Voting opens for SGA elections

By Corbin Pon
News Editor

Polls for the SGA elections opened today. Students have the opportunity to determine who will hold executive and legislative positions for the next academic year.

In addition to seats in the undergraduate House of Representatives, students will also be electing the new undergraduate and graduate student body presidents and vice presidents.

Kristie Champlin, Robert McEntyre and Alina Stakevicius are vying for the position of undergraduate student body president. Linda Harley and Rick McKeon are the candidates for graduate student body president.

Undergraduate vice presidential candidates are Brian Paul Guite and Parker Hancock. Justin Chapman is running unopposed for the graduate vice presidential position.

Vote now at www.elections.gatech.edu
Polls are open until Wednesday, April 8 at 4 p.m.

String of robberies hits center of campus

By Craig Tabita
Editor-in-Chief

The recent outbreak of armed robberies on the periphery of campus made its way to the interior Monday when two students were robbed at gunpoint while walking through Mechanical Engineering Alleyway near the Skiles building and behind the Coon building.

According to a crime alert released by GTPD, the victims were walking in the Alleyway when the suspect approached them from behind and showed a silver semi-automatic handgun. The suspect demanded the students hand over their wallets and book bags, and after the victims complied, the suspect ran off.

The incident follows armed robberies that occurred on the periphery of campus March 14, and twice on March 16, as well as a strong arm robbery March 22.

The suspect in the most recent incident is described as a black male with dark complexion, slender build, approximately 5'10" to 5'11" with a black hoodie.

EARTH HOUR 2009

Lights Out, Energy Saved

Tech goes dark with city of Atlanta in global energy conservation effort

Imagine watching from an extra-terrestrial vantage point as just after sundown the lights in over 4,000 cities in some 88 countries across the globe went out. Major architectural icons—Big Ben, the Empire State Building and the Sydney Opera House—no impecably lit on any other evening become dark. Last Saturday March 28, Tech also turned down its power from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. to join in the third annual Earth Hour.

Earth Hour was started by the World Wide Fund for Nature of Sydney, Australia. The first Earth Hour was held in 2007 with 2.2 million of Sydney’s residents turning off their lights and electronics. Interest in Earth Hour increased markedly over the last two years, and this year even the U.N. found it appropriate to dim their building.

The city of Atlanta was one of the 10 key United States cities to participate in Earth Hour. According to Georgia Power, energy use declined by approximately four percent from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Atlanta’s mayor Shirley Franklin threw a symbolic switch to darken the downtown area, most notably the World of Coke and Bank of America buildings.

Over the past few years, Tech has made a move toward campus sustainability and participated in Earth Hour as one of the flagship campuses. Some of these sustainability efforts have been pushed by student efforts. Members of Students Organizing for Sustainability (SOS), a student organization for the environmentally conscious, checked classrooms and labs to make sure that all non-essential lights and computers were turned off.

In addition, the freshman Council held a “Blackout Party” on the Campanile to encourage student participation in Earth Hour.

“It was unexpected to have FC spearhead such a large event, because sometimes freshmen are seen as apathetic and still adjusting to college,” said Joe Charbonnet, member of the Freshman Council. “I think there was some surprise among administrators, though, because students can sometimes organize and cooperate better than departments. We’re gaining some respect.”

Charbonnet explained that the problems of climate change and exhausting resources are just as inspiring for this generation of students as the civil rights issues that incited the student movements in the past decades. “Aspirations for greatness and reform are coming back to the youth community,” Charbonnet said.

Marcia Kinstler, director of the Office of Environmental Stewardship, has supported students in their efforts to improve campus sustainability.

“Almost 50 percent of the energy consumed can be reduced simply by changes in behavior. We could only get approval for hosting this Earth Hour event by encouraging conscious energy use as a way of life,” Kinstler said.

Tech is Georgia’s first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified campus and is ranked in the top four percent of United States universities for sustainability. There are eight projects registered for LEED consideration, with the College of Management and Klaus Advanced Computing Building already certified with LEED.

“Green buildings are tangible models of our [goals],” Kinstler said, “and we’re applying these green efforts beyond our campus. We have... research centers that are working in new fields... that have been created by interest in sustainability.”

