SGA candidates launch election campaigns

By Viji Sundaram Contributing Writer

It is that special time of year again—the time when flyers and banners spring up on every bulletin board and in every classroom. The period marked by SGA elections.

Monday, March 15, marked the beginning of the annual race to have campaign signs up in the best possible locations. Candidates for Undergraduate Student Body President are Adam Bernstein, Ashley Case, Ryan Johnson and Amy Phuong.

Four students, Abigail Hung, Hunter Oates, Lamar Stewart and Will Welch, are running for the position of Undergraduate Executive Vice President. The graduate officer elections are uncontested. Kaiis David is the sole Graduate Student Body Presidential candidate, while Lisa Brown is running for Graduate Executive Vice President.

The campaigning process comes with stringent rules, including re-See Campaign, page 7

RHA elects executive board

The Residence Hall Association elected the 2004-2005 executive board on Monday evening. Alvin Howard defeated Aaron Wroblewski to secure a second term as RHA president. Other officers elected included David Fernandes as vice president of administration, Sarah Hancock as vice president of communications, Matt Pringle as vice president of programming, and Elizabeth Keen as treasurer.

SGA candidates debate next Wed.

The Student Center Programs Council will sponsor the annual debate between SGA officer candidates Wednesday, March 24 from 11 to noon at the Campanile. In the event of rain, the debate will be held in the Student Center Theater.

Nunn to speak at Founder’s Day

Former Senator Sam Nunn will deliver the keynote address entitled “America’s Security Challenges” at the Ivan Allen College Founder’s Day celebration on Monday, March 22 at 11 a.m. in the Hotel and Conference Center ballroom. The address is open to the public. Doors open at 12:50 p.m. Nunn will also speak the next day, Tuesday, March 23 at the Sam Nunn Policy Forum. The forum will address bioterrorism. For more details on both events, visit www.foundersday-nunnforum.gatech.edu.

By Daniel Amick News Editor

Institute President Wayne Clough announced March 5 that Tech would be removing the name of Thomas E. DuPree Jr. from the College of Management, effective immediately.

The college will now be known as the Georgia Tech College of Management.

Clough made the decision after he received a letter from DuPree stating that the entrepreneur was unlikely to be able to fulfill his $25 million pledge by the agreed-upon deadline in October 2005. That DuPree, a 1974 Tech graduate, was unable to complete payments on his pledge did not come as a surprise.

“We had had indications that [DuPree] was having problems before [the letter],” said Bob Harry, executive director of Institute Communications and Public Affairs.

“Unfortunately when you’re someone as successful as Tom [DuPree] has been, your troubles tend to be more public than the average person.”

When DuPree first made the pledge in 1996, he was chief executive officer and chairman of Avado Brands Inc. He made the pledge largely in the form of Avado stocks, which at the time were trading at around $20 per share.

Over the last several years, Avado stocks declined sharply in price, to the point where the value of the donation was about $100,000.

DuPree resigned his positions last fall. In February, the company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

“So we knew that [DuPree’s] company hadn’t been doing as well as it had been in previous years. We certainly were aware of the price of the stock,” Harry said.

“When we knew that there were problems but we had a lot of faith in Tom, and Tom had a lot of faith in himself,” he said.

Harry said he thinks uncertainty over DuPree’s ability to make payments on his gift was having a negative affect “to some extent” on Tech’s ability to secure other alumni gifts.

“I think it was a reflection of the size and the prominence of that pledge,” Harry said. “As we have been going out and raising other private dollars, there were some concerns expressed by other existing and potential donors about whether or not that pledge was going to be fulfilled, especially one that names a college.

“We have to rely more and more on private funding. [DuPree’s] inability to make this gift and the high visibility had been impeding progress in being able to get other gifts,” Clough said in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

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Committee recommends mid-semester drop day

“The we’ve come up with a proposal that’s consistent with improving... academic...It’s going to have a very positive effect on students,”

By Stephen Baelh Senior Staff Writer

The Institute Undergraduate Curriculum Committee unanimously passed a motion Wednesday to adopt proposed changes to the academic calendar.

The proposal includes moving the class withdrawal date, commonly referred to as drop day, two weeks later in the semester.

Under the current calendar, the last day to withdraw from a class comes at the end of the sixth week of the semester; midterm grade reports are not due for another two weeks.

