Overwhelmed with joy just after being named Ms. Georgia Tech during halftime of the Tech/Army homecoming game, Lauren Miller began to cry, but it was when her friend Luqman Abdur-Rahman was named Mr. Georgia Tech that the tears really started flowing. 

“It definitely meant a lot to have someone that I knew personally and that I felt was extremely deserving of the honor to get it with me. It just made the moment extra special,” Miller said.

Abdur-Rahman felt the same way. 

“Just to be recognized with someone of [Miller’s] caliber is very humbling. That was an honor in itself,” Abdur-Rahman said.

Students entered their votes throughout the week after the semfinalists were selected after an application and interview process, with the winners of the voting announced during halftime and taking the ceremonial ride around the field in the Ramblin’ Wreck. 

Both Miller and Abdur-Rahman were sponsored by the African American Student Union.

Miller is a fourth-year Management major from Fairburn, GA. She is involved with numerous campus organizations, including serving as a captain of the GT Dance Team, president of the National Panhellenic Council, and honorary chair of Hands On Atlanta, a community service organization, as well as the founder of BOPSOP, a youth mentoring organization.

Upon graduating in the spring, she hopes to continue to graduate school either at Harvard, Stanford or Columbia to pursue an MBA as well as a doctorate in educational leadership.

“I’ve always been passionate about working with children. I don’t think we as a society invest as much in our children as we need to. To me it’s obvious that lots of our children are falling through the cracks and nobody’s doing anything about it. If we don’t invest in our children then our society is going to be nothing in...
Booyah! Jim Cramer’s Mad Money storms campus

By Craig Tabita
News Editor

Jim Cramer brought his popular television show Mad Money to Tech Sept. 24 for the latest stop on his Back to School Tour. The taping was originally scheduled in April, but was postponed after the shooting at Virginia Tech.

Cramer said one of the main reasons he chose to visit Tech was the “groundswell” of enthusiasm and support that he observed. “I like it when I’m wanted... My experience with [universities] that are open-armed is that everything goes much more smoothly. When I have administration, donors and students that all want me, then it all coalesces into a better opportunity for me to spend a lot more time with people and for my staff to put on a better show,” Cramer said.

The program, which airs weekdays at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. on CNBC, was taped during the afternoon in the College of Management courtyard. A limited number of tickets were issued, primarily to Management majors.

He began the day by lecturing a management class and meeting with the GT Investment Club. “The school itself is one of the places that seems to have an affinity for the market and I will emphasize—that’s rare. You clearly have something going here,” Cramer said.

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Jim Cramer
Host, CNBC’s Mad Money

By 4 p.m. taping of the show was underway and drops of rain threatened to disrupt the proceedings, but the rain cleared up after a few minutes and didn’t return for the rest of the afternoon.

He spent the first segment of his show recommending the stock Intercontinental Exchange (ICE), an Atlanta-based company which operates commodity marketplaces. He described it as the “best way to play the volatility in oil,” since ICE makes money anytime there is an oil trade. He also featured another, more well-known Atlanta company, Coca-Cola, which he likes for its strong growth and the exposure it will get at the upcoming Summer Olympics in Beijing. This was a pre-taped segment in which he interviewed Coke CFO Gary Fayard at the company headquarters.

Next was the Lightning Round, where Cramer displays his uncanny ability to take a stock suggestion from the audience, no matter how obscure, and instantly, with no rehearsal, deliver an analysis. Unfortunately, Jim didn’t like most of the companies the students came up with.

“[Participating in the Lightning Round] was very awesome, other than being on national TV and having Jim tell me I was an idiot,” said Andrew Burch, a fourth-year Management major.

He then spoke with members of the GT Investment Committee, who pitched suggestions to Jim that were

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Associate dean Vito takes newly-created vice provost position

By Corbin Pon
Assistant News Editor

Ray Vito, former associate dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Engineering, has become the first vice provost for Graduate and Undergraduate Studies. The newly created position in the reorganized Office of the Provost oversees and coordinates all activities and programs in support of undergraduate and graduate education.

“We held an internal search [for the new position] to have someone who would understand Tech,” said Anderson-Smith, senior vice provost for Academic Affairs. The final decision was made after the final two candidates participated in campus-wide interviews.

“Ray had a record of... teaching both undergraduate and graduate levels... He has a lot of experience working with students as a faculty member and as an administrator,” Smith said.

“I had a very similar role in the College of Engineering, [Taking this role] is a fairly logical step for me. We have a tremendous student body. We have the opportunity to do new things, and we can do the old things even better,” Vito said.

Vito will also be charged with working with Deans, School Chairs and Undergraduate and Graduate Coordinators to ensure all education programs meet the highest standard of excellence as well as ensuring that academic support and service programs for both undergraduate and graduate students are provided to enhance the educational experience.