The undergraduates in the Student Government Association this week released a special white paper for the new Institute President C.P. “Bud” Peterson. The document outlined a wide variety of topics that are important to the undergraduate student body. SGA formed a special committee over two months ago, comprised of various student organization leaders and SGA members, to write the white paper. The committee’s job was to disseminate the feelings of the student body and to lay out that information for the president.

The white paper breaks down into two main sections. One discusses the subject of pride for the Tech community, and the other addresses areas that the committee felt are in need of improvement.

Tops in the subject of pride was the topic of campus sustainability. Tech has stated a commitment to various areas relating to sustainability in order for it to become a leader in this field. The language of the white paper hoped that Peterson would continue to commit to these initiatives.

Other areas of pride that the white paper touched upon were Tech’s leadership in community diversity and the international opportunities opened to students.

As for improvements undergraduates felt Tech should undertake, the white paper outlined the intellectual diversity as one of the primary concerns. As an institute focused on technology, it is often believed that achieving a well-rounded education can be difficult.
From the files of the GTPD...

**Campus Crime**

**Violent Crime Prevention**

Over the past weeks, there has been an increase in violent crimes on campus. Here are some tips from the Atlanta Police and GTPD to help describe an attacker, which can help police to recover property and arrest suspects.

To help the police successfully locate and arrest an attacker, they require a detailed description of the perpetrator. If one does find themselves a victim of a crime, these are some characteristics to remember that will help the police locate the perpetrator.

**Size:** A description of the height and weight of a suspect.

**Physical Description:**
- **Height and Weight:** A description of the height and weight of a suspect. The police recommend comparing the suspect to yourself or to the responding officer to estimate a size.
- **Hair:** Note the color, amount and style of the perpetrator’s hair. If the perpetrator is wearing a hat, try to remember any hair that is exposed. Also, note if the perpetrator has facial hair and try to remember the pattern.
- **Skin:** Note and report the skin tone and ethnicity of the suspect. Caucasian skin tones are less variable, so be sure to differentiate between lighter and darker skin tones. Also, be sure to note any visible tattoos.
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Ifc President Andrew DeRussy Presents A Bill For A Student Assistant At The UHR Meeting, March 31.

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) approached SGA to seek a funding increase for the advisor position. The position is currently funded by Student Affairs, but the amount of funding is not sufficient, as the advisor position was necessary, and would impact the entire campus. The graduate senate raised concerns about the impact, as the position would have on the remaining student body involved in Greek organizations and will review the remaining budget on Wednesday night, with UHR reviewed Tier I organizations as well as the Student Center and CRC. The GSS went over the entire budget on Wednesday night, while UHR reviewed Tier I organizations and will review the remainder next week.

IFC Student Assistant

This week, both chambers of SGA began the process of creating an operating budget for next year. This year, SGA is allocating a budget of $4.2 million, including all SGA organizations as well as the Student Center and CRC. The GSS went over the entire budget on Wednesday night, while UHR reviewed Tier I organizations and will review the remainder next week.

2009-2010 Budget

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Conficker Worm Fails To Live Up To April First Hype

The notorious superworm, Conficker, that spread to several millions of PCs around the world was expected to strike on April 1, has yet to fulfill it’s promise, according to the Wall Street Journal. Computer analysts had inspected some of the virus’s code and found that it was set to activate or perform some function on April 1, 2009. Computer security experts, who warned initially of some form of massive cyber attack given the amount infected computers, have yet to see any form of Conficker-related activity.

The hype around the worm began back in January when a secret group of computer and industry experts was formed to hunt down the worm’s creator. The level of hype reached a new height in February when a $250,000 reward for the creator’s identity was offered by Microsoft. The worm itself also comes in multiple versions and can spread on USB flash drives.

Obama Opens Nuclear Talks With Russia At G-20

President Barack Obama met with Russian President Dmitri Medvedev ahead of the G-20 summit, and both men announced that talks to limit the number of nuclear warheads, reported The Associated Press.

Medvedev had shown that he was open to talks about nuclear arms, but there was not the expectation that such a significant statement would have been made.

“Over the last several years the relationship between our two countries has been allowed to drift,” Obama said. “And what I believe we’ve begun today is a very constructive dialogue that will allow us to work on issues of mutual interest.”

