Phuong captures SGA presidency

By Haining Yu
Staff Writer

Cheers erupted Tuesday as the results of the undergraduate presidential and vice presidential runoff elections were announced in the Student Center Commons. No presidential or vice presidential candidate gained a majority vote in the first round of elections, necessitating a runoff vote. Presidential Candidate Amy Phuong won the race with a 2-to-1 margin, gaining 1,902 votes. Her rival, Ashley Case, garnered a total of 981 votes. “I’m so excited. I just want to thank everybody who supported me and helped me in any way in getting votes,” said Phuong. “I’m also very happy that we will be able to celebrate in a few days,” she added.

Amy Phuong reacts jubilantly to the announcement that she defeated Ashley Case in the runoff. Phuong captured 1,902 votes while Case received 981 votes. Lamar Stewart won the race for executive vice president.

Technique seeks funding for newspapers

By Arcady Kantor
Contributing Writer

The trial of the USA Today College Readership Program that Tech has participated in over the past weeks will conclude at the end of dead week. The program, promoted by the Residential Hall Association (RHA), placed complimentary copies of the USA Today and New York Times newspapers at central locations around campus that students could pick up during the week. The three-week trial period is designed to demonstrate the benefits such a program provides to the community of the campus. The big motivation behind it is to increase readership on campus, said Andrew Howard, president of RHA. According to Howard, newspaper readership among the students on campus was extremely low prior to the launch of the trial. “We did some group surveys, and... out of a group of twenty people only two people read the paper (once a week or more),” he said.

Since the introduction of the program, however, readership on campus has gone up significantly. “I get one every morning when I go to breakfast,” said freshman CS major Ben Ferrer. “I like having an actual paper to read as opposed to looking at it online.”

Police report few disturbances after game

By Daniel Amick
News Editor

As thousands of fans filed out of Alexander Memorial Coliseum Monday night, no one knew how they would react to the Tech loss to UConn in San Antonio. Aside from a few minor fires and firecrackers, the campus remained calm. According to Police Chief Teresa Crocker, there were no problems, like broken trash cans and picnic tables. He also said that a group of students was caught trying to break into an attic.

According to the Tech game, there were no arrests and there was no reported property damage after the game. Dan Morrison, the Associate Director of Housing for Residence Life, reported that Housing staff encountered a few minor problems, like broken trash cans and picnic tables. He also said that a group of students was caught trying to break into an attic.

Senior Associate Dean of Students for Student Life Karen Boyd said the evening was comparable to a major football game in terms of incidents reported. Beginning last week, Tech police and administrators began bracing themselves for post-game celebrations Saturday and Monday. As soon as it became clear that Tech would compete in the Final Four, Crocker called a meeting of representatives from the Department of Facilities, the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, the Department of Housing, the Athletic Association, media groups, student government, the Student Center Programs Council (SCPC) and the Greek community to begin planning safety procedures. Crocker said the department contacted sister institutions like

Memorial ceremony takes place April 15

The annual When the Whistle Blows ceremony will take place Thursday, April 15 at 7 p.m. on the Tech Tower lawn. When the Whistle Blows is a ceremony honoring the lives of individuals who were part of the Tech community and have passed on during the last year. Faculty and staff members honored are Kevin Brennan, Barry Crouse, Terrell Farmer, Robert Fulton, Ramon Garcia, Douglas Halley, Jerry Huff, George McDougal, Jerry Wilson and Hubert Youngblood. Students Jesus Fischer, Kevin Kahn, Robert MacKay and Joshua Page will also be remembered.

Clough tours campus in annual safety walk

By Stephen Baehl
Senior Staff Writer

Institute President Wayne Clough joined other administrators and student body representatives last Thursday night, April 1, to examine safety issues on campus. The Safety Walk consisted of the entourage of people traversing campus at night, following paths and shortcuts that students typically take at all times of the day. The purpose was to examine lighting and safety issues posed by buildings and campus grog, as well as take note of areas insufficiently covered by emergency phones. Another such walk took place last year, with visible results. “We observed twenty or thirty things we could maybe improve,” said Clough of the previous year’s walk. “Within a couple weeks, we’d done all of those.” Clough said he wants students to all feel safe. “It’s very important to do this,” he said to the assembled group.

RHA project coordinator Chris Moore said, “We’re just here to give both the students and the faculty a chance to make campus safer.” He hoped the walk could address any other things needed.
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Representatives pass budget after two weeks of debate

By Stephen Baehl
Senior Staff Writer

Tuesday night’s SGA meeting was marked with some urgency. As Executive Vice President Michael Handelman put it: “We must pass the budget.”

