Clough issues apology to Maryland

By Tony Kluempner Assistant News Editor

After the assault of the Maryland band after Tech's overtime loss last month, many were left wondering how tarnished Tech's reputation would be due to the incident. This week President G. Wayne Clough took steps to try to mend the relationship between Tech and Maryland by sending an official letter of apology to Maryland officials. According to Vice President of Student Affairs Lee Wilcox, the need for an apology became evident soon after the incident took place. According to Wilcox, Clough contacted University of Maryland President C.R. Mote shortly after he learned of the incidents.

“As soon as we started getting letters (from [Maryland] band members about what had happened, President Clough felt we needed to do something,” said Wilcox.

“He asked me to coordinate the investigation and let him know what we could learn and then after that he would write the proper letters.”

Since the October 11 incidents, two investigations have taken place, an unofficial one conducted by the Greek community with the help of IFC members who interviewed people in the area at the time of the incidents, and the official investigation conducted by the GTPD. In the end, the investigation was unable to turn up any suspects and therefore no one has been disciplined for the event.

“We are able to find the persons responsible, we simply do not have that person go through our disciplinary process if they were a student,” said Wilcox.

“If it were an alum, we can’t use our campus system but charges could be filed if the band wanted to.”

Once the investigations concluded that the Maryland band members had been assaulted after the game, the Office of the President drafted two letters of apology: one to the president of Maryland and the other to the band director.

In the letter to Mote, Clough addressed the fact that no one individual has yet been identified but did apologize for the “lack of respect” shown to the band and offered his “personal apologies” to the band.

In addition, in his letter to Maryland band director L.R. Sparks, Clough offered to pay for any damage to the uniforms and instruments that occurred during the incidents after the game.

Clough went on to call the event “an embarrassment to Georgia Tech and the kind of behavior we must eliminate from intercollegiate sports.” The letter also mentioned specific steps Tech was taking to insure that such an incident would not happen again.

Lee Wilcox
Vice President of Student Affairs

Military shows spirit in wake of recent tragedy

By Judy Shaw News Editor

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FBI terrorism expert to speak

Danny Coulson, the Founder and Former Director of the Anti-Terrorist Task Force of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will speak at Tech on Monday, November 26 at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Coulson’s most notable achievement in his long career with the FBI is leading the arrest of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh and his accomplice Michael Fortier to testify as the government’s star-witness.

SAC II breaks ground Nov. 28

President G. Wayne Clough will lead the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the new Student Athletic Center on November 28, at 1 p.m. Students who attend can watch the closing of the Olympic pool, see the plans for the new SAC II, and take home a free bottle of Georgia Tech Olympic pool water as a souvenir. Refreshments will also be served.

Take a Prof to Lunch Nov. 27

The Student Center Programs Area will host the 7th “Take a Prof to Lunch” on Tues., Nov. 27. The event was begun in 1977 by the Student/Faculty Relations Committee and is one of the longest-running events in the Programs Area.

Students must register by next Tues. to participate in the program. The event is 11-1 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Students can email sac26@prism.gatech.edu to register.

Jackets on skates? Tech hockey ranks tops in the south in Division III.

It’s finally here! Harry Potter hits theaters this weekend; find out if it was worth the wait.

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Last issue’s poll garnered 67 responses to the question: “Who should be allowed to graduate with exceptions because of semester conversion?”

- Students up to two hours short (57%)
- Students up to one hour short (15%)
- No exceptions should be made (28%)

This week’s poll is about registration. Did you get shafted by the registration? Did you get all of the classes you wanted? Tell us at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique.

From the archives...

The Nique’s top stories from:

- 5 years ago: Nov. 15, 1996—The Student Center Food Court celebrated the opening of the Burger King, Freshens Yogurt, and Pizza Hut Express. At the ceremonies Undergraduate President Jim Mason was served a “Ceremonial Whopper” by director of Dining Services Doug Pendleton.

- 10 years ago: Nov. 15, 1991—One year after claiming the national championship, the Yellow Jackets barely escaped defeat at the hands of the Division I-AA Furman Paladins at Bobby Dodd Stadium. The final score was 19-17.

