



HOPE legislation passed

By Mike Donohue
SGA Editor

In an attempt to counteract increased scholarship payouts, the Georgia House of Representatives voted to cut HOPE scholarship benefits to over 236,000 Georgia college students currently receiving funds. HB 326 would remove funding for textbooks and mandatory fees, and it would establish a two-tier system which will award full tuition scholarships to those students who enter college with a 3.7 GPA and a 1200 SAT score and maintain a 3.3 GPA in college. Students with a 3.0 GPA in high school and college would receive 90 percent of tuition, adjusted each year by the legislature according to lottery revenues.

In a 152-22 bipartisan vote on Tuesday, March 1, Republicans and Democrats capped off a week-long debate over the fate of the bill. Introduced on Tuesday, Feb. 22 by Gov. Nathan Deal, the bill originally required students to maintain a 3.5 GPA to receive full tuition through what would be called the Zell Miller Scholarship. During discussion in the House Rules Committee, the Representatives lowered the GPA requirement required to keep the Zell Miller Scholarship to a 3.3 GPA.

The bill will now go to the Senate, where it is expected to pass and be signed into law by Deal sometime in the next month.

"This is a realistic and sensible approach to preserve HOPE for today and tomorrow's young Georgians," said House Speaker David Ralston (R-Blueridge) in a press release. "I applaud Governor Deal for taking action and leading on one of the most important issues the General Assembly will address this year because doing nothing was not an option."

"We want to do everything we can to keep Georgia's best and brightest in school with the full benefit package, while still creating incentives for students to work hard and go above and beyond," said Deal in the same release.

While many House Democrats supported the bill, several took issue with how Republicans did not allow amendments, including one inserting a grandfather clause, to be discussed on the floor.

"Closing off debate on such an important matter is never a wise idea," said Rep. Calvin Smyre (D-Columbus) in a press release. "Be-

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Historic Roosevelt House demolished



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The Roosevelt House crumbles to the ground as planned explosions set off throughout the building. Students were allowed to watch the event from a distance. The collapse occurred across from NAA at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 27.

By Aakash Arun
Contributing Writer

The Roosevelt House, a former Atlanta housing project located on Centennial Olympic Park Drive, was imploded on Sunday, Feb. 27, at approximately 7:30 a.m. The implosion, which was supervised by Atlanta Demolition, attracted a large number of viewers. The 17-story building, which was part of the Atlanta Housing Authority (AHA), served as a public housing facility for seniors and disabled citizens.

A large number of Tech students attended the main event while some East Campus residents watched from their dorm rooms and apartments. Housing e-mailed residents a list of precautions and key points about the implosion including keeping windows shut during this period. Housing also shut off the air handlers to the North Avenue buildings to prevent dust from being spread through the hallways.

"It is truly amazing how the engineers can plan such a dangerous demolition so well to ensure the safety of such a densely

populated area," said Tianlin Chang, a second-year CEE.

Channing Henderson, director of Asset Preservation and Enhancement from Integral Property Management, said that since the AHA owns the land, members will come up with a plan to partner with project developers to build a new structure on the site in future. Along with the AHA, Integral Property Management served as one of the primary companies involved in the decision to demolish the

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Roosevelt House implosion

The 17-story building was imploded by Atlanta Demolition, which has performed similar demolitions around Atlanta.



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Capital campaign increases revenue, boosts endowment

by the numbers

\$1.3 BILLION current active assets from endowment campaign

\$1.5 BILLION targeted goal to be raised by Dec. 2015

\$2.3 MILLION weekly goal in order to meet target

1/8 ratio of faculty positions endowed

By Emily Cardin
Assistant News Editor

The first Campaign Georgia Tech Atlanta "Roll Out" Event in Atlanta was held in collaboration with The Georgia Tech Foundation Inc. on Wednesday, March 2 at the Coca-Cola Company headquarters.

The event was held to kick off the Atlanta leg of the Campaign Georgia Tech "Roll Out" tour that Institute President G.P. "Bud" Peterson and others are leading throughout various areas of the country to garner financial support from alumni. The Georgia Tech Foundation is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt 501 (c)(3) corporation that receives, administers and invests private contributions made in support of the academics at the Institute.

Financial donations have suffered

greatly over the past few years in response to the financial crisis seen across the country. As bond markets and other financial safety nets began to collapse, universities suffered from an increasingly large lack of donations.

"We first caught wind of the recession in June 2008," said Barrett Carson, vice president of Development. "It was the most precipitous drop in philanthropy we have ever seen. The preceding May was the best month we had ever seen, and in June, we dropped to rock bottom."

