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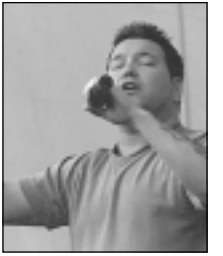
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Smash Mouth treated Tech students and Atlantans to a free concert last Friday.

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Facilities work to slow traffic flow

Facilities work over the next week—starting September 10—will close one lane of Ferst Drive near State Street. The lane will be shut down during daytime hours. A crew will be working on underground utilities.

SGA positions remain vacant

A number of positions in the Undergraduate House of Representatives still remain unfilled. Students in good standing with 40 hours who are currently taking at least two major classes are eligible to be representatives.

Interested students in the following majors should contact Undergraduate SGA Executive Vice President Nate Watson at vp@sga.gatech.edu.

- Chemical Engineering
- Economics
- Materials Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Management
- Science, Tech., Culture
- Textile Engineering

SGA forms new freshmen group

The Student Government Association recently formed a new group called "FreshGA" to provide interested freshmen the opportunity to learn more about SGA and work with current SGA leaders. Interested freshmen can contact Vishal Arya at vishal.arya@sga.gatech.edu.

More information can be found at sga.gatech.edu, and applications can be picked up in the SGA office. They are due Monday, September 17 at 4:00 p.m.

Groundbreaking Technology Square



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

On Thursday afternoon, President G. Wayne Clough broke ground on the new home for the DuPree College of Management at Technology Square.

New parking raises student concerns

By Tony Klumper
News Staff

When students returned to campus last month, over 1,900 applicants of the last years parking registration process found themselves without a parking space on campus. In order to alleviate some of the need, the Office of Parking and Transportation began looking over the summer at areas where additional temporary parking could be placed. The end result was the addition of 300 additional spaces in the heart of campus. However, many Tech students and Atlanta officials are questioning whether the addition of these spaces will actually benefit the student body in the long run.

During the first week of classes, Parking began the process of closing off one lane of traffic on both sides Hemphill Drive and Tech Parkway in order to create new parking spaces in the closed lanes. According to Rod Weis,

Director of Parking and Transportation, the idea for the spaces along Hemphill and Tech Parkway were proposed earlier this summer.

"Actually the first discussions were held right after we found out that we wouldn't be opening the State Street deck on time," said Weis. "We were just looking for areas where we could park temporarily at least to relieve some of the pressure because we realized that without the deck online we immediately had 650 fewer spaces than we had anticipated for the beginning of the year."

After looking at numerous locations, the Parking office decided with the consent of the city of Atlanta that Tech Parkway and Hemphill Drive were the best possible locations to create temporary parking. In the end, 300 additional spaces were created on Hemphill and Tech

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UJC recommends suspension for 'T' thieves

By Nasir Barday
Senior Staff Writer

Members of the Undergraduate Judiciary Cabinet, a number of whom were hearing their first case, found Jimmy Henderson and David Moeller responsible for violating sections D-5, D-6, D-9, D-10, and D-11 of the Student Code of Conduct in their summer attempt to steal the "T" from Tech Tower.

For these offenses, the UJC recommended that the students be immediately suspended for the duration of fall semester and provide the Institute restitution for the damages caused. The board also recommended a written reprimand be issued to

Henderson and Moeller.

"I feel that [the decision] was based on a sanctioning model that the Dean of Students' office has adopted, and this is a sanctioning model that we were never given a chance to argue the legitimacy of," said Moeller.

Both students agreed they would consider appealing the recommendation if it is upheld by Dean Gail DiSabatino, who must ultimately decide whether or not to accept the UJC recommendation.

Henderson and Moeller were charged with violating a number of specific portions of the conduct code, including: D-5, "unauthorized use of college facilities or premises;" D-9, "safety violations;" D-10, "theft

and/or unauthorized possession or use of property or services belonging to the Institute, another person, or any other entity;" and D-11, "malicious or unauthorized damage to or destruction of Institute property or property damage." Of those initial charges, the two pled "responsible" to the last and had already paid for the replacement of the fiber optic alarm cable broken during the attempted theft. Moeller pled "responsible" to D-10.