Medvedev agreed. “As President Obama has said, they were drifting, and drifting in some wrong directions. They were degrading, to some extent.”

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Jeremy, Gross crowd Ferst Center for Great Porn Debate

By Katlin Goodrich
Staff Writer

It’s not often that Tech encourages students to gather on mass on behalf of porn, but on Thursday, March 26, students in the Ferst Center for the Arts did just that. Tech hosted the Great Porn Debate, a touring debate between Ron Jeremy, a veteran porn star and Craig Gross, pastor of XXX Church. Despite the four dollar student ticket price, the event drew quite a crowd, almost filling up the Ferst Center.

Jeremy and Gross each had twelve minutes for opening remarks to state their side of the debate, with the rest of the program consisting of a debate on audience questions asked by a moderator. Before Gross’ official first remarks began, jumped in to comment on why Gross would be speaking first. “I’m on the defense, not the attack. Craig is about to bring up points about why my business is wrong, and I’m going to slam dunk each and every one I make,” Jeremy noted. “Ron’s five-six, and he can’t slam dunk anything,” Gross said in response.

Gross’ opening remarks started with a little bit of background about himself. Gross was a youth pastor trying to help his students who were struggling to deal with porn, so he started a website called XXXchurch.com. “[The goal] is not to take away your right to watch porn. Every one has the right to watch porn if they like, and my church wouldn’t ever argue against that. I just want to offer help to those who struggle against it,” Gross said about the core of his argument.

Gross compared the struggle with porn to any struggle with an addiction, be it alcohol or gambling. While porn may be legal, he argued that there needs to be support for those who can’t handle it.

He claimed that porn creates unrealistic expectations for the prospect of sex and that it is a one-side industry that focuses on men. He believes that some people cannot watch porn responsibly, meaning that eventually these people desire more intense porn to get excited.

Photo by Joey Cerone/Student Publications

Adult film actor Ron Jeremy headlines the Great Porn Debate, put on by the Student Center Ideas and Issues Committee.

RHA entices community to reduce campus energy usage

By Sijia Cai
Senior Staff Writer

In order to improve conservation, the Resident Hall Association (RHA) has installed monitors to better manage energy consumption. Team up with Student Organizing for Sustainable (SOS), the Environmental Alliance at Georgia Tech (EAGT) and Facilities, RHA upped its efforts to improve sustainability.

In order to do this, RHA has started the Wasted Watts competition, which began Feb. 23 and started the Wasted Watts competition. This left SOS residents with the last responsibility, EAGT residents. According to Mork, students generally believe that energy reduction needs to come from an infrastructure change initiated by the administration, whereas the administration sees the problem as one of behavior change among the students.

“What we’re trying to do with this competition is combine the two views,” he said. “On the one hand we are trying to bring about a behavior change, but we’re also trying to get better metering for the residence halls, which will cost about $5 million.”

Baseline measurements of energy usage in each residence hall were taken for the month prior to the start of the competition. The winning residence hall council will get a food party and aluminum sports water bottles for every resident.

“The students are naturally very competitive, so I think that having a competition is the most effective avenue to make people more aware of and concerned about sustainability,” Mclaughlin said.

Other colleges have also created energy reduction competitions. For example, at Oberlin College a 31 percent reduction in energy usage was achieved. However, the effect on Tech’s campus is expected to be less.

“I think that sustainability used to be a really important issue on campus during the Georgia drought but since conditions have improved somewhat, fewer people are now interested in continuing green practices,” said Olivia Crop, second-year BME.

“Some people [try to reduce energy usage] for money, some do it to make Tech a ‘greener’ university and some simply care about the environment,” Mclaughlin said. “This way, everybody wins.”

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Films fall short in regional Campus MovieFest finale

By Zimu Yang
Contributing Writer

The Southern Regional Grand Finale of Campus MovieFest took place this past weekend at the Center Stage venue and the Atlanta Symphony Hall. The event was a two-day affair that featured nearly 100 student films from 16 schools, including Tech. AT&T and Campus MovieFest provided all the equipment necessary for filming and editing. Campus MovieFest was created by four students from Emory eight years ago. Since then it has had a quarter million students participate and has given out one and a half million dollars worth of prizes.