- 15 years ago: Nov. 14, 1986—200 members of the Atlanta Jewish Federation protested on campus prior to Tech’s exhibition basketball game against the Soviet Union. The group was protesting the USSR’s treatment of Jews who wished to emigrate to Israel. The Soviet national team later came out on top of the Yellow Jackets by the score of 96-78.
Senate fills seats, brings total to 67
By Judy Shaw
News Editor

After taking a break from meetings last week, the Graduate Student Senate resumed action on Tuesday with a bigger crowd than before, as 37 new Senators were appointed and sworn in. With the latest addition, the Senate grew to 67 members, and Graduate Student Government President Trey Childress expects to appoint 12 more senators to vacant positions at next Tuesday’s meeting.

“I was very pleasantly surprised with the response,” said Childress.

Childress said the positive response he received probably stems from the way in which he advertised the available positions. In the past, the Senate used flyers, mass emails, and other standard forms of advertising, while this year Childress made things a little more personal.

Last week he sent out approximately 1,500 emails—one to every graduate student in a school or department with an open seat in the Senate. In the email he invited the graduate student to serve in the body and explained a little bit about how the Senate works.

“I expected about a ten percent response rate on my initial email,” said Childress. He received, however, about 900 responses; some students expressed an interest in serving, others declined, but all were positive in nature. Childress then returned an email to those initial respondents to further explain the Senate. At the end of the process, approximately 150 graduate students expressed an interest in joining the Senate.

Students who answered that they would be interested in serving in the house were asked to include information about their previous involvement at Tech and their desire to serve. This information allowed Childress to narrow the 150 down to the 49 needed to fill vacant seats.

“Now only can we fill every seat in the Senate, but we also have a waiting list of interested students in case any seats open up,” said Childress.

The grand total of 67 members represents the largest Senate in recent memory, and no one seems to know if every Senate seat has been filled.

“I don’t think it’s really ever happened.

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By Brian Odell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

ECE Senators Elizabeth Chesnutt and Leonadro Barajas vote to approve the 37 new Senators appointed by Graduate Student Government President Trey Childress.

Undergrads fund WREK monitor
By Judy Shaw
News Editor

Executive officers and committee chairs of the Undergraduate Student Government Association announced a number of new plans at Tuesday’s meeting of the Undergraduate House of Representatives. The House itself also considered a number of funding allocations.

Vice President of Campus Affairs E.W. Looney brought a copy of the budget of the Office of Parking and Transportation for members of the House to review. Earlier in the afternoon, members of the House also enjoyed the opportunity to engage in a question-and-answer session with Rod Ween, Director of Parking and Transportation.

Stephen Popick, Chair of the Campus Services committee and At-Large Representative, announced that a meal plan option may be available in the near future. Dining Services plans to issue a survey to Student Center diners in the days after Thanksgiving. The department will use the results to aid in planning the details of the meal plan system.

Executive Vice President Nate Watson solicited names of professors to invite to Tech’s first Midnight Breakfast. The event will take place the Tuesday of finals week and will allow students and professor to gather together to enjoy a midnight meal before final. Watson has been working closely with the Office of the Provost to plan this event since he took office, and he asked the representatives to help him decide which professors to invite.

President Chris Kavanaugh informed the House that free legal advice related to new immigration laws is now available in the SGA office each Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m. This service may interest international students who could be affected by changes to student visa regulations.

Legislative Communications Committee Chair Scott Fletcher announced that the voting records for all representatives are now available online. A link can be found of the main SGA webpage at sga.gatech.edu. The LCC used the same voting procedure as the last meeting, and representatives seemed to adjust to the use of the note cards. The meeting lasted only an hour.

Aside from the many announcements,
On Wednesday, Burger Bowl played host to a PALADIN tank. The PALADIN, based in Elberton, was the first state east of the Mississippi River to obtain the vehicles. Each tank costs upwards of $1.5 million; the Georgia national guard was the first state east of the Mississippi River to obtain the vehicles. This piece of equipment came as a surprise to the weeks organizers, and they were unable to publicize it as much as they hoped. The unexpected guest in the Burger Bowl also came as a surprise to Tech officials.

