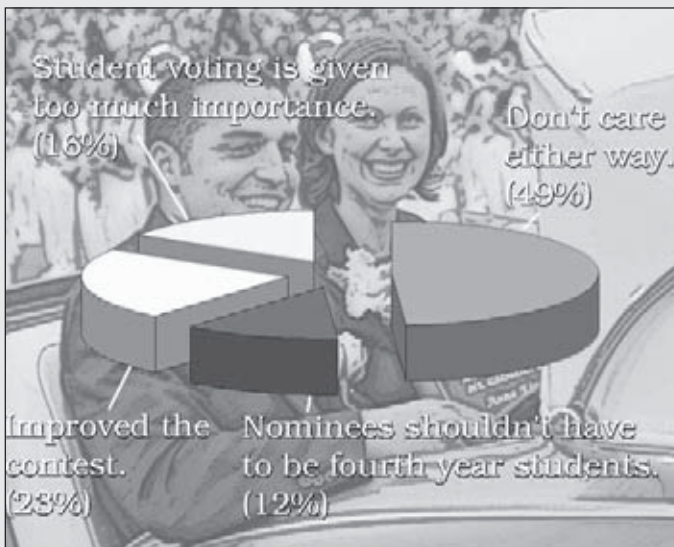


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This week's poll is related to student voting. Do you fill like your vote counts when voting in state and local elections? Tell us what you think at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique.

From the archives...

The Nique's top stories from:



10 years ago: October 30, 1992—The Undergraduate Student Council allocated over \$20,000 to the Tech Crew team in order to purchase a new racing boat. Tech president Patrick Crecine defended his actions and hailed his accomplishments as president during his annual State of the Institute address.

20 years ago: October 29, 1982—The Jackets stunned the ranked Tennessee Volunteers at Grant Field. The 31-21 win improved Tech's record to 4-3 for the season. Many predicted the win could lead to the Jackets' first winning season since 1978.

30 years ago: October 31, 1972—Citing safety and health concerns, the Department of Campus Safety recommended that cooking in dorms be limited. The department recommended allowing only popcorn poppers and coffee pots in the rooms. Bill Pickel left his position as director of the Ajax Placement Center after serving for two and a half years.

Graduate Senate allocates \$22,000

By Tony Kluemper
News Editor

The Graduate Senate held one of its busiest sessions of the semester Tuesday when over \$22,000 was allocated in just over an hour's time. In fact, all allocation bills discussed during the meeting were passed by large majorities, with two organizations requesting over \$8,000 each.

The largest funding requests were presented by the Tech Chinese Student Association to help finance the first annual Miss Asian Atlanta scholarship pageant, which is sponsored by the group. According to Alice Gung, president of the Chinese Student Association, the event will take place on Jan. 24 in the Ferst Center as part of the Chinese New Year.

After being questioned about what exactly the funds would be used for, Gung said that all money provided by SGA would go towards getting publicity, providing a workshop instructor during the event, and paying for the rental fees of the Ferst Center.

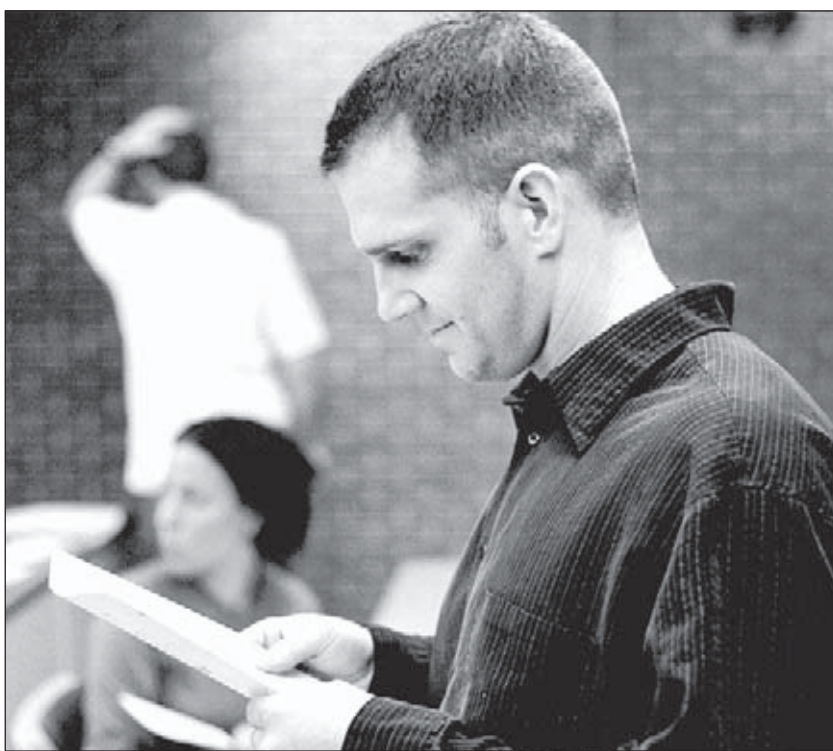
Many senators wondered how the workshop related to the contest and why the workshop was needed in the first place. "The workshop will help tie in the contest with the Chinese New Year and will hopefully attract a wide range of students," said Gung.

