Tech earns low campus sustainability grade

In a study conducted by the Sustainable Endowments Institute of 100 of the nation’s leading colleges and universities, Tech received a “C” grade on overall sustainability of the institute. The grade was broken down into seven categories: Administration, Climate Change and Energy, Food and Recycling, Green Building, Endowment Transparency, Investment Priorities, and Shareholder Engagement. While the report assigns grades for each indicator, the final cumulative sustainability grade distribution is as follows: Four schools earned level “A” grades, 22 earned level “B” grades, 54 earned level “C” grades, and 20 earned level “D” grades. For the administration indicator, Tech received a “B.”

According to the report, “Tech has made several public commitments to sustainability, including explicitly stated goals to reduce hydrocarbon emissions, material consumption, water runoff, and the use of natural resources. The Institute for Sustainable Technology and Development works on both curriculum and campus initiatives to promote sustainability. Green building efforts have produced a LEED Silver-certified building and more are expected.”

For the climate change and energy indicator, Tech also received a “B.” According to the report, “The Institute’s Operations Department has embraced sustainability, applying a multitude of energy conservation efforts, a comprehensive recycling program, and alternative transportation endeavors. Researchers are developing higher-efficiency solar panels, alternative fuels, and an offshore wind farm.”

For the food and recycling indicator, Tech received a “B.”

Committee chooses Sakai over WebCT

The Klaus Advanced Computing Building is currently the pinnacle of sustainable, green building on campus, Tech scored high in green building, but lost ground on the issues of financial management and shareholder.

The way students interact with their courses online at Tech is changing, with WebCT soon being dropped in favor of a new open-source course system called Sakai. It will begin a pilot run in the summer and begin full implementation in the fall.

“The new system is not a radical departure from what we are used to,” said Donna Llewellyn, director of the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning (CETL). “People always want to collaborate online, and this provides a really nice platform. It has discussion forums, chats, wikis, email, as well as course management tools, so I’m hoping the campus likes it.”

Tech’s license for the Campus Edition of WebCT, which was part of a University System-wide contract through the Board of Regents, is set to expire in December 2007, necessitating a search to find a replacement. The decision came down to Sakai and WebCT’s upgraded Vista edition.

We got an extension to stay on the WebCT Campus Edition while we evaluated what we were doing,” Llewellyn said. “We had a committee that evaluated over the summer whether or not to go with Vista, and since we’re already paying for WebCT we didn’t want to go with another licensed, proprietary solution because they’re all pretty much the same. There’s really only one other large open source solution, called Moodle, but we decided it wasn’t ready.”

“All accounts are that Vista is not user friendly and not stable,” Llewellyn said. “We decided to go with Sakai, the new system is not a radical departure from what we are used to.”

AA changes season tickets

The second phase of the Athletic Association’s (AA) plan to prevent the organization’s bankruptcy was announced Tuesday. The AA is creating a Tech Fund in which certain season-ticket holders would be required to give an annual donation in order to keep their seats.

Right now, our ticket holders and donors are giving on an annual basis to Alexander Tharpe fund. That’s our annual giving mechanism. What we hope to do is not ask for those gifts any longer. All annual money coming in will be based on the number of seats and locations of those seats in the football stadium and basketball arena. We looked and we said that it’s much more of a constant stream of revenue with that mechanism as opposed to annual giving,” said Dan Radakovich, director of Athletics.

According to Radakovich, the plan is to reach a larger group of people.

“By utilizing only 18,000 season-ticket holders, we’re looking to push somewhere around 4500-4600 seats in the basketball arena based on ticket sales from 2005, we will make more money in that way than continuing with an annual giving program, the way it is today. That will free up the Alexander Tharpe fund to do things on a large scale, for example, facility gifts, endowments and building our endowment base which will be important for us to grow.”

See Tickets, page 5

AAC conducts trivia challenge

The Tech Black Graduate Student Association (BGSAs) in association with the African American Student Union (AASUs) is conducting a campus-wide Black History Trivia competition throughout February. A different black history trivia question is mailed out each weekday together with answers to the previous day’s question. To join go to http://lists.gatech.edu and subscribe to the list blackhistorytrivia.