"I had a fun time trying to explain to the people at the Parking Office that we would be putting a tank onto the field across from them," said Perez.

Thursday included a repelling demonstration. At the time of publication, Perez hoped to obtain permission to repel off of the library, but the plans were not finalized.

"I think we are going to have a really good time with the repelling," said Perez.

Military Week culminated on Thursday with the annual Military Week Banquet at the Renaissance Hotel in Midtown. The guest speaker was General John Hendrix, Commanding General of U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM). Army Forces command is the Army component of U.S. Joint Forces Command, and is based at Fort McPherson, Georgia. General Hendrix is also a Tech graduate.

Military Week marks the culmination of 8 months of work for Perez and his 21-member staff of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine ROTC cadets and midshipmen. According to Perez, the banquet requires the most planning and the most funding as well.

The week received financial support from Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI), the Ivan Allen College, the Alumni Association, Reserve Officer Association and Air Force ROTC Recruiting.
**College briefs**

**Three Maryland students robbed in dorm room**

By Amanda Carr
The Diamondback

(U-WIRE) University of Maryland—Police are still looking for two men who robbed several men at gunpoint in a University of Maryland Cumberland Hall dorm room Tuesday.

The three men were in the second-floor dorm room shortly after 4 p.m. when they were confronted by the armed men, said University Police Capt. Paul Dillon.

The men knocked on the door of the room and entered once it was opened, one displaying a revolver-type handgun. During the robbery, one of the victims was cut on his head.

This is the eighth robbery that has occurred on or near the campus in the past three months. No arrests have been made in connection with any of the robberies.

On Sept. 21, two men were walking on Guilford Drive when another man approached them, displayed a handgun, struck one of the men and demanded money. On Sept. 3, two robberies took place. At 1 a.m., two suspects approached a man and demanded money. In the other robbery that day, three people were held up at gunpoint.

Before September, only one additional robbery was reported this calendar year.

**U. of Minnesota considers ban on tobacco sales**

By Maggie Hessel-Mial
Minnesota Daily

(U-WIRE) University of Minnesota—University of Minnesota students, faculty and staff already have to step outside if they want to grab a smoke. But if two Boynton Health Service committees have their say, on-campus smokers will be sent even farther away. The Twin Cities Student Unions Board of Governors will debate a resolution Nov. 29 that would ban all tobacco sales on campus, said Kristen Moore, president of the board.

“The board is trying to elicit feedback from students in the University community,” Moore said, “The University community will be more affected by this decision.”

“We’re not trying to take away students’ freedom,” said Gail Musoif, chairwoman of the Student Health Advisory Committee. “If you look at all the research the University does on the harmful effects of tobacco, selling tobacco is working against everything the university is trying to study.”

Edward Ehlinger, Boynton director, said tobacco use among college students nationwide has increased 60 percent in the last 10 years.

“The tobacco industry is targeting 18- to 24-year-olds,” Ehlinger said. “Eliminating the sale of tobacco on campus is just one of many steps that need to be done.”

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this doesn’t happen again including police escorts and an alternate route.

Wilcox expanded on this idea.

“We will provide police escorts for bands, and we also suggested a route up Bobby Dodd Way to the library to get to the buses rather than going by Peter’s Parking Deck,” said Wilcox.

“We also talked to student leaders about how to communicate to the student body about the inappropriateness of these actions,” Wilcox said. “We feel that although this left a blip on the reputation of Tech, in the end we will be able to overcome the incident.

“There have been disturbances on a variety of university campuses following athletic events,” said Wilcox. “Some have been riots and although this was not in that category, any time a visiting team or their fans or their band is harassed by our fans that is just inappropriate.”

“It appears to have been a very small number of individuals and, as the President noted, we haven’t had complaints like this for a long time and hopefully not again. It was serious, but I’m confident we can rise to the occasion and not let that happen again.”