Galil named new Dean of CoC

By Kamna Bohra
Contributing Writer

Tech Provost Gary Schuster announced last Friday, April 6 the next College of Computing dean will be Dr. Zvi Galil, beginning July 1, 2010.

“Tech’s College of Computing has an enviable framework: it is a leader in computer education with extensive interdisciplinary research and excellent relationships with industry,” Galil said.

Selected from a national pool of applicants, Galil will act as the chief administrative and academic officer, focusing on the college’s plan for a new generation of computing.

“Computing [provides] an exploratory instrument that accelerates discovery in all branches of science and engineering. The more the College of Computing collaborates, the more central it becomes to institutional success,” Galil said.

Galil received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in applied mathematics from Tel Aviv University, and a doctoral degree in computer science from Cornell University. Galil has previously worked as a professor and a dean at Columbia University’s School of Engineering and Applied Sciences and president at Tel Aviv University.

“(Galil’s) global view will be a tremendous asset as the College seeks to broaden its reach, both as an educational institution and as a vital industry research partner, across the United States and around the world,” said Tom Noonan, chair of the College’s Advisory Board and former CEO of IBM Internet Security Systems. Galil’s current research focuses on cryptography, design and analysis of algorithms and computational complexity.

Greek Week competition underway

By Matt Schrichte
Staff Writer

Greek Week, a competition that pits Tech’s various fraternities and sororities against each other in events and games such as tug (of war) and dizzy bar races, comes to a close Saturday night after a week’s worth of competitions and philanthropic events.

“Our kickoff event every year is tug, which took place Saturday the 10th. This was the biggest turnout we’ve ever had. We had 20 fraternities competing,” said Overall Co-Chair of Greek Week and fourth year ARCH major, Kyle Taylor.

Among those fraternities, this year’s competition included its first ever National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha. All nine Collegiate Pan-Hellenic Council sororities competed as well.

Some other notable differences between this year’s Greek Week and previous years’ include cutting and adding events from last year to better reflect student interest and changing the competition’s time frame back to a single week as before.

“It was a little ridiculous calling it Greek Week when it was more than one week long,” Taylor said. “We wanted to move it back into one week to be able to serve the student body as before.”

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Undergrad presidential race in run-off

By Zimu Yang
Staff Writer

Wednesday, April 14, the SGA elections committee announced the results of the undergraduate and graduate SGA elections at the Student Center commons at 7:00 p.m.

The elections took place from Friday, April 6 at noon to Wednesday, April 14 at 4:00 p.m. While most of the executive positions up for vote were filled, the undergraduate president election will go into run-off between frontrunners Jimmy Williams and Corey Boone. There is also one Undergraduate House Representative position, for Architecture, which remains unfilled.

Winners were decided for the remaining executive positions. 3484 students voted in the undergraduate executive vice president election (EVP). Brenda Morales won with 82.1 percent of the vote, and Aai Karrlhkeinian garnered the remaining 17.9 percent of the vote.

“I feel wonderful. I’m so proud to be able to serve the student body in this way. I’m really looking forward to it,” Morales said. “The first thing I aim to do is really get everything organized so that we have a system that runs smoothly to make

Corey Boone (left) and Jimmy Williams (right) will advance to a run-off election in the Undergraduate SGA election for Executive President. The runoff will be held from April 16-21.
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NEWS

By Vivian Fan
News Editor

From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime

A handful of fun

A GTPD officer was on foot patrol when he walked past the Towers Residence Hall courtyard and smelled a marijuana odor. As he approached five students sitting in the courtyard, the odor became stronger. When asked if they had been smoking marijuana, none of the students answered. A student later answered that he did have marijuana, and opened his hand to reveal a small gas pipe and a small plastic bag containing the drug. The students then admitted to having been smoking together. The students were issued Student Code of Conduct violations and released. The marijuana and pipe were put in an evidence box to be destroyed at a later date.

Rules of courtship

A female student reported harassment to the GTPD following a series of interactions with a male student she had been dating. The female had been in a relationship with the male student from Dec. 2009 to March 2010, and had received a text message that stated “Towards the end I really only wanted to strangle and/or [explicative] you.” The female student also stated that her former boyfriend had thrown a wine glass at her previously, but she was not hurt in the process. She feared that her former boyfriend was unstable and would try to hurt her in the future. The GTPD recommended that she meet with the counseling center. Upon checking up on the female student, GTPD reported that her ex-boyfriend had not contacted her, but advised that if he did try to again, that she should file a protective order.

