



Library fountain faces demolition



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The library fountain will be replaced with a new set of stairs, replacing the current stairs on Skiles walkway. The project is being carried out in conjunction with the building of the nearby Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons.

By Zimu Yang
Staff Writer

The lifting of drought water restrictions has allowed water to freely flow out of the Campanile fountain, but the library fountain will see a different outcome. Having been off all semester, the construction of the Clough Undergraduate Learning Center (CULC) is forcing its demolition.

"The library fountain will be going away as a part of the redevelopment of the Skiles

walkway ... and the stairs that are currently there and the bridge that bridges across from Skiles to Price Gilbert, they will all be redeveloped to make it more pedestrian and student friendly," said Howard Wertheimer, director of Capital Planning and Space Management.

The fountains in front of the library were generally used by students to relax and decompress while taking a break from academics. The fountains feature a three-tiered design, and were a

gift from the Price Gilbert, Jr. Charitable Trust and the Gilbert family, and become a The restarting of the campanile fountains raised speculation about when the library fountains would re-start as well.

After the fountains are torn down, a series of terraced stairs will be built to replace the library fountain. "The metaphor is the Spanish steps in Rome as it becomes a gathering place. It will be integral with landscape as well," Wertheimer said.

The library rotunda will be kept unchanged in its place and a renovation is planned for the library tower. The re-design of Skiles Walkway does not permit the existence of the fountains as they are. As of yet, the structures do not pose a structural problem to the CULC.

State budgets cuts have not yet changed the projected timetable for the construction of the CULC. The state legislature is currently shifting

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Lottery program may not sustain HOPE past 2012

By Andrew Nelson
Contributing writer

Georgia's HOPE Scholarship program needs some help of its own to continue providing financial assistance to students at Tech and all state universities.

The Georgia Lottery Program, which funds both HOPE and statewide pre-kindergarten programs, is not growing along with the budgeted allowances to students needing the scholarship. In the last fiscal year, HOPE funded 216,172 students with a total of \$522.8 million. But funding from the state lottery in the last year has grown less than one percent, causing concern for the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) – the overseeing body for the HOPE scholarship – and danger for the scholarship which has provided billions of dollars to Georgia students since its inception in 1993.

Students rely on HOPE to ensure a full education without worrying about the high cost of college, and dips in the tuition funding would affect nearly all Tech students from in-state. GSFC officials say they are certain that tuition, a major factor in a college education, would not be affected by re-budgeting around the lottery shortcomings and that tuition should still be met by HOPE's provisions. However, if funding trends continue, book allowances may drop to half the current level by 2012 and possibly altogether by the next year. If the trend is not corrected by 2014, funding for school fees may drop. Current mandatory fees are \$718, over half of which is covered for HOPE recipients. This could be an issue for prospective students in deciding whether to attend Tech for college.

To Josh Wien, first-year CS, HOPE was not a deciding factor in attending Tech, as he was already strongly considering applying. However now that he is at Tech, he feels the impact of

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Mock dorm fire emphasizes safety



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Fires in a dorm room can quickly spread to engulf the entire room, as shown in this demonstration.

By Vijai Narayanan
Assistant News Editor

The Georgia Tech Police Department hosted its third annual mock dorm fire safety event on the afternoon of Sept. 9 in conjunction with the Georgia Office of Insurance and Fire Safety Commissioner. The event was held as part of the National Cam-

pus Fire Safety Month, an initiative launched in 2005 in order to drive down the number of fire related deaths on college campuses across the country.

"Wherever you go, firefighters will tell you that the last thing they want to do during a fire is search and rescue. What we want to do is to show people how quickly fires can devastate a space

and get them thinking about fire safety," said John Oxendine, State Insurance and Fire Safety Commissioner.

In preparation for the event, Housing built a dorm style room using spare furniture and bedding. The space covered enough area to house a bed, desk and

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WELCOME BACK



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Daniel "DBay" Baily of the GTGs sings to the crowd at the Welcome Back Party hosted in honor of Institute President G.P. "Bud" Peterson's Investiture Ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 3.

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From the files of the GTPD... Campus Crime

By Zimu Yang
Staff Writer



A testy textbook case

An officer was dispatched to a shoplifting in progress at the Barnes and Nobles Bookstore in Tech Square on Sept. 2. A white male, approximately 6'4" in height who was wearing a white T-shirt and black nylon pants, carried two unpaid textbooks towards the exit doors leading to the Management building. When the complainant confronted the suspect, the suspect ran away towards the West Peachtree Street exit of the Management building. Although the suspect disappeared, the two textbooks were able to be recovered.

