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## SGA proposes new elevated sidewalk

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In response to widespread concern for pedestrian safety along Peavine Creek Drive, the Student Government Association is pushing for an elevated sidewalk along the road to separate pedestrians and cars.

In a resolution passed by its Student Concerns Committee last week, SGA outlined the University's need to make

Peavine Creek Drive safer. The resolution will be debated by SGA at its legislative meeting Dec. 2.

Peavine Creek Drive is the main road used to travel to three theme houses, the Studio Arts Building, Chappell Park and intramural and club sports games at the Lower Fields. But for more than

two years, proposals to make the road safer have languished.

Though an official tally of accidents along the road does not exist, there are several reported and unreported accidents every year, said SGA

members familiar with the hill. Last week's resolution was in part a response to an August col-

lision between a student on a bike and a car.

College senior Leslie Dyer, who lives in Ashbury House, a theme house for members of Outdoor Emory Organization, said cars have injured or prodded many people, including herself, walking along the drive.

Dyer said speeding cars are also part of the problem. Despite a 15 mph speed limit along the



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ERIN KANGOGOGA/STAFF PHOTO EDITOR

Despite moving into a new, more wheelchair-accessible apartment, Kami Barker continues her suit against the University.

## New facilities for cancer research make progress

By MELISSA SCHENKMAN  
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Last November, Georgia entered a race to become the national hub for cancer research.

As part of a \$1 billion plan launched by Governor Roy Barnes, Emory and its affiliated hospitals formed the core of the Georgia Cancer Coalition, which would potentially lure the most prominent researchers to the Atlanta area.

Almost a year later, organizers say tremendous progress has been made in the fight against cancer. That fight will get a boost in the coming year with the completion of renovations to Grady Memorial Hospital downtown and the construction of the new seven-floor Winship Cancer Institute on Emory's campus.

When completed, the new Grady and Winship facilities will comprise the bulk of the GCC and will be the first medical centers to play a role in Barnes' initiative.

The GCC aims to combat cancer and related health inequalities in Georgia. Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the state.

Barnes originally created the initiative as a meaningful way to use the funds given to Georgia through the National Tobacco Settlement in the 1990s. A total of \$1 billion dollars, \$400 million from the tobacco settlement and \$600 million from private philanthropic donors, will be used to fund the GCC over the course of the next 7 to 10 years.

The initiative is a private and public partnership with the state's medical schools, technology and pharmaceutical companies and leading scientists and physicians.

Grady Hospital, the GCC's main hub, employs faculty from both Emory and Morehouse College medical schools, while the Winship Cancer Institute offers outpatient care.

But Barnes lost his reelection last month, leaving state Sen. Sonny Purdue in charge of the program's future. Purdue, who will become governor in January, said in an interview reported in the Sept. 24 issue of *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* that he would push for the same levels of cancer research funding. He has yet to formally discuss the matter following

## CAR CRASH



SHAMIE DAVIS/STAFF

The Emory First Responder Unit presents a mock car crash simulation at Druid Hills High School Friday afternoon. The scenario was conducted in order to test participants and educate onlookers on how to deal with a similar trauma and the victims.

## ROTC returns to Emory

Program available again after 30-year hiatus

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Students marching around campus in fatigues at the crack of dawn has become a more frequent sight this semester now that Army ROTC has returned to Emory's campus after a three-decade ban.

Seven students — three women and four men — currently participate in Emory's Reserve Officer's Training Corp program, which trains future military officers. After successfully completing the program, students leave college with a military commission.



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College sophomore Dan Schointuch completes his sit-up portion of the Army ROTC Physical Fitness test as College junior Jimmy Mabry and U.S. Army Sgt. Mark Carr look on.

Increased student interest in the military contributed to the administration's decision to allow ROTC to hold classes on Emory's campus. In the past, Emory and other schools held a dim view of the armed forces. Until this year, Yale University (Conn.) and Harvard University (Mass.) banned ROTC programs, officially because the military discriminates against minorities, particularly gays.

But on a national level, the military has seen its image improve since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

In recent years, Emory students involved in ROTC had to drive to Georgia Tech's campus for physical training, classes and labs.

"This is really a transition semester, as classes and labs are being taught on the Emory campus," said College junior Sean Sullivan, a third-year ROTC student.

ROTC students participate in a lab one day a week and an hour-long class twice a week. Classes focus on leadership development, military skills and advanced training. Students' first classes focus on military history and give a general overview of the Army.

Advanced classes include a one-month summer camp where ROTC students from all over the country meet to learn squad and platoon tactics. Every semester, the students go through field training to prepare for camp.

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## Barker moves into modified new housing

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Three months later, first-year Law School student and wheelchair user Kami Barker can finally open her refrigerator door.

