## Angelou highlights diversity

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Maya Angelou spoke to a packed audience in Alexander Memorial Coliseum Wednesday. The rain did not deter the over 3,000 people who flocked to the stadium to hear the poet and civil rights activist talk about her life experiences.

The Finding Common Ground (FCG) keynote address opened with Alison Graab, the undergraduate student body president, welcoming those in attendance, who filled over a third of Alexander Memorial Coliseum. She briefly outlined the purpose of the initiative, to promote dialogue between students with different backgrounds and viewpoints. Graab stressed that students should not have to sacrifice their ideas for their educations.

Institute President Wayne Clough spoke after Graab, reminding listeners that universities originated as forums to discuss issues of the day, and FCG follows this long tradition of public discourse. According to Clough, as an institute of higher education, we need to accept that listening to others will encourage them to listen to us as well. Clough then introduced Maya Angelou, who entered to a standing ovation. Angelou welcomed her audience in several languages, which seemed to add a special flavor to her “compose” her life, people of all races, nationalities and economic backgrounds. Angelou spoke of America as a place “to hold all the people, all the faces.” All Americans have “composers” in their backgrounds.

Maya Angelou speaks at Alexander Memorial Coliseum Wednesday. Angelou was the keynote speaker of Finding Common Ground.

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## Students continue to live in triple dorms

By Ranganath Venkataraman
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As the semester comes to its conclusion, the future of the “triples”, that the Department of Housing was forced to create due to an excessive influx of freshmen will be decided in the course of the next few weeks based on the results of a survey that was sent out to all triple residents.

There are currently slightly less than 156 triples, or three-person rooms, scattered around three residence halls: Towers on East Campus, Folk and Caldwell which are on West Campus.

Many other options for student housing were explored before tripling became a choice.

“Housing worked with the dean of students, vice provost and the President’s Office. Many options were looked at and the best was chosen,” said Dan Morrison, assistant director of Housing.

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Housing worked with the triple residents to help alleviate the burdens of living with an extra roommate. To this end, activities were organized that helped to foster community. There were even T-shirts that were designed for triple residents.

“I met a couple of times with Tobias Spears, the Hall Director of Folk and Caldwell. Freshmen were ready to be worked with,” Morrison said.

According to Morrison, the residents have adapted well to the situation despite their initial misgivings.

People have settled in. The residents have done what we asked them to do. They have intentionally kept doors open to create a friendly atmosphere,” Morrison said.

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According to Morrison, everybody understood that there wasn’t much Housing could do, so residents compromised.

“It’s gone as well as it could,” Morrison said.

Morrison added that Peer Leaders (PLs) with triples in those residence backgrounds.

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A student attempts to clean his triple dorm in Folk. Freshmen have adapted to life in the triple dorms despite the cramped space.

## John Edwards visits bookstore

Former vice-presidential hopeful John Edwards will be attending a book signing today at Barnes and Noble in Technology Square at 2 p.m.

## JFC eliminates 2/3 policy for SGA bills

Claudia Jones, the chair of the Joint Finance Committee (JFC), announced on Tuesday that the JFC will no longer be using the two-thirds policy regarding Capital Outlay allocations after the policy met with contention during recent SGA meetings.

The reason that the two-thirds policy met with such contention last week was because senators and representatives felt that two-thirds was an arbitrary ratio, and that if an organization had formed their request a different way, they would have been able to get more funding.

The JFC recognized that these were valid points to consider, and since the JFC is still being finalized within Student Government, decided that it would be better not to apply the two-thirds policy to its recommendations for the remainder of the year.
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who came to the country looking for better opportunities; their lives were their songs.

Angelou's stories ranged from the humorous to the tragic. She told of her rapist, who was released from jail after one night and later found beaten to death when she was seven years old. Angelou stopped speaking until she was 13; convinced she had killed him with her voice by accusing him of his crime.

However, her grandmother, who she called “Mama,” told her she would speak when she was ready and become a teacher. Though young Angelou did not believe her then, she did become a teacher; she has taught in English, Spanish, French and Italian around the world.

“You young men and women, this is your world,” Angelou said. She is embarrassed and sorry that her generation has left this one with a world full of anger, hatred, lust and bitterness, but it is ours nonetheless.

She expressed her belief that one of us will find the “cures” the world needs, whether for cancer or racism. Though Angelou hinted at human differences, she focused on the things every person has in common. “I belong wherever I find myself,” she said. “I am a human being. Nothing human can be alien to me.”