Missing some T's

On Friday, Aug. 28, several employees of ISP Sports Contractors left their offices at Bobby Dodd Stadium. When they returned, they discovered several pieces of signage had been torn off the wall in the hallway. The missing signage include a large gold "GT", two mid-sized gold T's, and a mid-sized gold S.

An officer was called in two days later on Aug. 30 to take statements. The total value of the damage is unknown, but the stolen signage amounted to approximately \$1,000 in total.

In addition to the signage, sev-

eral cases of beer were stolen from the Super Suite of the stadium. No signs of forced entry were visible. However, a large window located in the Club Extension Room, which is accessible from seats in the east stands, was found opened.

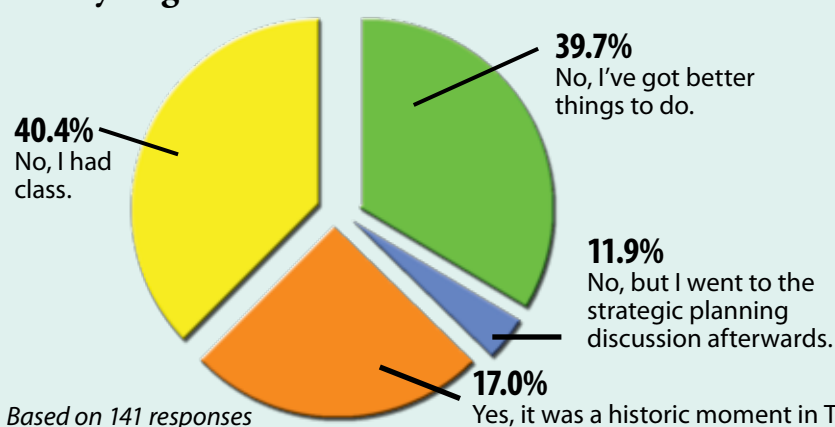
Broken shell

On Sept. 1, a 380mm shell casing was found in the first floor north-side stairwell of the Student Center. There was a hole on the stair where the round appeared to have struck.

A fragment from the round was found one flight of stairs below where the shell casing was found. No other damage was found. The round is estimated to have been on the rarely-used stairwell for at least a month. The shell casing and fragment were turned over to a police officer for further investigation

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This week in Student Government

Each Tuesday, elected members of the two houses of the Student Government Association, the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) and the Graduate Student Senate (GSS), convene to consider allocation bills and discuss issues facing campus. Here is a summary of those two meetings.

By Vijai Narayanan, Assistant News Editor



Photo by Kelvin Kuo / Student Publications

Undergraduate House of Representatives members review funding bills at last Tuesday's meeting.

This edition of *Council Clippings* covers the UHR and GSS meetings from Sept. 8, 2009.

Collegiate Readership

The UHR passed a bill granting an additional \$10,000 to the Collegiate Readership Program. This program distributes newspapers to students at various locations across campus. The intent of the program is to expose students to relevant information about the community and the world.

The program currently has funding of over \$30,000 per year, which covers the distribution of *USA Today*, *The New York Times*

and the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*. Due to rising newspaper costs and an increase in circulation, the bill was passed 38-6. The bill was postponed in GSS after a lengthy discussion on whether funding newspapers was wise, given the failing nature of the industry.

Team Buzz

SGA approved a bill granting \$3,485 to the TEAM Buzz service organization. The bill was passed 41-4 in UHR and 16-0-0 in GSS. Each year, TEAM Buzz puts on a service day dedicated to serving the Atlanta community. Started

in 1997, the event draws together over 2,000 students and alumni. The event will be held on Oct. 10. Over 35 different projects will be available for students to participate in.

Homecoming

SGA also considered a bill providing funding for homecoming events, including the Wrek Parade and the homecoming concert. The Student Center is responsible for the planning and development of all homecoming events. A band has yet to be selected for the concert. The bill passed 41-4 in UHR and in GSS 9-6-1.

Breaking the Bubble



A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Here are a few important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

Mexican plane hijacking ends without violence

After being taken hostage for 45 minutes, a commercial airliner and its 104 passengers were released peacefully on Wednesday. The Boeing 737 Aeromexico flight was flying from the popular vacation town of Cancun into Mexico City, when the plane was taken hostage Wednesday afternoon by five to seven people, believed to be of either Bolivian or Mexican descent.

