By James Stephenson

The Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) committee has finished creating proposed amendments to the undergraduate bylaws. On UHR’s ratification of the new bylaws, the conference committee looking into the new Student Activity Fee (SAF) Allocation Policy will be able to move forward from the gridlock in which it has currently been residing.

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By Corbin Pon

Campus chapters will then have the option to move to consult a National Panhelhelic Conference (NPC) delegate to help advise them on the campus extension. Following this process, a vote will be held to decide on whether to move forward with the expansion process.

If approved, a new committee will be formed to prepare information about Tech and its Greek system for the NPC. The NPC will then distribute this information to the sororities in the NPC that are not currently seeing people to view the students’ room. Several firms were present to view the students’ projects.

The committee will then present its findings to CPC.

Sororities look into expansion

By Corbin Pon

The Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC) may be growing soon as they recently voted to formally consider bringing another national sorority to Tech’s Greek Community.

“The vote to start expansion exploration was passed Feb. 5. The next step in the process is to create a committee that includes one girl from each current chapter to look at campus statistics regarding sororities. The committee will then present their findings to CPC.”

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Tech wins Library of Excellence award

By Corbin Pon

With the opening of the Library East Commons last semester, Tech has seen the culmination of a process that began with the opening of the West Commons five years ago. With the integration of digital technology and a renewed focus on the students, the improvements in the library have not gone unnoticed by the academic community. With the opening of the West Commons five years ago. With the integration of digital technology and a renewed focus on the students, the improvements in the library have not gone unnoticed by the academic community.

The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) has awarded the Tech library the 2007 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award.

“Sponsored by ACRL and Blackwell’s Book Services, the award recognizes the staff of a college, university, and community college library for programs that deliver exemplary services and resources to further the educational mission of the institution,” according to the ACRL Award press release.

“The library has undergone several transformations over the past five years which contributed to the ACRL awarding it the Excellence Award for 2007.”

See Library, page 7

Slavery panel discussion Tues.

The起义 of Pennsylvania University Professor Stephanie McCurry and members of Tech’s School of History, Technology and Society faculty will lead a panel discussion on the Slavery and Justice Report of the Brown University Slavery Committee.

The HTS faculty members are Gregory Nobles, Eleonora Alexander and William Winders. This event is cosponsored by the Tech Honors Program and is open to all.

The event will be held Tuesday Feb. 20 at 4 p.m. in Press Room A on the second floor of the Student Success Center.

More information can be found at www.brown.edu/Research/SlaveJustice/docs/SlaveryAndJustice.pdf.
From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime

Who am I?

An officer responded to a report of lost property Jan. 6 at approximately 5:19 p.m. The victim stated that she lost her State of Florida Identification Card after being on Stamps Field for approximately two hours. She stated that she had noticed that it had been missing since 3:30 p.m. It is not known what ID number was on the card as the student was unable to remember it.

The vanishing copier

On Feb. 7 at 7 a.m. a report of burglary was filed. A color copier valued at $150 was stolen from the Housing office. The employee stated that the door was locked when she left at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 6. She returned to office 120 at 6:40 a.m. the next morning to find the copier missing. The door which was locked the night before was still locked when she returned. The copier had serial number TVL30052. There were no signs of forced entry.

Dude, where's my stuff?

An officer received a report of a theft on Feb. 7 at 10:59 a.m. The victim reported that his Dell Laptop (silver in color), his Ipod Nano (white in color), and $15 in cash were stolen from his room between the hours of 3 and 8 a.m. The computer is valued at $800 and his Nano is valued at $300. He stated that he had found all of the items missing at 8:15 a.m. when he woke up. None of his roommates had anything stolen.

My tummy hurts

Officers responded to a report of a sick student Feb. 13. The student complained of stomach pains and requested that an ambulance be called. A Grady EMS unit arrived and transported the student to Crawford Long Hospital. The Dean of Students office was notified.

This week's campus crime information written by Vivian Kauf.

February 28, 2007

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AGENDA
6:00 p.m. Welcome/Panel Discussion
7:30 p.m. Reception with hors d'oeuvres & cash bar

TOPICS
A Holistic Approach to Personal Robotics
HENRIK CHRISTENSEN
Kuka Chair of Robotics, Director of Robotics & Intelligent Machines

Carbon Motors: World's First Purpose-Built Law Enforcement Patrol Vehicle
WAYNE HODGES
Vice Provost for Economic Development and Technology

WILLIAM SANTANA LI
Chairman and CEO of Carbon Motors

Using Supercomputers to Break Down Information on the Genetic Code
JEFFREY SKOLNICK
Director of Center for the Study of Systems Biology
The Graduate Student Senate met Tuesday. Four bills were passed, two bills were failed and two bills were postponed.