Fortunately, however, the impact on financial gifts received by Tech was almost negligible. Despite the fact that the tax write-offs were very miniscule, benefactors paid almost all of their pledged donations. In order to maintain the same rate of response, Tech administration chose to

change their approach in donor relations.

"We stopped pressuring alumni for multi-year pledges," Carson said. "Our focus instead became stewardship. We forged closer relationships with our donors, and we continued to actively meet with donors and faculty to keep the lines of communication open."

This is a radically different model compared to other universities, especially as states such as Mich. discuss the possibility of removing the income tax deductions from donations to public universities. In fact, Tech is close to a complete and full recovery.

"We are extremely close to being back at the pre-recession levels we saw in 2008," said John Carter, president and chief op-

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From the files of the GTPD... Campus Crime

By Matt Schrichte
Contributing Writer

Handicapped thief

A student, who initially thought her car was towed, realized it was actually stolen after checking with GT Parking on Feb. 19. The student believed her tan colored Mercedes Benz had been towed because it was parked illegally in a handicap spot near the J.S. Coon Building on Ferst Drive at Cherry Street. The student, who noticed her car was missing around 4 p.m., did not notice any broken glass where her vehicle had been parked. She finally reported her car missing after confirming with GT Parking on Monday, Feb. 21, that her car had not been

impounded over the weekend. Officers checked the area for the car with no immediate results.

Fifth Street KO

A male student was knocked unconscious briefly after being physically assaulted on the Fifth Street bridge in the early morning hours of Feb. 27. A GTPD officer came upon the scene around 3:30 a.m. when he noticed a stationary Grady Ambulance with its lights flashing. Several students were gathered on the sidewalk of the bridge around a pool of blood.

The victim and a group of

friends were walking back from the Waffle House in Tech Square when three unknown males approached the group. At least one of the members of the group was making derogatory comments towards the females in the group. It was at this point that the victim approached one of the males to ask him to "leave it alone, and walk away." The assailant replied to him to watch his mouth.

The victim saw the male turn away and believes that it was just after that point when the assailant punched him in the face. When he regained consciousness, there was a crowd of people standing around him who let him know that an ambulance had already been called.

The assailant was not able to be identified, although the student guessed that he was probably in his late 20s and was wearing a blue or green button-down shirt.

POLL OF THE WEEK

What is your reaction to Deal's proposals?

38%

It needs to include a grandfather clause



32%

I'm very disappointed with the plan



14%

More should be done to raise revenue



16%

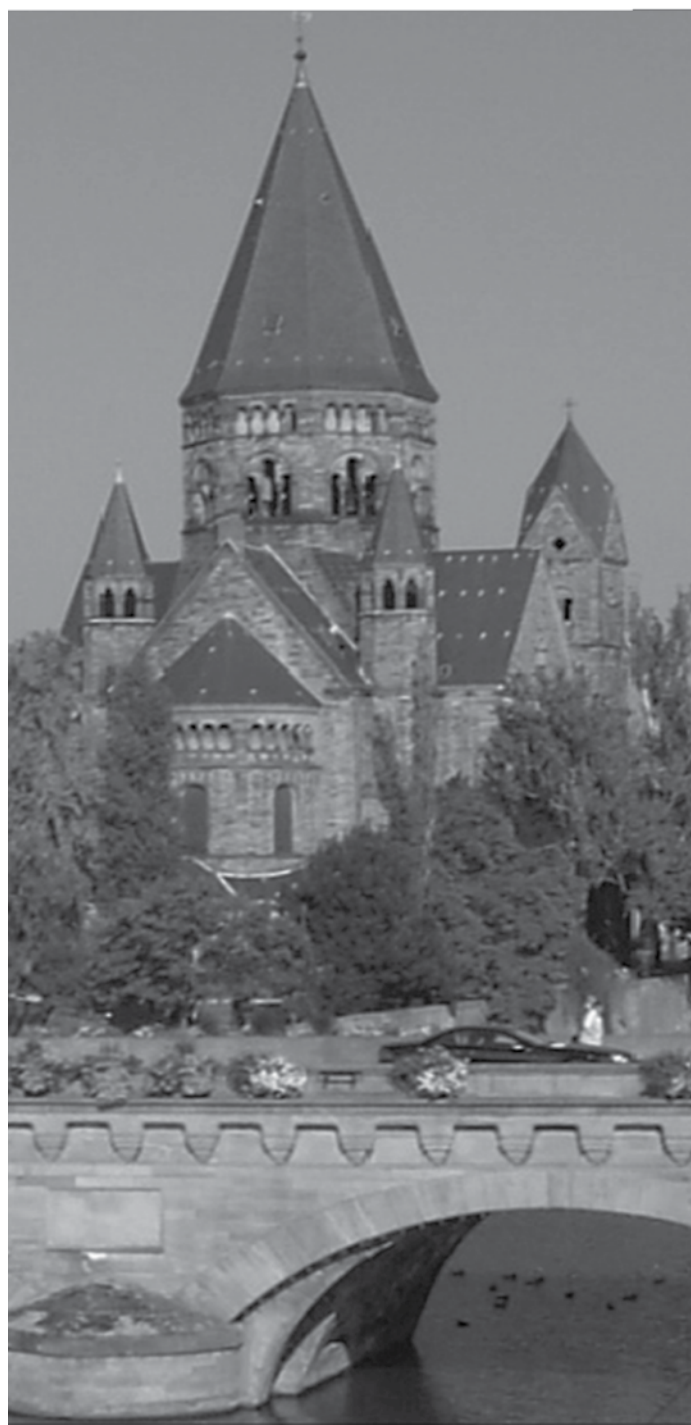
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GTPD Officer Joseph Figura's police car collided with an 1800 gallon truck on Monday, Feb. 28 at 8 a.m. Figura was responding to a call from the Atlanta Police regarding a suspect on Ivan Allen Boulevard as he was driving through the intersection of Pine Street and Centennial Olympic Park Drive when the accident occurred. The officer was injured and sent to Grady Memorial Hospital.

