Stadium cracks hinder progress

By Stephen Baehl
Copy Editor

The ongoing construction on Bobby Dodd Stadium is running approximately three weeks behind schedule, due in part to repairs to hairline cracks in one of the structure’s cement columns.

However, according to Senior Associate Athletic Director Sterling Brown, “In every construction schedule, there’s a little ‘float time’ built in. We’ve been behind schedule a couple times, but always come out where we wanted to be bottom line.”

With a construction project as large as the ongoing one at the stadium, setbacks and miscalculations become more likely. For example, since precast sections of seating are placed directly into the stadium using one of the largest cranes in the U.S., problems with miscalculations of the appropriate lengths for some sections has forced construction crews to remove them for refitting.

“Why have to go through two operations to analyze the problem,” Brown said, “when we can do it at once?"

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Sterling Brown
Associate Athletic Director

Anti-SGA ads invade campus

By Tony Kluenper
News Editor

“SGA = worthless!”

Although this may be the opinion of some students on campus, candidates for this year’s undergraduate SGA elections were surprised to find that their campaign signs posted last week had been replaced by signs proclaiming this and other anti-SGA opinions.

When candidates began campaigning for the major SGA positions last Wednesday, little did they know that a campus prankster was planning a little campaign of his own.

“This side campaign resulted in the posting of numerous anti-SGA signs around the center of campus,” said Team Leader Mike Handelman.

“I thought I got them all,” said Handelman. “The first signs I saw were near the IC, and as I made my way around the campus, I noticed that for the most part, they had just posted the signs over SGA campaign posters.”

Handelman said he basically removed the anti-SGA signs if they were in front of campaign posters. However, the number of signs ended up being larger than he expected.

“I thought I got them all,” said Handelman. “I heard later that there were still some signs up around campus.”

In the end, not all the candidates were completely negative about the anti-SGA signs. “While

GT Motorsports lacks funds to compete

By Daniel Amick
Assistant News Editor

Economic hard times have painful effects on student organizations. Funding quickly dries up, and corporate sponsors become harder and harder to find. One organization forced to tighten its belt over the last year is GT Motorsports.

GT Motorsports unveiled their new car design last week. Due to a lack of funding, the car will not compete abroad this year.

Religious groups sponsor dialogue

Representatives of various religions will gather for dialogue and discussion March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 117 of the Student Services Building. Representatives will present central tenets of their faiths and discuss common misunderstandings and prejudices. The meeting will also include small group discussions.

Event sponsors include the Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC) and the Muslim Student Association (MSA).

IPST Dean Dr. Barry Crouse dies

Georgia Tech and the Institute of Paper Science and Technology community suffered a loss this week with the sudden death of Dr. Barry Crouse on Sunday evening.

He served as the Dean of Academic Affairs at IPST and as the long-time faculty advisor of the Yellow Jacket Flying Club. Crouse was also active in Techmasters, a professional speaking group on campus.

As an aviator, he was distinguished with the designation “Master Certified Flight Instructor,” one of only 500 in the country from among 250,000 pilots.

Crouse joined IPST in 1990 where he served as dean and professor of Chemistry.

Molly Ivins to speak at Tech

Political columnist and best-selling author Molly Ivins will speak Thursday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. She is receiving the 2003 Ivan Allen, Jr. Prize for Progress and Service from the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts. Her speech is entitled “Molly Ivins Can’t Say That. Can She?” which is also the title of her new book.

The public is invited to attend. Doors open at 12:30 p.m.
From the archives...

The Nique’s top stories from:

10 years ago: April 9, 1993—Tech won the ACC Championship, defeating top-ranked University of North Carolina 77-75. A freak blizzard hit Georgia Tech, shutting down campus. 51 Burge residents signed a petition demanding better security after a string of robberies, car thefts and a rape.

20 years ago: April 8, 1983—Dr. Gerald Day was appointed Acting Dean of the College of Management in the wake of a rift between faculty and the former dean. The Burger King on Hemphill Road was held up at gunpoint. A printed Course Critique was ready in time for registration.