This measure proposes to switch the two dates, putting grade reports in students’ hands while they still have two weeks to withdraw from a class.

“This gives us an opportunity to make better decisions on this front and have a little bit more freedom and responsibility in this,” Undergraduate Student Body President Nate Watson said.

The UCUC’s green light on the measure, however, is not a final decision. Committee Chair Scott Wills said, “At this point, I think from our standpoint we’re supporting it. Now it’s just really a question of how the Student Regulations Committee chooses to enact this.”

The Student Regulations Committee, he said, is the body that “actually words the specific language that is part of the catalogue.”

The IUCC’s green light on the proposal includes moving the class withdrawal date later in the academic calendar. In order for the changes to go into effect by fall semester, the Student Regulations Committee would need to pass its version of the proposal on to the senate before April 20.

“I’m not sure if all this can happen in time,” Wills said. He said the committee would need to “breeze through this. But I don’t expect that to happen.”

Wills said, “If it’s approved, it would take place sometime in the next academic year, perhaps in Spring.”

Watson, though, said, “We are...
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Representatives consider Turkish bill, then adjourn

By Edward Tausberg
Staff Writer

The Undergraduate House of Representatives found themselves facing an uncharacteristically short session Tuesday night with only four bills in the week after spring break.

The only bill actually discussed for the night was a bill for allocation to the Turkish Student Association. All other bills in old business were either tabled or withdrawn.

An organizational representative for the Turkish Student Association was on hand to inform the House that they were holding a backgammon tournament as part of the Culture Tech events, and that they were requesting money for the purchase of eight boards to be used in the tournament.

At the end of the tournament the boards would be turned over to the Student Center Activities Department where they would be held for use by any student and could be used by student organizations in future years as part of events such as Culture Tech.

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Ashley Case
Freshman representative

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Noriy also said that attendance was important because the activity fee budget will enter new business next week. The budget will continue to be revised until the end of the session or no organizations will receive funding.

By Daniel Amick

Senators cut, pass India Club bill

In the first Senate meeting after spring break, Graduate President Pelham Norville told senators it was “imperative” that they attend the handful of remaining meetings this semester.

Norville said that attendance was important because the activity fee budget will enter new business next week. The budget must be debated and passed before the end of the session or no organizations will receive funding.

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Most of the controversy centered on the India Club’s decision to hold the event off-campus. Dubey said the First Center was not large enough to accommodate the demand and so the organization chose to rent a symphony hall. He said the organization had agreed to raise more money on its own. He asked that the bill be amended down to $4,900 from $3,400. Senators passed the amendment.

Other discussion focused on ticket prices. Some senators said the specifics of the allocation. The House then amended this bill per the Graduate Student Senate and passed it unanimously.

During the meeting three separate motions were made to suspend the bylaws of the Undergraduate House and bring bills into old business from new business for discussion, but all three were failed.

Representatives made two motions for a bill to the Mock Trial Team, and another for two bills for allocation to Culture Tech.

Culture Tech is scheduled to occur throughout next week and any bills for allocation to the event would be considered by the House after the events took place if not discussed at this week’s meeting, thus making the bills retroactive.

Representative Peter Sahlstrom pleaded with other representatives to pass the bill quickly.

By Stephen Marek

Representatives Alan Bakowski and Ashley Case consult on a bill during Tuesday Night’s meeting. The House adjourned after considering only one bill.
D-day (from page 1)
very optimistic the proposal could
then come to the vote before the
Faculty Senate in April.
Regardless, the change is
something that many have felt
was needed for a long time. “I
was a student here in the late
’70s and early ’80s,” Wills said.
“Many students were interested
in having the drop date be lat-
er.
In the past, though, any op-
inions about changing the sched-
ule were not well thought-out
plans. "In this process, we've rath-
er carefully thought out what
the appropriate issues are," he
said.
The proposal was examined
and finalized by an ad-hoc com-
mittee formed by the IUCC. This
temporary committee included
Watson, Registrar Jo McIver,
Biological Professor Jung Choi and
Academic Professional Leigh
Bottomley of the Provost’s Of-
fice.
Bottomley said the idea origin-
ally came from SGA; she and
other academic advisors thought
to add in consideration for mov-
ing grade report dates, as well. “From a student
perspective… it doesn’t make a
whole lot of sense to have to
doing," she said.
“We’re hoping that if stu-
dents get earlier warning, they’ll
hopeful be more successful.”
Bottomley said, however, “I’m
sure some of the concerns will
be whether the drop rate will
increase drastically." She said
Tech's current rate of class with-
drawal is very low.
She noted, though, that the
extra time between receiving
grade reports and having to drop
the class would allow students
to seek tutoring and get other
help before making the decision to
drop.
Watson agreed that there
should be no worries about in-
creasing drop rates. "I think many
people are hopeful this will, in-
stead of increasing the number of
drops, actually mitigate it
somewhere," she said.
“We’ve come up with a pro-
posal that’s consistent with im-
proving Georgia Tech’s
academics and at the same time
some," she said. “It’s going to have a
very positive effect on students.”