The first bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to the African American Student Union. The bill had returned from conference committee since last week, the undergraduates and the graduates passed different versions of the bill. The bill failed the senate by a vote of 10-35-2, 2 votes against and no abstentions.

The second bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to the Safe Space. The organization was asking for funding to print training information for members in the program. The Joint Finance Committee (JFC) recommended reducing the bill to $400.50 to reflect the Craft Center and passed. The bill was amended according to JFC and passed.

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The next bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to the Pride Alliance. The organization was asking for funds for materials for a large display board. The JFC recommended changing the funding from the Prior Year Account to the Capital Outlay Account. The bill was amended according to JFC and passed.

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The sixth bill was presented by the Muslim Student Association to help fund speakers Amin Tomeh and Dr. Ali Alidadi as part of Muslim awareness month. There was a brief debate on whether or not the bill should be deemed retroactive. After Claudia Jones, the vice president of finance announced that the bill was not to be viewed as retroactive it passed.

The seventh bill of the evening was submitted by the Ice Hockey club as a request for funding to attend the National tournament, an honor the team had earned not only by beating UGA in the past season, but by achieving a third place rank in the Southeast. The bill was to cover travel and tournament registration fees.

Despite controversy over the ability for the team to travel at the same rate as other clubs because of the gear needed, the bill was amended per JFC policy to a total of $1,618.40. The bill passed unanimously.

The eighth and last bill of the evening was presented by the African American Student Union, which passed with 31 votes for, 2 votes against, and no abstentions.

The Undergraduate House of Representatives say the Pledge of Allegiance before the meeting Tuesday. During the meeting, the house passed all of the bills.
The black organizations on campus, headed by the African American Student Union (AASU), are moving towards creating an annual publication to commemorate the events on campus that impacted the Black community. This “yearbook” will be a combination of a yearbook and a thought-book and bring together historical and current publications.

“Every year, AASU used to produce the ‘Heritage Unbound’ which was a compilation of stories and poems submitted by students to remember the year,” said James Holder, AASU president.

The yearbook will not follow the portrait style of yearbook that is common in schools and universities. It will consist of about 150 pages and consist of student profiles, as well as recaps of significant events on campus.

Support was derived from alumni, who were enthusiastic about the thought of creating a yearbook.

AASU currently produces a monthly newsletter called the “Hue-man Press.” The organizations will use the resources from that program towards the effort to create the yearbook.

“We budgeted the project at less than $10 dollars per book. We expect to produce less than 500 copies of the book. We did not expect to get much campus support for the project so we are not going to SGA to seek funding,” Holder said.

The books will be sold below cost to AASU members and at cost to non-AASU members.

“The reason for this is to encourage members of AASU to get a copy of the book,” Holder said.

According to Holder, the focus of the yearbook is different.

“There is a much smaller circulation. We are focusing on the major events and major contributors within the Black community,” Holder said.

The main motivation for creating a yearbook is not the lack of support from the Black community within the Blueprint, but the lack of representation of the committees that make the decisions within the publications.

“There is no one there to voice an opinion,” Holder said.

This is the first year of the revived yearbook and there is no guarantee that the publication will be produced according to planned.

“It will probably happen. If we can’t produce it exactly as we planned, we will produce some year-end record,” Holder said.

AASU is also open to having their publication put into the archives to maintain a documentation of the Black community on campus for future generations.

The organizations may be working with the Living History Center in the future to create an archive of the publication.

Correction

The article, ‘Monthly executive forums advise future entrepreneurs’, on page 14 of last week’s issue incorrectly listed the number of people attending the GSS forum as 25 when actual attendance was close to 100.
The Radio Communications Board (RCB), the overseer of the WREK student radio station, met with representatives from Georgia Public Broadcasting (GPB) on Wednesday, Feb. 7, to discuss the potential for cooperation between the two entities. No concrete proposals were offered by either side during the meeting, according to Petrick, WREK’s general manager, who was in attendance at the meeting.

“Could be that GPB wants to work with WREK in any way possible to turn WREK-FM (91.1) into a vehicle for GPB’s programming, which would mostly consist of content from National Public Radio,” Petrick said. Among its 15 member stations GPB blankets the vast majority of the state of Georgia with its radio coverage, while WREK remains consistently absent from the Atlanta area.

“The RCB wanted to sit down and talk things over with GPB and see where they stood,” Petrick said. He noted that from the perspective of the WREK staff, they did not seek out GPB but were willing to listen to whatever ideas they might have.

“The group from GPB basically came in and asked what WREK wanted from them, as far as things they can offer us and shows they can run on our station,” Petrick said.

According to Petrick, they are looking to increase the number of companies that advertise on their station by reaching out to GPB.

“Listening can still use their conventional radio to listen to stations broadcasting in HD but will require a new HD radio receiver to access the subchannels.

“I’m a person, my fetus is not.” - a great thinker of the age

“You look good. Chocolate fudge for the win!”