Impromptu firework show

A GTPD officer on patrol witnessed numerous students launching fireworks outside a fraternity house on Mar. 30. Upon seeing the officer, the students ran back into the house, but two were stopped by the officer. There were given student code violations and the fireworks were destroyed.

POLLS OF THE WEEK

Did you attend CultureFest this year?

Based on 77 responses

28.6% No, I had more important things to do.
41.3% There was a Culture Fest?
14.3% No, I had class
21.3% Yes, it was amazing!

Next issue’s question:
How has class registration been for you?
Tell us at nique.net

SPRING 2010 COMMENCEMENT

Location: Alexander Memorial Coliseum

PhD and Master’s Ceremony

Date: Friday, May 7
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Undergraduate Ceremony 1
Colleges of Architecture, Computing, Management, Sciences, and the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts

Date: Saturday, May 8
Time: 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Undergraduate Ceremony 2
College of Engineering

Date: Saturday, May 8
Time: 3:00 - 5:30 PM

Celebrate your commencement at Ramblin’ On

DATE: Friday, April 30
TIME: 6:00 - 8:00 PM
LOCATION: Tech Tower Lawn
COST: FREE for all seniors graduating in May, August and December 2010 (Seniors may bring one guest for $5)

Register online at www.gtalumni.org/ramblinon. Register by April 23 for a chance to win an iPad!

Sponsored by the Alumni Association

RSVP by April 23
www.commencement.gatech.edu
Each Tuesday, elected members of the two houses of the Student Government Association, the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) and the Graduate Student Senate (GSS), convene to consider allocation bills and discuss issues facing campus. Here is a summary of those two meetings.

By Vijai Narayanan, Assistant News Editor

This edition of Council Clippings covers the UHR and GSS meetings from April 13, 2010.

**SOS**

Students Organizing for Sustainability (SOS) requested funding for tools and equipment to maintain a community garden and defer some of the costs of operation. Last semester, a group of approximately 15 students created a garden on east campus that has since expanded to include multiple crops, including carrots and several types of greens. The organization also partnered with Facilities and Housing to use their composted food waste and increase yield. Among the funding items included in the bill were shovels, gloves, a wheelbarrow, etc. The bill totaled $424.31 and passed GSS 21-1-0 and UHR 43-0-0.

**Phi Gamma Delta**

SGA considered a bill put forward by the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity to host an alcohol awareness and education event. The organization requested funds to bring a drunk driving simulator to campus, a device that allows students to experience the level of impairment of a drunk driver. The bill totaled $754 and passed UHR 34-10-2, and GSS 14-7-1.

**Sustainability Task Force**

SGA sustainability task force submitted a bill to SGA requesting a funding allocation for Earth Day. The bill requested funding from the Undergraduate Legislative Reserve (ULR). Among the funding items requested in the bill were tools from SOS, advertising and food. The bill will be raffled off as part of the Earth Day celebration. UHR representatives had several concerns about the bill because it would fund an event open to graduate and undergraduates, and believed that the bill should come under a joint allocation. Others, however, believed that the bill was a ULR request in order to bypass JFC guidelines and fast-track the bill through SGA. The bill totaled $525 and ultimately passed UHR 37-6-1.

Many 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.

**Polish plane crash kills 97 people**

On April 14, a plane carrying the Polish president and several other government officials crashed in Russia, killing all aboard. When the plane attempted to land, it did not make it on to the runway and instead hit the treetops. Not only was President Lech Kacynski one of the casualties, but also the deputy foreign minister, the chiefs of the army and the navy, the president of the national bank and several members of the country’s Parliament. The official casualty count given by Russian officials was 97 people. The timing was also unfortunate since Russian and Polish officials had taken some steps forward in coming to terms with the incident where 20,000 members of Poland’s elite officer corps were killed 70 years ago. Several relatives of victims of the massacre were also aboard the plane when it crashed.