The hijackers took the plane as it arrived in Mexico City, and threatened to bomb the plane if they did not speak to Mexican president Felipe Calderon. The plane was moved to a remote location in the airport, where the passengers were let off safely just before federal police stormed the plane and took hijackers into custody. The motive for the hijacking was still unclear.

Obama urges Congress to act on health care

President Obama addressed a joint session of Congress on Wednesday with the goal of re-energizing efforts in the stalled healthcare reform process. During the speech the President drew numerous standing ovations.

Obama received much criticism recently from both sides of the aisle for not being decisive enough in the debate and leaving too many of the details of reform to Congress. The president voiced his support for a public option that would allow the federal government to sell insurance in competition with private insurers. However, in a departure from past statements he stated his willingness to alternative choices.

Obama fervently noted that healthcare reform can no longer be postponed, as soaring costs threaten to increase the national deficit marginally and cripple both the individual patients and the economy. He also came out in force against what he called scare tactics and misinformation campaigns by the opposition.

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Melkers awarded \$1.15 million to study women in science

By Siddharth Gurnani
Contributing Writer

Associate professor of Public Policy in Ivan Allen College Dr. Julia Melkers was awarded over \$1.1 million to study women in science by the National Science Foundation (NSF). In particular, her research area addresses collaboration and social network issues for academic scientists.

In partnership with coprincipal investigators Dr. Eric Welch from the University of Illinois and Dr. Monica Gaugham from UGA, Melkers' core project addresses the question of why professional networks are important for career advancement for women scientists in particular.

Melkers' team recently received a 3-year grant for \$1.1 million dollars entitled, "Empirical Research: Breaking through the Reputational Ceiling: Professional Networks as a Determinant of Advancement, Mobility, and Career Outcomes for Women and Minorities in STEM."

NSF has awarded four rounds of grants to academic institutions and individuals across America with the aim to recruit and retain women in science and engineering related fields.

"This research is motivated by ongoing evidence of under representation of women in academic science, particularly in some fields, as well as exit from scientific careers," Melkers said.

According to her research, it is essential to be in the right social networks for female scientists to further their careers. She and

her team were interested in finding out what made these networks of female scientists important for career advancement and job satisfaction.

Some results that Melkers and her team found were that women develop collaborative ties with colleagues that they meet for the first time at professional networks, as well as the fact that women retain relationships longer than men with colleagues that they know from graduate school.

"Women are more likely than men to be introduced to new collaborators by individuals in their academic research networks," Melkers said.

Melkers feels this grant will help her team expand their sample to a wide range of schools, examine institutional effects on networks, as well as look more carefully at underrepresented groups.

The NSF grant limited Melkers and her team's research, as there are very few minority scientists in Carnegie-designated Research I institutions. Minorities and women, statistics show, are underrepresented in Research II and comprehensive institutions as well. The Carnegie designation is a classification of institutions based on a variety of aspects, such as degree programs and size. Because of this specification, Melkers promises that her team is capable of handling these studies now that they possess the funding.

When asked about the kind of impact she expected from this study and its impact on the Tech community, Melkers explained that she hopes that her studies will



By Sierra Schmidt/ Student Publications

Dr. Julia Melkers poses in her office. Melkers was awarded \$1.1 million dollars by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to study how women in science interact with different academic networks.

have a theoretical as well as practical impact.

She expects the quantitative study of the professional networks to add to the existing literature on the science and technology workforce and further solidify the reputation that other Tech colleagues have built in the area of women and minorities in science.

Tech currently has a robust Women in Science and Technology program and has numerous recruitment programs for women interested in attending the Insti-

tute.

Practically, she hopes that the studies will develop a better understanding of the roles and characteristics the professional networks play for women. In addition, she hopes this research will help women improve career advancement and outcomes in academic science.

"We hope that our results will inform structural aspects of non-Research intensive academic environments, and the nature of interventions designed to attract,

retain, and advance women and minorities in those institutions, including mentoring program structure, as well as opportunities for faculty advancement," Melkers said.

Dr. Melkers concluded that she was excited about the new grant and that she may be able to add an undergraduate student to the project through the generous support of the Tech's Women, Science, and Technology (WST) Program Student-Faculty Research Partnership.

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presidents

Dearest employer: If I am not a match for your organization, let me know--that way I can go on to not match other organizations.

cyberbuzz

The defibrillators in the student center all expired in January...