30 years ago: April 13, 1973—Roger Wehrle became the new head of the Student Center. Famed sci-fi writer Arthur C. Clarke was scheduled to speak at Tech. Former assistant to Whack Hyder Duane Morrison took over as Tech’s new head basketball coach. Morrison said he was thrilled and that coaching at Tech would be the biggest challenge he’d ever had.
Michaels vetos Tech Beautification bill
By Tony Klauner
News Editor

To anyone who saw the agenda for this week’s meeting of the Graduate Senate, it seemed that with only five bills up for discussion, the senators would finish up in record time.

However, that was not to be the case as three of the five candidates running for vice president and president of the Graduate Student Government presented their platforms. These speeches pushed the meeting to nearly 45 minutes, making it one of the longest senate meetings of the year.

Vice presidential candidate Roy Fur-bank and presidential candidates Pelham Norville and Yasser Bharti all made presentations to the senate. For the most part, each speech outlined the experience the candidate has with GSS and student affairs as a whole and how this experience would help candidates upon election. The two other vice presidential were not in attendance to address the senate.

Once the speeches from the candidates were complete, the senators tackled the five bills up for discussion with only a small amount of debate. That debate arose from the discussion of a bill, which was passed by the senators just last week, but then vetoed by president Alan Michaels.

Michaels also addressed the fact that in his opinion, T-shirts were not a vital part of the event, a view that was also held by the Joint Finance Committee (JFC), which failed the bill.

However, TeamBuzz representative Ben Lawder felt that the T-shirts served an integral part in helping to get students to partake. See GSS, page 5

Undergrads discuss Honor Code issues
By Daniel Amick
Assistant News Editor

Representatives considered the state of honor on campus at Tuesday night’s issue meeting of the Undergraduate House.

“This is a very big issue that cannot be handled at one simple meeting,” said Executive Vice President Nate Watson. The purpose of the discussion, he said, was to “begin some sort of dialogue” about honor on campus.

Reps heard from several speakers, including students, faculty and administrators. Guests included Senior Associate Dean Karen Boyd, Honor Advisory Council (HAC) Chair Sara Cames, other members of the HAC and Dr. Joel Sokol, who offered a faculty perspective.

Cames and Boyd initially described the history and policies of Georgia Tech's Honor Code. Student leaders created the code and the HAC in 1997. Reps questioned the speakers about the procedures involved under the code, including punishment for violations.

Punishment, Boyd said, is “not a cookie-cutter thing,” but it is designed to match the severity of the offense.

“This is supposed to be a learning experience,” said Cames. “Most first-time punishments are not severe, not suspensions, not expulsions.”

Discussion slowly turned to representatives’ concerns and ways student government could help foster honor on campus.

“There’s a lot of focus on process,” said Sokol. “I think it’s important to look at the bigger picture.”

“SGA cannot make people honorable,” said Boyd, but she said it can help promote an honor-friendly environment.

“(Students) do look to each other to see what’s acceptable,” she said.

CS Rep Adam Bernstein offered several suggestions. He advocated posting the honor code in all classrooms, showing up at Honor/repository meetings to discuss enforcement and specifics of the honor code.

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By Christopher Gooley/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students and faculty participate in a reading of Aristophanes’ Lysistrata as part of a world-wide theater event for peace. Overall the reading was presented over 1,000 times in nearly 60 countries. Event organizers also hosted a post-play discussion on gender issues as well as the potential war on Iraq.
Funds from page 1 to be cut. GT Motorsports has won the competition twice in the past. “A large portion of [the budget] went for the England trip because we had to pay to ship the car over by air and then fly the students over,” said Flanagan. The team’s other major competition in Detroit will not be affected.

“There’s really no reason to build a car if we don’t go to Detroit,” said Flanagan.

In the past, the team’s funding came from three major sources: Ford Motor Company, General Motors and student government.

“Ford used to give each school ten grand from a student vehicle competition fund,” said Flanagan. “This year, they’ve completely canned [the program]. They’ve just gotten absolutely nothing from them [this year],” he said. “There’s really no reason to build a car.”

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“Times are rough. We can’t afford to do that. [GT Motorsports has] gotten absolutely nothing from them [this year],” he said.

“Some of the smaller companies have said ‘Money’s too tight. We don’t have the discretionary funds anymore. [Discretionary funds are] normally where we get most of our money,’” said Flanagan.