“We’ve done a great job so far,” he added, saying the House only needed to continue working efficiently on the business before it.

Undergraduate Student Body President Nate Watson warned that, should the budget not be passed this week, the House would have to meet again during Dead Week.

By the end of the meeting, though, the passage of the budget was announced to the representatives’ applause.

Normally, the budget’s passage would not have neared the end of the year so closely.

“I know mistakes were made with the budget,” said Undergraduate Student Body President Nate Watson in his address to the House. “They had serious consequences. We’re dealing with the budget later than we usually deal with it because of this.”

He continued, “We did not have an experienced JFC returning...we got off to a slow and rocky start.” He called the difficulty of the year’s budget “the biggest JFC has ever faced during my time at Tech...They worked very hard to meet that challenge.”

The evening’s main issue was the amendment of the budget to cut out SGA stipends that fund various positions within SGA: VP Campus Affairs, VP Administrative Affairs and USC Treasurer. The first two have never before been stipended; the third is being given stipends again after having them cut last year.

Watson said what he said was his longest report of the year to the body at the beginning of the meeting regarding the topic and his amendment about it.

Positions in SGA should be stipended, he said.

However, he authored an amendment to change the VPAA and VPCA stipends to zero. He said he did not support the idea, but wanted to be sure the members of the House had every opportunity to voice their opinions in debate on the matter.

“If we are trying to be fiscally conservative, we should perhaps look at ourselves,” said International Affairs Representatives Eric Clopper.

Undergraduate Student Body President Nate Watson addresses the House at Tuesday’s meeting. Both the House and Senate passed versions of the budget.

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By Daniel Amick
News Editor

In a marathon meeting that stretched to nearly three hours, the Graduate Senate passed the student activity fee budget at its Tuesday meeting. The passage cleared the way for a conference committee over the weekend that will determine the budget’s final form.

Senators debated two particularly contentious amendments, covering funding for the Music Department and levels of student stipends. Electrical and Computer Engineering senator Eric Clopper authored both amendments.

Clopper argued forcefully that the Senate should vote to increase funding for the Music Department by about $5,000. Last year, the department received about $41,000 from SGA. This year’s budget cut that amount to about $26,000. The Music Department also receives some funding from the College of Architecture.

Clopper said that funding the Music Department should not be viewed as funding an academic department because the funding goes toward performance classes that cannot count toward a degree program. SGA does the same thing, he said, when it pays for the School of Literature, Communications and Culture to operate DramaTech performance classes.

The amendment passed.

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Amy Schmisseur. Vice President of Campus Affairs Ben Lawder, however, said the time put into the position easily merits a $2,000 stipend. “This person does spend an extraordinarily large amount of time.”

“If we want these, we will be increasing SGA stipends by 26.5 percent...while others are being cut by as much as 50 percent or more,” Schmisseur said of the SGA stipends added to the budget. “I find it hard to justify...only funding positions that you know about and not looking at other positions more closely,” she added, noting that many house members did not know the details of many of the positions whose stipends they cut.

Some representatives were concerned with how much time would look for the SGA. However, Industrial and Systems Engineering Representative Matt Ridley said, “I’m not particularly concerned about others’ opinions on whether we cut stipends or not.”

Representatives again pointed out the SGA positions to be funded take up lots of time. “If you’re doing the job well, you don’t have time to get another job on the side,” Freshman Representative Saira Amir said, and I think that’s what it’s for.

So, the amendment to reduce the stipends failed.

Schmisseur also brought two amendments before the house; the first was to cut stipends for the USC Treasurer position. Most of the points about this amendment had already been made in earlier discussion, however, and the amendment also failed.

The final amendment, however, met with more success. Schmisseur said she spoke with all student publications editors about their current situation with the budget and found that reducing cuts to Erato to only 10 percent was more in line with what should be done in the budget. Organization representatives from Erato presented the duties of each position to the House. “We have constantly improved the positions” and rarely ask SGA to fund anything, they said.

After hearing representatives’ description, Lawder said he agreed with the amendment to reduce cuts to stipends to Erato. Other representatives agreed, as the amendment was passed. The House also passed three other allocations with relatively little debate. Further, a resolution expressing condolences to “the friends and family of Justin Fisher, a valued member of the Georgia Tech community,” was moved from new business to old business and unanimously passed.

Also moved to old business were some amendments to the bylaws of the Undergraduate Student Government.

At the meeting’s end, nominations for people to serve on the three-member conference committee for the budget were taken, and the house voted after each nominee’s short speech.

