Full House star speaks Monday

Jodie Sweetin of “Full House” fame has rescheduled the visit to Tech which was canceled when she became ill while touring. She will speak on Monday, March 5, at 8 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom about her experiences, including her battles with alcohol and meth addiction, followed by an autograph session with audience members. This is a free event sponsored by the Student Center Premiers Council, Auxiliary Services, and GT SMART.

Tug starts Greek Week Sunday

Greek Week 2007 begins this Sunday with the Tug competition. The event will last the entire week of March 4 through March 12, finishing up with the Greek Sing event. For more information or scheduling on Greek Week 2007, contact Ross Mackowski and Christina Morton.

Professor wins Cancer Scholar

Ravi Bellamkonda, a professor in The Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Tech and Emory University, is one of 13 scientists named as a Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Cancer Scholar for 2007. He will receive $150,000 in funding annually for five years to support his research efforts. The coalition selects scientists engaged in the most promising areas of cancer research. Bellamkonda’s area of interest is nanotechnology for cancer imaging and therapy.

Tech faces security breach

By Vivais Kaul  Staff Writer

On Feb. 21, 3000 letters and notices were sent to several former and current Tech employees. The notices warned that a massive security breach had taken place, and that sensitive data including social security information could have been compromised.

Much of the information that is known about the incident was within a press release issued by Tech’s Public Affairs Office. Currently, the investigation is ongoing and as a result much of what is known about the case is not being talked about. However, there are a few specifics that are known in addition to the information present in the press briefing. The breach was first noticed by OIT on Feb. 13, but this was before the true scope of the security violation was known. Matt Nagel, media relations specialist for ICPA, said, “Basically the reason that the information was released when it was, instead of late Feb. 13, is because it was an ongoing investigation and Tech had to determine the scope of the information in the computer account that had been breached.”

On Feb. 21 in addition to sending out those notices Tech also contacted the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Nagel stated that a breach of Tech’s computer system occurred from off campus. The thieves managed to gain access to names, address, social security numbers, and checking accounts. The thieves were able to gain access to the accounts of Tech employees who have since been notified. The breach was first noticed by OIT on Feb. 13.

SGA applications available online

By Amanda Dugan  Editor-in-Chief

Students interested in representing their peers as part of the 84th Student Government Association (SGA) next year must turn in their candidate application by March 16 at 5 p.m. There are 35 representative positions available in the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) as well as executive vice president and undergraduate student body president. The only way to be considered for any one of those positions is to fill out an application.

Alison Graab, undergraduate student body president, said she encourages each and every student to run for a SGA position and to promote the opportunity to friends. “The best way you can impact the future Student Government is to run for an office today. It is important to keep in mind that every office in SGA, from the President to the Freshman Representative, is an important one,” Graab said.

Candidate applications are due in the SGA office, across from Einstein’s Bagels, on Friday, March 16 at 5 p.m., and can be found on the SGA website at sga.gatech.edu. The UHR meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in room 117 of the Student Services building during the fall and spring terms. All students are welcome to attend, but only representatives may vote.

“SGA works all year to represent the student voice. Whether it is hosting the GT Night at Six Flags or bringing Maya Angelou to campus for Finding Common Ground. The greatest strength of SGA is our ability to truly debate the issues that matter to everyone using input from many sectors of campus. Only then can we truly represent your voice,” Graab said.

UHR’s election committee oversees the entire elections process. “Elections are a good way for students to get involved and find out what is going on around campus. It is a good time for people to hear from who is going to be their leaders and find out how they plan to make things better,” said Will Welch, a fourth-year International Affairs major and this year’s elections committee chair.
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Professor Liu said a combination of "right" and "is that right" on 2/19/07. Professor Liu said "Is that Right?" 105 times on February 19th, surpassing his previous total by over 40.

"I'm embracing my inner hobbit..."

"I want a license plate that says "I <3 critical hits"

"ATTN Two Bits Woman: everyone knows the first law of comedy is women arn't funny provided they arn't lesbians or fat black woman that's the great thing about the nose, no KY needed-- it's self-lubricating"

"college republicans were handing out condoms? news to me.