In the initial phase of the hearing, in which the UJC attempts to determine whether or not the accused parties are responsible, Henderson and Moeller argued that their charges did not match their actions.

The two then spoke of the precautions they took in climbing the Tower. Both Henderson and Moeller cited their experience in climbing, and in addition to repeatedly climbing the Tower, had spent hours practicing at a rock climbing club in preparation for the act.

The other main argument the pair made was that the campus climate supported the stealing of the "T." They mentioned the description of the tradition in the student publication *T-Book*.

Through the disciplinary process, however, the two apparently changed their positions on their attempt to

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Students camp out, rush window to obtain FSU tickets

By Jody Shaw
News Editor

At 7:00 on Monday morning, while many Tech students were preparing for class after an extended weekend courtesy of the Labor Day holiday, a virtual riot erupted at the Georgia Tech Athletic Association on the corner of Bobby Dodd Way and Techwood Drive.

The students, who were camped out along the sidewalk throughout Monday night and Tuesday morning in an attempt to obtain tickets to the September 15 football game against ACC-rival Florida State University, rushed the AA ticket window and snagged up the allotted student tickets within 45 minutes.

Of the 8,500 tickets given to Tech by FSU, 1,200 were allotted to students. 400 of those tickets

went to the Tech Marching Band, and another 100 were given the Swarm, the student cheering section. This left approximately 700 general student tickets were available for FSU game.

"With the hype surrounding this year's game, we expected a large demand and interest in student tickets. What we did not expect was some of the behavior we witnessed," said Steve Orsini, Senior Associate Director of Athletics who oversees ticketing operations. Orsini, and Director of Ticketing Leigh Baker, are in communications with FSU officials in an attempt to obtain more tickets.

The student ticket distribution, which was described by some students as "chaos" and "utter bedlam," capped an almost 24-hour

span of events that left many students ticketless and even more students confused about the fairness and efficiency of the ticketing process.

The line for tickets began to form early Monday afternoon, and by nightfall, the line stretched around Bobby Dodd Stadium. Students pitched tents, parked cars, dragged couches on the side walk, and set up TVs and video game systems to provide comfort and entertainment during the long wait. At one point, a group of students even entertained themselves by taking turns riding a shopping cart up and down Bobby Dodd Way.

The Student Ticketing Committee, which is affiliated with the Ath-

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By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Until the ticket window opened and the shoving began early Thursday morning, Tech students peacefully waited in line for tickets for FSU.

New student health insurance provider brings rate increase

By Jody Shaw
News Editor

A new health care provider chosen over the summer has brought increased student insurance rates and sparked student concern, particularly among graduate students, over the raise in premiums.

The rates for individual students increased from 466 dollars for a year of basic coverage and 520 dollars for a year of deluxe coverage under the old provider Pierce and Pierce to 594 and 661, respectively, under the new vendor Student Resources. The largest increase in rates, however, was in the rate of spouses, which increased almost three times.

While such a jump may seem extreme over a one-year period, Cindy Smith, Director of the Health Center, ensures that such an increase is normal considering the circumstances under which the Institute fell.

"Under the old plan [with Pierce



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Cindy Smith, M.D.
Student Health Center Director

and Pierce], our rates would have increased based on the claims of the Institute. That had contract had not been negotiated in several years, and over that time, the cost of health care has increased," said Smith.

The group that chose the new provider was a subcommittee of the Student Health Advisory Committee, and one graduate student participated in the selection. The committee took into account a number of factors in making its decisions, but—according to Smith—it heavily weighed the rate for individual students.

"I recognize that there is a problem for spouses, but because of the way the bidding process works, I don't know how we could have done better," said Graduate Student Government President Trey Childress. He suggested that students who are unhappy with the rate look at other insurance providers.