**Toulouse-Lautrec to show at the High**

The High Museum of Art received a gift of 47 works of art from Atlanta collectors Irene and Howard Stein. Many of the works are by Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec. The Steins have given the High Museum works by Toulouse-Lautrec in the past. Those and the works in the gift will make up a collection centered on Toulouse-Lautrec’s works will open in Jan. 2011.

**O’Brien to move to TBS**

Conan O’Brien has signed a contract to return to television in Nov. on TBS to host a late-night variety show. It will run Monday through Thursday and he will likely stay in Los Angeles. He is currently on the road in the “Legally Prohibited From Being Funny On Television” tour. Like the title implies, his settlement with NBC dictates that he is not allowed his show on another network until the fall. O’Brien claims that he will retain much of his former staff like executive producer Jeff Ross.
13th Annual Earth Day Celebration

April 23, 10 AM to 2 PM

Celebrate Our World on Skiles Walkway with thousands of visitors and other members of the Georgia Tech community.

- Get a free T-shirt by touring the annual Earth Day Maze
- Meet Earth Day mainstay, Captain Planet
- Visit 70 exhibitors on Skiles Walkway

- Donate your old athletic shoes in Shoot the Shoes
- “Shop” for office supplies at the annual Office Supply Exchange and gently used clothing at the Clothing Swap
- Tour the “Garden of Growth,” a recycled materials art project made by students
- Educate yourself about how to adapt your lifestyle to be more sustainable and eco-friendly
- Enjoy live bands and music from WREK

For a full list of events, visit www.earthday.gatech.edu
Sting break festival showcased indoors

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The Student Center Programs Council (SCPC) hosted the Sting Break Festival in the Student Center on Thursday, April 8, 2010. The festival would have been in the Burger Bowl as was last year’s event, but the SCPC moved it indoors due to inclement weather. Free of charge to students, the Sting Break festival consisted of free Tech paraphernalia and food. Additionally, freeSGA hosted a block party with free cotton candy and sunglasses in conjunction with the festival, and the Freshman Activities Board (FAB) hosted a tie-dyeing booth for the free T-shirts.

“Tech is a challenging place, but we wanted to show students we care about them,” said Matt LeBrun, SCPC festivals chair and third-year MGT major. He described the festival as a student appreciation day, which was also accompanied by an evening concert by Jet.

“It would have been better outside, but it was fun overall [with] lots of free stuff. I think everyone had a great time, and tie-dye was Faball!” said Hevuthasan Sen-thron, first-year ME and a member of FAB.

“It was nice to be able to stop in the middle of my otherwise hectic schedule to see friends and grab food at the same time,” said Dimple Bansal, first-year DyE major. Over 1800 students attended the festival, according to LeBrun. The numbers exceeded the SCPC’s expectations, even though the festival occurred in a contained area.

“It condensed things a bit, but offered a much more excited atmosphere,” LeBrun said in favor of the indoor venue, noting its centralization as a reason for higher attendance.

“There were a lot of worries because of the rain, but I think moving it indoors was a big help because there were a lot of people. It felt more crowded, but it was a ‘busy’ crowded,” said Sangita Sharma, SCPC Special Events chair and first-year AE major.

The breakdown of the funds for the event included $12,000 from campus BuzzFunds and $9075 from Student Activity Fees (SAF). The Alumni Association and Coca-Cola donated the Chik-Fil-A sandwiches and beverages, respectively. The cost of this year’s festival came out to approximately $16,449 dollars, compared to the 2009 festival cost of $28,676, according to LeBrun. Lebrun noted that because of the weather, the cost dropped as the SCPC had to cancel its most expensive events, including a Tornado ride, laser tag and rock-climbing wall.

“With budget cuts across campus, for next year, the SCPC’s budget is a bit lower than this year. However, the Student Center is highly committed to putting on great programming. As such, I don’t see this affecting next year’s Sting Break festival at all,” LeBrun said.
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ance for graduate students.

“We’re going to possibly take
on and revitalize our current in-
surance… that will be a big deal
this year,” Schnure said.

Over 3700 undergraduate stu-
dents voted for the undergraduate
president alone, which featured
five candidates up for election.
Williams received 43.3 percent of
the vote, and Boone received 38.5
percent of the vote. Candidates
Wallace Benton, Daniel Nissen-
baum and Jeff Porubsky together
amassed 20.1 percent of the vote.

