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Senior News Staff
OIT to discontinue dial-in
By Jennifer Hinkel New Editor

In a decision made at a
Wednesday hearing, five recently
elected undergraduate represen-
tatives were disqualified by SGA’s
elections committee.
“This is something we hated
to do, but we were put in a bad
situation,” said committee chair
Mike Denicola.
The reps were disqualified for
failing to turn in campaign ex-
 pense report forms, or in some
cases, for turning the reports in
after the specified deadline. Sev-
eral of the representatives claimed
to be unaware of the deadline or
the necessity of turning in a re-
port. Each form read that “this
form should be submitted to the
student government office by
March 27 at 4 p.m.”
According to SGA elections
policy, each participant in an
election must complete an ex-
pense report that includes an
itemized list of expenses and re-
cipients from purchases, even when
no money was spent on cam-
paigning.
Failure to turn in a report is
grounds for automatic disquali-
fication; turning in a report late
is a major violation.
When more than a handful of
reports did not make the Tues-
day deadline, Denicola called as
many representatives as he could
to remind them of the date.
The committee met and decided to
allow representatives to turn the
forms in one day late without an
automatic disqualification.
“Reasonably speaking, we had
to come up with a deadline,”
said Denicola. “We decided on a
Wednesday evening deadline.
The decision is not final and
can be appealed to the Under-
graduate Judiciary Cabinet (UGC). “I expect a couple of these
people to appeal,” said Denico-
la. However, some SGA mem-
bers felt that the disqualifications
could contradict the elections code.
“Since my name was posted
in the official results outside the
SGA office as a winner, I thought
that, based on Section IV, Para-
graph F of the Elections Code,
my victory was not under re-
view and was legitimate,” said
Rusty Johnson, who was elected as the Chemistry representative.
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April Fool’s housing joke
By Navir Baradzy News Staff

According to the Department of
Housing, an individual whose
identity was not known at the time
of publication sent a mass April
Fools e-mail at about 8:00 p.m.
on Sunday evening to certain stu-
dents who had been chosen for
the room selection process for Fall housing.

The e-mail, forged to appear as
if it came from the department’s
information@housing.gatech.edu
address, informed recipients that their selection numbers had been
recalculated because a lawsuit had
been filed against Georgia Tech
Auxiliary Services.
A correction e-mail sent by the
Department of Housing’s Miles
Edison hours after the April Fool’s
e-mail stated that “The e-mail was
not sent by the Department of
Housing and/or Auxiliary Servic-
es and appears to be a very clever
April Fool’s joke.”
“it appears that freshmen who
went through room selection are
the ones who received this e-mail,”
said Dan Morrison, Associate Di-

Touring the State Street Parking Deck.

OIT to discontinue dial-in
By Jennifer LaHatte

Dial-up modems will soon be
joining the ranks of the dinosaur
at the end of Summer Semester as
part of an on-going strategic plan
to improve remote access to the
Georgia Tech network by the Of-

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The State Street Parking Deck.

‘SmartPark’ offers pay-per-entry
deal for spaces in State St. Deck
By Mary DeCamp Senior News Staff

Parking on campus may soon
become easier thanks to a new pro-
gram developed by the Department
of Parking and Transportation Ser-
vice.

The pilot program, called Smart-
Park, is a joint effort between the
Parking office and the Buzz Card
Center that intends to cut down
on parking violations and allow
students more inexpensive park-

options.

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Undergraduate Election Results

Undergrad Student Body Pres
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Undergrad Executive V.P.
Nate Watson
Freshman Representatives
Katie Rhode-Pres.
Caroline Pfhuget
Mike Comer
Nadia A. Mahmood
Sophomore Representatives
Andrew Padgett
Carrie E. Anderson-Pres.
Carmen Jackson
Victor Allen
Michael L. Powell
Junior Representatives
Andrienne J. Hairston
Tiffany Masseys-Pres.
Lindsey T. Mazza
Camille Y. Allen
Dusty Riddle
Jeremy Collins
Senior Representatives
R. Jason Fowler-Pres.
Craigm Tommasello
John Englehardt
Fall CO-OP
Clair Conner
Matthew Davis
AE
Brian W. George
Architecture
Dan Moore
Biology
Brad Bolton
Chemistry
Rusty Johnson
ChemE
Lance Hollner