Other senators wondered how many contestants would actually be Tech students. According to Gung, although the deadline for applications is not until Nov. 15, the response from Tech students has been overwhelming. "Since most of our publicity has been done on Tech's campus, we are expecting many of the participants to be Tech students," said Blank.

Although the association originally requested nearly \$13,000, this amount was lessened in agreement with JFC recommendations to just over \$10,000. However, senator Catherine Jamal, who sponsored the bill, asked that GSS allocate the full

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Council Clippings Senate and House



By Tim Cailloux / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

GSS Vice President Doug DesCamps presides over Tuesday's meeting. At the meeting, the Graduate Senate allocated over \$22,000 to various student organizations, including Buzz Studios and the Chinese Student Association.

Bills Considered

Undergraduate House of Representatives

Executive Agreement on JFC/JCOC	Author: Tiffany Massey	passed
Joint Allocation to Buzz Studios	Author: Adam Bernstein	passed
Joint Allocation to Tennis Club	Author: Ben Lawder	passed
Joint Allocation to Parachute Club (a)	Author: Bill Asher	passed
Joint Allocation to Parachute Club (b)	Author: Bill Asher	passed
Joint Allocation to Chinese Stu. Assoc. (a)	Author: Jon Bonus	passed
Joint Allocation to Chinese Stu. Assoc. (b)	Author: Jon Bonus	passed
Allocation to American Int. of ChemE	Author: Bryan Shaw	passed
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Joint Allocation to Tech SWE	Author: Jakarra Jones	passed
Appointments to Institute Committees	Author: Tiffany Massey	tabled

Graduate Student Senate

Joint Allocation to Buzz Studios	Author: Kent Siebeneck	passed
Joint Allocation to Tennis Club	Author: Roy Furbank	passed
Joint Allocation to Parachute Club (a)	Author: Pelham Norville	passed
Joint Allocation to Parachute Club (b)	Author: Pelham Norville	passed
Joint Allocation to Chinese Stu. Assoc. (a)	Author: Catherine Jamal	passed
Joint Allocation to Chinese Stu. Assoc. (b)	Author: Catherine Jamal	passed
Appointments of Graduate Senators	Author: Alan Michaels	passed

House reps show Halloween spirit

By Daniel Amick
Senior Staff Writer

Believe it or not, representatives at Tuesday night's Undergraduate House meeting looked even more freakish than normal. Showing off true Halloween spirit, a select group of representatives arrived in costumes ranging from a slightly disturbing football-head to John and Jackie Kennedy. In an extremely narrow vote conducted halfway through the meeting, the giant squirrel won the distinction of best costume.

While the representatives may have looked slightly outlandish, the meeting itself was remarkably routine. Members seemed playfully relaxed. For once, there were no issues up for discussion or controversial votes to consider. The most contentious item at Tuesday's meeting was the difference between the term "policy" and the term "guideline" in one bill.

The bill was an Executive Agreement regarding the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) and the Joint Campus Organizations Committee (JCOC). Basically, the bill requires that if either committee wants to change the procedures it uses to formulate recommendations, it must inform members of SGA at least 30 days before the changes go into effect. Dean Gail DiSabatino expressed concern over the wording of the bill, saying that the word "policy" implies that UHR is required to follow committee recommendations, whereas the word "guidelines" does not. The debate went back and forth. In the end, representatives passed the bill with its original wording intact.