In a vote that overrode the committee selections put forward by Handler, the chair, House members selected Ridley, Lawder and Architecture Representative David Andersen.

On the topic of the emergency phones, Director of Security and Police Teresa Crocker said there are plans for the installation of several new phones of that type around campus.

Also of note on the walk was the tunnel running from East Campus under the highway to Spring Street. “We’ve really cleaned up the tunnel,” said Moore. “There are so many nooks and crannies on this campus.”

As such, it can be difficult for anyone to walk around to find anything. Clough said that students who find safety concerns around campus should alert the administration to such problems. Bringing problems to the Student Affairs office, emailing Rhodes, or emailing Director of Parking and Transportation Bob Furniss, he said, would work.

Also, Clough noted that people can send him email—“I may not always know the answers,” he said, “but I’ll forward it to someone who does.” We’re going to answer as much as we can.

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Who is the sexiest SGA candidate?

I wonder if next year it will be known for SGA president, how can SGA increase their own budget while cutting student pubs?

That is sooo hypocritical. Hey stinger driver, do you get paid extra to be an A**?

Yet another bitch uses the boyfriend card. I hope they all enjoy a lonely middle age before they settle on the lowest common denominator.

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I love you, Wookie!

Then Go Yellow J-J-J-G-Unit!

Dear Sliver Girl, I thoroughly enjoyed your feedback on the slivers this semester. Thanks for all the slivers ah miss Sliver girl, I wish you much luck after these two weeks of sliver bliss come to a close

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work pay off, and I’m ready to do a good job next year.”

When asked about his outlook on the election before results were in, Lumar said, “I didn’t really expect anything, the whole time it was really close between me and [Hung], I think both of us did a really good job.”

As for his outlook for next year, Stewart said, “Me and Amy got along really well.”

Even after the larger margin of support she held over her opponents, 1587 votes, versus Case’s 711 votes, from the first round of elections, Phuong did not let up on her campaign.

“Well I felt good, but I didn’t want to get confident, like we’d won already and let off our guard, in that sense I wanted to still put work in and push people hard. “More emails, and scaring people, like telling them, ‘you know, we might not win tomorrow,’ ” Phuong said when asked what extra campaigning she did during the runoff.

But now that the campaign is over, Phuong plants to “relax, and celebrate. And then we’re going to be ready to go and kick it up next year.”

The roughly 30 percent voter turnout largely exceeded expectations for the runoff elections. “I’m so surprised that there was such a big turnout in the runoff,” said Krista Hollingsworth, SGA Member-at-Large.

“I can’t believe she [Phuong] had more [votes] this elections than she had in the last one.”

“We were very pleased with the turnout in the runoff, we were worried that it would be low due to just the two days of voting and then with the basketball game going on,” Elections Chair Alan Bakowski said.

As for any concern over last weeks’ announcement of a violation of elections code guidelines, Bakowski said, “there were no unresolved issues from the last elections.”

He said that, “The committee described last week in our statement that there was unethical inactivity by the campaign, but that really was a mischaracterization. We shouldn’t have called it unethical, because we weren’t really judging the character of the person.” The violation concerned a campaign email.

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Duke and Maryland to find out what kind of response program to implement. She said she was also on the police force at N.C. State in 1983 when it won the championship and thus had some experience in dealing with the situation.

The police plan shut down certain streets so that pedestrians and vehicles would not have to interact, and to keep people who were not part of the Tech community out.

On Saturday, the fire department responded to several small dumpster fires. After the game, police also met with several Greek organizations to advise them again against the use of fire crackers. There was one arrest, but the offender was not a student.

During Monday’s game, Housing had 37 staff members on duty when normally there would be eight, Morrison said.

The Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs called in 12 staff members for Saturday’s game and 19 for Monday’s game. Boyd said the planning for the Coliseum viewing and the post-game block party was driven primarily by students.

She said Jeff Smith, president of the SCPC, Alice Snedeker, Panhel president, Megan Lutz, RHA vice president, Dan Porter of Ambassadors and Jen Smith of the Tech band were all heavily involved in the planning. Boyd said 2,000 raffle tickets ran out 45 minutes before the game began. She estimated that at least 3,500 attended the viewing, but the actual number could have been higher.

“The one thing that I’m sad for is that the team couldn’t see what they [the team] did for campus,” said Boyd. “The student population was so jazzed, and it brought them together in ways I’ve never seen students be together.”
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Henry Parker, a security officer at the library, one of the locations where the newspapers may be picked up, confirmed this.

"Everybody’s looking forward to seeing the New York Times and USA Today. You know, people are getting them tremendously," he said.