Students were impressed by Angelou’s address. “Amazing was not even the word. She was funny and wise and eloquent,” said Cameron Butler, a third-year Industrial Engineering major.

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Angelou’s speech was only one part of a two-day event that also consisted of smaller group events Monday and Wednesday.

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An average of 70 students attended each of the three smaller events that were held.

“The small groups, in two hours, allowed people’s eyes to open and gave people effective dialogue skills,” Beaulieu said.

Funding for the Common Ground Event met resistance in the Student Government Association (SGA). The program was expecting to receive $40,000 from SGA, but because the Graduate Student Senate struck a large portion of the bill last week, only received $29,000.

“To be able to have students fund [the event] is very important. The event gives students a skill set outside of the classroom,” Beaulieu said.

The remainder of the funding could potentially come from a number of different sources.

“The office of Students Affairs and the Office of the President have both expressed interest in covering that cost,” Beaulieu said. Other organizations to donate money to the Common Ground event were the Parents Fund, which is a part of the Alumni Association, who gave $30,000; the Student Foundation, who contributed $6,400; and Buzz funds, which also made a contribution to the event.

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The Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) met on Tuesday. Seven bills were passed and one bill was tabled.

The first bill brought before the house was the appointments to the Finding Common Ground program. According to the representative organizing the appointment list, 80 percent of the people on the list had gotten back in touch with her. She recommended approving the ones who had gotten back in touch with her, but not the ones that had not. A motion was made to divide the bill into two bills. The first bill would include the people who had gotten back in touch with the representative. The second bill would include the people who had not gotten back in touch with the representative. The first half of the bill was passed by the house, while the second half of the bill was tabled until next week.

The second bill brought before the house was the conference committee version of the joint allocation to the Finding Common Ground program. Last week, the house passed the original version of the bill in full while the senate eliminated the $22,500 Maya Angelou speaker fee from the bill. In the conference committee, a speaker fee of $11,500 was decided. Representatives expressed concern about the logic of lowering the speaker fee and not the consultant fee since the consultants would impact the organization more. The bill was passed by the house.

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Bill passed
- Joint Allocation to Finding Common Ground Program
- Joint Allocation to Yellow Jacket Baseball Club

Bills failed
- Joint Allocation to Miss Asian Atlanta Scholarship Pageant

The Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) passes Common Ground

By James Stephenson

News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) met on Tuesday. Two bills were passed and one bill was failed by a tie-breaking vote.

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Ivan Allen holds town hall meeting

By Shuby Narayanaswamy
Contributing Writer

Although historically a technology school, Tech is currently also growing in the IAC. In an effort to better understand the needs of its undergraduates during this growth, the Ivan Allen College (IAC) of Liberal Arts held a Town Hall meeting last Wednesday.

The event was organized and moderated by the Ivan Allen Student Advisory Board to promote communication within the undergraduate community. A panel of IAC administrators, faculty, and staff answered questions asked by students in the audience. Most questions were related to the curriculum, study abroad, research, and work opportunities.

The panelists included a representative of each school in the IAC, academic advisors, a career services specialist, and the coordinator of the international plan.

Study abroad questions were answered by Stephanie Jackson, coordinator of the international plan, and Kirk Bowman, director of various study abroad programs. Cost and course offerings were the main concerns of the students. There are currently scholarships available, but they can be difficult to find. Jackson recommended applying for the STAR scholarship. She also reminded students that HOPE scholarship and financial aid can be applied towards study abroad.

Another concern was the career prospects of an IAC graduate. The panel responded by saying an IAC graduate can be hired in almost any field. Jackson also mentioned CSIS and Networking Nights. These are both opportunities to network with alumni and find out more about various career paths.

Kirsten Young is a Career Services Specialist who works with IAC majors. She can help students apply their skills to their careers and find internships and full-time jobs.

There are a few potential curriculum changes, but the IAC is trying to offer more programs to meet student needs. The IAC currently offers three joint degrees: Global Economics and Modern Languages, Economics and International Affairs, and International Affairs and Modern Languages. There may be a French and Architecture joint degree offered in the future. IAC may also offer a minor in Film Studies. The School of Public Policy also offers a five-year BS/MS degree.