Sixteen Tech films entered the competition and were shown at Tech’s finale. Five of those films were chosen to be shown last Saturday: My Normal Approach Here is Useless, AT&T Test Commercial, Street Corners, The Vault, and Something from Nothing. Team members Matt Bigelow, sixth year AE major, and Dan Moore, third year CS major, of My Normal Approach Here is Useless discussed their experience in the competition.

“[Team leaders] David Rutter and Kane Bonnette came up with the idea to do a film based on web comics such as XKCD. In fact, most of our film was based on those comics. Ninety percent of the film was basically web comics sewn together into a single script. Ninety percent of the film was basically web comics sewn together into a single script. We used [Campus MovieFest] equipment, and there were some rough things at first,” Bigelow said. “There were some cold days, down to seven degrees sometimes. It got pretty brutal. We actually got kicked off MARTA because we were filming a scene there. Luckily we managed to finish beforehand.”

Webcomics were not the only source of inspiration for Tech films. Michael Gluzman, fourth year ID major, of Something from Nothing described his muse for the film as well as the process behind creating it.

“The film] sprung from an industrial design project I had to do. The idea was to find a site we respond to emotionally and extrapolate some meaning from it. Using objects on a site, we were to infer some value from it and we could only use two hands and one tool,” Gluzman said. “Everything else you found and you had to spend at minimum of fifteen hours on it... Making the film consisted only of getting cameras out there. The main work was in shooting the thing. The editing was done in about a day and took the least amount of time.”

Tamer Shaaban, second-year CS, of Street Corners was one of the driving forces behind his project and he also played the main lead.

“I always wanted to be an actor and I thought it would be cool to experiment with the whole role thing,” he said. “I did a bit of acting and some directing, but I always wanted to try to do a film.”

Clockwise from top: Members of My Normal Approach Here Watch the CMF Southeast finale. Actor and Comedian Adam Ferrara hosted the event. Actress Emma Stone served as a guest presenter.
Over 230 attend third annual Pre-Health Conference

By Kaitlin Goodrich
Staff Writer

Hopeful future doctors and health care workers gathered on Saturday, March 7 in the Klaus building for Tech’s third annual Pre-Health Conference.

Over 230 students from all sorts of diverse majors attended the conference, which was put on by the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) to make Tech pre-health students stronger applicants to medical schools after graduation.

The goal of the conference was to provide students a forum in which they could come together and realize that there are a significant number of pre-health students at Tech as well as many resources available to them.

“We just wanted the campus to know that [pre-med students] are here. The conference was to [not only] raise awareness within the pre-health population that support is available for them at Tech, but also to tell the rest of the world that pre-health exists here despite Tech being an engineering school. Our original intent was to show that Tech has a diverse, growing population of students that are strong applicants to med schools,” said Nehal Patel, president of Tech’s AMSA chapter.

The conference featured two keynote speakers and five workshop options.

The morning keynote speaker was Neil Schulman, a physician and author of the novel Doc Hollywood. Schulman spoke about his experiences in the medical field, including the more humorous side of what it is like to be a doctor. “Schulman was a very dynamic speaker,” said Vijay Palvia, AMSA conference manager. “He really got the audience involved by telling jokes and stories. He even stood up on a chair at one point. It was a really prestigious and interesting address.”

After the morning keynote, students had the option of attending three of five different offered workshops. The workshops covered an array of health-related topics from career-based workshops like “A Day in the Life of a Health Professional” and “Life After College” to med school-specific workshops addressing admission trends, financial aid, interviews and writing a personal statement.

The goal of these sessions was to give students more specific information based on personal interests or concerns. “I felt like they did a really good job of communicating really clear and relevant information… It was nice to be able to pick topics you care about,” said John Paul Schacht, third-year NRE.

After a lunch, students listened to Scott Lind, chief of Surgical Oncology at the Medical College of Georgia. Lind spoke of what it was like to be a surgeon and what it takes to get to be a surgeon. “I wanted the students to get a taste of what life as a surgeon is like. They need to know that it takes a lot of work, but in the end it has great returns. Sometimes students get a slightly misguided view of what life as a surgeon is like from TV and other media, but it is important to go into medical school with a balanced perspective,” Lind said.