Not all students appreciate the program in its current state, however. According to Howard, many students have wondered why the program does not provide the information on two major points of interest to RHA. As well as tallying the number of newspapers picked up by the students on a day-to-day basis, a survey will be conducted to determine what students do with the papers after they pick them up.

“If people [are] picking it up just to do the crossword, I mean, that’s probably not a good reason to have the paper." Howard said.

Despite the positive student reaction, the program may face difficulties getting the necessary funding.

"To have three newspapers and to have every bin at full capacity, basically refilling it as much as people will come, costs $60,000 per year," Howard said. "The program likely to be implemented at Tech would have bins in fewer places than the full one, and would be expected to cost roughly $15,000 a year.

Another major concern is the quantity of trash generated by the newspapers picked up as part of the program.

"This program creates a large amount of waste. If we go full-time, we’ll have conversations with the Facilities department, and the recycling program," Howard said.

Howard also addressed the issue of the RHA's money being wasted as a result of newspapers being picked up by people other than students.

"If it goes full time, there’ll be BuzzCard readers installed on all [bins] so that only students can get [the papers]," he said. The installation of these readers will be paid for by USA Today.

Students voiced their hope that the program does not get dropped despite these challenges.

"I think the program needs to be sustained," said freshman Yi Wu.

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Senators also considered a second amendment from Clopper regarding stipend levels. The Undergraduate House passed a similar measure last week, reducing stipend funding levels to multiple organizations. The Technique was among the organizations affected. Clopper’s amendment addressed three stipend issues. First, it called for the removal of funding for undergraduate executive positions Vice President of Campus Affairs, Vice President of Administrative Affairs and treasurer.

“We’ve had a lot of really good VPs. We’ve had a lot of really bad VPs," Clopper said. He argued that while current officers might be putting in many hours, those hours did not come with the job." He proposed using money from a student assistant position to pay outstanding officers. This part of the amendment passed.

Senators removed two other portions of Clopper’s amendment. The first called for reduction of stipends to North Avenue Review, Era, and T-book. The second would have reduced stipend funding levels for Student Publications to an amount equal to other organizations combined.

Other senators, including Karen Feigh, Joint Finance Committee chair Lisa Brown and Kasi David, argued that the Senate had not gathered enough information about the specific responsibilities of the positions affected to make a decision at this time. After prolonged debate, senators decided to cut both portions of the amendment.

Graduate President Pelham Norville also proposed a number of amendments, most of them to correct minor oversights. Other senators asked more questions about the specific items before passing the budget.

Because the Senate version is different from the House version, the budget now goes to conference committee. A final budget comes up for a vote next Tuesday.

The Christian Student Organization successfully lobbied for a reconsideration of their chartering bill, which failed last week. The Senate did not warm to the representative’s argument that the CSO was unique and again failed the bill.

Senators passed an allocation to the African Student Association.

Coalition faces Shi’ite insurgency in Iraq

U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Wednesday the Iraq coalition faces “a test of will” in which the future of the people of Iraq is at stake. Coalition forces worked Wednesday against insurgents in various Iraqi cities one day after it fought off the deadliest ground attack seen in the region since President Bush declared an end to major combat last May 1.

The fighting was especially intense in Fallujah, the site of last week’s gruesome scene of the mob-driven desecration of the bodies of four American contractors killed in the city. Among the damage caused in the attacks was the bombing of a mosque in the city after a rocket fired from the building struck a marine vehicle, wounding five marines. Reports on the bombing’s casualties vary; some witnesses said as many as 40 were killed, and the bombing came just as worshippers gathered in the mosque. Master Sgt. Robert Beyer confirmed the killing of one “enemy combatant,” and said there were “no worshippers” or civilian casualties.

Fugitive terrorist suspect takes credit for attacks

Fugitive suspected terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi Tuesday claimed responsibility for attacks that have targeted U.S. and other coalition forces over the year in which Baghdad has been occupied. Middle East intelligence experts authenticated the tape that al-Zarqawi’s claim. The attacks al-Zarqawi referenced in the tape include the August 19 bombing of U.N. headquarters in Baghdad, as well as numerous other attacks on coalition forces.

Study claims frequent sex may reduce cancer risk

A recent study of 30,000 men found that, contrary to some research, frequent sexual activity may reduce the risk of prostate cancer. Previously, researchers had thought more frequent sexual activity in men increased the risk; however, this recent study showed men with the highest rate of ejaculations per month were linked with decreased cancer risks. However, due to the relatively small number of men who reported heavy sexual activity in the study, more research is needed.