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U.S. Congressman and Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich is scheduled to come speak next week to Tech Feb. 10. He will appear at a rally in the Architecture auditorium from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Kucinich will appear along with other speakers and performers.

Next week, the College Republicans will host a discussion and question-and-answer session with former U.S. Congressman Bob Barr. The event, Stopping Violence one day, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. in Room 301 of the Student Center Building.

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Sports

Vagina Monologues tickets now on sale

Tickets are currently on sale at the Student Center Box Office for this year’s production of The Vagina Monologues. Last year’s show sold out all 1,100 seats of the Center.

This year, seats will be assigned based on time of ticket purchase, not general admission.

The show will take place Friday, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m. at the Center. Tickets are $7 for students, $15 for faculty and staff, and $20 general admission.

The Vagina Monologues is part of Women’s Awareness Month events.

The production will help support the Atlanta Center for Realistic and the Grady Rape Crisis Center.

By Edward Tamsberg

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The ML Department moved from the Swan CE building to Old CE last summer for the duration of renovations in Swan, said Chuck Rhode, Associate Vice President of Facilities. The old CE building was, at the time, occupied only by some Earth and Atmospheric Sciences labs. The rest of the building had been vacated upon the opening of the Environmental Science and Technology building last January.

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The bill passed, but the House was not done with it yet. Shortly after discussion, the coordinating officer pointed out to the House that passing a bill with inflated funding in order to result in an inflated compromise amount was in violation of the spirit of compromise.

Lawder then called for reconsideration of the bill, at which time representatives made clear in discussion that they truly wanted to help attract the best possible band for Sting Break. They felt $20,000 was the amount needed to accomplish that goal.

The bill was again put to the vote and again, was passed.

Another major bill representatives considered involved a $23,000 allocation to DramaTech to fund the purchase and installation of electrical equipment—both upgrades and brand new pieces. Despite JFC recommendations to cut costs by not funding upgrades to existing equipment, the House considered the safety and equipment lifespan issues of old equipment urgent enough to merit replacement.

"Drama Tech provides an excellent service to this campus, and they deserve all the funding they need," Earth and Atmospheric Sciences representative Hunter Oates said.

Computer Science representative Adam Bernstein suggested ticket prices could be raised to help cover costs for the equipment, but it was suggested that ticket prices are already too high.

The bill passed for the full amount requested.

Freshman representatives Saira Amir pointed out that any such poll with regard to representation would be skewed, though. She said a Computer Science representative could raise his hand as a senior, yet in truth represent all classes within the Computer Science major. So, she concluded, the polls did not reflect representation.

Another member pointed out that the concern was that representatives would think in terms of their class membership regardless. The bill passed.

Lawder proposed a spot bill to provide $1,500 to SGA’s public relations committee for spring 2004; it was subsequently voted into old business and passed.

Bakowski, after being appointed chair of the elections committee, proposed a spot bill to set dates for upcoming SGA elections; the bill passed. Applications are to be made available in the SGA office Wednesday, Feb. 11, to be due Friday, Mar. 5. Campaigning will begin Monday, Mar. 15, and elections will be held Mar. 29-31.

Watson noted that "the president has appointed the majority of people in this room. That should not happen." He urged representatives to do their best to publicize the upcoming elections and get people to run for the positions.

Watson said he wants to get 5,000 people to vote, up from the current 4,000-vote record.

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Dr. Beverly Tatum, president of Spelman College and author of Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? speaks in the Student Center Ballroom Monday.
A-Cop in an attempt to create a safer environment for students. Several crime awareness programs have helped students learn how to make themselves less at risk for being targeted by a thief. Reporting broken lights online decreases the amount of shadows where criminals can hide. Fifteen new campus phones are to be added this year, allowing easier access to the police.

Crocker said there are many ways students can make themselves safer. Knowing the locations of the 137 emergency phones is one way. Another is to report broken lights and suspicious persons immediately.

She said that despite significant progress, the system is not perfect. Tech has repeat offenders that are arrested and released who then return to campus to commit more crimes. Crocker said one person who Tech police officers have arrested 12 times repeatedly comes to steal from the Campus Recreation Center during its construction.

Crocker said that taking arrested persons to Atlanta City jail is more than Fulton County jail is one way to ensure that criminals will stay in jail, and away from Tech, longer.

During the last part of the meeting, Robert Furniss, Director of Parking and Transportation, gave an overview of parking and transportation issues. Security was a concern Furniss addressed. Improved lighting, more police officers and canine patrol officers are some ways to improve security. New parking decks, such as the one at Tech Square, have closed circuit television.

The Faculty Assembly and Academic Senate use two bodies by which the faculty at Tech regulate multiple aspects of Tech. They decide on issues of admission, dismissal, curriculum and other parts of the academic infrastructure of Tech. The Academic Senate is the head governing board. These two governing bodies are able to shape the policies and practices of Tech.

President Clough answers your questions from last fall’s State of the Institute address

What is Tech doing to raise the “ratio”?

Although this question is likely motivated by the social concerns of male students, increasing gender diversity is an Institute goal at all levels.

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions has a comprehensive strategy for student recruitment that includes personal-to-person telephone calls, chat sessions, invitations to visit campus and letters. All of these activities focus on providing personal attention in the recruiting process.