BGSAs hosts [GT]2 symposium

Graduate students across the country are invited to attend the Tech Graduate Technical Symposium, also known as [GT]2, hosted by the Tech Black Graduate Student Association (BGSAs). This national research conference assembles diverse graduate students from across the country and will be held March 35-16. More than 2700 dollars in prize money will be offered.

Free shuttle runs to Ga. Dome

Free Student Shuttles will run to the Tech-UConn basketball game at Georgia Dome before tip-off at 1 p.m. Student Shuttles will pick up students at the Student Center bus stop on First Drive and drop off at the Georgia Dome, where students will enter through Lower Level C. Shuttle runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
This week’s question:
There is already enough financial aid out there - 17%
I don’t care if they offer it or not - 5%
They should offer it to out-of-state students - 39%
It is a great idea - 39%

Last issue’s question received 93 responses.

From the files of the GTPD...

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**Tech Football on fire**

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**Dude, I’m getting a Dell**

An officer responded to a fire alarm at Bobby Dodd Stadium.
After checking the location, the officer declared it a false alarm but could not reset it.

**Cellphone theft ring**

An officer took a lost property report from a student Jan. 31. The student stated that her blue and silver LG cell phone was last seen on Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Woodruff parking lot.
She discovered that her phone was gone at approximately nine the next morning. The estimated value of the phone is 70 dollars.

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This week’s campus crime information written by Kenneth Baskett.

**Corrections**

In last issue’s front page article “GTCP/Pro-life display missing” it was stated that the display was stolen during Monday night. In fact, the display was stolen Tuesday during the day between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Additionally, the College Republican Campus Activism Coordinator’s name was incorrect. The correct spelling of his name is David Hite.

**sliver**

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If you’re against the fee increase you’re not a Yellow Jacket... ...if you’re not a Yellow Jacket, you’re not human!
Build a dome atop TECH and heat all of campus!!! It’s TOO cold!!!
did ANYONE notice that clough’s response to the “office park campus” question was void of any kind of real answer? The Office is the greatest show of all time!
That’s what she said...
Remember NFL: for great justice, move more Calvin.
There is noboy or girl Buzz; Buzz is a real bee.
I really really want to say something right now, but I shouldn’t.
Ach! My printer is jammed!
Pineapples!
Coach! Coooaaach! I cain’t play no more! I got the wind knocked outta me!
Now Nick can go back to leading his boring, meaningless existence e.d. at such a young age = TOOL.
To Robert – I have a crush on you. Secret girl who sits to my left in calc - you’re beautiful.
psst. the gov’t wastes money, I know because I work for the man!
Pro sports 2 -> Moms 0
You can’t spell “Truth” without “Ruth”
Seriously, tone it down.
I can’t wait to get a windmill tattoo on my thigh!
I am so freakin sick of you in-state, HOPE scholarship-beneficiaries crying about a fee increase.
Good lord! Look at how much
See page 3 for more Slivers!

**HOW DO YOU REBUILD A COMMUNITY?**

**Alternative Spring Break**

**March 18th - 24th**

Pearlington, Mississippi

Hurricane Katrina left 70% of the houses in the city of Pearlington uninhabitable. Since there was never a Habitat for Humanity organization set up in Mississippi, several non-profit groups have collaborated to begin rebuilding homes for those most in need. This Spring Break, we will be working with a local organization called One House at A Time in one of the poorest areas in Mississippi. As a community we will be giving people places to call home.

Cost: $50 ($20 Due with Application)

Applications Due: February 14, 2007

For Application Information - Email:
Whitney Rudin (gig222x@mail.gatech.edu)

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Senate passes two AASU bills

By James Stephenson
News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) met Tuesday. Five bills were passed and nothing failed.

The first bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to the Equestrian Club. The organization was asking for funds for new riding equipment for the club. Among the pieces of equipment were helmets and boots for the riders.

A question came up in the senate whether or not the helmets and boots would be considered personal items because it is difficult to share those items because of varying head and foot sizes.

A motion was made to pass by unanimous acclamation, but the motion failed because of the concerns about the helmet and boots.

Ultimately, the bill was brought to a vote and passed the senate.