"As much as I hate to admit it, I don't have enough time for a relationship... so me lady, doth thouest glance upon thy innermost cavern or art thou too timid

"Maybe Jodie Sweetin was too doped up on crack to speak getting a new sorority does not imply more girls, it implies there will be a new hiding place for our precious few"

"ATTN PROF DELLAERT: tests and projects on the same day is NOT COOL!!!

"Thanks Technique staff by further emphasizing my inadequacies to me in print when I had almost forgotten about them days later.

"The day I find an attractive and single tech girl who hasn't contracted TBS is the day I date a Tech girl.

"the law of OM prevails a new sorority sounds great! we can put their house on 4th floor of van leer there are two major drawbacks to adding another sorority 1) it's just one more place for chicks to hide and 2) it'll decrease the number of sad chicks after rush"

"What kind of society do we live in where people don't return the things that they find?...

"Where's two bits man?

"I don't know what to think - 19% They are great - 25%

"There's no reason to divide up the college - 31% They need to add more schools - 25%
The Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) met Tuesday. Seven bills were passed; two were tabled and one bill was withdrawn. Within the bills presented to the UHR was the Amendments to the Bylaws that had been tabled from the seven before. The first bill brought before the House Feb. 27 was the joint allocation to the Table tennis association, which had been sent to committee after the House and Senate passed it in different versions. After no discussion, the bill passed unanimously. The second bill brought before the House was the joint allocation to Culture Tech, which had also been sent to committee. Again, the bill required no discussion and passed unanimously with 34 votes.

The third bill presented was the joint allocation to the AIAA, the American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics. They were requesting money to help fund a National event in Savannah. The bill was amended to match JFC policy for travel expenses and number of students attending. The final format of the bill, after one failed amendment to increase the amount allotted, was $1,430.20. The bill passed with 28 yays, 3 nays, and 3 abstentions.

The next bill on the agenda was the amendments to the bylaws, but a motion passed to move them six bills down in the agenda. As such, the fourth bill brought before the house was the Joint allocation to the Student Center. The group was requesting $70,685.00 to pay for a broadcasting of the World Cup in diff erent versions. After no discussion, the bill passed unanimously.

The fifth bill brought before the Senate was the joint allocation to the India Club. The organization was asking for $995.95 to pay for a broadcasting the World Cup cricket Match. JFC recommended that the bill be amended down to $695.95 as the group indicated $300 from fundraising. The bill passed with 23 votes in favor, eight votes opposed and zero abstentions.

The Undergraduate House of Representatives spent over an hour and a half debating the bylaws after postponing the bill one week.

**Bills passed**
- Joint Allocation to AIAA
- Joint Allocation to Culture Tech
- Joint Allocation to India Club
- Joint Allocation to Table Tennis
- Joint Allocation to Mars Society
- Joint Allocation to Student Planning Association

**Bills tabled**
- Joint Allocation to Student Center
- Amendments to the Bylaws

This, as “Non-emergency capital expenditures are things that can be planned for in advance and paid for with budgetary rollers over time.”

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The Office of Human Resources (OHR) has begun a restructuring process to improve their efficiency and to develop a better understanding about the ways to serve Tech’s employee base. The restructuring will focus on adding critical talent and skills to OHR that will allow them to implement the professional level services under their strategic plan.

“We needed to change our focus from a transactional organization to one that is a proactive organization,” said Chuck Donbaugh, associate vice president of human resources.

As part of a series of retreats over the last three to four years, OHR, with the Division of Administration and Finance, identified the areas where OHR performed well and the areas where improvement was warranted. The context under which these conversations were held focused on transforming OHR from a “good” organization to a “great” organization, said Donbaugh.

“The realization was that OHR did a really good job with the transactional, everyday human resources (duties). We got people on the payroll. We got them paid... In terms of looking about the ways to serve Tech’s employee base, there were a number of things we needed to do needlessly and internationally as a better understanding of the international employment issues was also an important highlighted topic.