CE
Michael O’Rourke
CS
Danielle Drees
Bryan Billings
Trent Roche
EAS
Brandon Lenfest
Econ
Stephen Popick
ECE
Eric Woods
Andrew Morris
Eric Clopper
Brad Brady
Bill Asher III
HTS
Kristen Parker
INTA
Andrew Hamilton
IE
Carolina Andrade
Ian Carr
Sunny Singh
Management
Jim Pauley
Andrew S. Keen
Allen Coye
Math
Anthony Ritz
ME
Josh Alexander
Mark Randolph
Michael Cordos
Physics
R. Scott Fletcher
Psychology
Dae (Daniel) Kim
Public Policy
Chris Webb

Election

"However," said Johnson, "I received notification Tuesday to the contrary, which goes against that portion of the elections code.

Section IV, paragraph F states that "The results of elections not under review will be posted in the SGA office within 72 hours of the end of voting," indicating that only finalized election results would be posted at that time.

Nate Watson, Undergraduate Executive Vice President-elect, plans to thoroughly investigate the proceedings that led up to the disqualifications.

"As Executive Vice President, part of my duty is to defend the integrity of the Undergraduate House of Representatives. That also includes ensuring, to the extent of my ability, that the wishes of the voting public are honored," said Watson.

"While I don’t know the details of this situation at this time, I will do my best to ensure that within the extent of my constitutional duty that the integrity of those elected is preserved."

Watson also understood that under section IV, paragraph F, "when they posted the winners in the window of the SGA office, that these people were in violation."

Johnson, who delivered his form to Denicola’s apartment on Wednesday evening when Johnson could not find the committee chair at the SGA office, plans to appeal the disqualification. Because his form was not turned into the SGA office, the committee considered it turned in on the following day, therefore missing the extended Wednesday deadline. Representative Adrienne Hairston, who turned her form in to Denicola Wednesday evening at the SGA office, was not disqualified. Instead, she received notice of a major campaign violation.

"I am going to appeal this to UJC," said Johnson. "I feel this contradicts the will of my fellow Chemistry majors who elected me to office."

"It’s my hope that this will be resolved without any further challenges, and that the representatives that are duly elected will have the opportunity to serve those who elected them instead of having a committee decide who will serve the students," said Watson.

"I think these representatives have an extremely strong case if they decide to appeal to the UJC. It is my hope that they will appeal and defend the right of the students to choose who will represent them. I’m concerned that if we focus on things like this, we’ll lose track of what we’re supposed to be doing, which is fighting for students," Watson said.

Along with Johnson, four other representatives were disqualified from office. Freshman representative Mike Comer, EAS representative Brandon Lenfest, and Psychology representative Dae Kim were also disqualified.

Several of the reps, including Johnson, spent no money on the campaign.

"The information was there," said Denicola, who remembered that the date was announced at mandatory information sessions as well as printed on the form.

"Further," said Johnson, "there should have been written documentation stating the specific nature of my infraction, under Section IX, Paragraph E, the only part of the code concerning procedure for documenting violations. To the best of my knowledge, there was none."

"Any student of Georgia Tech may submit an election violation charge against any candidate by submitting the charge in writing at the Student Government Association office," reads Section IX, Paragraph E.

Denicola stated that the election committee is exempted from submitting an election violation charge, although this exemption does not appear in the election code. "We didn’t have to turn something in," said Denicola.

"The Committee recognizes that Mr. Johnson has given dedicated service to the SGA in the past, however, proper enforcement of the rules and regulations governing these elections must take priority," read the elections committee’s majority opinion from the hearing.

"In order to make sure elections are fair, these kinds of things have to be done," Denicola said.
News briefs

Tech places fifth in graduate school rankings

Tech’s College of Engineering maintained its national stature in the college rankings released March 30, placing fifth in graduate school rankings from U.S. News & World Report.

Seven of the eleven programs within Engineering also ranked in the top ten, with Industrial and Systems Engineering ranked number one for the eleventh year in a row. Among the highly competitive business schools rankings, Tech’s Fulton College of Management ranked 35th overall.

Other notable rankings were the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts at fourth in Information and Technology Management, and the College of Sciences at tenth in Industrial/Organizational Psychology.

“Our consistent performance in these rankings over the last five years is notable and very satisfying,” said President Clough.