The day ended with a health school fair. Students could speak with representatives from 50 medical schools and health programs. Students were encouraged to ask questions about admissions and find out more about specific programs.

“We hope students will explore their options and really take advantage of the opportunity to talk to admissions people one-on-one, to ask questions and get candid answers,” Patel said.

After the conference, Patel and the rest of AMSA hope that more students will take advantage of the help of Jennifer Kimbel, the pre-health advisor and AMSA’s other resources to be strong pre-med candidates.

“We wanted the campus to know that we’re here if you look for us, and we’ve got help to get where we want to go,” Patel said.

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Photo by Ben Keyserling / Student Publications

Neil Schulman (pictured left) entertained Pre-Health Conference attendees with stories about the humorous side of being a doctor.

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VOTE FOR SGA ELECTIONS

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Voting begins on April 3rd at 1PM. Voting runs until Wednesday, April 8th 4PM.

Elections results announced April 8th in the Student Center Commons at 5:30 PM

Student Government Association
"Porn is often used for mas- turbation, which is just sex with yourself. There is no concern for the needs of the other per- son who should be involved, and that causes problems in relation- ships. I hope that after people go away from this debate that they think twice about popping in that [porn] tape," Gross said.

Jeremy’s opening remarks came next, and he focused on “not attacking what is being said so,” Jeremy said to summarize his argument.

After the opening remarks, questions were supposed to be written on note cards and read by the moderator, but Jeremy and Gross quickly mixed that idea, in- viting people to stand up in the front of the stage to ask questions to them directly. The session was highly interactive, consisting of questions and banter between the audience and the speakers.

Student’s questions focused on questions of morality, violence and feminism in the porn indus- try, as well as the possible double standard of focusing on porn as a major vice in our society ver- sus other vices. Questions were answered candidly and humor- ously, often eliciting long debate between Gross and Jeremy. In the end, the moderator had to cut off discussion before all questions were answered due to time.

After the debate was over, stu- dents were allowed to stay and get autographs and pictures from the speakers. Gross was gracious to sign note cards, even a girl’s breast or two.

The sentiment from students was that the debate left no clear winner. "I think they had two very clear different points, but they each had a lot of good facts and information," Kristen Jurgowski, third-year CS.

His thoughts were echoed by others waiting throughout the autograph line. While there may not have been a winner, the debate definitely got students to think about the issue, something that both Gross and Jeremy deemed a success.

Best Picture went to Sliver, from the Art Institute of At- lanta. Best Picture went to Breathe, from Art Institute of Atlanta won best actress. Ryan Upshaw, of the film Committed, from Emory won best actor. Best drama also went to Committed. Best comedy went to Superbad. The Musical from Art Institute of At- lanta was the award ceremony. Woody Harrelson and Emma Stone of Superbad made appearances as presenters for the Golden Tri- pod awards.

All the film finalists can be seen at http://www.campusmov- iefest.com/rgf/movies.html
President from page 1

The white paper committee felt that Tech needs more emphasis on a diverse curriculum, emphasizing on community service and more liberal arts expansion.

The faculty at Tech, while praised for their innovative research, was named in the white paper as having to improve on their teaching ability. Several of the issues of concern were minimal attention and care given to teaching, extreme grade curving and the lack of coherent English skills.

There are also improvements called for in campus communications, such as with the campus web portal. T-Square is thought to lack many of the features needed for a suitable full-scale web portal. The proper portal for students used could be considered one of the major frustrations for students.

Finally, the last area that the white paper highlighted for improvement was student support services. These issues centered around academic advising and tangible levels of encouragement for students. Academic advising has been named as a source of confusion and frustration for many students. Thus Tech needs to put a priority on this area as it is crucial for students success.

Upon receiving the white paper, Peterson said that he would look over the recommendations and will further respond once they had been internally discussed.

Robbery from page 1

dark blue jeans and a ski mask. The weapon description matches that of the March 16 incidents, and the physical descriptions are similar as well. However, GTPD has not made any statement regarding whether these incidents are related.

According to a statement released by Officer Ian Mayberry of the GTPD Crime Prevention Unit, victims should comply with the demands of an attacker, particularly if the attacker has a weapon.