“I hope the people get the chance to see this,” he said.

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“Isn’t it great when we can bond together to kill a common foe with an

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represented on campus. Any of the sororities interested in extending their membership to Tech will send their information to the CPC. The committee formed to forward Tech’s information to the NPC will be tasked with narrowing down the field of candidate sororities to a set of three finalists. These three finalists will come to campus and make a presentation about their sororities. A vote will then be held to decide the finalist from the top three candidates. The commitment of the Greek community do not fully have the Panhellenic Council. According to Hewitt, some of the members of the Greek community do not fully understand how the expansion process works.

Bylaws from page 1

The process of expansion was 1989. The process began with the addition of the JPC policy to the bylaws. It used to be that the JPC would make a recommendation to the SGA and the grad and undergrad councils could choose to follow or not to follow the recommendation arbitrarily. “By adding the JPC policy to the bylaws, it maintains the integrity of the process. It shows that we are following our own rules and that we are not making it up as we go along,” Byrne said.

The new bylaws will be voted on Tuesday. If the bylaws are approved by the UHR, then the conference committee looking at the SAF policy will be able to move forward in their debates.

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Student Activity Fee Allocation Policy Timeline

• Feb. ’06: Group of students met to discuss possible overhaul of the SGA financial process.
• April ’06: A more formal committee was established to draft a proposed revision policy for JPC policy. This would be a new version of the policy, not just a handful of simple amendments.
• Summer ’06: The same committee meets regularly (multiple times a week) to draft this new version of the policy.
• Early Fall ’06: JPC policy is proposed to the House and Senate. Both chambers spend a while discussing the policy changes. All that it would entail. Both chambers pass the policy, but in different versions. A conference committee is formed to create a compromise version of the policy to re-submit to both chambers.
• Oct. ’06: This committee has worked indefatigably to allow for both sides to go back to their bylaws and make changes that would be necessary before the JPC policy could be finalized. This is when the internal committee of the House is formed to create proposals for amending the bylaws as they pertain to JPC policy.
• Feb. ’07: This internal committee submits final proposal to the House for approval. In the next couple of weeks, the original JPC policy conference committee will reconvene to finalize its proposal, after the House bylaws amendment proposals are considered.

The process has taken a year to get to this point and has gone through many steps during that time.

Back in February 2006, the first discussions were made to possibly overhaul the financial process. After the initial talks, a formalized committee was created to draft a proposed revision for the JPC policy. At this point, it was decided that an entirely new policy would be created and not just amendments to the existing policy.

After the new policy was created, it was put into bill form and submitted to both chambers of SGA. Both chambers made their own amendments to the bill and passed the bill in their own forms.

Because the bill was passed in different forms, the policy was sent to conference committee so the graduates and undergraduates could sort out their differences in the policy and come up with a compromised solution.

At this point, it was decided that both chambers should review their bylaws and amend them as needed to fit with the new policy before the conference committee continued its debates.

People need to understand how the representatives have worked on this. Many have spent several hours a week towards this process and their work has been under-appreciated,” Byrne said.
and our name recognition has gone skyward,” said Rich Meyer, Dean and Director of Libraries.

“Tangibly, the award is really going to help us in recruitment, attracting bright, innovative and creative thinking people to come work here. It identifies us as an innovative place, where you can test out your ideas and have colleagues who will bounce their feedback to you,” said Tyler Walters, Associate Director for Technology and Resource Services.

The East and West Commons were emphasized in the ACRL award notice as two areas where the library “made imaginative use of public space.” Jazzman’s Café, the presentations rooms and the multimedia center were also areas of interest highlighted by the ACRL.

The ACRL also made note of programs like CeLIBration, held during RATS Week, and Tuesday Talks, a showcase for faculty research, as important questions Meyer and his staff have been asking.

“We think ‘library’ is still an important word, but we have to find a way to communicate to people that it is more than a place for books,” Meyer said.

“We’re very interested in how to brand the library. We think that suggests what the future needs to be,” Meyer said.

The ACRL is a division of the American Library Association, representing 13,000 academic and research librarians and interested individuals. ACRL is the only individual membership organization in North America that develops programs, products and services to meet the unique needs of academic and research librarians.

Its initiatives enable the higher education community to understand the role that academic libraries play in the teaching, learning and research environments.

Promoting safe sex: The College Democrats passed out condoms on Skiles Walkway Valentine’s Day to encourage safe sex.

UHR from page 3

The 10th bill brought before the house was the Elections Schedule for spring 2007 presented by representative Will Welch. This bill passed.

The 11th bill presented to the house Tuesday was the Appointment to the Institute Committee, which passed by unanimous acclamation.

The 12th bill brought before the house was the approval of the spring 2007 elections code. Representative Will Welch presented the bill to the house during the meeting. The bill passed.