Adam Bernstein
USG Presidential Candidate

Major: Computer Science
Class: Fourth Year
Campaign Website: www.void Bernstein.com

SGA Experience
Computer Science Representative
Undergraduate Judicial Cabinet
Academic Honesty Committee
Academic Integrity Committee
Publications Board
Service on 4 SGA Committees

Other Experience
FAMU Leader
Peer Leader/Advisor
Alpha Epsilon Pi
Homescoming/Greek Week Committees
Georgia Tech Chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery
Lambda Sigma Treasurer
Pink 100 Team Leader
Sitting Bull Cancer Committee (April 8th, 2004, Fuel)
Gamme Beta Phi

Platform
We are ONE Institute. We are ONE Community. Those who ONE Way To Vote. This defines Adam Bernstein’s platform to unite the Georgia Tech campus behind ONE candidate who believes in making Georgia Tech number ONE in academics and number ONE in student life. As President of the Student Government Association, Bernstein has made a personal commitment to the students of Georgia Tech to make Student Government proactive and as diverse as the student body. He plans to hold weekly proactive meetings during this time so student organizations can have a time when they have a significant edge over us because of the extra time allowed to them. George Tech also needs a similar structure for a more complete preparation for exams. Perhaps the last days of Dead Week could even be used for optional review classes.

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Bernstein’s website, www.void Bernstein.com, has many more details about his platform. Please visit www.void gattech.edu with questions or comments.

Ashley Case
USG Presidential Candidate

Major: International Affairs/Modern Languages
Class: Second Year
Campaign Website: www. change-of-pace.net

Platform
I observed SGA over the past years and my hopes for the interaction between the students and “their government,” which serves as a fusion of student-center concerns to the administration, are tremendous. Student Government must be more connected to you and your wishes.

As I became more involved in the inner-workings of SGA as class president, legislative representative, instance-wide committee member, and advisory member, I realized the incredible resource the students could have in SGA. I am convinced that if the students were truly aware of the differences they would see an increase in national rankings and students will be able to present themselves as more diverse graduates from a technical institute. As President of SGA, I would see on campus by further utilizing SGA, George Tech would be a more fulfilling experience to many people.

I feel that my connection to the student body is involved with my involvement on campus in such things as GT Teams, Residence Staff, the Greek community, Ambassadors, Feb Allen College Student Advisor Board, Frederucan Council, Drama Tech, and my major—International Affairs and Modern Language. Also, you can find me at many sporting events—I am a huge baseball fan. I do not know how to take care of your needs. I am capable and very willing to help you get in touch with someone who does.

Frankly, it is difficult for people to understand what SGA has to offer and how it can help. Of course there are things that I personally want to see SGA do for you, such as an extended weekend to study before finals. Many of our peer institutions (UGA, MIT, Cal. Tech) have once or two days off the end of Dead Week. This gives them a longer period of time to prepare for the stressful work ahead. We are competing with those students for graduate school entry, yet they have a significant edge over us because of the extra time allowed to them. Georgia Tech also needs a similar structure for a more complete preparation for exams. Perhaps the last days of Dead Week could even be used for optional review classes.

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Class: Fourth Year
Campaign Website: www.smiles4pres.com

SGA Experience
I am currently the Co-op Representative in the Undergraduate House of Representatives, and I serve on the newly created Georgia Tech Lobby Board.

Platform
If elected SGA President I plan to lead the SGA on a campaign to make Georgia Tech a happier and more fun place to live and work. The issue of the student’s happiness is at the core of my platform because I believe student morale and Tech pride need a considerable boost.

I don’t want to sound morose when I say I want happier students. Happier students get involved more, they give higher grades, they buy more goods and services, which are all good for this campus.

I am not your typical SGA-molded individual. I represent the fresh perspective. I represent the common student, the everyday student. I am the only optimizer on the ballot. I can also admit that I am not perfect. I have broken classes here, and seen the glamorous side to Tech—as well as the glamorous I have learned from my faults and grown the wiser because of them.

Because I come in with a fresh perspective, I also come into this with more enthusiasm and the will to do more. I want people to get fired up about being at this school!

Whenever someone asks me, “How’s Tech?” unfortunately, the first thing that comes to mind is, “It’s hard.” or “It sucks.” I need people to say, “It’s fun. There is a lot going on. I am having a good time here.” To do this, we need to create programs that have won the student’s money in the past with poor attendance or lack of interest. We need to initiate plans to get people outdoors and enjoying themselves more. Ideas like mass barbecues before football games could be done.

I want people to be able to express themselves in whatever form they want. Let’s have an Air/Music Appreciation Day. This school is very conservative by nature. I don’t want to see talent stifled or go dormant for the four years you are here all of the technical work we do.