“Our current trend shows that those who were compliant and surrendered their belongings did not sustain injury,” Mayberry said.

The alleyway behind the Coon Building is where the latest armed robbery occurred on Monday.

Elections from page 1

The polls will open at 1 p.m. and close at 4 p.m. on April 8. The election results will then be announced by 7 p.m. in the Student Center Commons. If one candidate fails to win the majority vote, a runoff election would be held from April 10 to April 15.

As part of the elections process, the undergraduates held a moderated debate on March 31 in the Student Center Ballroom. Each presidential and vice presidential candidate got a chance to address the group of 30 to 40 students.

These were briefings were followed by a series of questions aimed at the presidential or vice presidential candidates. The questions revolved around topics like improvements to be made to SGA, student life, communication, the campus portal and football ticketing.

Students were also allowed to pose questions to the candidates. There were mentions of improving the class registration system and challenging the candidates to name their number one priority to list the SGA’s website.

The debate was moderated by Nick Wellkamp, current undergraduate student body president.

The debate lasted just under one hour and finished with each candidate again being allowed a final moment to restate their election platform.

A recording of the debate can be found on the WREK Radio website at www.wrek.org/2009- sga-debate

Undergraduate presidential and vice presidential candidates debate a variety of topics on March 31.

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KRISTIE CHAMPLIN

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I have been a proud Yellow Jacket and faithful supporter of Tech traditions all of my life. I am a third-year Public Policy major and believe in the value of public service and the function of government. I have served in the SGA for three years and am running for Student Body President because I want to change Tech to better serve our students. I have the drive, direction, and determination it takes to be a great Student Body President and believe that together we can take Tech’s vision for being top in the nation and make it a reality.

Experience:
- Institute-Wide Committees Chair for SGA Executive Cabinet
- SGA Undergraduate House of Representatives
- Student Academic and Financial Affairs Committee
- GT Earth Day Committee
- Service-Learning Development
- Student Advisory to Vice Provost
- Internal Development Committee
- Mandatory Student Fee Advisory Committee
- Game-Day Recycling Program
- Public Policy Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
- Community Service Website Committee
- GT Delegate to ACC Leadership Conference 2009
- GT Delegate to Vietnam Innovate Conference 2009

As the Undergraduate Student Body President, I will focus on major initiatives that will help Tech continue to develop into the leading academic and technological institution that it is capable of becoming. By advocating students’ voice, promoting progress and service, improving athletic ticketing, and reducing Tech’s environmental impact I will help improve the lives of students and address the needs of our campus. As President, I will:

- Work to improve the daily lives of students
- Mitigate the impact the state-wide budget crisis has on students
- Transition campus to single-stream recycling where everything you throw away gets recycled
- Install motion-sensor lighting to reduce GT’s energy consumption
- Work to implement a fair and efficient athletic ticketing system
- Create a Service Institute as a resource for service organizations and students
- Provide more service-learning coursework for real-world application of your GT education
- Create new representative positions for student organizations in SGA
- Install NextraBus screens and improve predictability of bus routes

Vote Champlin for Student Body President! Drive. Direction. Determination.

ROBERT McENTYRE

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- Vice President of Campus Affairs
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- New SGA website and hold open biweekly briefing
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- Vice-President of Administrative Affairs
- Junior & Sophomore Representative
- Joint Campus Organizations Committee
- Academic Affairs Committee
- freShGA
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- Presidents’ Council Governing Board
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CANDIDATES FOR UNDERGRADUATE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Experience:
- Freshmen Class President
- Sophomore Class President
- Member of the Joint Finance Committee
- Member of the Internal Development Committee
- Member of the Planning & Development Committee
- Member of the Student Lobby Board

Accomplishments:
- Created the first scholarship offered by Student Government.

Hello, my name is Brian-Paul Gude and my goal in seeking your vote as Vice President of Student Government is simple. To show the student body that SGA can be more for you. Leadership that is more visible and active in discovering what the student body wants, a more organizational and student-driven SGA culture, and the pursuit of more initiatives inspired by anyone in the Tech community are a few examples of the "more" that I have outlined in my campaign. Every organization that we interact with and every student that we encounter should feel that not only can they come to SGA but that SGA is actively seeking their opinion on issues, concerns or innovative ideas.