Last year, under the old provider, 249 graduate students, 287 international students, and 371 undergraduate students bought health insurances from the student provider. Only 32 spousal plans were purchased. Those numbers played

a factor in the selection of Student Resources, despite its increase for spouses of students. The numbers for this year are not final, but they appear to be ahead of schedule.

The committee reviewed eight proposals in all, and while a number were discarded for failing to meet technique requirements, Smith contends that Student Resources provided the best plan for its price.

"From a quality standpoint, students are getting a vendor that is nationally renowned and provides service to between 350 and 400 colleges and universities," said David Goldfarb, Business Manager of the Student Health Center. In fact Goldfarb contacted a number of institutions, including the University of Notre Dame, Penn State University, and the University of Texas, regarding Student Resources, and all provided good endorsements of the vendor.

The contract with Student Resources is for the duration of year

with an option to renew. Built into the contract is a five percent cap on rate increases, something that Smith emphasized was another reason the vendor was chosen.

"Unless anything is mandated [by the state or federal government] our rates should remain relatively stable," said Smith. She added that most schools do not have such a cap restriction with their health care vendors, which is a benefit to Tech. In addition to price increases, student have also expressed concerns about wording in their policies, which states that Student Resources will not cover any injury incurred in an automobile accident.

Smith ensures that this wording was poor, and new brochures are being printed that better explain the process by which automobile accidents are insured. In such cases, the health insurance provider takes care of damages only after the automobile insurance has been expended.

UHR considers Team Buzz funding

By Mary DeCamp
Senior Staff Writer

A small number of bills were presented before the representatives at this Tuesday's UHR meeting, but there was still a large amount of discussion.

Senior President Jason Fowler authored two bills dealing with allocating money to Team Buzz to help fund this year's event.

Several members of Team Buzz were present to support the bill. The organization's Steering Committee Chair, Jenny Scherman, announced that the group has worked hard to obtain finances from different groups and organizations but that the organization is still well under the target goal for its anticipated budget.

The first bill dealt with allocating money to help fund the cost of 1500 T-shirts for the event. The bill asked that SGA pay \$5.50 per T-shirt.

David Maybury, Vice President of Finance, announced that the Joint Finance Committee looked over the bill and decided that only \$3 per T-shirt should be allocated, bringing the total of the bill to \$4,500.

Elizabeth Chesnutt, Graduate Student Senate Coordinator, stated that the graduates had amended this bill per JFC recommendations and then failed the bill. Traditionally, graduate senators have tried to avoid allocating money for event T-shirts.

Brad Bolton, Biology representative, made a motion that the representatives amend this bill per JFC recommendations and only allocate \$3 per T-shirt, which sparked a lengthy discussion.

Some representatives felt that the UHR should not allocate too much of its money out at the beginning of the year to a small number of organizations, while other reps felt that Team Buzz is an organization with a cause worthy of the \$5.50 per T-shirt that it asked for in the bill.

Arguing that the JFC amendment should be made to the bill, Stephen Popick, Mem-

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Council Clippings House and Senate



By Brian Oxford / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Undergraduate Student Government hosted an open house on Tuesday evening. A number of students attended to enjoy refreshments and conversation.

Bills Considered

Undergraduate House of Representatives:

- Joint Allocation to Team Buzz Community Service Day (T-shirts)—passed (Author: R. Jason Fowler)
- Joint Allocation to Team Buzz Community Service Day (other)—passed (Author: R. Jason Fowler)

Graduate Student Senate

- Joint Allocation of Georgia Tech Lacrosse Club—tabled (Author: Laura Sheppardson)
- Appointment of Graduate Student Senators—passed (Author: Trey Childress)
- Joint Allocation to Team Buzz Community Service Day (T-shirts)—failed (Author: Laura Sheppardson)
- Appointments of Committee Chairs—passed (Author: Trey Childress)
- Appointments of Senator to Joint Finance Committee—passed (Author: Trey Childress)

Grads debate Team Buzz, procedure

By Jody Shaw
News Editor

Once the Graduate Student Senate obtained a quorum for this first time this semester, the governing body quickly got down to the business of considering legislation.