“We’ve consistently scored highly in the areas in which we offer programs, and it speaks very highly of our students, faculty and staff. We’ve scored well in our traditional strength of engineering, but we also show considerable promise in emerging fields like biotechnology and information management, along with a top 10 ranking in industrial/organizational psychology,” said Clough.

“That’s an indication of the increasingly well-rounded Institute that we are becoming.”

Overall, the College of Engineering remained a member of the elite top five, behind MIT, Stanford, Cal-Berkeley, and Michigan.

Individual schools within the College of Engineering ranked as follows: Aerospace moved up to third, Biomedical moved up one to fifth, Electrical and Computer dropped one to sixth, Civil remained at sixth, Computer Science at seventh, Chemistry and Biochemistry at eighth, Mechanical and Aerospace moved up to ninth, and Mechanical remained at tenth.

Executive SGA positions accepting applications

Applications for Executive positions within SGA are available this week and are due April 13th at 4:00 pm in the SGA office. Available positions include:

- VP of Finance
- Executive Assistant to the President
- Freshman Cabinet Coordinator
- 13 Committee Chairs

Please contact Chris Kavanaugh with any questions by e-mail at chris.kavanaugh@sga.gatech.edu or by phone at 404-202-0249.

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there are cracks in the new deck. this is a problem. we should do something

Chris is a bad refugee daddy. Jody’s refugee family feels much more love. Have you hugged your refugee today?
We can do it at Jody’s dad’s restaurant. We can probably do it cheap, too, he says. Chris has such a dirty, dirty mind.

SmartPark

The implementation of SmartPark will not force any changes in the current parking situation on campus. The program was created as a way to use new and current facilities.

The parking lots that are currently open to everyone during evenings and weekends, such as the Student Center parking deck, will remain open during those hours and will not be affected by this program.

Due to limited parking spaces on campus, visitor lots often fill up too quickly, according to Weis. He cited this problem as part of the reasoning behind the creation of SmartPark.

“The problem with the visitor lots always being full sparked discussion about how to entice some of the commuter students using the visitor lot to park a bit farther from central campus by giving them a substantial discount over the all day visitor rate,” said Weis.

If students participate in the SmartPark program, it could save those who have often parked illegally sizeable amounts in tickets and fines. Also, the SmartPark program offers the use of parking facilities at night at a significantly lower price than that of an evening/weekend parking pass.

According to Weis, SmartPark is another example of Parking’s efforts to make parking a more pleasant and less stressful experience. The department hopes that SmartPark will assist in making campus parking less frustrating and more user-friendly.

“I hope it will increase compliance with the regulations and make it easier for our permit holders to find a space by reducing violators. Our primary objective is to continue to improve our services,” said Weis.

The Parking office will begin selling SmartPark passes when the State Street Deck officially opens, which should be in the near future.

Those who are interested in learning more about Parking’s new SmartPark program should send inquiries to info.parking@parking.gatech.edu to obtain more information, and a Parking staff member will respond.

Childress shares GSS plans

By Jennifer Hinkel
News Editor

Trey Childress, elected last week as Graduate Student Body President, has several goals for his upcoming term in office.

“Now that the elections are over, I am eager to get started,” said Childress.

One of his immediate goals is to make the “extra efforts to hear and consider the opinions of students that cast their vote for my opponent,” he said.

This summer, Childress will focus on developing ties with each school and department.

“In the immediate future, I will be seeking the assistance of volunteers to represent student interests on a variety of Institute-wide committees,” he said. This opportunity is open to all graduate students.

“I encourage all graduate students with suggestions, concerns, or questions to contact me or visit the SGA office anytime,” said Childress.

Childress’ first priority in the next year will be to ensure that graduate health insurance benefits stay on the Institute’s agenda in its dealings with the Board of Regents.

“While this issue is complex and expensive, our needs as graduate students can be filled in the future. The health and well-being of our graduate students, who so diligently serve this Institute, should remain a top priority,” said Childress.

Childress also has plans for “the betterment of GSS’ business practices,” such as a review of Joint Finance Committee guidelines.

“Once these guidelines are reviewed and appropriately amended, students can expect a fairer process.”

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Rod Weis
Director of Parking

“I hope [SmartPark] will increase compliance with the regulations and make it easier... to find a space.”