According to Institute spokesperson Matt Nagel, Figura is 25 years old and has been with GTPD for three years. Officer Figura was released from the hospital later in the afternoon.

Chemical spill at
MiRC

At 1:13 p.m. on Feb. 25, a silane gas leak occurred in the Clean Room at the basement of the Petit Microelectronics Research Center. A student working in the lab noticed a hissing noise coming from the storage room and immediately left the room. Both the Petit and College of Computing building were evacuated, and all occupants were sent across the street.

The Atlanta Fire and Environmental Health and Safety as well as two Atlanta Fire Department trucks were present on the scene to investigate.



Council Clippings

This week in Student Government

By Mike Donohue, SGA Editor

Each week, this section includes coverage of different aspects of Student Government, including the Undergraduate House of Representatives, Graduate Student Senate and the Executive Branch of both governments.

JFC releases budget

The Joint Finance Committee released the submitted FY 2012 budget to Graduate Senators and Undergraduate Representatives this week, beginning the six week process of allocating \$4.7 million in Student Activity Fees to organizations. SGA plans on cutting about \$700,000 from the \$5.1 million in submitted budget requests in that time.

For two months, JFC has met with organizations to determine which items from their budgets meet with JFC policy. JFC will include those recommendations in documents sent to the House and Senate. However, these policy-dictated cuts will not close the budget gap, and JFC will recommend further items to eliminate.

"Many of the cuts we will be suggesting will be familiar from last year: no non-*Technique* publicity, no *Blueprint* pictures, no intramural teams, etc. We are working on a number of other cuts, but I would like to keep them in my committee until they have been firmly decided on," said Brad Bauerkemper, the chair of JFC, in an email.

The House will consider the budgets for the Student Center

and Campus Recreation Center, Tier I organizations, as well as Tier II organizations, such as MOVE and Student Publications, before Spring Break. At the same time, JFC will evaluate and recommend cuts to all other student organizations.

When asked how organizations can prepare for their budget defenses, Bauerkemper said, "...know your priorities. Cuts are inevitable...[so] it is important for every [organization] to understand that [it] will not get every bit of funding that they are requesting. They may not even get everything that they got last year, but... we are committed to meeting the requests as best we can."

UHR is projected to pass their version of the budget on April 5 while GSS will discuss and pass the entirety of the budget on March 30 or March 31. If there are differences between the two versions, Senators and Representatives will negotiate and pass a final version on April 12.

Sustainability fee

Graduate Student Body President Anthony Baldrige spoke out strongly against the proposed "Green Fee" during the GSS

Bill Summary			
Bill	Amount	GSS	UHR
Surf Club	\$1643	22-10-0	36-10-2
Global Leadership Conference	\$2817	29-4-0	44-3-0
Graduate Election Schedule	---	Pass	---
Undergraduates Election Sched.	---	---	Pass
Prior Year: \$110,450		Capital Outlay: \$379,651	

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meeting on March 1.