“As part of becoming a more proactive organization, we needed to recognize that foreign nationals, both employees and students, were a desirable and important part of our workforce. We needed to be more experienced and more efficient in how we assist these people,” Donbaugh said.

One of the visible changes to come out of the restructuring that intends to improve services for all employees will be the creation of a customer service center to become the one-stop-shop to handle all work related problems.

“If the student has a problem with payroll, if [foreign national employees] have issues with a tax treaty or any other work related problem, they can come to the customer service center and someone will be there to assist them. They won’t have to go from place to place to find out an answer,” Donbaugh said.

Donbaugh said a big part of this process was to make sure OHR became a more professional and efficient human resources organization. OHR is raising questions about how to recruit in the 21st century, how to maintain a presence in China, South Korea, Singapore, Ireland, etc. Understanding different employment rules and conditions become vitally important as the need to work with these countries increases.

“In a very generic sense, what we are trying to do is to find better ways to deliver top notch human resource services. We are looking a technology to make us more efficient... We are also trying to look at all of the world-life issues that affect how well people can do their jobs. For example, these can include dealing with the issue of childcare,” Donbaugh said.

In the new model being adapted by OHR, they looked at corporate models and also the model being used by Duke. The use of an industrial model is unique said Donbaugh. The only other university with a similar model is unique said Donbaugh. The only other university with a similar basis for human resources was the aforementioned Duke.

“Students can find out more information by contacting Donbaugh and OHR.

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IFC wins eight regional awards

By James Stephenson

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) was impressive during the Southeastern Interfraternity Conference winning eight awards, more than double of any other college attending the conference.

The eight awards were the Fraternity Excellence Award, the Outstanding Academic Achievement and Scholarship Award, the Outstanding Campus & Community Relations Award, the Outstanding Community Service & Philanthropy Award, the Outstanding Website Award, the Outstanding Publications Award, the Outstanding Service Project Award and the Outstanding Educational Programming Award.

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Breaking the Bubble

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.

Sunglassed women rob Bank of America

Georgia authorities Wednesday were searching for two young women, possibly teenagers, who robbed a supermarket bank branch, laughing as they held up a teller with nothing but sunglasses to disguise their faces.

According to CNN.com, the two handed a Bank of America branch teller a note demanding cash, smiled as they waited and then walked out with stolen money Tuesday, police said.

It wasn’t clear if they had a weapon, police said.

Their images, captured on bank surveillance video during the 12:15 p.m. robbery Tuesday, were released by police and already had led to several tips, Cobb County police spokesman officer Wayne Delk said.

Authorities had not said how much money was taken, but Delk said it was “considerable.”

Police said the two could be as young as 16. Witnesses were unable to tell investigators whether they left in a car.

The store is in a strip mall in an upscale west Cobb residential neighborhood, about 28 miles north of Atlanta.

Delk said one of the girls appears to be laughing in a bank surveillance camera image — as though “it’s all fun and games to them.”

McCain announces entry into campaign

Republican Sen. John McCain will officially enter the presidential race with a formal announcement in early April. The Arizona senator disclosed the timing of the long-expected announcement in a taping for the “Late Show With David Letterman” on CBS for airing Wednesday night.

I am announcing that I will be a candidate for president of the United States,” the senator told the talk show host and then added he would give a formal speech to that effect in early April.

According to ABCNews.com, there was no doubt that McCain would eventually become a full-fledged White House candidate, and he had been expected to make his candidacy official in the spring.

Iran joins in Iraq security conference

The top Iranian national security official, Ali Larijani, indicated Wednesday that Iranian officials would probably take part in a regional security conference in Iraq next month, which would include the first high-level diplomatic contacts between American and Iranian officials in two years, according to NYTimes.com.

The Iraqi prime minister, Nuri Kamal al-Maliki, set a date on Wednesday for the conference. It is to be held March 10 in Baghdad.