Undergraduate Admissions has developed a brochure to send to women to encourage them to consider Tech when they become seniors in high school. Last year, the College of Engineering invited prospective women interested in engineering to an Engineering Career Conference. Undergraduate Admissions also partners with the other colleges in February each year and hosts a program called “Futures” for women in high school who are interested in careers other than engineering.

On the faculty side, through the ADVANCE program, Tech is participating in a national effort to increase the participation of women in the scientific and engineering workforce through the increased representation and advancement of women in academic scientific and engineering careers.

The ADVANCE program provides opportunities for both individuals and organizations. Through ADVANCE, Tech is building upon the momentum of previous activities to support the full participation and advancement of women and to provide a model of best practices.

In order to achieve these goals, we are examining a variety of issues, from promotion and tenure to family and work policies, and implementing change measures to ensure true progress....The ADVANCE website, www.advance.gatech.edu, provides more information about what we’re currently working on and gives you a chance to contact us with any questions you may have.

We have already made progress. Over the past five years, we have hired more women faculty and promoted more to the full professor rank than at any other time in our history. We have also appointed several women to endowed chairs and professorships in the past five years, which is a substantial accomplishment given that none existed before that.

Finally, last year marked the 50th anniversary of the presence of women in the Tech student body. In only 50 years, Tech has come from no female students to being the number one producer of female engineers in the country, exemplifying our commitment to diversity and investment in producing high caliber graduates, regardless of gender. By reaching out to female students, alumni, faculty and prospective students...Tech will further establish itself as the place where women come to succeed.

When are the Industrial and Systems Engineering classroom going to be updated to support learning needs?

This past year, ISyE and the Office of Information Technology (OIT) worked together to upgrade the A/V support in the Instructional Center (IC). This was a “specialized” implementation of a campus-wide A/V upgrade for classrooms funded by Technology Fee funds. ISyE funded the installation of wireless networking in the IC building several years ago to facilitate students’ ability to use personal laptops....Outside of physical classroom space, ITWeb is an online system for enhancing the learning/teaching process [funded] by a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation. [The system] provides collaborative learning tools....and other non-traditional learning mechanisms.
Old CE

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Old CE

completed. So, a team of Environmental Health and Safety people were brought in to examine the site. They used their air quality instruments over there,” Rhode said. “There was nothing that was out of the ordinary.”

Continued problems reported by ML staff led Facilities to hire an indoor air quality consultant to take a look around the building. The consultant, according to Rhode, said that there could be cause for air quality concerns due to the building’s age and lack of central HVAC units.

Since some members of the ML Department wished to move from the building, Facilities decided the whole department would move again.

The consultant said the second floor of the O’Keefe building would be a good place to relocate the department. Facilities made minor renovations to the area such as painting, some new carpeting and other touch-ups, and the department will be ready to move in the next week or two, Rhode said. EAS labs will continue to be held in the Old CE building, however.

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Rhode also said he has not personally received any complaints about air quality from students. The Old CE building is scheduled for future renovation, similar to what Facilities is doing in Swann. “It’s in our five-year plan,” Rhode said.

The Modern Languages Department hopes to stay in O’Keefe until renovations of Swann are complete, which is estimated to be sometime in 2005.

“We’re putting up with some inconvenience because we’re really excited about the renovation of Swann,” said Phil McKnight, chair of the Modern Languages Department. “We’ll have some state-of-the-art classrooms over there.”

Until then, however, Modern Languages classes will be held in different locations throughout campus, such as Howey Physics and D.M. Smith.

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Hall Directors will not necessarily be from Tech and will be full-time positions equivalent to that of Residence Life Coordinator, only with about 300 residents. “Peer Advisor has always been a part-time job, but students in the position were always stretched so thin,” Morrison said. “We felt that the Senate should be consistent and refuse to fund all fundraisers. The measure failed without a single affirmative vote.

Senators approved two bills to pay for equipment costs and registration fees for GT Mini Baja, a group of about 20 students who builds and races cars. The bills totaled about $10,000. The organization would use the money to compete in three upcoming races.

Some senators objected to the idea of offering such a large amount of money to such a small group. “[That’s] just a lot of money,” Barnes said. Materials Science and Engineering senator Kasi David pointed out that Mini Baja had not requested a budget. Most of the items in the bill would have been approved in a budget request.

He compared Mini Baja to a club sports team, a small group that also requests large sums of money. Other senators said the organization was worthy of funding because it had done a considerable amount of fund raising on its own and it does not normally request a budget from student government.

Senators approved an allocation to Women’s Awareness Month Take Back the Night. They reduced some funding for publicity, but passed the bulk of the bill without amendments.

In his report, Graduate President Pelham Norville said that there were a number of open positions in the Senate. Membership had fallen to 28 senators at Tuesday’s meeting. Norville encouraged members to let their constituents know about the openings.

Janet Jackson apologized for flashing millions

Janet Jackson released a video taped apology Tuesday. She took responsibility and apologized for a Super Bowl halftime show stunt that resulted in singer Justin Timberlake ripping off a piece of her costume, exposing her breast. Jackson’s spokesperson said a red-laced covering was supposed to remain on.

Positive ricin test at Capitol closes Senate offices

Tests of a suspicious substance found in the Dirksen Senate Office Building’s mail room Monday proved positive for the poison ricin. The find prompted the closing of three Senate office buildings. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist hoped the offices would reopen in “days and not weeks.”