This week's most hotly debated bill was one that would have allocated money to Team Buzz to cover the cost of student T-shirts that are given out during the annual campus-wide community service day. After the Senate unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Joint Finance Committee, which reduced the overall cost of the bill to \$4500 or approximately three dollars for each T-shirt.

The debate continued, however, over whether or not to pass the legislation. Laura Sheppardson, a Math Senator who was the bill's GSS sponsor, called the T-shirts, "a very effective fundraising tool." She also noted that "Team Buzz is a very positive activity."

David Maybury, a Senator at-large and Chair of the JFC, agreed with Sheppardson, and added that the T-shirts "enable their fundraising" by allowing Team Buzz to solicit corporate sponsorships and place their names and logos on the shirts as an advertising tool.

Charles Mull, a Senator from the College of Management, countered those arguments. "\$4500 is a lot for T-shirts," said Mull. "We do not usually fund fundraising. This is, we do not provide allocations as seed money."

In the end, Mull's logic prevailed, and the bill to allocate money to Team Buzz for T-shirts failed 3-6 with one abstention. The allocation will, in all likely hood, still be made, so long as the allocation passed in the Undergraduate House by the proportion necessary according to the enactment ratio.

The Senate did pass another bill related to Team Buzz, which provided an alloca-

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Cooke brings experience to Greek job

By Kris Alderman
Contributing Writer

Last May when the Greek Affairs Coordinator position became vacant, the Office of the Dean of Students began a widespread, national search for a replacement. Eventually Buck Cooke, who was currently working for Georgia Tech in the Department of Housing, was hired, and he has been working in the position since the start of fall semester.

Cooke took the new role on a permanent basis just before Recruitment and Fall Rush, one of the busiest times for any Greek organization. Before taking the helm full time, Cooke had filled in on an interim basis during the first part of the summer.

Cooke steps into the role with high hopes and aspirations of maintaining the quality of Greek life at Georgia Tech. Cooke recognized his good fortune by calling Tech "one of the best Greek systems in the Southeast." In fact there are significant facts to back up that statement. Georgia Tech Greeks logged over 50,000 hours of community service last year, while maintaining high levels of academic success that exceed the national average.

"The future is shaped by the past," he said, adding that this campus was especially rooted in tradition. Obviously there is a deep sense of history in Tech students, and he plans to build on that in his years here. Already Cooke hopes to further advance Greek scholarship. Recognizing several Greeks who are

already succeeding, he still hopes to facilitate others in their move toward academic success. He strongly believes that Greek life can be an asset to scholarship. Aside from scholarship, Cooke will focus on showcasing the Greeks that he has praised so much. He hopes to serve the students by helping build public relations and make connections between Greek activities and those of other organizations on campus.

In a role that requires advocating and serving as a voice for the

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Susanne Hodges
Pan-Hellenic Council President

students, as well as holding them accountable to the policies of the Institution, Cooke has already made strides to impress both sides.

Pan-Hellenic President Susanne Hodges said, "[Cooke] made it clear in his interview that his first priority would be to get to know all the chapters and develop relationships with them." Rush served as the perfect opportunity for Cooke to meet the students, taking the opportunity to meet as many new people as a true rushee.

Cooke will try to work as more of a liaison between students and

the Institute. He plans to base his administration on involvement, service, continual improvement, as well as a strong tradition.

Cooke knows a little about the strong sense of tradition, having worked in similar positions at various other universities. But his involvement in Greek life extends back to his days of college, when he earned a degree in mass communication from Winthrop. He went on to earn his masters at Florida State University, in higher education administration. Essentially, preparations for his current position began while at FSU, where he served several internships inside the Greek office. Out of school, he began work at American Intercontinental University where he was in charge of Student Activities and Leadership. Later he moved to Montgomery, Alabama to work as Coordinator of Student Activities at a branch of Auburn University. Just last January Cooke came to Georgia Tech to work with the Department of Housing. He held that position through the summer, when he had also assumed the role of Greek Coordinator.