Do you know why MTV doesn’t come to our campus or do Campus Invasion or Campus Game? Do you know why local radio hosts think of our school as a place where “a bunch of dudes hang out?” We have a reputation of being a bunch of guys who study all the time. Although there are those few, a majority of us appreciate a good time and enjoy quality entertainment. I am here to change our image and stop the bowel movement stereotype. When concerts come to campus or we have GT Night at places around Atlanta, it will be the “thing to do” that night.

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Amy Phoung
USG Presidential Candidate

Major: International Affairs
Class: Third Year
Campaign Website: www.amy4pres.com

SGA Experience
- Undergraduate Student Government
- Class of 2005 Senator
- Class of 2006 Senator
- Class of 2007 Senator

Other Experience
- Intern at Leadership Atlanta
- FASET Mentor Leader
- Housing Community Advisor
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Experience Matters
I have the knowledge of working with several SGA Presidents, the experience as an SGA Executive Officer, the proven leadership through several campus positions, the networking skills with influential leaders outside of Tech, and the established, professional relationships with several administrators, faculty, and staff across campus. Not only I am experienced but most importantly, I am dedicated to truly meeting the needs of the student body and will constantly follow through on the promises I set forth.

Abi Hung
USG Vice-Presidential Candidate

Major: Mechanical Engineering
Class: Third Year
Campaign Website: www.abiforyou.com

SGA Experience
- I feel I can really combine my experience from various organizations with my new ideas, passion and enthusiasm to foster a renewed SGA.
- My freshman year I was involved with FreStGA, where I worked to add options to meal plans and helped create Teach Trivia.
- This year I am the Mechanical Engineering Representative as well as the Campus Service Chair.
- As ME Representative I co-authored bills for GT Monopolists, Up With the White and Gold, ACUI 2004 International 9 Ball Tournament, the ASME National Conference, as well as the Students of Objector Conference.

As Campus Service Chair, I’ve tried to perfect and better publicize the GT Bookstore.
- I have also worked to better the online appointment service for the Health Center.
- I am currently working with Housing to create additional swap days, with Auxiliary Services to get additional cameras in Carman Parking Deck and expand Bus/car usage, and with the library to address the cell phone policy.

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Hunter Oates
USG Vice-Presidential Candidate

Major: Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
Class: Third Year
Campaign Website: www.jason4vp.com

SGA Experience
- I have been involved with SGA for the past 2 years, serving as the EAS major representative.
- During my terms as a representative, I have served on the Joint Campus Organizations Committee, the Public Safety Committee, the SGA Awards Committee, the House Advisory Committee, numerous conference committees regarding bills and have acted as Parliamentarian in House meetings.
- I am a very active participant in SGA meetings and functions, including assisting with GT Night at Six Flags, Rambler’s Night programs, meeting with officials such as Lt. Gov. Mark Taylor and many others.

Other Experience
- I am involved with SGA in campus activities such as outside of Tech, the Georgia Tech Wesley Foundation, Anime O-Tokki Club and OR35B. I have served as the Vice President of External Affairs for the Chordals for the past 2 years.
- I am also the incoming President of the Wesley Foundation for the Summer 94 season. Currently, I am employed as a research assistant for Dr. Elby Inghal in the EAS department.

Platform
- As Vice President, I will work hard to make a better, more efficient Student Government.
- I plan to initiate a series of procedural reforms within the House as to enhance the performance of SGA. These changes include:
  1. More rigid chair structure, representative voting in parliamentary procedure and protocol and for Q&A sessions with organizations before the House, up-to-date financial reports for every meeting, and by-law amendments mandating appointment dates for critical committees such as JCOM, HAC and JFC.

Issue meetings will return, this time resulting in plans of action, not just spoken words.
- I plan to utilize the incoming,校区 system to the fullest extent, allowing for more direct interaction between the Student Body and the representatives. I will also work hard to bring about a new camaraderie between House members. As Vice President, I will also strive to minimize friction between the Graduates and the Undergrads. All these and more will bring about an improved SGA which will better the Georgia Tech environment.
- I feel I can really combine my experience from various organizations with my new ideas, passion and enthusiasm to foster a renewed SGA.