Barker ('02BBA), who filed suit against Emory Sept. 4 for violating federal disability access laws, moved into a newly-modified Clairmont Campus apartment Nov. 16. The new apartment complies with the Fair Housing Act, Barker said, but still does not meet the more stringent Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines.

"The University has made some changes that help a lot," Barker said, "but other areas weren't addressed."

Barker cited the faulty design of her original Clairmont Campus apartment as a primary factor in her decision to sue the University. The new apartment improves her condition somewhat, she said, but her lawsuit will still stand.

For example, Barker said her kitchen now has a recess opposite the refrigerator, so she can open its door.

Still, she does not have enough room to open the dishwasher and oven doors without difficulty, because the width from appliance to countertop does not meet ADA specifications.

The living room furniture was also replaced with smaller versions to give Barker greater mobility. But she said the new furnishings are too high for her to use.

"The new furniture is nice-looking, but it doesn't work," she said.

The University's remedy to the situation was to give Barker a \$2,500 stipend to buy new furniture. She said she has also spent more than \$100 replacing items in the apartment she cannot use, including a new dining room table, a convection oven and a bedroom nightstand.

University spokespeople and lawyers in the Office of General Counsel did not return multiple phone calls for this story. Brit Katz, director of Residence Life, and Gloria Weaver, director of the Office of Disability Services, also declined to comment.

The new apartment remains an improvement over her previous apartment, Barker said. But she added that Emory cannot get away with only making a few changes to one apartment.

"At least two percent of every residence

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## Winship and Grady to offer cancer treatment as part of program to aid uninsured patients

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his election. Representatives from his office did not return phone calls for this story.

### Winship's roots

Robert Woodruff, the late Coca-Cola chairman, started the Winship Memorial Clinic in remembrance of his mother, who died of cancer in 1937. At the time, the Steiner Clinic at Grady Hospital was the only center in the Southeast equipped to care for cancer patients.

Woodruff felt that if Atlanta had a top-notch treatment facility, his mother's life would have been saved. He donated \$40,000 to open Winship's first clinic in Emory Hospital's east wing, where the clinic remained for 29 years before moving to Emory Clinic B.

Now, construction of a 280,000-square-foot home for Winship is under way on Emory's campus. After its completion, the institute in Clinic B will remain operational.

In mid-2000, Otis Brawley, assistant director for special populations research at the National Cancer Institute, attended meetings with Barnes regarding the creation of the GCC. Brawley, who specializes in racial inequalities in healthcare, found great opportunities at Emory and in Atlanta.

"It is the best place to do a cancer comparison with socioeconomic and racial issues," said Brawley, Winship's associate director for cancer detection, control and inter-

vention at Grady.

### Serving the undeserved

Winship Cancer Institute Director Jonathan Simons, who was hand-picked by Barnes, said the difficulties encountered by physicians in GCC stem from the everyday hassles the working poor face.

Of the cancer patients who visit Grady, 60 percent are uninsured and have difficulty finding transportation to and from treatment, Simons said. Patients are often afraid that taking off work to receive treatment will cost them their jobs, he said.

One of the goals of the GCC is to change this sense of "cultural fatalism" about cancer.

"The GCC created a center to not only measure the problems of the undeserved but measure the impact of different possible solutions," Simons said. "The GCC makes us one of the nation's first urban centers for trying to solve the problem of cancer care for the undeserved."

He said a possible GCC initiative is to offer bus passes to patients who need them. The idea would save the healthcare system money by making treatment accessible, so patients would incur fewer years of expensive care.

For the past three to five years, no clinical trials have been conducted at Grady, Brawley said. But since Grady has become a GCC center, Simons said it has received funds to open 12 new clinical trials.

### The future of GCC

Grady's renovations might have faced severe obstacles if not for a \$3.5 million gift from the Avon cosmetics company.

Avon recognized Grady through its GCC designation and felt the program was worthy of its funds.

Two floors of Grady will be renovated and opened early next year. One will become a center for the advancement of breast cancer research, while the other will be designated for lab space.

"The Grady center is a perfect example of what the GCC can do," said Vince Dollard, director of public relations at Winship Cancer Institute. "Its emphasis will be on breast cancer research, outreach, education and screening."

The GCC's backing has also made the combination of genetics, technology and medicine a possibility.

The first phase of the Genesys SI system, which will help streamline chemotherapy treatment, was finished with the help of NuTech Health Sciences and IBM.

The computing system will eventually use a database to determine the genetic fingerprint of each patient's cancer, enabling oncologists to prescribe treatments specific to the genetic makeup of each patient's cancer. The first phase is a groundbreaking approach to data warehousing and retrieval, Dollard said in a recent press release.

"Whether there will be other centers remains an open question mark," Brawley said.



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