Childress shares GSS plans

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Newly elected SGA leaders present goals for term in office

Undergrad Student Body President
Chris Kavanaugh

By Chris Baucom
Editor-in-Chief

Chris Kavanaugh, currently J.R. Spriggle’s Executive Assistant, was recently elected president of the undergraduate student body. Kavanaugh has expressed a commitment to providing strong leadership for SGA while fulfilling the items on his platform, advocating for student concerns, and fostering communication with the student body.

“I look to accomplish half my platform, or at least have that in line, before school ends, and then I’ll have three planks of the platform remaining,” Kavanaugh said. The three campaign goals he plans to achieve—or at least set into motion—before the end of this school year include Students Full Win, off-campus BuzzCard acceptance, and improved course surveys.

“Focusing on the Students Full Win recently, it looks like the bookstore is now falling into place.” Kavanaugh has served on the Bookstore Reallocation Committee and one of his ideas for the space is a restaurant with a pub-type atmosphere. He also expressed an interest in helping make Under the Couch more accessible to all students, in part by adding a deck to the outside.

Next fall, Kavanaugh wants to complete the remaining items on his platform which include a marked, lighted jogging course, more meal plan options, and a split exam week.

With respect to the lack of communication that many students perceive as a problem, Kavanaugh said he wants to “Not make it smaller, not trim it down, but eliminate the lack of communication between the student body and SGA.”

In order to facilitate stronger relations with his constituents, Kavanaugh plans to regularly visit

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Undergrad Student Body Executive Vice President
Nate Watson

By Tony Kluemper
Assistant News Editor

After serving as the Academic Affairs commit-tee chairman over the past year, newly elected SGA Executive Vice President Nate Watson is looking forward to improving not only SGA but all of campus in the upcoming year.

According to Watson, the primary goal of his year in office will be to increase the overall effec-tiveness of the Undergraduate House and SGA as a whole. “My primary goal is to back SGA the best it can be in terms of representing and serving the student body,” said Watson.

“Underneath that, there are the things that I ran on my campaign platform. I think student space, space for student organizations, space for the chorus and the music department in general are going to be things I work very hard to achieve.” Furthermore, Watson feels that his position will allow him to implement changes with a broad impact on the entire campus by working with several organizations.

“Next year I would like to ensure that we keep all of the representatives that the students have elected and help them to continue to work towards their goals as representatives and not get burned out,” said Watson.

In addition, Watson wants to expand the reach of the student government beyond campus, touching issues such as the new under 21 Buckhead ordinance that directly affects students.

“I would like to see SGA become a very, very dynamic organization that respectfully and effi-ciency represents the students in matters not only at Georgia Tech but also at the city and state levels, because there are so many of those issues that affect the Georgia Tech student,” said Watson.

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Guess who cleaned the coffee machine? Not Jody for once. What a suprise!

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student organizations much like he did on the campaign trail. Although student concerns and campus issues are likely to change over time, Kavanaugh expressed a commitment to upholding his campaign promises while adapting to Tech’s changing needs.

“Priorities change, but I’m not going to lose sight of the things for which the student body elected me,” Kavanaugh said.

Childress

and faster process. Senators and representatives will be less likely to spend time in meetings debating the fairness and consistency of the funding guidelines,” said Childress.

“Ultimately, my goals as Graduate Student Government President are intended to serve the needs and interests of graduate students. This includes minimizing any proposed increases in fees,” said Childress. “Increases in fees should be rare and sufficiently justified.”

Childress is looking forward to the coming year, working to serve the graduate student constituency and work with senators and representatives.

He encourages students to voice their concerns and interests to SGA. “I will make every effort to represent these interests and take appropriate action,” said Childress. “I am fortunate and honored to have the opportunity to serve as Graduate Student Government President next year,” he said.

Watson

At the same time, Watson would like to see some changes on campus. “I think that working together with clearer lines of communication and understanding the goals and objectives of both the organizations is something very important,” said Watson, speaking of SGA and the Student Center Programs Board.

“SGA funds the Student Center Programs Board with $94,000 a year currently, so I think when we are talking about that kind of money it is imperative that we work together more than we have in the past.”

Although Watson has many goals as Vice President, he does realize that it will take the entire UHR to make a real change on campus. “It basically involves setting a tone, setting a tone of action, accountability, and hard work, because everything Chris [Kavanaugh] and I have talked about in our campaign is going to require a lot of work, and we’re not going to be able to do it by ourselves,” said Watson.
Prank

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rector of Housing.