As Vice President, I will give my full support to the issues that the President deems top priority.
- I will strive to improve Georgia Tech, which has given me so much.
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Lamar Stewart  
USG Vice-Presidential Candidate  
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Class: Third Year  
Campaign Website: www.lamar4vp.com  
Platform:  
Ensure the Fiscal Viability of SGA  
As many of you may have read in the Technique, SGA has had budgetary difficulties. Although I wish that SGA could provide everything all student organizations ask for, our budget simply does not allow us to achieve that. As Vice-President, I would strive to see that representatives carefully weigh the costs of the Student Life fund Georgia Tech should not use the easy options (i.e. Alumni donations and sponsorships Corporate sponsorships Use) to be adequately funded. By making sure that SGA pays only for what is necessary, we will ensure that ALL organizations will be more adequately funded.  
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I am currently Co-Director of the SGA Student Lobbying Board (Lobby Board), an outgrowth of SGA’s Governmental and External Affairs Committee, of which I am chair. Georgia is facing severe budget crises that are likely to soon have an impact upon every student at Tech. After having co-founded Lobby Board, I, along with the other members of the Governmental and External Affairs Committee, have taken a very active role in deciding the future direction of the organization. We are currently developing the methods by which we will contact legislators and get them to weigh heavily the concerns of the Georgia Tech student body when they cast their votes. In my opinion, ensuring the viability of Lobby Board is one of the pressing concerns of SGA, and, with my intimate knowledge of the organization, I feel that I am in a unique position to positively affect the group through the vice presidency.  
Ensure A Full House:  
A school with as many intelligent, dedicated, and capable students as Georgia Tech should never have shortages in membership in the Undergraduate House of Representatives. As Vice-President, I would work to ensure that as few positions are left open as possible, and to make sure that full attendance is achieved at all meetings. I strongly believe that all members of the Undergraduate House are entrusted with a duty to serve their constituents, a duty that is not fulfilled with low House attendance. It is my goal that all representatives will take seriously the trust placed in them by the students they serve.  
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Lamar’s Four Points of a Diamond:  
1) Defending the Quality of an Undergraduate’s Education  
With the current state of the economy and Georgia Tech’s impending budget cuts, SGA must take an active role in ensuring that students’ educational needs are not neglected. My vision is to create a more advanced and in-depth version of the Lobby Board. The Lobby Board would be responsible for monitoring the upcoming bills in the Georgia General Assembly and their impact on Georgia Tech. Lobbying Congress members, the Board of Regents, administrators, and faculty to maintain current funding for undergraduate education. Increased correspondence to Congress members that would include letter writing campaigns and campus invitations to express campus concerns. Georgia Tech students work hard to have their education diminished in any way!  
2) Fighting Budget Cuts to Student Organizations  
Due to the recent funding requests from departments that provide student services, most notably the Campus Recreational Center (CRC), there has been serious debate regarding significantly reducing funding for student organizations. My vision is to actively pursue alternative funding options such as corporate sponsorships. Corporate sponsorships Use of the Student Life fund Georgia Tech should not use the easy option (i.e. increasing student fees or cutting students organizations’ budgets) without looking first at alternative options. Student organizations should not bear a disproportionate reduction in funding under any circumstances.  
3) Enhancing the Relationship between Georgia Tech and Incoming Students  
Although the transition process as Georgia Tech is better than most schools for incoming freshmen and transfer students, there are areas that need improvement. My vision is to help incoming students to: Develop a “hands on” process for introducing students to the Georgia Tech community Providing a “Helper” or “Buddy” to assist with financial aid, transferring credits, running, class selection, parking tips, and general campus questionsWhile FASET, Freshman Experience, Peer Leaders, as well as the school departments give assistance to this process, many students still feel abandoned when they arrive to an urban campus like Georgia Tech. This process will consist of pairing a student up with people who have an overall knowledge and love of Georgia Tech.  
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Safety: Safety on campus is another issue that I plan to work on next year. I believe that strengthening the bond and communication between the undergraduate and graduate student organizations more in line with each other. This will help to increase the level of efficiency and effectiveness of Student Government as a whole.

Graduate Student Participation: One of my biggest goals is to increase the level of interaction among graduate students on campus, by initiating and supporting events which serve to bring graduate students from different departments together.

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Graduate Student Government Elections

Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elect

Kasi David

GSG President Elect

Majors: MSE

Class: Ph.D.

Campaign website:

SGA Experience:

MSE Senator

Member of Joint Finance Committee

Member of Joint Campus Organization Committee

Chair of Graduate Conference Fund

Platform:

Healthcare/Insurance:

As graduate students, we pay for health insurance each year, mainly through the plan offered by the school. There are certain issues concerning health insurance which I aim to work on next year. The first one is the cost associated with the insurance plans. Over the last few years, there has been a considerable increase in insurance costs, and my goal is to find a way to make insurance more affordable and available to graduate students here at Georgia Tech.

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The results will be printed in a special section of the April 16 issue.

www.best.nique.net