"We will not stand for the sustainability fee," Baldrige said during his weekly report to Senators. "[This fee] will not happen."

Baldrige admonished Senators to not author any resolution calling for the implementation of the fee, promising to veto it. He then said that sustainability initiatives can be better handled through SGA administered Student Activity Fee funds.

"We feel with the oversight we can provide and also just with the general way we can handle things in SGA...[that] we are best to handle the sustainability fee," Baldrige said, pointing out the upcoming bill authorizing fees to pay for a new set of bike racks as an example. He continued by saying that he was working with Undergraduate SGA to make the Sustainability Committee a joint committee, incorporating gradu-

ates and undergraduates.

The fee was first proposed by students from Students Organizing for Sustainability and the Green Week committee. It would charge students between \$3 and \$20 each semester and would be allocated by a board of students towards sustainability based projects.

Before being enacted, the fee would need to be put to a student referendum by a two-thirds vote of the Undergraduate House, following which a referendum will be held during SGA elections. The referendum must pass with 50 percent of the vote before implementation.

The fee would have to also pass through the Mandatory Student Fee Advisory Committee, a committee of students and administrators that discuss new fees and whether or not to increase old ones.

The Alvin M. Ferst Leadership & Entrepreneur Award \$2,500

The Division of Student Affairs is pleased to announce the availability of The Alvin M. Ferst Leadership and Entrepreneur Award for 2011. This \$2,500 award goes to a junior or senior with at least a 2.5 GPA who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership and/or entrepreneurial skills while at Tech.

The award was established by Charlotte Ferst to honor her husband, Alvin, who graduated from Georgia Tech in 1943. Alvin Ferst was a member of the Alumni Association Board and the Georgia Tech Foundation for decades. The Ferst family name has a long tradition on the Georgia Tech campus and the scholarship will assure their involvement in perpetuity.

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Deadline for returning applications to Cathy Dreger, is noon on March 8th. Applications and supporting materials may be submitted either via email or delivered to the Student Affairs Office, room 204 Smithgall Student Services Building.



North Ave. to undergo renovations

By TJ Kaplan
Staff Writer

In recent years, Tech has performed the necessary studies to begin the planning stages of redeveloping the Institute's portion of North Avenue. This year, implementation will begin on that project to go along with this year's addition of North Avenue's dining hall.

The studies were originally developed to put into place a plan for campus development along North Avenue and to more fully and formally integrate that area with Tech's campus.

The results of the studies pointed towards a consistent streetscape of North Avenue beginning at the Downtown Connector and going to Northside Drive, redevelopment of the plaza in front of Bobby Dodd Stadium and a softening of the transition between the street and Tech Tower lawn.

"With this project, we are going to try to open up some of the areas adjacent to North Avenue such as Tech Tower lawn and possibly the green area in front of the Wardlaw Center so as to better integrate it with the street," said David Bowman, the lead architect for the project.

These improvements have been inspired by a recent push to improve student safety in the North Avenue area, especially with the addition of the new dining hall at NAA.

"With the new 300 seat all-you-care-to-eat dining hall opening in the Fall, we anticipate additional pedestrian movement along North Avenue. The streetscape will provide a much safer environment and will stay uniform with other streetscape movements that have been happening all over campus," said Howard Wertheimer, the director of Capital Planning