The panel said the IAC continues to have opportunities to improve. The IAC has the most tenured faculty and lowest student-to-teacher ratio on campus. Because of Institute President Wayne Clough’s encouragement, alumni from other colleges within Tech are donating money to the IAC. The college has new computer labs and is hoping for more renovations. HTS and Architecture joint degrees are moving to the old Civil Engineering building. The panel hopes to see more IAC colleges moving to the historic area of campus.

The IAC administration, faculty and staff said they are very open to student input. To make curriculum suggestions, email David Shooke, the director of Undergraduate Studies in the School of Modern Languages.

By Parker McGrew / Student Publications

Richard Barke, associate professor of the School of Public Policy, addresses a question posed by a moderator during the Ivan Allen College Town Hall Meeting held Wednesday Nov. 8 in D.M. Smith.

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Honors Program accepts new freshmen for spring semester

By Vivas Kaul

The Honors Program at Tech is known for selecting incoming freshmen to join its ranks. Recently, the program instituted a new policy of allowing 9th-year students that were not accepted upon admission to apply to join the program mid-year.

Gregory Nobles, director of the Honors Program, explained the new policies. “There is no application process for students entering from high school, we just select them based on their Tech applications,” he said. The application process to enter the honors program at Tech after already being accepted has never been done before.

The objective behind this application process was to allow students that were interested to identify themselves as candidates by completing a short application form. If accepted, the students would then be allowed to join the program beginning in the spring.

Students had until October 30th to apply. There were 30 applicants who applied to get into the program next semester. From those that applied 11 were offered invitations into the program. The amount of applications was not something that Nobles had actually expected. “I would have guessed fewer than 30. I was surprised. I was surprised by the number of applicants.”

Gregory Nobles Director of Honors Program

The application process consisted of a short application form and a short 100 word essay. Nobles indicated that the program would be adding a class each year. Nobles went on to describe that there would be a phased gathering of students into the program. When this stage advances as sophisticated, the program will get a new batch of freshmen while still catering to the original members.

Another concern for some students was the possibility of having to change dorms to live in Howell Hall where all of the honors students currently live. However, Nobles puts this concern to rest. “You know as well as I do how crowded the housing situation is this year. Howell is full.”

Instead the program is trying to offer the new members all of the other opportunities that are available. “These include extracurricular activities and courses.

The housing issue seemed to be of little concern to the program since many first semester freshmen live on east campus within the vicinity of Howell.

The application process consisted of some basic questions about current major, current enrollment in Honors Program courses at Tech, current semester, extracurricular activities and a short 100 word essay.

WREK

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The sixth bill to be presented to the house was the joint allocation to the Miss Asian Atlanta Scholarship Program. The organization was asking for $8,413 to fund the event. The Joint Finance Committee (JFC) recommended cutting the bill to $3,325.50. The house amended according to the JFC recommendation and passed the bill.

The seventh bill brought before the house was the joint allocation to the College of Computing Student Activities Board. The organization was asking for $120 for a Technique ad and to have the amount that people can do at night, like covering the radio station.

“...the only people that benefit are the computer science students, students overall, the Institute. Basically the only people that benefit are GPA. As far as WREK students… it limits the amount of air time we have and the amount that people can do with their own air time. We do a lot of special things during the day we can’t do at night, like covering the Klaus Computer Building opening,” Varner said.

According to Varner, PBA taking control of a portion of WREK would allow students to have more airtime on the radio station. “That’s the fact of the matter is we always want student programming on WREK radio… but there is never time on WREK. That’s the time we can serve our students, the most important constituency, and serve the community. Clough said. This is not the first time that a proposal has been made to let an outside group take control of a portion of WREK. In 1997, WCNN proposed to take over a portion of the radio station’s programming, but WREK successfully fought the proposal.

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I'm in love with a girl that doesn't love me back. I'm a sad panda.

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INTA is not a real degree. Suck it up.

Giggity giggity goo

There is no death; there is the Force.

There is no passion; there is serenity.

There is no ignorance; there is knowledge.

There is no emotion; there is peace.

Dry skin = bad . . . use lotion people!

Anna: slut-lover scoooored

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WREK? Who owns it? So I get the experience you can get at the radio station.

So David thinks he can take over Georgia Tech... nice try, but we won't let it happen.

According to Fetig, the recommendation will include meeting with Varner and Alison Grabb, undergraduate student body president, to discuss the options for WREK.

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