As the leader of the legislative branch in SGA, the vice president oversees the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR). There are roughly 50 UHR positions in SGA, and as such, this is the most important part of student government that can affect you directly. I feel that the Vice President has the ability to create an SGA culture where every representative is not only encouraged to interact with the students but in some ways required to ensure that student opinion is heard throughout the year. I think this is the division line between SGA’s success with you and continuing student apathy regarding SGA.

What I want to do is to ensure that you get more from your representatives, first and foremost, is to make them more visible to you. We can do this by assigning all representatives to organizations to ensure that organizations always know who to talk to for a bill submission or any other aspect of student government that they don’t understand, and to follow up on how they are doing with the service of SGA. Also, we need to make sure that students meet and are able to ask questions with their representatives by creating a SGA task force comprised of different representatives and committee members once a week to gain insight on student concerns so that we can always be dealing with the most up-to-date student issues in our SGA committees and in the Legislative and Executive Branches.

Also, our meeting structure can change so that we serve students before ourselves. We can move all organizational and financial bills to the top of our agenda, in front of our own internal updates and briefings, in order to reduce the time that student organizations spend with the service of SGA. As a third-year IE major, I recognize that the need for new and exciting leadership in SGA is more important now than ever to ensure that SGA has the best and most profound impact on you. I have experience through various Student Government presidency positions, but most of all I have the passion to improve SGA’s impact on you to be that leader.

While this is only a snippet of what I stand for, I encourage you to delve into my website to gain a better understanding of who I am. Vote Gude and you will see effective change driven by you.

Experience:
- SGA Parliamentarian
- ECE Representative
- Internal Development Chairman
- Homecoming Philanthropy Chair
- Director, The Veritas Forum
- Member, Student Reg. Committee

Achievements:
- Joint Bill Policy
- Freshman Elections
- Executive Restructuring Act

Track Record
I’ve already been hard at work to improve how SGA functions and how we serve the student body. I’ve authored legislation that will allow for the first-ever full freshmen elections, letting freshmen for the first time ever to have a voice in student government. I’ve also authored a new Joint Bill Policy that has taken many of the snags out of the SGA financial bill process, giving student organizations better access to Student Activity Fee Funds. My latest achievement has been the “Executive Restructuring Act” that will reorganize the Executive branch of SGA to improve communication between SGA and the student body. It will create a Vice President of Communications position whose sole responsibility will be to communicate what’s going on in SGA to campus, as well as to collect student ideas and feedback. All these initiatives together provide a track record of diligent service to Student Activity Fee Funds.

First, the IT resources at Tech need some serious revamping. I’d like to see the campus portal initiative move forward, as well as to explore new resources, like making recordings of large lecture classes that are already available to students at the GT-Lorraine and GT-Savannah campuses available to us at the Atlanta campus. Also, the SGA website needs some serious work. One of my first priorities as Executive Vice President will be to ensure a fully functional website and our SGA website will be up by the end of the fall semester.

The one part of my platform that I think most sets me apart, however, is what I’ve termed “Educational Diversity.” Tech has always been known for its great engineering programs, but I’d like to see it produce more than just engineers. I want to see it produce outstanding individuals who are not only exemplary engineers, but exemplars of their nation and world. To that end I’d want to improve the undergraduate curriculum to provide more opportunities to explore topics outside of our declared majors to produce more well-rounded students. I’d love to see a Tech student be able to pursue their major and a minor and still graduate in four years. We also need more opportunities to discuss how what we engineer here fits into the larger mosaic of human society. I think this can be accomplished by embracing student-led initiatives like Finding Common Ground, the Campus Freethinkers or the Veritas Forum that are already providing these opportunities.

Why You Should Vote For Me
My track record of taking initiatives shows I have the drive to get things done for students and my vision will help better prepare students to be the leaders of tomorrow. My track record of success and powerful vision for the future show that I am the best candidate for Executive Vice President!
On a cold winter morning, in January of 1999, I arrived in Atlanta from South Africa. With blue lips and teeth chattering, I walked onto the Tech campus and was filled with a sense of adventure of what lay ahead. Now, ten years later, I can say that it has been an amazing experience. I am currently a fourth-year PhD candidate in the School of Applied Physiology, and ever since 2000 I have worked as a RA or TA at Tech. I have seized every opportunity and it has led me to where I am today.