When the nationwide search for a new Coordinator began last spring, few members of the joint committee of students, faculty and alumni expected to find the best candidate in their own backyard. Dean Stephanie Ray chaired the committee that eventually recommended Cooke. Cooke's experience and understanding of the Greek system were strong points that led to his hiring.

U.N. Racism Conference Tech Event



By Robert Hill / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

While a group of Tech students traveled to the U.N. Racism Conference, a discussion about race issues was held on campus.

Technique Online Voice Your Opinion!

Last issue's poll garnered 61 responses to the question:

- "What is the best way to increase diversity at Tech?"
- We are diverse already; nothing else needs to be done: 67.21 %
 - More need-based and minority scholarships: 13.11 %
 - More active recruiting and retention programs for minorities: 16.39 %
 - An admissions program with an affirmative action component: 1.64 %

This week's poll is about FSU ticketing. Voice your opinion online at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique.

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tion to the group for hardware items and technical needs. It passed per JFC recommendations 9-0 with one abstention.

Besides Team Buzz, the Senate also took up the business of making appointments.

Maybury was officially approved as the Chair of the JFC, a position in which he has been acting in since this summer, but not before Mull forced Maybury to make a public declaration to conduct JFC meetings at a day and time when he could attend.

Two new Senators were also appointed and sworn in after two bills authored by Graduate President Trey Childress were grouped together and passed unanimously. Brian Timberlake now represents Chemical Engineering, and Jennifer Mathews was named a representative for the Institute of Paper and Science Technology.

Childress also appointed Sheppardson to the Joint Finance Com-

mittee and named Daniel Lane the Internal Affairs Committee Chair and Ali Gordon the Chair of the Graduate Conference Committee.

Throughout the meeting, business stopped on a number of occasions when Senators raised points of information and questioned the parliamentary procedure of Vice President Camille Foster-Lonon. The main point of contention was whether or not a motion and vote was needed to end discussion before a bill could be called into question and voted upon.

Apparently the parliamentary procedure by which the Senate has run over the past several years is not in strict accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, which led to the confusion. After a number of stalls, it was determined that Foster-Lonon could indeed end discussion herself as the chair of the meeting if there was no longer any debate.

Despite the confusion over procedure, the meeting never came to a halt, and it eventually adjourned after a little over 40 minutes of activity.

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ber-At-Large, said, "At the end of the year we run out of money and can't help other organizations that need it. We shouldn't spend too much of our money to the groups that ask for money at the beginning of the year."

Brandon Lenfest, EAS representative, argued that the bill be kept as is.

"TeamBuzz has obviously gone to many corporations asking for money and put a lot of other work into this. We should help them out and give them \$5.50 per shirt," said Lenfest.

After an extended period of debate, the majority of representatives voted not to amend the bill per JFC recommendations and leave the allocation amount at \$5.50 per T-shirt. They then voted on the bill, which passed.

Because the UHR and GSS dealt with different forms of the bill, and because the GSS failed it, the bill was sent to a Conference Commit-

tee in order to reach a compromise.

This committee will consist of undergraduate representatives and graduate senators who will discuss the bill together and work to reach an agreement. Dusty Riddle, Eric Woods, and Danielle Dees were chosen to be part of the Conference Committee for this bill.

The second bill dealing with TeamBuzz asked that money be allocated to pay for other costs incurred by the TeamBuzz Committee in preparation for the event. The JFC slightly modified the bill due to tax exemption, bringing the total of this bill to \$3,211.21. The representatives amended the bill per this JFC recommendation and then passed the bill without discussion.

Undergraduate President Chris Kavanaugh authored the last bill presented before the representatives.

The bill asked for an allocation of \$250 to the UHR towards the purchase of a laptop computer. However, he suggested that the bill be withdrawn to be brought up at a later date. The representatives allowed the bill to be withdrawn.

Some important announcements were made also during the meeting.