Representatives also considered a litany of other bills. Allocation bills to Buzz Studios and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers passed as a slate without discussion. Representatives went against the recommendation of the JFC to deny passage of a retroactive allocation bill for the Society of Women Engineers.

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Greeks give back Run and Hide on Techwood Drive



By Tim Cailloux / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A Tech student paints a pumpkin on the face of a local child during the recent Run and Hide on Techwood Drive event held Tuesday. The children also visited various Greek houses for a trick-or-treat outing on campus.

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Two bills funding the Sport Parachute Club received a greater degree of scrutiny because some of the money was allocated to train three students as certified instructors.

Representative Tim Cailloux said he felt it was “not appropriate to pay for the certification of 1, 2, 3 people.” He supported the second bill allocating funds for equipment purchases.

Adam Bernstein countered that parachuting generates “a lot of student interest” and that a bill requesting training money would only come up again two or three years down the road. After debate, both bills passed.

Two bills allocating money for the Chinese Student Association’s Miss Asian Atlanta Scholarship Pageant were amended per JFC recommendations and passed. The funding will go to publicity efforts and stage decorations. Representatives com-

plemented Association members for their extensive fundraising efforts in support of the pageant.

The President of the Musician’s Network, Lauren Ellis, also addressed the House. She stated that Under the Couch is a “vital part” of the Tech social experience, outlining various events held at Under the Couch through its history. Ellis said all her organization wants is to continue to remain so. The House then passed by Unanimous Acclamation a Resolution supporting Under the Couch and the Musician’s Network.

After announcements and just as the House was about to adjourn, Senior Rep. Lindsey Mazza leapt to her feet to stop adjournment for a “very special announcement” from President Tiffany Massey.

“I’m engaged,” said Massey. “I’m very excited and I don’t know what else to say.” On that high note, the House adjourned the meeting just before 10 p.m.

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\$13,000 due to the fact that the money that was cut would be used to fund programs which she felt were an essential part of the event.

However, most senators did not agree with Jamal and the amended bill passed by a small majority.

In other business, Buzz Studios, a newly chartered organization, asked for funding for new equipment in order to get the club off of the ground. Buzz Studios President Will Wright described the need for the requested equipment. “Right now we are basically a film club without a camera,” said Wright. “It’s kind of hard to make movies without a video camera.”

Wright also commented that the group was planning to present a full length film next semester in the Student Center. After a small debate, the graduates passed the bill by a large majority.

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wearing a navy-blue sweat shirt with a hood, dark jeans and white tennis shoes and was carrying a book bag.

One witness later reported seeing the man in Towers dorm at around 8:30 the same morning. Two to three additional similar burglaries occurred in other East Campus dorms the same week, but officials do not know if those events were linked to the Wednesday morning burglaries.

"We do have, every year, a few of these kinds of things happen," said Dan Morrison, the Department of Housing's Associate Director of Residence Life.

"Sometimes, unfortunately, it is students stealing from other students, but our biggest worry is that there seem to be more than a few of these [incidents taking place this year]," said Morrison.

Morrison was particularly concerned that the events took place not during the late night hours of 3 or 4 a.m., but during morning hours.

In the wake of the burglaries, the Department of Housing has coordinated with the GTPD to step up police patrols in the area. Flyers were posted on the doors of East Campus dorms informing residents, and an informational meeting was held Thursday, Oct. 24. Housing is also considering a plan to begin locking the interior doors of individual floors within each dorm.

"[Locking the doors] is something that we've spoken about doing overtime," said Morrison. Under the plan, students would have to use their key three times; once to open the exterior door, once to enter their floor, and once to enter their room.

"Most of our buildings do not use [the system]," said Morrison. "Frankly, we've not had a need to do that."

Recent events have caused Housing officials to rethink that position.

"We've had enough of these incidents and worries and concerns that we're proceeding in this direction," said Morrison.

Housing's research has shown that residents might be willing to let somebody in their building, but would be much less willing to let someone they didn't know onto their floor. At this point, Morrison believes the plan would likely affect most dorms on East Campus, but

he had no estimate on the time-frame over which such a plan would be implemented.

Morrison highlighted other steps that students can take to make campus safer.