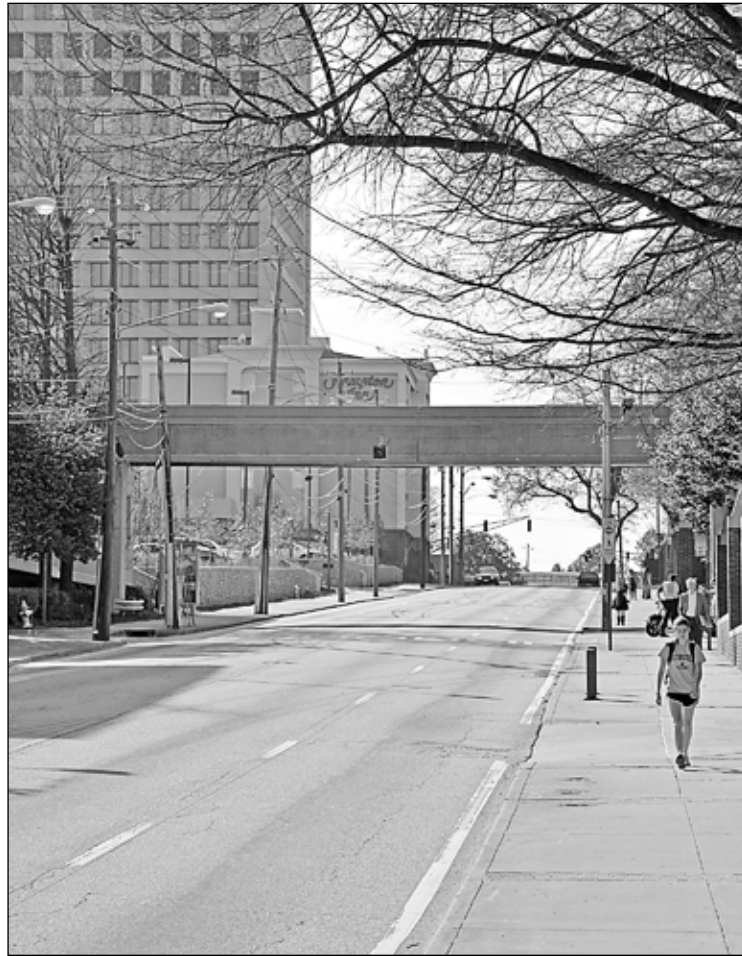


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Work will begin in the coming months to remodel the Institute's portion of North Avenue and make it more pedestrian friendly.

and Space Management for the Institute.

According to Wertheimer, the construction will occur in phases, labeled "A"–"D," which will each be completely separate so as to minimize obstruction and inconvenience to pedestrian traffic. Each of the phases will take about 45 days to complete.

The typical streetscape update that will occur in each section of the build will include a widening of the sidewalk and a special extension of the sidewalk for trees

and street lamps.

Future projects in the area include the addition of student support facilities, expansion of the Alumni House and administrative space on the south side of North Avenue.

Even further in the future there is the possibility for modifications to the North Avenue Bridge over the connector, reorientation of traffic on Techwood Drive and the potential re-routing of Tech Parkway to better connect North Avenue and Marietta Drive.

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erating officer of GT Foundation. "We have about \$1.3 billion in active assets, and we have seen a most remarkable recovery."

The event began with a speech from John Brock, chairman and CEO of Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc., who was announced publicly on campus as the Campaign Chair of Campaign Georgia Tech last Sept.

Brock discussed the opportunities that philanthropic donations create, such as the 3000 undergraduate scholarships that exist currently on campus because of donations.

According to Brock, around one in eight faculty chair positions are endowed. It is a goal of the campaign to double that proportion in order to endow every one in four positions. Continuous donations from alumni will help such policies.

While discussing the active role that philanthropy has played in the history of the Institute, Brock referenced the single largest donor to Tech, Mrs. Letty Pate Whitehead Evans, for whom the Tech Tower building is named. Evans was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Coca-Cola Company in 1934 and was one of the first females to serve on the board of directors for any American corporation. Evans' estate has contributed millions to Tech each year and continues to contribute around \$7 million annually.

"It is because of people like Letty Pate Whitehead Evans that Tech has the reputation that it does today," Brock said. "Philanthropy has been a part of the fabric of Tech for its 126 years in existence. We must continue the tradition."

The tradition of donation and alumni support was heavily emphasized throughout the evening, especially by Peterson.

Peterson discussed the strategic

plan for the next 25 years, which was one of the very first initiatives of the campaign. Peterson worked closely with Alfred P. West, who was Campaign Chair during the quiet phase, to establish a strong financial foundation for the campaign. Before being announced to the public, West had managed to generate fundraising totals reaching more than \$900 million. However, the current philanthropic projections greatly exceed that.

"This campaign is intended to raise \$1.5 billion by Dec. 21, 2015, the most aggressive campaign we have ever undertaken on this campus," Peterson said. "In order to achieve our goal, we have to raise around \$2.3 million a week. This will present some challenges, but I am confident that we can achieve that."

According to Peterson, costs are only rising. Ninety percent of the tuition today is more than 100 percent of the tuition from two years ago. In order to exceed that, only an 11 percent increase would be needed and tuition increased 16 percent last year alone. The campaign has raised just under \$1 billion in an effort to generate funds to help address the rising costs of school.

Professor of the Practice of Finance Gary Jones emphasized to all in attendance that any donation, at any size, would be appreciated and helpful.

"We've had donations from \$5 to \$50 billion," Jones said. "A lot of students donate in \$5 increments through the Student Foundation, and we received our largest donation of \$50 billion a few weeks ago."