Julie Johnson, Vice President of Administrative Affairs, stated that any freshmen interested in being a part of FreshGA, an upcoming program SGA is offering to new students, should come to the information session on Tuesday, September 11 from 6:00 to 6:30.

Vice President of Campus Affairs EW Looney announced that members of SGA are still searching for a new Parking, Transportation, and Facilities Committee Chair and are hoping to select someone by early next week.

Looney also suggested that ticket distribution to the Tech football game against FSU was unorganized and many students who had vouchers were left empty-handed. He stated that the Athletic and Recreation Committee, chaired by Ashley Wallin, would look into making ticket distribution a more orderly and fair procedure.

Junior Class President Tiffany Massey reminded students to apply for ODK and ERT online.

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Parkway.

"We contacted the city of Atlanta and asked for permission to put parking on there (the streets)," said Weis. "We received permission to go ahead and do it because the city of Atlanta realized that it was basically an emergency and we had to have more space."

"I feel they should have put the spaces on the right side of the road...like...on other parts of campus"

Jason Rawson
AE Sophomore

Although the city approved the new spaces, many Tech students feel that the creation of the spaces can turn out causing more problems than it solves. "The main problem with the spaces along Hemphill Drive is that cars pulling out of Eighth Street onto Hemphill have to basically drive out into the road to see if a car is coming," said second year Computer Science major Avi Viswanathan. "Those new spaces are going to cause a lot of accidents."

According to Georgia Tech police reports Viswanathan's predication may not be far off. On August 26, a Tech student, who was walking across Hemphill Drive in the crosswalk next to Eighth Street, was struck by a car pulling out of the intersection. The driver of the vehicle reported that they were having difficulty seeing if any cars were com-

ing down Hemphill because of the vehicles in the parking spaces.

However, Weis feels that accidents along Hemphill are not caused by the new spaces but instead by drivers traveling at high speeds and not paying full attention to the vehicles and pedestrians around them. "Even before the changes, there were a number of accidents in front of Hemphill because of speed," said Weis.

Other students feel that the major safety problem does not involve the Hemphill spaces but instead the spaces on Tech Parkway, which were placed on the left side of the roadway instead of the traditional right side location for most parking spaces. "The decision to place the spaces of the left side of the road is going to result in many drivers and pedestrians getting hurt," said second year Biomedical Engineering major Kim Kulka.

"There are no sidewalks along Tech Parkway for those parking to walk along, therefore there are going to be many people who park and then cross the street between intersections causing a very pedestrian unfriendly situation."

Weis feels that there were many reasons to place the spaces on the left side of Tech Parkway that students may not realize. "We actually did that because there is less interference with driveways and turning movements. In addition SAC II construction is supposed to start in November so we would have had to open them and then close them or move them right away," said Weis. "It's also easier for MARTA and the Stinger buses to keep the bus zones open so that they can safely unload passengers without finding the bus stops full of parked cars."

"It was ridiculous to put the new spaces on the left side of the road,"



By Scott Meulnersx / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students who regularly travel Hemphill Avenue and Tech Parkway have differing opinions as to whether or not the newly added parking spaces are a good idea. The controversy even made the *Atlanta-Journal Constitution*.

said second year Aerospace major Jason Rawson. "Now with only one lane on Tech parkway, traffic is going to get backed up with MARTA and Stinger buses stopping," said Rawson. "I feel they should have put the spaces on the right side of the road with areas for the buses to stop like they have on other parts of campus."

Tech students are not the only ones expressing concerns over the new process. In fact, Major John Wood commander of the Zone 5 precinct in Atlanta, which includes Tech Parkway, feels the plan is one of the most asinine designs he has ever seen. "If it was designed by a freshman engineering student, they ought to give him an 'F'," said Wood-

ward to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "You come around a curve, and all of a sudden there are cars parked in your lane."