"Don't let people tailgate and follow you inside," he said.

"That's not easy. We understand that. You don't want someone to feel like you're slamming the door in someone else's face," said Morrison.

He suggests that students ask who people are going to visit or tell them to use the telephone boxes to contact their friend.

"That's what [the telephone boxes] are for," he said.

"When you know you're going to sleep, lock your door," said Morrison. "It seems kind of obvious, but I'm sure a lot of people don't lock their doors."

"Students should not hesitate to call the police if they see something that is suspicious. Often, people don't call right away and we lose the opportunity to make some kind of an intervention."

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get involved. There is much to learn in class, but there is also much to learn outside of class."

Of course, Mr. Georgia Tech is evenly matched with Ms. Georgia Tech, Anna R. Fincher. Her parents are Patrick and Susanne Fincher. This well-spoken girl is a graduating mechanical engineer and, like Mr. Georgia Tech, maintains a high GPA of at least a 3.35 with a diverse set of extracurricular activities.

Fincher has devoted much of her time with the Co-op Program, the Student Foundation and FASET. She co-oped with Purifil Inc., located in Norcross, GA. As a long-time member of the Student Foundation, Fincher served on the Board of Trustees and the Investments Development Committee, helping to create Team Buzz as well as other student organizations.

As a member of the FASET Cabinet, Fincher helped train the many orientation leaders that made life simpler for incoming students. Fincher has served on the Recruitment Chair for Alpha Chi Omega, committee chair for RATS Week, a L.E.A.R.N. mentor, a GT Ambassador to loyal alumni and a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, a leadership honor society for juniors and seniors.

Her accolades include being named Ms. GT finalist in 2000 and 2001 as well as a recipient of the Robert C. Byrd scholarship.

Fincher's hopes to pursue a career as an engineering strategy consulting position in the future. She also hopes to return to GT to serve with her fellow alumni.

Ms. Georgia Tech's advice includes the following: "Georgia Tech can be difficult. For most people, coming to GT is like a big fish in a small pond to small fish in a big pond. Get involved but don't forget the reason why you [undergraduates] are here in the first place: to get an education," said Fincher.

"[Housing's] biggest worry is that there seem to be more than a few of these [incidents taking place this year]"

Dan Morrison
Associate Director of Housing

Breaking the Bubble

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A lot of things went on outside of the bubble of Georgia Tech this week. Visit www.bubble.nique.net to find links to complete articles about the stories below and other important issues.

Sharon government collapses in Israel

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's loose coalition government fell apart Wednesday when moderate ministers from the Labor Party resigned amidst a bitter debate over the funding of new Jewish settlements. The crisis was precipitated by Sharon's rejection of Labor Party demands to cut \$145 million in Jewish funding in the 2003 state budget. The broad-based coalition had been united in opposition to the Palestinian uprisings. Its collapse may force Israel into an election and threaten a U.S.-led peace plan.

Mondale to fill void left by Wellstone's death

Former Democratic Presidential candidate Walter Mondale officially announced that he would accept the nomination of the Minnesota Democratic party and will be on the ballot in the U.S. Senate race next week. Mondale's nomination fills the void left by the death of Senator Paul Wellstone last week. Wellstone, who was the Democratic incumbent in the race, was killed when his plane crashed in northern Minnesota Friday. Mondale served as a U.S. Senator from 1964 to 1967. This race could play a pivotal role in deciding which party gains control of the Senate in the elections.

Complaints arise about Feds' role in sniper case

A Maryland law enforcement official late Wednesday criticized the U.S. Justice Department's handling of the sniper suspects. The complaint may be the first of many to come, as law enforcement departments battle for jurisdiction in the highly-publicized case. The main complaint centered around the fact that the questioning of the two suspects by local authorities was halted by federal agents, possibly preventing investigators from obtaining information.

Georgia candidates focus on females, families

Max Cleland reached out to teachers while Saxby Chambliss' wife emphasized her husband's family ties Tuesday as both U.S. Senate candidates chased the critical votes of women. Chambliss' ad was also aimed to show Chambliss as a family man to counter claims made by Cleland that Chambliss was "bad for families." Recent polls show that although the race is close, Cleland holds a slight lead due to his strength with women voters. Chambliss and his wife are currently on a ten-day bus trip around northern Georgia.