Are greek events really "unequaled" anywhere on campus?

swine flu

swine flu+budgeting=kid in my calc class blowing nose in notebook paper

i just wanna be one of the bros

walked in on my friend "raising the flag"...by the way I am a girl

beat GA in volleyball, the first of many victories over the red and black this year

walked the entire perimeter of campus....not one bus passed me

and twenty people at each stop

Tommy! I love you and your chicken fingers!

Traditions Night! WHOO! White Out! WHOO! I love football season!

ROTC boys look cute in uniform!

strike three, you're out

phew, i was just humoring you anyway

glad that's over

Found a pubic hair in a new textbook I bought. WTF.

undergrads need to visit their ta's more. office hours are becoming nap time.

ece w00t

It's impossible to find a job at tech :(How am i supposed to support my drug habit now?

Getting packages is fun

redheads rock

YELLOOOOOOWWWW

this girl with swine flu ate my cookies.

hello seepy cocoa bean

foxy roxy is 5'10

Now I know why the GTGs autotune everything

Who wants deep fried Oreos??

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the scholarship on his ability to attend college. "After getting all the financial aid packages from the schools I had been accepted to, Tech with HOPE was by far the most economical option," Wien said, "I wouldn't be financially devastated if HOPE cut book and fee funding. Money is a bit tight right now, so it would just make things a little bit harder."

Georgia's student education financial programs are rated highly, in terms of meeting the needs of students pursuing technical, two-year and four-year degrees. Funding like this is in great demand, not only among students, but also for those unemployed throughout the nation.

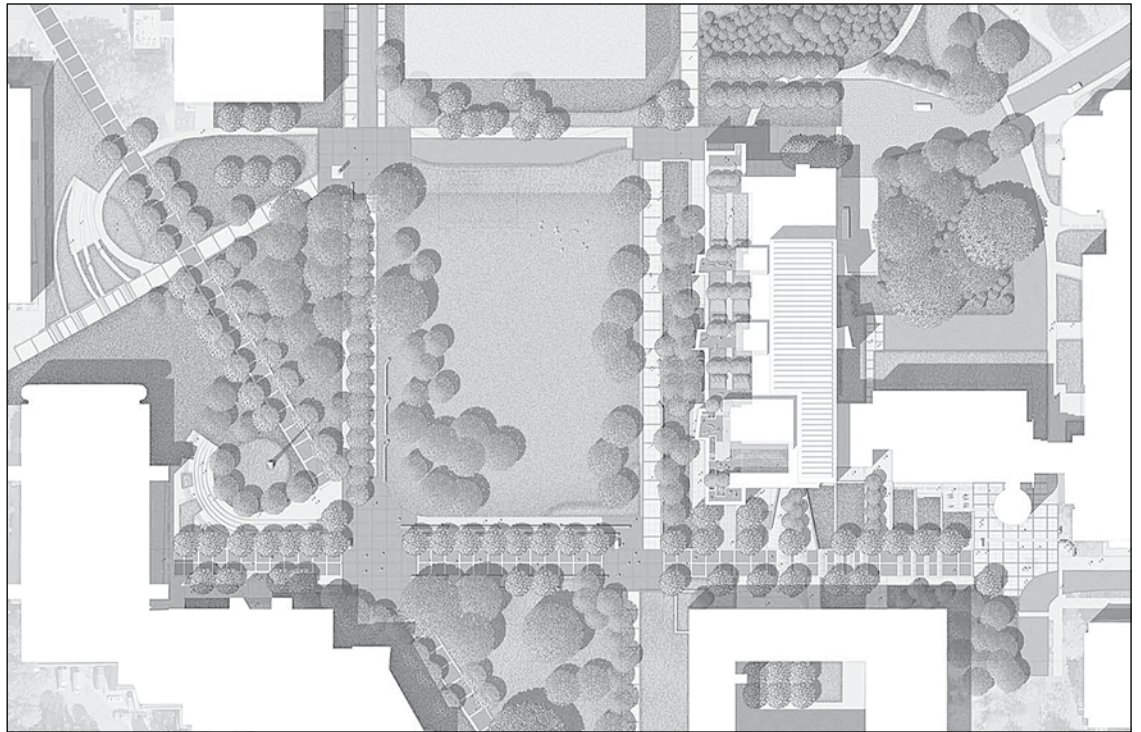
In Georgia the unemployment rate has reached over 10 percent as of this July. People in the workforce may seek additional technical training or a degree to bolster themselves on the job or improve their chances of being hired, in part because of the funding provided by HOPE.