Weis realizes that the concerns being voiced by students should be addressed and has therefore contracted with an engineering firm to come in and look at the situation. "We are actually in the process now of consulting with a civil engineer to look at the areas and tell us what additional signage needs to be done and whether there's anything else we need to do to make it as safe as we possibly can," said Weis.

Weis also points out that not all students are against the new parking spaces. "For the people who are getting permits the response has been

very positive," said Weis.

However, second year Computer Science major Ravi Pentapaty, who is on the waiting list for an R03 space, still feels the new spaces will not benefit campus in the long run.

"I don't think that putting lives in danger is the answer to Tech's parking problems," said Pentapaty. "The concept of putting parking places on Tech Drive really should be rethought. I am number 500-something on waiting lists for R03 and R06 and I still don't support them [the changes]."

Until the State Street Deck opens, students who want to park on campus will have to park in the new spaces and avoid them while driving.

SGA, SAC look to end book tax

By Ty Gailey
Staff Writer

In an effort to alleviate part of the financial burden of higher education, a coalition of student leaders from across the state, led by Georgia's Student Advisory Council (SAC), is promoting an initiative dubbed "SAC the Tax." If successful, the campaign will lead to the passing of House Bill 483. The bill, authored by Representative Don Wix (D-Mableton), will, if passed, provide a tax exemption for the sale of required college texts. The removal of this tax will cost the State of Georgia approximately \$4.5 million per year. SAC members argue the textbook tax is inconsistent with the states policy of not taxing other education expenses, such as tuition.

The SAC will be lobbying the passage of Bill 483 directly to Governor Roy Barnes and members of the Georgia Legislature. Currently, the bill is sitting in the House Ways and Means Committee awaiting placement on the House agenda.

According to Georgia Tech SGA

Vice President and SAC delegate Nate Watson, students from across the state will have to win the Governor's support in order to have the bill placed on the agenda when the state legislature convenes in January.

"We are working on demonstrating to the Governor how much the students of Georgia support this."

Nate Watson
Undergraduate Exec. VP

"Right now, we are working on demonstrating to the Governor how much the students of Georgia support this bill. We are confident that when we present the Governor with the evidence of our strong support [from] across the state, that the Governor will support us," said Watson.

In order to demonstrate this student support, SAC members are mounting a petition drive at the 34 state colleges and universities. "We're organizing the student movement across the state. We're aiming to get at least 25,000 signatures on our petition statewide," said Watson.

As a part of the larger effort, a petition drive is underway on the Georgia Tech campus. "Representatives from the Undergraduate SGA will be going to classes with petitions, there will be tables set up in the coming semester. We've already had one table set-up and it was very successful with over seven hundred signatures collected. I hope we can get at least four thousand signatures here at Georgia Tech," says Watson.

"SAC the Tax" will culminate on January 14 with a student rally at 9:00 a.m. on the steps of the Georgia State Capitol. A Legislative Reception in the Capitol Rotunda will follow the rally. The SAC plans to invite the Governor and State Representatives, and hopes to

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Building Evacuation Howey-Physics



By Robert Hill / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students were evacuated from the Howey-Physics building last Thursday evening after an acid neutralization in a lab went wrong.

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letic Association, planned to distribute ticket vouchers around midnight, which is standard procedure for ticketing when large campouts occur. In theory, all students who receive a voucher are then entitled to purchase tickets upon the opening of the window. The theory, however, did not hold true in this case.

Mike Harris, Chair of the Ticketing Committee, who declined to comment on the issue, did not initiate the distribution at the planned time. Instead, vouchers were handed out at approximately 4:00 a.m., and when they were handed out, the process was less than orderly.

According to a number of students, the vouchers were not dis-

tributed according to the order of the line. When the distribution began, students who were attempting to obtain vouchers mobbed Harris and the other member of the ticketing committee who was aiding in the distribution.

While the Georgia Tech Police Department made routine checks of the area to ensure the safety of students waiting in line, no security was present during the ticket distribution to ensure that the process remained fair.

"The voucher system was an attempt to establish priority within the line and keep order so that if anyone attempted to break in line they would not be able to purchase tickets," said Orsini.

