Students may lose priority registration

By James Stephenson
Staff Writer

A committee is currently investigating priority registration and is proposing changes to the current system. The main change proposed by the committee is to make priority registration need-based.

“The first thing we looked at was who had [priority registration] and who wanted it, and there is a long list of groups who want it,” Pikowsky said. “We came to the conclusion that there are problems [with the current system], which led us to drafting some recommendations to the associate deans.”

“The first [possible scenario] is it should just be need based,” Pikowsky said.

“One of the important questions we’ve been trying to answer is the issue of need versus perk, and of the people who have it, how many need it versus just like a perk,” Pikowsky said.

Currently close to 10 percent of the student body has some form of priority registration. The committee believes that number is too high.

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Registrar

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From the files of the GTPD...

**Campus Crime**

**All fall down**

A light pole on the corner of Bobby Dodd Way and Substation Dr. was knocked down by an unknown white vehicle Feb. 3. The light pole was valued at $2,400.

**Doesn’t it smell nice?**

At 10:02 p.m. Feb. 3, an officer received a complaint that the smell of marijuana smoke was coming from a room in Woodruff Residence Hall. When the officer knocked on the door, the resident could be heard spraying air freshener in the room. However, the officer could still smell smoke upon entering the room and asked the resident if he had been smoking marijuana. He said he smoked some earlier but had no more. The officer advised the resident he would be written up on a student conduct report.

**No longer a mama’s boy**

An officer was asked by a parent to check on the welfare of their student Feb. 4. The student told the officer his phone was broken and he would call his parent later. The parent was concerned because they usually spoke weekly, but he had not talked to them in two weeks.

**I swear it’s my brother’s**

A person was stopped with an expired tag at 5:18 p.m. Feb. 4, and a check showed that the vehicle had suspended registration and no insurance.

The driver said the vehicle was his brother’s car. The driver was cited and the car impounded.

**One hot Stinger**

On Feb. 5, a bus driver called to report that her bus was on fire. Upon arrival, it was discovered that the bus was not on fire but was smoking and would not turn off. The Atlanta Fire Department (ATFD) was called.

After several attempts to stop the engine, ATFD sprayed carbon dioxide foam into the engine and the engine shut off. It is suspected that improper fuel was used in the engine.

This week’s campus crime information written by Kenneth Baskett

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**Women's Awareness Month 2006**

**Uniting Our Issues, Our Passion, and Our Voices to Raise Awareness**

**WAM Kickoff**
March 1, 10 am – 2 pm
Skiles Walkway

**Women in Classical Music**
March 8, 6:30-7:45 pm
Weasley Foundation

**Take Back the Night**
March 16, 7 pm
Campanile

**Comedy Show**
March 31, 8 pm
Student Center Commons Stage

**International Women’s Panel**
March 7, 7 pm
Success Center, Cleary Theatre

**Conservative Women in Politics**
March 13, 6 p.m.
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www.womenscenter.gatech.edu/wam

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**Corrections**

In last week’s newsletter, “Management earns high marks”, it incorrectly said that the Financial Times ranked the College of Management 80th in the nation. The college was actually ranked 80th in the world.

It is 5 AM!! CS2200 overflowed my buffer!!

sala bainchod!!

The chief export of Chuck Norris is pain.

Chuck Norris lost his virginity before his dad did.

Chuck Norris is currently suing NBC, claiming Law and Order are trademarked names for his left and right legs.

Low income Hispanic males have the worst taste in car fashion...EVER

best campus movie fest movie was zobots

how ironic, teh jarz loves NIN and her head is like a HOLE now

Thanks to everyone for sharing your iTunes in the library!!

cal3 for cs exam pwn3d me - engineers have the easy calc3!

this is ridiculous, my life seems to go in a very cyclic series of happiness and depression.

"all the dishes rattle in the cupboards when the elephants arrive"

Man, breaking up sucks.

I love my legs.

How hard is it to get a stapler that works in the library?

I bought one for 99 cents at Wal-mart and it works 10 times better.

Sejdefa, you are lame.

Pants? Who needs ‘em!

boom

he destroyed the city and escaped to the sea.

Winter Olympics are fun.