Georgia saw a similar problem in 2004, when demand for the scholarship was high enough to potentially deplete the program's reserves within a few years. This prompted the state legislature to implement the requirement for recipients to have a minimum 3.0

GPA in high school, rather than the previous standard of a numerical grade average of 80. Now legislators and GSFC officials are investigating potential solutions including capping tuition funding by credit hour, which other lottery-backed state financial aid and scholarship programs like Florida have already started. Officials are determining the best course of action as projected enrollment in Georgia's university system grows to nearly 300,000 students this fall, and 100,000 more students over the decade.

GSFC has set a key task force for fixing the disparity between funding and demand for the HOPE scholarship in the next six to twelve months, an action that could promote college enrollment and improve academic credentials for a workforce struggling in the current economic climate.

The scholarship program has seen problems before with its funding, and it is a task for state lawmakers and education officials to seek the solution for students and an educated workforce. Students like Barrett Ahlers, first-year AE, may see the situation optimistically. "I'm getting money for good grades," he said, "and with the economy the way it is, I'm happy more people are able to benefit from the program even if I get less money."



Map courtesy of Capital Planning and Space Management

In place of the fountain at the library, the Clough Undergraduate Learning Center plans include added green space to the area, including the addition of steps styled after the Roman Spanish steps.

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the sale of bonds and, unless the bonds go unsold, the expectation is that construction will remain unaffected. Tech planners are also anticipating private donations and funding to offset any lost funds.

Current estimates project that the building opening is still years away. "It will be about two years from now so hopefully summer 2011 if all goes well. So that for fall 2011 the building will be in operation," Wertheimer said.

The exact demolition date for the library fountain has not been decided, since the exact timetable is still unavailable. However, despite the lack of deadline, the library water fountains will not be turned on again.

"When water restrictions were lifted we wanted to make sure that we turned on the fountains in a responsible, strategic way and

minimize water use," said Sejal Patel, assistant director of Capital and Space Planning.

Patel noted that while students would not be able to spend time in the fountains, the CULC would provide plenty of new opportunities for recreation. In addition to the creation of a Starbucks on the second floor, the building will also house an open air garden accessible to students on the terrace.

All the labs for courses taught in the lecture halls will be located in the CULC as well. Tutoring and student support for the classes will be consolidated into the CULC as will be the Center for Enhancement for Teaching and Learning (CETL) and various student support success programs.

"[The CULC] is a program that was developed about ten years ago by a cross section of leadership at Georgia Tech and it will become the academic home of undergraduates and it will be

a place for every freshman and sophomore student who comes to Georgia Tech will take class because all the introductory science classes... [All these resources] will all be co-located in this facility," Wertheimer said.

Additional features to be included in the building are a café adjacent to the south entrance opening up to Skiles Walkway and Student Center Commons and work areas similar to the Library East Commons. "It will be a one stop shop for students so they will be more successful," Wertheimer said. "[The CULC] will connect to [the library], from the Library West Commons. There will be a portal that will provide entry to and from the CULC and Price Gilbert. Somewhere down the line when state funding becomes available we will renovate Price Gilbert across the tower and revisit the security control points to the tower complex."

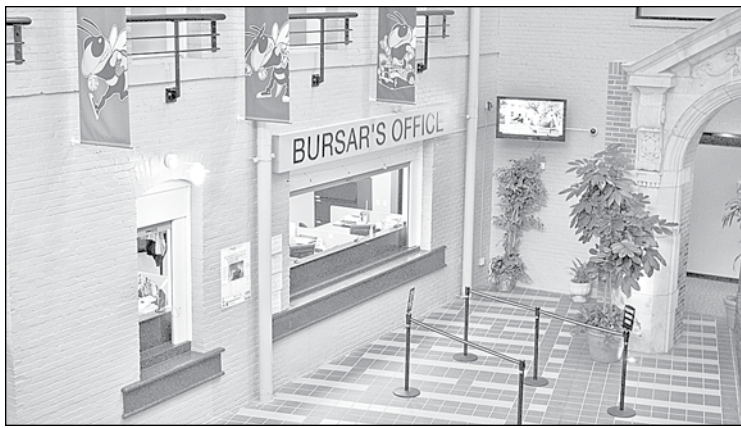


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Two students arrested in alleged manhole cover theft



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Three manhole covers like this one were stolen from sidewalks near Centennial Place. The culprits appear to be two Tech students, who were sent to Fulton County jail and face criminal charges.

By Vivian Fan
News Editor

Two Tech students were arrested Tuesday night for stealing manhole covers on Merritts Avenue at the Centennial Place Apartments neighborhood off campus. Along with that manhole cover, two others were also missing along Hunicutt St. near Luckie St., both located slightly south of Tech's campus.