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HTS professor appears on NOVA documentary

By Corbin Pon
Staff Writer

Being one of the most renowned chemists of the twentieth century, Percy Julian had his life and accomplishments recognized in the NOVA presentation “Forgotten Genius.” It will tell the story of the first African-American Ph.D. scientist to work in industry as a researcher. An award winning chemist, his career was marked by both breaking the color barrier in science and significant innovations in the area of chemistry.

Willie Pearson, professor at the School of History, Technology and Society, became involved with the NOVA project and was a member of the program’s advisory committee. Pearson’s research background is in Sociology of Science, which involves the study of the production of Ph.D.s in science and engineering. He became interested in African Americans in chemistry prior to the 1950’s, and last year published a book on African American chemists Ph.D.’s.

“Given my general background in Sociology of Science, I was contacted by NOVA asking if I would be willing to serve on an advisory committee. Particularly, to assist them prior to the 1950’s, and last year published a book on African Americans in chemistry. He became interested in science, Pearson said.

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Pearson partnered with chemists and historians to uncover and contextualize Julian’s impact on science, history and society.

“There have been very few writings on Percy Julian, when you consider [he] was a very successful chemist, regardless of his race. He owned his own chemistry company, headquartered in both Chicago and Mexico City, and was a generous philanthropist,” Pearson said.

Many of the areas where Julian was successful can still be seen today. He worked with developing the foam used to put out fires and made contributions to the steroid hormone field as well as working with soybeans to create synthetic hormones, including estrogen and testosterone, in industrial sized quantities.

“What was very interesting was that he employed minorities and especially African Americans. During that time, African Americans and other minority groups could not work in scientific jobs. So you can imagine, here is he hiring people with degrees from respectable institutions, and they’re getting a chance to do their science,” Pearson said.

Julian graduated from DePaul University in Indiana in 1920 as part of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society, and received his M.S. from Harvard University in 1923. He would graduate at the top of his class, but ended up pursuing his Ph.D. at the University of Vienna, instead of Harvard, because of discrimination.

 “[Julian’s] life away from science was interesting, fascinating and ethereal with challenges. He had to deal with issues of race and racism,” Pearson said. Even though Julian garnered success and award for his accomplishments, he was not immune from racial struggle. He had his house firebombed, just because he lived in a white neighborhood.

“One of the problems with finding information on some of the African American scientists is the lack of papers that have been left and locating the information left by other people,” Pearson said.

It’s ironic that there has been no formal biography written about Julian, but there is a lot of stuff written about Booker T. Washington — who didn’t have a Ph.D. Here is [Julian] with a Ph.D in chemistry, who published in the main chemistry journals of his time,” Pearson said.

“All I think [NOVA] did a magnificent job from a technical point of view and from a writing point of view. In the end, the fact that his story is finally being told, after all these years, is just remarkable,” Pearson said.

Willie Pearson, who will appear in NOVA’s documentary “Forgotten Genius”, consulted the NOVA team as part of its advisory board.

“My career has been everything they said it would be... and much more.”

Nalita, Field Engineer

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hedge against inflation in the years to come,” Radakovitch said.

The AA wants to change their focus, while utilizing Tech’s two major aspects, which are the football stadium and the basketball arena, to maintain annual revenue.

However, not all student-ticket holders are going to be required to pay an annual donation.

“One certainly our visitor tickets, student tickets and other tickets won’t have annual contributions attached to them. So, their season tickets would be purchased for the face value of the tickets,” Radakovitch said.

The tickets requiring the donation are sideline seats in football, as well as lower seats and mid-court seats in men’s basketball.

“[Season-ticket holders are] just another leg on our three-legged stool: our ticket holders, alumni taking on our revenue needs as we forecast into the future, the students have stepped up with great leadership and we’ve been working with the institute to increase more revenues also. A fourth leg is our own efficiency inside the department, and we’re attempting to do that each and every day and we already have some significant savings, permanent savings, that we have acquired,” Radakovitch said.

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Director of Athletics

According to Radakovitch, the actual price of the season tickets will not go up this year.

The other aspect of balancing the budget is the contribution from the institute.

The contribution from the institute is an ongoing process. “We’ve come really close to finalizing online quoting and homework, but for collaboration it was sort of clunky so people would often turn to things like Buzzpol,” Llewellyn said.

Although Sakai costs nothing to use, most of the schools that currently use it are planning to use it, including Tech, belong to the Sakai

“We no longer have to go to a vendor and be held over a barrel.”

