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RHA President Terrill Wilkins, right, sits with vice president Jonathan Ross at last week's RHA meeting. This week's meeting featured discussion about allowing RHA senators, not RAs, to bring programs to residence halls, as well as allocation of funds to a cook-out.

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participation in the World AIDS Day quilt, inviting residence halls and student groups to make their own panel for USC's quilt, which will be displayed during a free HIV testing day and will also be taken to the State House for

a World AIDS Day candlelight vigil. The quilt will also be part of the national quilt displayed in Washington, D.C.

RHA also voted on legislation to give \$200 for prizes in a Creed Week cook-off offered by Sims.

The goal of the event is to promote multiculturalism and

diversity through international dishes. Each winner of the two groups, dessert and main dish, will get a \$100 gift certificate for the Russell House.

The legislation passed with 29 votes.

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## 10-passenger jet stolen from Florida

The Associated Press

**LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga.** — A 10-passenger charter jet that was reported stolen from St. Augustine, Fla., was found at an airport near Atlanta, and authorities were attempting to figure out who had flown it there.

The plane, a \$7 million Cessna Citation 7, was found at the

Gwinnett County Airport-Briscoe Field on Monday and remained there Tuesday morning, said Darren Moloney, spokesman for the Gwinnett County Police Department. The plane is owned by Pinnacle Air of Springdale, Ark., which had no comment on the incident Tuesday.

Crime scene technicians have investigated the interior of the plane, and Moloney said there is

no evidence that there were weapons or drugs on it.

"We've ruled out anything diabolical or sinister," he said. "We didn't find anything threatening on the plane."

The FBI is also investigating although the theft does not appear to be linked to terrorism, said Lisa Ray, spokeswoman at the Georgia Office of Homeland Security.

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quarantines if necessary.

The bird flu virus does not pass from person to person easily, but experts believe it could mutate to a form that becomes a human flu virus that passes easily between people. That could trigger a pandemic, or large outbreak in many places at once. A super-flu could kill up to 1.9 million Americans, according to a draft of the federal government's plan to fight a worldwide outbreak.

North Carolina is home to 5,000 poultry farms and processing plants. An outbreak could mean the destruction of millions of birds and potentially crippling the \$2.7 billion industry.

Poultry industry officials said there is only a remote risk to U.S. workers.

"At the present time there is nothing to protect (workers) against," said National Chicken

Council spokesman Richard Lobb.

Companies have security measures to guard against infectious diseases, and U.S. growing and processing standards are stricter than in Asia, meaning fewer contamination risks, Lobb said.

Perdue Farms Inc., which runs two poultry plants in North Carolina and one in South Carolina, said their flocks and workers are protected against disease. Flocks are kept in enclosed barns, away from wild birds. Workers clean boots in bleach water. Farm traffic is restricted.

Maryland-based Case Farms is aware of concerns of the avian flu, but compliance director Ken Wilson said it would be premature to spread fear by alerting workers. Workers would be notified "when it was appropriate," he said.

Officials with Arkansas

meat-processing giant Tyson Foods Inc., which runs a processing plant in Wilkesboro, did not return calls.

North Carolina medical epidemiologist Kristina Simeonsson said the risk that humans will contract the deadly avian flu strain is "very low." She suggested state-funded vaccinations for all 25,000 North Carolina poultry workers and training them to properly use their gear.

Meanwhile, Delaware agriculture officials are fitting poultry workers with protective suits and masks. In Ontario, Canada, poultry workers can jump to the front of the line for flu shots.

The lack of a campaign to inform poultry workers indicate they are seen as "expendable workforce" because they're poor, largely Hispanic and undocumented, said Baldemar Velasquez, president of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee.

"It's just outrageous that no one has told them about the risks," said Velasquez, whose group represents 7,000 migrant workers in North Carolina. "The reality is: They're the one on the front lines."

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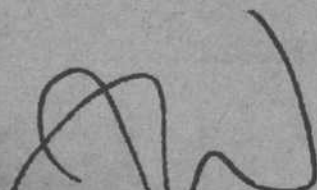
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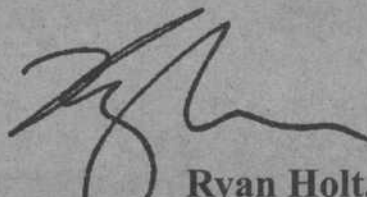
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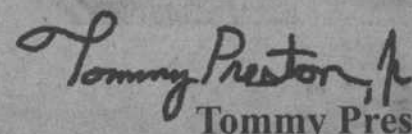
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