Located right off of the North Avenue Apartments bus stop, maintenance and the Atlanta Police Department discovered the missing covers Tuesday afternoon after a Tech student nearly stepped into a coverless manhole. The student contacted 11Alive News, who then notified apartment management and the City of Atlanta's Watershed Management Department concerning the missing covers. According to an interview with Tom Abrahamson, second-year MGT, done by 11Alive News, the covers had

been missing for days before, and had caused Abrahamson himself to almost step into the hole.

After being alerted by the 11Alive News team, the Centennial Place apartment complex managers sent a maintenance crew to fix the problem, despite it being the city of Atlanta's responsibility. Although the apartment managers had covered up the holes, Atlanta police department later investigated the area under suspicions of theft. When the Watershed Management Department, who is responsible for the covers, replaced the manhole covers, the police had notified them that the original covers were located.

Despite the suspicion that the manhole covers were stolen for their metal, police determined that the covers could have been recovered and that it was a less serious matter than that. Although Atlanta police has recognized the increase in copper and metal thefts in the last few months, they noted that this was likely not such

a crime, due to the inefficiency and lack of monetary turnover for manhole covers.

Later that afternoon, police were called to Centennial Place, after apartment maintenance workers spotted one of the missing manholes in the apartment of two Tech students, after one had placed a phone call concerning a problem in the apartment. Along with the missing manhole cover, police later recovered a stolen park bench and a pedestrian sign as well. Police arrested them later that night.

The names of the two students have yet to be released, but police did say that the pair lived only 100 feet away from where the manholes were missing. Although their alibi is still not known, the two students were sent to Fulton County jail immediately after their arrest. In addition to their night in jail, the pair also may face future charges including theft by receiving stolen property and reckless conduct.

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chair, similar to those found in freshman dorms. After a brief introduction, a spark triggered a fire in the room.

The fire grew large and spread quickly across the space, engulfing the entire room in flames within a minute. Regional fire departments were on hand to extinguish the fire after it had reached a high intensity level.

The aftermath of the fire showed a grim scene. Everything from the mattress to the bed frame was charred, and smoke continued to rise for several minutes after the flame was extinguished. At one point during the fire, the crowd voluntarily stepped back due to the intensity of the heat, which could be felt over 50-60 feet away.

"I thought it was a really great experience and I was really surprised at how quickly the entire thing went up in flames. I was also really amazed at how hot the fire felt even from far away," said Chris Sanders, sixth-year ME.

"I was really surprised at how quickly the room caught on fire, it really shows how you can't just brush fire safety aside," said Angela Rice, CHBE '09.

"The main thing we want people to take away from this event is to take fire safety seriously and make sure they know what to do in case of a fire. If a fire starts in your dorm you have less than a minute to make it out of the dorm," said Chad Arp, the Fire Safety Educator for the Cherokee County Office of Fire-Emergency Services.

While personal safety in the wake of armed robberies around campus has been a topic of concern, Oxendine hopes that people also pay attention fire safety.

"You always hear about being safe when going home at night, and not being alone by yourself, but you rarely hear about fire safety. We want to get students active about fire safety so that when they find someone doing something unsafe, they can inform and prevent fires from occurring," Oxendine said.



Photo by Jarrett Skov / Student Publications

As part of the mock dorm fire event students who were in attendance were taught how to properly use a fire extinguisher.

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Boy who laughed with me when the stinger drove right past me - you are awesome!

Ash, stop pretending to be an AE

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Sorry Mozilla, Firefox is a quality product, but T-bird doesn't keep up with the competition.

I guess it does help to pay your software developers...

To the male who called me a "creep", one simply cannot "peer" into a window that is WIDE OPEN. Is it my fault that this building is built in such a way that my window is directly aligned with yours? Nope.

@ Sliver writers: creepy guys have feelings too.

stop screaming outside caldwell/folk after midnight. you're not funny, you're annoying.

I get it... I'm watching MTVU...you don't have to keep telling me.

my professor dressed as Gandalf came into our test review and yelled "YOU SHALL NOT PASS!"

I LOVE HUMANS....and food of course (that's free)

Well, it's 3 AM, YET AGAIN....I'm starting to think I won't get to sleep before 3 at all this semester. Thanks roommate.

is the vocalist for Paramore a real ginger?

oh man. sore throat....swine flu here I come!

"...that reducing the wind speed lowers the life coefficient..."

MAN I am tired. Almost done though...



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