“We were not that worried about who got it, so we sent a correction to everybody,” added Morrison, explaining why those who had not received the April Fools email might have received the correction message from the Housing Department.

Evidence that the email was an April Fools prank might have included the fact that the message had been sent on a Sunday evening, a seemingly uncommon time for official business to be conducted. But according to Morrison, this is not necessarily true.

“When we do send out large volumes of email, we tend to do it on off peak hours because it is something that can drain the system,” said Morrison, “it would not be uncommon for us to have potentially sent out an email at that time.”

According to Morrison, Housing is not aware of the identity of the perpetrator.

“We have isolated the IP address from which the message was sent,” said Morrison, “whether or not that message originated from that machine or got sent through that machine from a different way is something that can drain the system.”

It was traced to an academic building, not to a student,” continued Morrison, indicating the inconclusiveness of the investigation in finding the individual who sent the email.

“It’s not really about catching somebody as much as it is about making sure that our own systems weren’t compromised. That’s our biggest worry.”

According to Greg Hale, an information security specialist at the Office of Information Technology (OIT), the perpetrator sent the sluggish email from a computer placed at a podium in a classroom on campus.

“Someone somehow got into one of the classrooms and sent it out from there,” said Hale, “those systems are normally locked, but we rely on physical security to control access to those systems. The problem we’ve got is that with systems that are provided in lecture halls like that, if we provide some sort of temporarily assigned passwords to visiting lecturers, they sometimes can’t use the password to access the system,” said Hale.

He continued to explain that the task of defining the priority of ease of use for educational purposes over security is difficult. “Trying to balance the two [priorities] is a challenge,” said Hale.

“I think that we should not be surprised that Georgia Tech students think of creative ways to do those kinds of things.”

Greg Hale
OIT Security Specialist

“Another reason the information is publicly available is ‘because so much of the room selection decisions are based on where their friends ended up,’” continued Morrison. He added that there might exist methods of providing these benefits without allowing for compromising situations like the April fools e-mail. “But [the list of selection numbers] is public information and [finding a selection number] would be no different than doing an inquiry to get somebody’s public email address.”

According to Morrison, the abuse of such public information was wasteful. “Certainly, it caused a lot of people anxiety, and it caused our staff a lot of extra work,” said Morrison.

“We firmly believe that this service will provide far more quality to the campus community.”

John Mullin
Executive Director of OIT

Dial-in

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without an ISP will be at a definite loss,” said Harper.

According to OIT, demand for dial-in services has decreased to an estimated 100 users because many dial-up modems no longer support the high quality, high-speed access that the Tech community demands. Dial-in access is just one of the options for remote service, the other being ISP service through Campusnet.

“We are focusing on the future,” said John Mullin, Executive Director of OIT.

Today’s faculty, students, and staff are heavy consumers of the Internet, and we’re looking to forward to two new services rolling out that will be much more useful.”

OIT had originally planned to eliminate dial-in service at the end of Spring Semester, but adjusted their time frame after considering recent concerns and the possibility of problems that some users will face during the phase-out process. Also as part of this plan, OIT is working with the Student Government Association to establish a Web-based email system, similar to Hotmail, for prism accounts that will be accessible from any browser.

“We plan to have this in production by the beginning of fall semester,” said Mullin.

“For those needing Unix shell connectivity to campus for example, prism login, we recommend SSH (secure shell). Windows clients (SecureCRT) are currently available from and supported by OIT,” said Mullin.

“I am in Texas so I usually just have my Tech mail forwarded to another address on the Web,” said Wendy Stone, sophomore Management major.

“I think having a Web-based email system is a good idea because it will get there faster, and it’s easier for people who live off campus also,” said Stone.

Another way OIT is looking to better their services to off campus users is by providing a virtual private network (VPN) activated by the installation of a Check Point secure remote client. This will allow the remote access user to have the same access to campus resources as on campus users.

“Our vision is to enable students faculty and staff to avail themselves of the best possible connectivity that is available from whatever location they choose,” said Mullin. “This varies widely by location and may include DSL, cable modems, or dial-up access through any commercial service.”

“We firmly believe that this service will provide far more quality to the campus community than can ever be provided by a local dial-up modem pool,” said Mullin.