Flanagan. He said the program has “helped out a little bit,” but not yielded major gains yet.

“Alumni usually do a really good job of selling the program,” said Flanagan. The team is also trying new fundraising techniques.

“We are asking for parts [and] donations,” said Flanagan. “We’re also working to go after local businesses, asking for $200 or $500. It will add up, but it will take a lot of leg-work and time, which we kind of run short on,” he said.

They are also instigated a program to secure funding from alumni and the companies for which they work.

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Despite financial hard times, members of the team are not disheartened. For them, building racecars is a labor of love. On average, they spend about 40 hours per week in the shop.

The final product can accelerate from 0 to 60 miles per hour in 3.2 seconds. It holds 1.5 g’s in a turn and reaches a top speed of 130 mph.
The upper deck of the north stands of Bobby Dodd stadium has been under construction since early December. The work is currently three weeks behind schedule due to hairline crack discovered in concrete support columns.

Stadium

It turns out that solution’s source resides here at Tech. A technology developed by civil engineering professors, Dr. Lawrence F. Kahn and Dr. Abdul Hamid Zureick, is being used to solve the problem.

A carbon wrap made of the same material used on stealth bombers is currently being applied to the column after the hairline cracks have been re-cemented. Then the column will be painted, so no unsightly results will come of the problem, and the structure will be more than safe.

“They’ve used this process on bridges in the past, so we aren’t the maiden voyage on this thing,” said Brown.

The constructions crews will be finished on schedule, Brown added. For example, he said, when building a house, normally the electrician might work for three weeks, and then the plumber will come in to work for three weeks. However, both can do their work simultaneous-ly to cut off three weeks of construction time; similar procedures can be used on the stadium.

Furthermore, Tech has not ruled out the possibility of hiring more workers and/or paying current workers overtime to pull extra shifts.

Brown wants the student body to be sure of one thing. “We will be ready to play Auburn on September 6, and all of us who come to the game will see a finished product,” said Brown.

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or Awareness Week events, having the HAC report regularly, having the House and requiring that new reps pledge to uphold the honor code in their oaths of office.

BME Rep Jen Hinkel expressed concern that there was no institutionalized way for students to get help when professors do not meet their obligations under the code.

Dean of Students Gail DiSabatino said that her office spends much of its time resolving student-faculty issues.

If a student has a concern, “there are academic channels” in place, DiSabatino said.

Student Body President Tiffany Massey and Senior Rep Lindsey Mazza urged reps to act as “liaisons,” bridging the gap between students and faculty.

“Some students cheat when they feel like some professors aren’t on their side,” said Massey. She also warned against “the game of rationalizing” some types of behavior.

After the close of the issue meet-ing, reps turned to financial business. House members voted to postpone three other bills until next week.

EU offices bugged, culprits still unknown

Ministers at the European Union have launched an investigation to determine who placed listening devices in their offices. Electronic bugs have been found in the offices of British, French, German, and Italian offices, among others. France’s newspaper Le Figaro first reported the discovery and blamed the US, but EU officials said they had not yet determined who placed the bugs. The discovery comes amidst divisions within the EU over war with Iraq.

Bush sends letter to Congress justifying war

In a letter addressed to the Speaker of the House and the President pro tempore of the Senate, President Bush offered Congress his administration’s formal justification for war with Iraq. Bush’s letter states that further diplomacy would “not adequately protect the United States” from the threat of Iraq. British Prime Minister Tony Blair won a vote in Parliament 412 to 149 authorizing “all means necessary” for the disarmament of Iraq. Meanwhile, analysts continued to speculate about the possible costs of a war. Estimates vary widely, from a low of $27 billion to a high of $1.92 trillion.

Copy of Bill of Rights recovered after 138 years

One of 14 original copies of the Bill of Rights has been found. The document was stolen from the North Carolina Statehouse in 1865 by a Union soldier. FBI agents recovered the document, valued at $30 million, in an undercover operation Tuesday in Philadelphia. The document was commissioned by President George Washington. The Bill of Rights lists the first ten amendments to the Constitution; demanded by many states, it was ratified in 1791.