The distribution of the vouchers was only the beginning of the

events that transpired, as numbers of students, some with vouchers and some without, began to congregate as a mob outside the ticket window almost an hour before its opening. By the time the window opened, a line no longer existed, and students began pushing and shoving for a chance to purchase tickets.

No students were seriously injured in the incident, but a number suffered minor bumps and bruises. A number of students who received vouchers during the early morning distribution were unable to purchase tickets in the morning, and it is believed that some students may have sold tickets without vouchers.

"Getting a voucher is not a guarantee of getting a ticket, but we try to give out about the number of vouchers as there are tickets avail-

able. To my knowledge no students were sold tickets without vouchers, but we know that we have students who got vouchers and did not get tickets," said Baker.

The Student Ticketing Committee established the voucher system, and according to AA officials, they are also responsible for maintaining order and security within the line.

"We had a good policy, but it was not executed well, and no one is happy. The students are not happy, we [at the AA] are not happy, and we need to look at it all again," said Orsini.

Undergraduate SGA President Chris Kavanaugh, who was present throughout the course of the evening expressed concern over the situation and hopes to work to prevent it from reoccurring.

"The Athletic and Recreational Services Committee [of the Undergraduate Student Government Association] is going to be working with the AA, the Student Ticketing Committee, and any other students who want to be involved in order to make sure what happened last Monday night and Tuesday morning never happens again," said Kavanaugh.

Orsini also expressed interest in improving the system, and plans to meet with the Student Ticketing Committee and Athletic Director Dave Braine in the near future. The test of any revisions to the line system will most likely come in November when the University of Georgia Bulldogs come to Bobby Dodd Stadium and students are expected to again camp out.

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have more than 500 students representing the public and private post-secondary schools of Georgia.

"By doing this, we are providing a service to the students of the state of Georgia in terms of getting rid of the sales tax. But also, doing something like this demonstrates that the students do have a governing body that is legitimate and is capable of representing all 34 institutions at the Board of Regents and at the state level to help get things done," says Watson.

According to Watson, the "SAC the Tax" campaign signifies an expansion from the traditional role of the SAC to a position that acts more like an advisory body to Georgia's Board of Regents.

SAC representatives hope the passing of House Bill 483 will help unify students in a network of direct political activism. With university budgets being cut in other southern states, SAC hopes to prevent Georgia cuts.

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remove the "T". They originally stated that their rationale in trying to steal the "T" was a love of the Institute and its traditions. After meeting extensively with Boyd, however, their feelings changed.

"I can see the inherent dangers that the administration sees [in stealing the "T"]. Other people may not be as prepared as we were," said Moeller in his testimony.

He also added that "the liability that is incurred, especially with people looking for an easy lawsuit" could cause potentially greater problems for the Institute.

After Henderson and Moeller were found responsible for all the charges, the sanctioning phase of the hearing began, in which the cabinet decides punishment for violations, was delayed by over an hour when the accused attempted to offer possible sanctions based on precedents and questioned the use of President Wayne Clough's letter to the *Technique* in the process.

Ramachandran felt that they were

questioning the process rather than providing possible sanctions and called a recess so that Boyd could evaluate whether the pair's suggestions were admissible.

"Discussion of the use of this letter as a sanctioning guideline was prohibited," said Henderson and Moeller in a joint statement.

After the recess, the pair replaced their original suggestions for possible sanctions with open-ended resolutions, including an educational series the two would design that would be oriented toward students. The suggestions also included plans that would quell the stealing of the "T" as an accepted tradition and push toward an alternative.

The UJC, however, decided suspension, reparations, and reprimand were more appropriate.

"We felt that this specific sanction was appropriate because a January return for these individuals will allow their actions to be judged by a community of their peers. We wish for the community to realize that this behavior is unacceptable," said Ramachandran.



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Members of the Undergraduate Judiciary Cabinet heard arguments from Jimmy Henderson and David Moeller during all-night 'T' hearing.