As SGA Graduate Executive Vice President this past year, I oversaw the fall graduation picnic. Making the event a success required the ability to communicate and listen to the needs of graduate students, work with administrative staff, delegate the work and have dedication to the details. This year over 1800 graduate students and their families attended, setting a record. The event was a complete success.

This will be President Peterson's first year at Tech, and as such we will have many opportunities to promote graduate student issues. As SGA Graduate Student Body President I will strive to:

1. Ensure that our money (Student Activity Fee) is spent wisely.
2. Ensure that our health care benefits remain adequate and comparable to that of our peer institutes.
3. Provide opportunities for professional development, so that you may be competitive in today's job market.
4. Ensure that if the "temporary" student fee of $100 continues, a waiver is put in place for TAs and RAs or that it is added as tuition for graduate students.

In conclusion, when I am elected I will be the second female to hold the position of Tech Graduate Student Body President, making this a historic election. Vote Harley and help to ensure that together we will seize the opportunity to improve graduate student life on campus.

I am running for Graduate President for two important reasons: to have more responsive campus services and resources as well as to improve the fractured system of campus communication and community. I have plenty of experience in studies, research, student organizations, student government and state government. Still, this is not about me; it is about you!

We need to make the campus more sensitive to the needs of graduate students as we are a growing and vital part of the campus population. As incoming President Peterson is surveying the Institute and setting his agenda for the next few years I feel that it is vital to have a dedicated, skilled and experienced voice at the table highlighting our perspectives at the daily operations of the Institute.

You care about rising costs, decreasing services and difficulty of access. You can feel vulnerable or left out. I want to help you with appropriate stipends, adequate health insurance and reasonable fees.

You care about knowing people and feeling at home. We spend plenty of time trying to find people, places and resources from poor information and communication channels. We know our advisors and some members of our departments but cannot grasp a sense of campus community beyond home football game days. I want to centralize information about campus services and resources, allow for feedback on them, integrate and streamline campus communication channels, and work to bring people together to increase options and activities on campus.

It is unacceptable that those who hold positions now have not done more to inform the graduate student population about all that student government engages in. We live in a time of great challenge, brought about most significantly by the changes occurring in the economic, but also social realms. Policy changes taking place at a blinding pace, affecting individual action at the global, national, state and local levels. Clearly, there will be implications that have an immediate impact on Tech, and on graduate student issues specifically. As a candidate for vice president, I seek to represent the principles of integrity, accountability and responsibility in helping student government meet the challenges presented.

By approaching tasks with an honest and forthright attitude, I will help to facilitate fair decisions, and increase the visibility of graduate student needs university-wide. Integrity also includes soundness and unity in action. I believe in the importance of these principles as they apply to individuals and groups such as the Graduate Senate. I will seek to ensure that the legislative process adheres to the principles inherent within the concept of integrity, such that the Senate acts as a united body and produces sound choices.

As individuals within a group, each one of us has chosen to be accountable for our thoughts and beliefs, stepping up to be seen and heard. Participation in the decision-making processes that shape our experiences also means being accountable to those one represents.

I understand that a position such as vice president is not one of selfishness, but one that requires careful consideration of the complexities that can be involved in resolving issues. I would seek to assist student government in resolving such issues in the greater interests of the graduate body. The imperious to speak and be heard takes courage and strength, and I would hope to embody these traits in the role of vice president.

It must be acknowledged that a sense of responsibility is a guiding force behind the accountability that impels us to act. Each of our actions creates an effect that causes yet another decision. Given the delicate nature of our current climate, it is of utmost importance that each of us act with a sense of maturity and deference to the situation at hand. Reliability and common sense should be the framework of responsible action. Not only is there a responsibility to others in general, but also as vice president there is a specific duty to assist the president in achieving clearly understood goals. In this role, I would do my best to support the president.

It is by these principles as standards that I seek the office of the vice president. If elected, I will use these notions to serve with student government in an effort to enhance the experience for the graduate body at Tech.