Some of the programs that will report to Vito include the Honors Program, the Office of Undergraduate Studies and the Office of Graduate Studies.

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Ray Vito
Vice Provost for Graduate and Undergraduate Studies

The bottom line for me is [asking if what we are doing] meets the needs of the students... The key is student engagement. I’d like to see [the students] more aware of and take advantage of the opportunities Tech provides. [It is up to us] as a Faculty to help encourage [the students],” Vito said.

“Touching on engagement, Vito says the undergraduate programs have expanded opportunity for students to enhance their academic experience.

“One of the opportunities that students should consider is [undergraduate] research. It will allow them to have more enriching experiences and help them make career choices..."
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He is the president emeritus of the African American Student

Union and serves on the President’s Council Governing Board. He also

spends a lot of his time with volunteer projects in the Vine City area near

the Georgia Dome, including a after-
school and summer school programs

and coaching youth soccer.

He is currently interviewing with

companies and hopes to start a career

that will help him develop leadership

skills that will allow him to pursue his long-term goals. Like Miller he

sees education as an area in desperate

need of improvement.

“Engineering is all about problem

solving and I think we have a prob-

lem with education right now…. I

want to offer an opportunity to not

only make [science, technology, and

engineering] relevant and get more

kids in [those fields], but just to make

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Each week, elected members of the houses of the Student Government Association (SGA) meet to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings.

**Undergraduate House of Representatives**

**Debate over procedure delays UHR meeting**

By Emily Chambers
Senior Staff Writer

This week’s meeting of the Undergraduate House of Representatives began with debate over the implications of parliamentary procedure in the meetings. The House moved the joint allocation to Musician’s Network to old business, prompting discussion over the appropriate use of parliamentary procedure. After last week’s meeting was canceled due to a lack of representatives present to vote, Mari Peeples, executive vice president, moved the bills in new business from last week into old business based on precedent.

Representative George Ray raised the issue that no bills could have been moved into old business without a meeting last week, and as such the group should suspend the bylaws to individually move all bills into old business. After 30 minutes of debate over the appropriate use of parliamentary procedure, the house voted to follow the decision of the chair and keep the bills in old business.

The first bill considered was the Joint Allocation to TEAM Buzz. The group was requesting funds to cover their annual service project. The bill was amended to the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) recommendation of $2,563.88 and passed with 41 votes in favor and one vote against.

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**Graduate Student Senate**

**GSS narrowly passes concert bill**

By Craig Tabita
News Editor

In this week’s meeting of the Graduate Student Senate, three funding bills passed, one was postponed indefinitely and some minor changes were made to the wording of the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) policy.

The meeting began by appointing senator Mitch Keller as the chairman pro tempore to take the place of executive vice president Carl Verger, who was unable to attend.

In his report, Brock Wester, graduate student body president, informed the senate that a new policy may forbid students from attending classes if they are not currently enrolled in them. This would, for instance, require students who attend language classes but are not signed up for them to audit them.

He also discussed the proposed Undergraduate Learning Center, which will be built on the Skiles parking lot next to the library upon its groundbreaking next fall.

The first bill considered by the senate was a joint allocation to Musician’s Network for a campus-wide concert. The bill was $27,072, of which the biggest expense was the $15,000 fee for the headlining artist, and the JFC recommended amending the bill for a Technique advertisement at $112.50.

The next bill was a joint allocation to the Student Association for the Taste of Africa event, featuring African dance, drama, food and a fashion show, to be held Saturday, Nov. 3 in the Student Center Ballroom, asking for $235, $100 of which was for $50 flyers. Varun Prasad, vice president of finance, stated that

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**Council Clippings**

**Ryan James of Musician’s Network speaks to the GSS about the concert his organization is planning. The bill for the concert passed 17-14.**

Senator Grant Farmer strongly opposed the bill, stating that “the GSS is not under obligation to give them money on their timetable,” and “I strongly urge [the GSS] to think about what we can use $27,000 for in the future.” In addition, senator Linda Harley said that she did not think it made sense to compete with Sting Break by hosting a big-name band.

Despite the opposition, the bill passed, albeit by the narrow margin of 17-14.

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Graduate Student Senate and avoid further amended the bill to add in JFC recommendation, and then of the areas where offerings could be provided include speaking and presentation skills, help with grant writing and teaching skills.
In general though, Vito said he wants to make sure students are able to succeed in a rapidly chang

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The final bill was a joint allocation to TEAM Buzz for its annual community service event. The bill was amended to $2,705.36 because flyers and banners could be obtained at lower costs, and the amendment to change per JFC policy passed unanimously.

However, by this point in the meeting people had left and there was concern that they no longer had quorum, and two senators with poor attendance had to be expelled so that the GSS could vote on the bill this week. Once that was accomplished, the bill passed unanimously.