Except for silly sports like curling.

someone out there loves someone else

mmm....nutella

sweeeet

See page 7 for more Slivers!
Join the Technique.

You will eat pizza.
You will interview people.
You will watch movies.
You will listen to cd’s.
You will attend sporting events.
You will write stories.
You will photograph stuff.

You will join.

The Undergraduate House of Representatives met on Tuesday. Six bills were passed and one was tabled until further information becomes available.

The appointment of Perrin Quarshie for the new Civil Engineering Representative was approved by unanimous acclamation and Quarshie was sworn in.

The first bill discussed was a joint allocation to the Wushu Club. Wushu is a Chinese form of martial art.

The Wushu Club asked for travel expenses to attend a competition at the University of Oregon. The bill was amended per Joint Finance Committee (JFC) recommendations and passed.

The first of two joint allocations to CultureTech was next to be brought before the House. The organization representative was not present but the author of the bill explained its contents.

The organization asked for funds to subsidize the cost of food for the 23rd annual Food Fare event. The funding would allow CultureTech to lower the cost per plate from $12 to five dollars and enable students to afford participating in the event.

It was pointed out that the bill was against JFC policy, which prohibits funding for food. A motion was brought to amend per JFC policy, but the motion failed. The reasoning representatives gave was the spirit of the policy was to prevent organizations asking for pizza money for club meetings.

In the case of CultureTech’s request, the food is the main part of the event and to amend per JFC would mean denying the majority of the funding for the event. The bill passed in its original form.

A second allocation to CultureTech which asked for $1,711 to pay the fees associated with using the First Center for its multicultural performance night was tabled until further information could be obtained.

A joint allocation to the Georgia Entrepreneurial Society was then brought before the House. The organization requested $1,225 to help fund two workshops.

The first workshop would teach how to start up your own company. The second would teach how to become a professional investor. The total cost for the two workshops is $27,400.

The bill was amended to match amendments made by Graduate Student Senate bills.

Bill Moore Student Success Center

3rd floor, 21 Ferst Center

Call 404.385.2760 for more information.

Free and open to the public.

March 2, 2006

The Clary Theatre

Bill Moore Student Success Center

7:00 p.m.

For more information, call 404.385.2760 or visit www.iac.gatech.edu/poetry.html

In Celebration of 10 Years of Atlanta Review

Thom Lux introduces:

Steve Kowit

A.E. Stallings

Charles Harper Webb

The Ivan Allen College and the School of Literature, Communication, and Culture present poetry at Tech

A book sale and signing will follow the reading

Clary Theatre Parking:

Parking is available at the Burge Parking Deck across North Avenue from Bobby Dodd Stadium and just west of the Alumni/Faculty House at 190 North Avenue.
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given the name of a witness and he has made an attempt to interview the suspect but thus far she has been unreachable.

The second incident was reported by a female Tech student who was also attending a party at a different fraternity house. The suspect is not a Tech student.

According to the victim’s statement to the police, she had been drinking before the alleged incident. The victim related that her boyfriend had passed out in his room and shortly after she had climbed up into his boyfriend’s loft.

She stated that she was unclear as to what happened after that but she was wakened by a white male in the bed touching her inappropriately; she realized that she had been disrobed. Initially, the victim had mistaken the individual as her boyfriend but immediately realized he was a stranger.

The victim was taken to Grady Hospital for a medical examination. The evidence is to be turned over to GBI for further investigation. The victim has also submitted other items from the evening to be used as evidence in the investigation.

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Weekly Activities

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Tuesday, February 28

7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Student Center Commons Stage

If you hear a horn honking, come over and grab some free popcorn. While the horn is honking, the popcorn will be popping!

Film Festival:

“Walk The Line” FREE

Thursday, March 2

7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.
Student Center Theater

The early years in the life and career of music legend Johnny Cash, whose work transcended musical boundaries to reach out to everyone. A testament to making art and music and being young, the film explores the world he came from and his experiences beginning a career during the birth of rock and roll. It also is a love story detailing Cash’s burgeoning relationship with June Carter.

Film Festival:

“Howl’s Moving Castle” FREE

Thursday, March 9

8:00 p.m.
Student Center Theater

A young girl named Sophie is cursed by a witch and given an old woman’s body. Ashamed of how she looks, she flees to the woods and happens upon Wizard Hauru’s strange Moving Castle. While in the castle, Sophie makes a deal with a demon named Calcifer who can return her to her 18-year-old self.