Weekly Activities

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March 9 – Volver
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if you kick that door just once more, or hover over one more computer, the mob that will form cannot be held responsible for its actions alexi murdoch – the new damien rice

How did Phi Mu get all the hot girls?
I’m like a POW; they only perm me to sleep a couple hours at a time.
Leah Mie!!!

Jumanji’s Grill beats the hell out of dining halls
less than a month til St. Patrick’s Day!!!

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Leah Mia!!!!

“I think I was preemptively rejected. Ouch I’m a go getta
Angus the dog rocks my socks! (And sniffs my pants)
why isn’t there an atl trance station
one trance nation
Am I the only one experiencing burn out? Damn you, Tech!
there’s a reason you don’t have friends, you evil wench
Parking, Kiss My Ass

See page 6 for more Slivers!
The Diversity Forum

Great opportunity to gain valuable leadership and diversity management skills!

Seeking Chair and Vice-Chair Candidates

Applications available in the Student Services (Flag) Building, Suite 210 or email Crystal@gatech.edu

Deadline Extended: Applications are now due MARCH 16, 2007 at 5pm.

Chair Responsibilities
- Responsible for providing diversity updates to the student body
- Represents the Diversity Forum by taking part in meetings of several organizations
- Responsible for being a liaison to the Student Organizations Office
- Responsible for acquiring funding for meetings
- Plans annual retreat and Townhall meetings
- Meets with different campus leaders (President Clough, Student Org. Presidents, Deans, etc.) to discuss Diversity Forum’s role on campus

Vice-Chair Responsibilities
- Assists the Chair in all matters regarding the Forum
- Responsible for assisting in the planning of events (Townhall meetings, etc.)
- Maintains Diversity webpage
- Takes minutes at meetings
- Responsible for notifying members of meetings and securing locations
- Organizes refreshments for meetings

If you have questions, please contact Crystal Mayberry at Crystal@gatech.edu

Elections

The elections code, which contains all of the rules governing this year’s elections, is included in the Elections Packet, available on the SGA website. The elections committee will hear any violations cases filed against candidates and ensure that the elections process runs smoothly. Campaigning begins March 26 and ends April 11. Students can vote online once elections open April 9 until they close April 11 at 4 p.m. Grab said it is important for all students to be involved in the elections process, whether they run or not.

Tech is fortunate to have exceptional students with innovative ideas. If you are passionate about Tech, care about the students around you, and want to make a difference with your time at Tech, run for office in SGA. If you choose not to run for office, make the most of your vote, by being educated about the candidates running and their strengths,” Grab said.

In addition to the elected positions there are many other options available to students after the elections who still want to be in SGA. Students can apply to be committee chairs, an appointed Vice President, run for a position at large, or apply to be on the Undergraduate Judiciary Cabinet.

Security

numbers, and 400 state purchasing card numbers.

The 3000 people affected by the breach are predominantly from the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering. He does however state that some students may also have been affected.

"Students could be involved if they were employees of the department," Nagel said.

"Tech regrets that this potential loss of student credit information is so concerning," said the spokesman.

The department, he said, is working with the affected individuals to mitigate their exposure.

"Tech and the FBI are in charge of all other aspects of the investigation and details are not forthcoming as the investigation is ongoing. Despite the change in jurisdiction over the case, Tech is doing all that it can to aid the federal investigation into the matter," James Fetig, associate vice president of Information Technology and Public Affairs, stated in the press release.

"Tech regrets that this potential loss of data is a reality and will work with the affected individuals to mitigate their exposure." He then went on to say "Our investigation is continuing, and we apologize for any inconvenience this incident may cause."

ICPA was reluctant to give any more information because the matter is an ongoing investigation with the FBI.
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The eighth bill discussed was the amendments to the bylaws introduced last week. Tim Gallagher proposed the amendments agreed upon by the ad-hoc committee created after last week’s two-hour discussion.

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By Randy Darnowski Contributing Writer

 Theta Xi wins $50,000 dollars

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