“I’m excited. I am so honored
that 1443 people had enough con-
fidence for me to be their next stu-
dent body president,” Boone said.

“I’m excited to make my case over
the next week and see how this
thing turns out. It’s by no means
over for us. It was such a close
margin that I’m really, really ex-
cited to get back out there.”

“It’s been a great two weeks and
we’re hyped up and ready to
go for one more,” Williams said.

Jimmy Williams, a third-
year BME major with experience
working in campus affairs, ran a
campaign focusing on restruc-
turing academics and improving
campus life.

“Specifically what I’d like to
do is put in an institute wide men-
toring program to get faculty and
students talking about things bigger
d than just textbook problems.

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Corey Boone, a third-year MGT major with experience
working in committees such as
the student rules and communica-
tions committee, likewise had his
own programs focusing on aca-
ademic revisions and student life
improvement.

“My first goal would be to
improve the classroom environ-
ment… and that could be done by
the mentoring programs also by
having our individual schools and
colleges place a greater emphasis
on discussion from the professor,”
Boone said. “I want to incorporate a service option here in Tech.
It would be similar to the research
option or the international plan…
Also opening up our Think Big
program to allow students who
don’t necessarily live in Georgia
Tech housing to be apart of.”

In addition to the elections
undergraduate voters cast a yay
or nay ballot in a referendum to
change the Constitution of the
Undergraduate Student Govern-
ment Association. The changes
concerned the responsibilities and
electoral processes for two execu-
tive positions.

The Chief of Staff position will
be eliminated, and the Executive
Vice President, which will still be
directly elected, will assume the
responsibilities of the Chief of
Staff. A new position, to be called
the Speaker of the House, will
assume the current EVP respon-
sibilities. Members of the House
of Representatives will elect this
position. The move was prompt-
ed by the technical nature of the
EVP position, which deals with
intimate legislative processes, and
works not only to serve the stu-
dents, but also to run an effective
UHR. The referendum passed
overwhelmingly with over 2,500
votes in favor of this change.

The election process started
earlier this semester with a series of
elections and meetings concern-
ing how to and who can run for SGA election.
Elec-
tions packets for senators inter-
ested in running were released on
March 1 with various elections
committee meetings held until
spring break. The election was
overseen by the SGA elections
committee. Their tasks included
setting up ballots, running the
voting system, advertising and ad-
judicating violations.

“If students wish to run for a
position, they met with me or a
member of my committee and we
pretty much brought them up to
speed on the rules on the election
code,” said Mike Donohue, a sec-
d year-PUBP major and SGA
elections chair.

Although these positions and
movements have been decided, the
run-off election will continue into
next week.

“I think that the platform that
we’re running on is one appeals to
all students across the board no
matter what their experiences at
Tech have been,” Williams said.
“I think one thing to look forward
to in the next week is a slight re-
branding but the rebranding will
solely be visual. The rest of the
message will stay the same.”

The run-off elections for un-
dergraduate president will take
place on the SGA website starting
at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 16
and will continue until 4:00 p.m.
on Wednesday, April 21. Results
will be announced later on that
day.
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dodgeball tournament, and Greek Sing and Stroll. Sing and Stroll will feature five fraternity and five sorority groups performing songs in a musical contest as well as a special performance by the GTGs. All leftover tickets for Greek Sing and Stroll will be distributed in the Flag Building from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, April 16. Like all of the other Greek Week festivities, this final event is open to all spectators—Greek students and non-Greek students alike.

Unlike in previous years, this year’s Greek Week has made huge push to support some of Tech’s established philanthropic organizations.

While the annual week of games and competitions for Tech’s Greek population is ending, Greek Week’s two largest philanthropic events, Relay for Life and Tech Beautification Day (TBD) are set to kick-off tonight and tomorrow morning, respectively.

“We decided to pair with pre-existing organizations on campus and work with them to promote their cause and get them all of the volunteers that they need,” Patantodas said.

The Relay For Life event begins at 7 p.m. this evening on the SAC Fields and will last 12 hours through 7 a.m. Saturday morning. This year’s TBD will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

These two philanthropic events, like the rest of the week’s games and contests, award points to all attending sorority and fraternity members.

At the end of the week, points for event participation, attendance, and performance for each participating fraternity and sorority will be tallied to determine the overall 2010 Greek Week champions.