Be sure and Watch for the “Aristocrats” coming Thursday, March 16, Student Center Theater.

Trace Your Face!

Wednesday, March 15

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Student Center Skiles Walkway

Why not take a break from class and stop by the Student Center to have a caricaturist trace your face!

Your Friday lectures have nothing on us!

Come to our weekly staff meetings!

Tuesday @ 7:00 PM
Room 137 of the Flag Building

No experience necessary!
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make a group, as opposed to the six required previously. 

“Groups were very popular last year,” Morrison said, “so we ex-
panded on the option. The group process was created to slot people 
together in traditional housing, since 

To accommodate the new policy and changes in housing availability, Morrison does not 
expect there to be many issues with students unable to obtain on-campus 
housing. “The estimated size of the incoming freshman class is slightly larger—around 2,600, which is 200 more than we predicted for last year. Since freshmen and sophomores are guaranteed housing, this will impact upperclassmen by reducing the number of spaces available to them by fifty to sixty beds.”

Last year, Hemphill Apartments became an undergraduate building, effectively adding 300 more spaces to undergraduate housing. “This change is still having a positive impact,” Morrison said. “It’s 300 spaces more than the growing size of the freshman and sophomore classes. We don’t expect there to be drastic increases in the number of displaced upperclassmen because of this previous addition.”

Online housing sign-up ends and prepayment is due on March 1. Sophomores who meet the dead-
line will be given a room selection number that will be sorted by class status and then by the number of credit hours earned at Tech. All other students will be entered into a random lottery that will give them either a room selection number or a wait-list number. Students will be able to designate roommate and building preferences for the fall semester online beginning March 9. More information can be found at www.housing.gatech.edu.
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Senator Sarah Hancock, an Electrical and Computer Engineering graduate student, pointed out that JFC policy sets a maximum allocation of $750 for travel expenses and moved to amend the bill to comply with JFC policy. The bill passed as amended and the Wushu Club received a total of $1,100.

The next bill considered proposed to grant a total of $3,079.37 to CultureTech to cover the cost of this year’s Food Fare. The Food Fare is a 25-year-old event on campus, in which multiple student organizations get together and cook a wide variety of foods from various cultures to be served to students. This year, the organizations plans to sell the food to students at a rate of $5 per plate. Because providing funding for food and food-related items is against the JFC policy, the Food Fare is an issue for discussion every year, but the GSS has funded the event in the past. Aside from paying for food and food-related items, another issue that causes for discussion regarding the CultureTech bill was whether or not to grant the organization all of the money requested for advertising. This year, in addition to money for posters and flyers, the organization requested money to pay for a MySpace ad.

Senator Ed Greco, a Physics graduate student, questioned the need to put more funding than usual into advertising the event, given the event’s history of selling completely out of food every year. The representative of the bill responded that trying out a new method of advertising could be beneficial in general and that it would be valuable for the upcoming club leadership to gain experience with the various details that could be associated with running events.

Senator Birdi Ram, an Electrical and Computer Engineering graduate student, moved to strike all funding for food and food-related items, but the amendments failed by voice. The bill passed in its original form.

The next bill the GSS considered proposed to grant CultureTech $1,711 to pay the fees associated with using the Ferst Center for its multicultural performance night. This year, 100 professional groups are signed up to perform at the event. Last year, between 100 and 150 people attended performance night. During discussion of the bill, a question arose of whether or not the performance night would draw a crowd of 500, which is the minimum attendance required for the Ferst Center rent-free (paying only the $1,711). Due to uncertainty on the issue of whether Ferst Center officials believed that the performance night would draw a sufficiently large crowd to gain rent-free use of the facility, the senators voted to postpone further consideration of the bill until next week. They assigned a senator to the task of coordinating discussion with Ferst Center officials.

Following consideration of the second CultureTech bill, the senators moved to discussion of a funding request from the Georgia Entrepreneurial Society. The organization requested a total of $1,120. The senators amended the bill to include $250 for flyers, instead of the $1,250 originally requested, to include no funding for binders, instead of the $395 requested, and $460 to pay a speaker, which did not initially appear on the bill. The bill passed as amended by unanimous acclamation. The organization received $1,235, $105 more than its initial request.