UHR (from page 3)
senators to accept the two bills for
Culture Tech, admitting that the
lateness of both bills would be due
to the fact he had submitted them
incorrectly.
However, most representatives
seemed annoyed and upset that
Culture Tech had once again at-
tempted to submit a late bill that
had not been reviewed by the Joint
Finance Committee.
"It is not personal to Culture
Tech or what they are doing,” said
representative Ashley Case. “Re-
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aware of procedure.”
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pension of the bylaws were made by
representative Alan Bakowski. He
argued that the bill for the Mock
Trial team was identical in purpose
and intent to a bill that had been in
old business but that he had with-
drawn.
However representatives noticed
a substantial increase in the amount
for allocation and decided to wait
until next week to consider the bill
so that JFC could review it.
At the start of the meeting, mem-
bers of the Joint Finance Commit-
tee addressed the House to inform
them of a number of changes they
had made to their own policies for
the upcoming school year.
Due to budget crunches, JFC
implemented amendments they felt
would cause the least amount of
harm to campus organizations and
provide student government with
enough coverage and funds to sur-
vive the next fiscal year.

GSS (from page 3)
the high demand for the show meant
organizers could raise prices with-
out adverse effects on attendance.
Senator Karen Feigh said she felt
the organization should only be ask-
ing SGA for the difference between
a normal ticket price and a lower
student ticket price, multiplied by
the number of Tech students who
attended.
After extended discussion, the
bill passed 11-8-5. Vice President
Robin Bechtel said the future of the
bill is unclear because of a conflict
between the undergraduate and grad-
uate constitutions. The former says
that if a bill fails, which it did in the
House, the bill dies. The latter says
that if a bill passes in a different
form, which it did in the Senate,
then the bill goes to conference com-
mittee. Bechtel said she would in-
form the House when the appropriate
course of action was worked out.
Senators also approved a $600
bill for four International Affairs
graduate students who are travel-
ing to a conference on Latin America.
They also heard from the Turk-
ish Student Association. The orga-
nization sought money to fund
publicity for a backgammon tour-
nament. Part of the bill also funded
the purchase of eight backgammon
boards.
Feigh suggested that the organi-
zation offer training for students
unfamiliar with backgammon.
Senators cut funding for a Tech-
ique ad because the organization
representative said it was too late to
place the ad before the tournament.
The bill passed.
A bill for the Mock Trial team
was withdrawn.

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Sharing lessons learned
Chari Shukla writes a lesson she learned from a woman on a banner as part of the Women’s Awareness Month kick-off fair. The fair was held Tuesday on Skiles Walkway. WAM events continue throughout the rest of March.
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Strictions on placement of fliers in newly designated locations or close to computer clusters, door-to-door campaigning in residence halls, placing fliers on private property and even maximum size of fliers.

Campaign strategies do not appear to vary much from candidate to candidate, though each one seeks to differentiate themselves from the other candidates.

In the presidential election, Bernstein believes the most important aspect of his campaign is associating himself with a specific theme. For him, that theme is financial responsibility and the need for the Tech community behind a single presidential candidate.

Bernstein hopes to attract major groups that don’t usually vote including off-campus students and freshmen, through mainly through putting out his website on fliers. Like Bernstein, Johnson has his own theme for the betterment of Tech. Most of his campaign focuses on “making this campus have more smiles since Tech students aren’t having much fun.”

His campaign squad flanked t-shirts with smiling faces as they posted fliers Monday morning. Johnson, said he hopes to attract engineers, women, co-ops and especially Greeks.

Cases take on a different approach in her campaign strategy by asking for suggestions from the student body. She plans to find out what the students want and provide the answers to their suggestions and queries.