According to Peterson, Collaboration between the Alumni Association, which raises donations through Roll Call, the Georgia Tech Foundation and the Office of Development is paramount in order to achieve short- and long-term donation goals.

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Roosevelt House.

"The demolition of the Roosevelt House took about a year in planning. We've been working here for five months. There will be a new project on this land decided by the Atlanta Housing Authority," said Barry Roberts from Atlanta Demolition.

The company used approximately 150 pounds of explosives to bring down the Roosevelt House. According to them, the building was first weakened and then allowed to fall. Holes were cut into the side of the building and extra explosives were added to ensure that it fell away from the nearby NAA.

North Avenue and Centennial

Olympic Park Drive were closed to pedestrian and vehicular traffic from 7-8 a.m. but there were still a number of people who watched the implosion from Techwood Drive. The building site clean-up will take at least a month to complete.

Atlanta was the first city in the United States to construct buildings for the underprivileged and disabled in the 1930s, replacing slums by widespread housing projects like the Roosevelt House and Palmer House. In 1994, city authorities decided to replace them with modern mixed-income projects.

The Roosevelt House was built in 1973 and contained 150 apartments, but it had been vacant for the past two years. The building

was named after President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who founded the national public housing policy along with Atlanta developer Charles Palmer. It was the second last public housing project slated for demolition in the city. The Palmer House, which is the last remaining public housing project, will not be imploded, but it will be demolished floor by floor over the next three months since an implosion would be dangerous to surrounding establishments.

"The infrastructure of these buildings was old and crumbling. Now we have an opportunity to build something more up to date with no challenges posed by the infrastructure. Demolition is the only way to build new structures," Henderson said.

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cause of the magnitude of this program, the far-reaching impact of HOPE for all Georgians and because of our economy, we simply must provide families more time to plan and prepare. We are doing our best to work with the Governor's office, which has indicated a willingness to continue the dialogue. Time is of the essence."

Corey Boone, Undergraduate Student Body President and fourth-year MGT major, had some reservations about the content of the House bill.

"I have mixed feelings. I think that it's great that they changed the GPA requirement because that would open up the door for more full tuition to be covered by the Zell Miller scholarship for Georgia Tech students," Boone said. "Needless to say, we still need a grandfather clause for Georgia Tech and other students to be able to financially plan and study enough to increase their GPA."

Other Tech students were also unhappy with the lack of a grandfather clause and the increased costs it would cause.

"I don't understand why there isn't [a grandfather clause], or why there isn't even a mention of it," said Steven Ball, second-year CS major. "Housing costs go up every year. Mandatory fees seem to be going up for stupid things like athletics and stuff."

"We can probably handle it, but it's something we don't want to pay for," said Chip Cely, second-year CS major. "If I had to raise an amount of money for college, it would be a big hindrance. Luckily my parents are able to cover the cost."

Charlotte Huang, second-year IE major, recognizes the benefits of the program, despite being from out-of-state.

"I think that HOPE was pretty cool. I think that in general, it's a cool program to have for all states.

People should look at the benefits of having it," Huang said.

Cely and Ball hoped that the legislature would look into other methods of shoring up the scholarship.

"Maybe they should come up with another income source besides the lottery. Rich people don't go into the lottery, so it's mostly the poor people paying for our tuition directly," Cely said.

"What are the chances that this happens again in the future, now that there's a precedent set?" Ball said. "They can change it without a grandfather clause. They can just change it to an arbitrary number."

Several hundred students protested the bill the morning of Wednesday, March 2 at the steps of the capitol. Organized by Georgia Students for Public Higher Education, students from Georgia schools including Tech attended. SGA did not sponsor the event, however.

"I was reached out to," Boone said. "But we did not want to go out there in an unprofessional, unorganized manner and represent the 13,000 undergraduate students of Georgia Tech unless there is a centralized key measure we are bring forward. We feel that the relationships we've built over the past few weeks have been cultivated through one-on-one talks rather than getting out and creating sound bites and having press conferences. We feel our approach is the more effective approach."

Boone also cited the vulgar nature of some of the rally's fliers as a reason that SGA did not wish to endorse the rally.

SGA has worked on HOPE throughout the course of the semester, most recently presenting a HOPE white paper to state legislators at the GT Day at the Capitol. Boone said that SGA does not plan to hold another event at the capitol and will continue the personal approach it has taken so far to advocate those changes.



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Clean-up crews will work on cleaning up the rubble from the site of the Roosevelt House for approximately two months, removing debris from the area in order to make way for a new building.

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