Next up for consideration was a bill proposing to grant $366.05 to Mock Trial to defray the cost for 14 people to attend the regional competition in Tallahassee, Fla. The bill passed with no discussion by unanimous acclamation.

The final bill the GSS considered at its Tuesday meeting proposed to grant $5,065 to the Mars Society at Tech for sponsoring a six-member group research trip to the Mars Desert Research Station in Salt Lake City, Utah from March 18 until April 2. The senators amended the requested $1,800 for travel to $562 as per JFC policy, and struck the funding for patches and polo shirts for the crew. The bill passed as amended to award a total of $3,062.50 to the society.

Anant Kishore, a representative for Mock Trial, speaks to UHR about a bill requesting money for travel to a regional competition.

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Student Senate (GSS) and passed. The next bill discussed was a Joint Allocation for Mock Trial. The organiza-

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nation asked for $366.05 for travel expenses for 14 people to a regional tournament in Tallahassee, Fla. The bill passed with no discussion. A Joint Allocation to the Mars Society was the final bill brought before the House. The Mars Society plans to travel to the Mars Desert Research Station in Utah to live like they were on Mars for two weeks. The organization asked for funds to cover travel expenses and shipping expenses for their equipment.

The bill was amended per JFC policy to give the society $3,047. This bill was sent to conference committee because the GSS passed the bill for $3,062.50. The meeting concluded when representatives of FreeSGA gave a brief presentation where they thanked SGA for their support throughout the year.

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Bank robbers steal $43.5 million

A group of armed robbers stole at least $43.5 million from a cashcenter in Tomrin, Bridge, Tuesday afternoon, the Associated Press (AP) reports. The Bank of England disclosed the theft Wednesday. The cash center is run by Securitas Cash Management, Ltd.

According to the AP, the robbers disguised themselves as police officers and pulled over the manager of the company as he drove home, according to the Associated Press. The manager, the company’s current victim, was able to come to his family by claiming he had been involved in an accident.

The criminals threatened to harm the manager’s family if he didn’t cooperate. There, they tied up the 15 employees that were on site, loaded cash into the truck and made their getaway. No one was hurt in the robbery.

The heist, one of the largest in British history, has prompted the Bank of England to call for a review of the site’s security. The cash was kept in a one-story windowless building, reportedly five minutes from the city center in a small mall, and the compound is surrounded by a six-foot-high steel fence with cameras monitoring all entrances.

At $43.5 million, the heist would rank among the top five bank robberies around the world, but according to bank officials the total may still be higher. According to the Times of London, the total amount stolen may be as high as $569 million.

Protests increase sales for Indiana Mardi Gras

Protests over lewd and drunken behavior at an Indiana town’s Mardi Gras celebration may have backfired, attracting people to the event, according to the Associated Press.

Cheryl Crowder, the downtown event coordinator for Muncie, Indiana, said ticket sales went up after John Tyner, a local pastor at the Church of the Holy Spirit on Main Street, called on Tyner derided the improper behavior that occurs at the party.

According to the Star Press, many of the churches around the town have put up “No Mardi Gras!” signs this month, and Tyner called on his congregation to support the event.

Local downtown development board members defended the event, however, noting funds generated from the annual celebration would support a family-friendly event.

Russia-Iran nuclear talks halted

The Russia-Iran nuclear program talks have, for the time being, come to an end, as the Iranian delegation departed Moscow Wednesday, CNN reports.

Delegations of Tehran with Russian negotiators on Monday to discuss Russia’s offer to enrich uranium for Iran’s peaceful purposes outside of the nation’s compromise that would end the current standoff were strengthened by some of its nuclear program.

Russia’s offer is contingent on Iran putting a complete stop on any attempt to run an enrichment program inside of Iran. The proviso that the Iranian government has said it would categorically reject.

A meeting with European officials, held in Brussels, also failed to bring results. Russia, one of Israel’s largest trading partners, is trying to avoid sanctions being imposed on Iran for its restart of a nuclear program despite Iran’s insistence that the status for peaceful purposes.