Phuong hopes to stretch her campaign out over the two-week period before voting begins—posting signs in intervals so people do not get tired of the same fliers, using different color schemes and coming up with ideas to draw more people into voting for her. Along with the groups emphasized upon by others, Phuong hopes to snag leadership positions on campus that have networking with a wide variety of students.

This year’s number of applicants for the executive positions mark the highest number of candidates in the past two years.

For the second year in a row, the deadline to turn in applications for undergraduate representative positions was extended. Seventy prospective office-holders are running for 53 academic major and class representative positions. According to Elections Chair Alan Bakowski, this is a sharp increase from last year’s turnout.

Bakowski said that although some of academic major spots are uncontested, “there are other heavily contested races for each of the classes.”

Voting takes place online at elections.gatech.edu. Polls are open for three days, closing at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 31.

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**DuPree** from page 1

Constitution.

Harry said questions about DuPree’s past “have increased” in the last few months.

“I wasn’t widespread, but when you have to answer a lot of questions about that kind of thing, that’s not necessarily a positive thing,” he said.

The renaming of the College of Management means that it will have to replace things like signs and letterhead bearing DuPree’s name. Harry said Tech will go about removing the name at a reasonable pace.

“Anything you have a name change or something like that, we try, as good stewards of funds not to throw something away or something like that, we try, as good stewards of funds not to throw something away,” he said. “I think you’ll see some areas where it’s real easy to make changes [like] future publications...sooner rather than later you’ll see it on the website,” said Harry.

“I think there areas where it’s more permanent [like] expensive signage will be a little slower to make some of those changes.”

However, the effects of the name change could extend beyond the cost of replacing signs. It could affect the college’s ability to market itself. Dean of the College of Management Terry Blum declined comment, but Harry said he thinks the renaming will be a minor setback.

“I think the most important name with the College of Management is Georgia Tech. It’s never preferable to have to rebrand, but the major brand is Tech,” he said.

Harry said he thinks many more people are familiar with Georgia Tech than with the name of individual colleges.

“So while I do think [the College] and the Institute have done a pretty good job marketing the College it has been Tech, I think it’s certainly something that can be overcome.”

The name of the College of Management may one day be reopened to other donors. Harry said Tech would be “flooded with the opportunity to explore those options” though he said no offers have been made so far.

“He would be panel on the table at this point. I would be very surprised if 10 or 15 years from now we didn’t look back and see another name associated with this school,” Harry said.

In his letter to Clough, DuPree wrote that he will stand by his pledge and that he intends to “begin making regular payments this year” with my completion likely some significant
time in the future.”

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**Breaking the Bubble**

A lot of things went on outside of the bubble of Georgia Tech this week. Below are summaries of a few of the important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

**Car bomb kills at least 27 in Baghdad hotel**

A car bomb detonated outside Baghdad’s Mount Lebanon Hotel Wednesday night, killing at least 27 and injuring 50. The explosion rent a 20-foot crater, destroying much of the hotel and damaging surrounding buildings. It is believed to have been the work of a suicide bomber. Officials estimate 1,000 pounds of plastic explosives, artillery shells and other explosives were used in the attack, half as much as that used in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.

**Vehicle careers into St. Patrick’s Day parade**

A shamrock-decorated car crashed into a marching band and spectators during Savannah, Georgia’s St. Patrick’s Day parade Wednesday after failing to stop at an intersection. Eight people were injured, though none suffered anything more serious than broken bones, cuts and bruises. The car’s estimated speed was 50 mph, the driver was not intoxicated, and the car was checked soon after the incident for mechanical malfunction.

**Terrorist group declares truce after Spain attacks**

London-based Arabic-language newspaper Al-Hayat reported Wednesday that Abu Haith al-Masri has called a truce with Spain after its government decided to pull all of its troops out of Iraq. The terrorist group claimed responsibility for last Saturday’s Madrid bombings, but United States officials are skeptical about the truth of the claim. The same group has claimed responsibility for many things it has not done, such as last year’s widespread blackouts in the northeastern United States and parts of Canada.

**NASA program can detect unspoken words**

A computer program developed at NASA can detect and analyze nerve signals sent to the throat, coming close to reading thoughts. “A person using the subvocal system thinks of phrases and talks to himself so quietly it cannot be heard, but the tongue and vocal cords do receive speech signals from the brain,” said developer Chuck Jorgensen, of NASA’s Ames Research Center.

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