Donna Llewellyn
Director of the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning

Partners Program which costs 10,000 dollars per year and gives support to the nonprofit Sakai Foundation that coordinates the project. CETL’s contest to give a name to Tech’s WebCT replacement recently attracted 930 entries, out of which the winning entry will be announced on February 15 and an iPod awarded to its submitter. Llewellyn suggested the system is under referred to by the winning entry and labeled as “powered by Sakai,” as it is the case with most institutions currently using Sakai.

“We’ll use the contest winner or some variation of it. We didn’t promise to use it in case there’s copyright infringement, or we find out that it means something we don’t want it to mean,” Llewellyn said.

Sakai is named after the Japanese “Iron Chef” Hiroyuki Sakai, so chosen because the project’s original inspiration was the University of Michigan’s CompreHensive collaborative Framework (CHEF). Sakai and WebCT’s parent company, Blackboard, is currently involved in a dispute with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, which issued a patent to Blackboard in January 2006 for an “Internet-based education support system and methods.” This month, Blackboard pledged not to enforce the patent against open-source systems.

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According to ABCNews.com experts said the unusually pow-
erful attacks lasted for hours but were luckily not too much of a problem, a testament to the resiliency of the Internet. Behind the scenes, computer scientists worldwide raced to cope with enormous volumes of data that threatened to saturate some of the Internet's most vital pipelines.

Experts said the hackers appeared to disperse their origin, but vast amounts of rogue data in the attacks were traced to South Korea.

The attacks appeared to target UltraDNS, the company that operates servers managing traffic for Web sites ending in “org” and some other suffixes, experts said. Company officials did not immediately return telephone calls from The Associated Press.

Among the targeted “root” servers that manage global Internet traffic were ones operated by the Defense Department and the Internet’s primary oversight body, ICANN.

Tuesday’s attack was less serious than attacks against the same 13 “root” servers in October 2002 because technological innovations in recent years have distributed their workloads to other computers around the globe.

Astronaut arrested for attempted murder

NASA astronaut Lisa Nowak was ordered released Tuesday on an additional $10,000 bond on an attempted murder charge in Orlando, where she allegedly tried to kidnap her ex-lover with pepper spray and kidnap her from an airport parking lot.

Apple calls for end to music right protection

Steve Jobs, the chief executive of Apple Inc. is calling on the four largest music companies to license their music for distribution without digital anti-piracy protection, setting away from a nearly four-year-old philosophy that helped steer the iPod music player to worldwide success.

According to NewYorkTimes.com, Jobs’s appeal, expressed Tuesday in a letter posted on Apple’s Web site, arrives as the company, whose iPod dominates MP3 player sales, faces a slew of lawsuits in Europe over so-called digital rights management.

France, Sweden and Germany are among the countries that have accused Apple of hurting customers by locking rival players out of its iTunes service.

It’s a striking move for Jobs and for Apple, whose resurgence as a dominant technology company was built on the success of the iPod and iTunes. Introduced in 2003 as the iTunes Music Store, the service charges users 99 cents to download songs from the major labels. Its promise of copyright protection, called FairPlay, helped persuade the four major labels to allow online sales.

Hackers pull off significant attack

Hackers briefly overwhelmed at least three of the 13 computers that help manage global computer traffic Tuesday in one of the most significant attacks against the Internet since 2002.

A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Here are a few important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

Easter Seals celebrates 75 years

Change the lives of people living with disabilities. Your support will give others hope, help, and independence. You can feel good about giving to Easter Seals.
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College of Management

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travel expenses. The bill passed the senate.

The fifth bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to the Student Center Programs Council. The organization was asking for funding of its Sting Break event this spring.

The organization has tentatively booked the Killers to perform on campus for the student body. JFC recommended funding the bill in full and passed the bill unanimously.

In his report of the president, Mitch Keller, graduate student body president, said that the park- ing fee will be going up for the full semester.

The announcement received a negative reaction from the senate who feel that the fees are already too high.

Keller also announced that the search for an OMBUDs person, a type of representative of the graduate students within the administration is going well. Keller said that he would be meeting with Charles Lister, the president of the research and the dean of graduate studies, to discuss possible candidates for the position.

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