Diversity of Opinion in the Class

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A Diversity Forum town hall meeting titled “Academic Freedom: Diversity of Opinion in the Classroom” will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday in the Student Success Center’s Clary Theatre. The discussion will focus on the Academic Rights Bill, Senate Resolution 601, which affects all public colleges and universities in Georgia. The bill addresses discrimination on the basis of political and ideological beliefs.

After quarter century at Tech, registrar to retire

By Joshua Cuneo
Senior Staff Writer

After 25 years of service to Tech, five of them as the registrar, Jo McIver will retire on May 31. A search committee is underway to find a replacement registrar, although the position may fall to either of McIver’s two associates.

“I’ve just reached a point that I feel like it’s time to do some other things in my life,” McIver said.

McIver has been employed at Tech since early 1981, when she accepted an assistant director position and later an associate registrar. When she started, students used punch cards to set their schedules, and the registrar’s office had half a million cards for the fall term. That system eventually gave way to a lot of changes in registration that McIver said generated more problems than half a million cards for the fall term.

“When I was eight years old, I was brought to a fraternity meeting,” McIver said. “I thought my experience would aid me in the position, to student body president. "I have to deal with a lot of problems, but then there’s a lot of good things that we do." McIver cited graduation as one of the most significant accomplishments.

The position needs someone who can serve as the student voice,” he said. “I have to deal with a lot of problems, but then there’s a lot of good things that we do.” McIver cited graduation as one of the most significant accomplishments of her career. Every body at Georgia Tech needs to go graduation... because that’s what we’re all about,” she said. “To be on stage there and see everybody walk across... you feel you’ve done a good job,” she added. “And I look out at the graduates and think about the potential that’s sitting there in the Coliseum, and it’s just amazing.”

SGA candidates face off in debate

By Niki Khosh
Staff Writer

Candidates for the presidency and vice presidency of the undergradu-
ate student body presented their platforms and squared off in a set of debates Tuesday morning at the Coliseum, with just under one week before voting. Voting will begin Monday, April 11 and end April 13. Students can vote online at www.

“[This] was just an opportunity to give back to Atlanta,” she said. McIver jumped at the chance to become an active member of the Tech community.

“When I was eight years old, I was coming to football games at Grant Field,” she said. “I have had season basketball tickets for 24 years... I live close to campus, I shop at the Kroger with the students.”

McIver moved up in rank over the years, becoming an assistant registrar and later an associate registrar. When the registrar position opened up five years ago, she decided to apply.

“I just decided, ‘Why not?’ And so I applied, and they hired me, and I’ve had five years as registrar,” she said. “I’ve got a lot of experience.”

Library harasser apprehended

Tech police arrested an individual last Thursday, March 31, in relation to recent reports of harassment at the library. The individual, a Tech student, was reported to library police officers to the Tech Police Department. There, he signed a waiver of counsel and said he did not intentionally touch the woman who reported him. He was then taken to Fulton County Jail. As reported two weeks ago in Technique, a string of recent police reports indicated that a tall Asian male was approaching women at the library under the guise of having questions about words and then touching them in an inappropriate manner.

Forum to discuss academic rights

By Pauline Hargis
Senior Staff Writer

“No mad Slinging: Above, a fraternity team pulls against its opponent in Sunday’s Tag competition. The competition, which Lambda Chi Alpha won, was among the first of many Greek Week events, in which fraternities and sororities competed to earn the most points by attending and/or winning several events. Competing teams arranged themselves into pyramids on Tuesday for Human Pyramid toss which could stand the longest Delta Upsilon won the event.”

By Charles Frey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

“A lot of schools are already moving in this direction, and I think Georgia Tech should follow them,” he said. Howard also said that a transition role in Tech’s tsunami relief effort, equipped him to be student body president.

He said that his limited involvement in SGA would not detract from his effectiveness.

Next, Welch said that his platform was based on making improvements.
From the files of the GTPD...

**Campus Crime**

**Missing items**

On March 21, an Operations employee at the Student Center arrived at his office and noticed several items missing. The reported missing items include a JVC stereo, a pair of two-way radios, a staple gun, two hand drills and a bit case.

The total value of the missing items is $371. There was no sign of forced entry.

**Smashed window**

On March 21, an attempted illegal entry at the Waste Management Building was reported. An unknown person smashed a window on a door in the warehouse.

Replacement cost for the window is approximately $200. Nothing indicated that the person who smashed the window gained entry to the building.

**Two cars collide on Marietta St.**

On March 22nd, two cars collided resulting in injuries on Marietta Street. Driver No. 1 was traveling westbound in the left hand lane until he maneuvered to enter the right lane and struck driver No. 2. Driver No. 1 said he did not see driver No. 2 and driver No. 2 said he sounded his horn but it was too late. Driver No. 2 was transported to Grady Memorial Hospital. Driver No. 1 removed his vehicle from the scene.

**Fraudulent return**

On March 22, a man attempted to return a Texas Instrument Calculator that he had bought at Barnes and Noble. The manager advised him that the man had purchased the calculator with a fraudulent check. The man turned over the calculator to the store and was given a criminal trespass warning.

**Garbage can fire**

On March 31, GTPD was advised that a garbage can in front of Fitten Hall was on fire. The fire was put out with a fire extinguisher at the scene. Atlanta Fire Department was not needed.

This week’s campus crime information contributed by Amanda Dugan

**Corrections**

Technique welcomes your comments and suggestions, as well as information about errors that call for correction. Messages may be emailed to nique@gatech.edu. Letters to the editor may be directed to the same address, or to opinions@technique.gatech.edu.
The Graduate Student Senate passed all five of the bills it considered in Tuesday’s hour-long meeting.

The senators did not deal with the pressing issue of the budget, however, postponing the bill to the end of the meeting when it first came up for discussion and then losing quorum before the meeting’s end.

The remaining senators had no choice but to postpone the bill one more week. They will have to vote on the budget bill next week because, with this week’s fourth postponement, GSS has pushed it back the maximum permitted amount.

The senators dealt with the week’s slate of bills. The first bill up for consideration was a joint allocation to the Industrial Design Society of America to travel to a major-related conference in Memphis, Tenn. The organization intends to send 80 students to the conference, one of whom will be participating in a competition while there.

A senator inquired about whether the organization had looked to its department for funding and was told that it had. The Senate passed the bill without any amendments.

The Pool & Billiards Club requested funding for two members to attend the ACUI Collegiate 9-Ball Championship being held in Ann Arbor. The organization asked that SGA cover registration fees and travel expenses for two members to attend.

UHR passed the bill after amending it to meet JFC policy. The funding allocated to the organization was $308.

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Bills passed
- Joint allocation to Industrial Design Society of America
- Joint allocation to Tech Beautification Day
- Joint allocation to Pool & Billiards Club
- Joint allocation to Sport Parachute Club (a) and (b)

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Bills postponed
- Joint Fiscal Year 2006 SAF Budget
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within SGA. He emphasized the need to appropriately fund properly to student organizations that needed them the most. He also spoke on the subject of getting students more involved in SGA. “People don’t have a real understanding of SGA,” he said. “They think SGA does not have an impact on the campus. This is not the case, and we need to keep students informed.”

Lucas said that he wanted to let students know about the role of SGA and its decisions. “My biggest concern on the campus is the lack of informed students,” he said. Lucas also said he wanted to increase the awareness of student organizations.

“The presidential candidates also presented their stances on more specific issues. All five agreed that the role of SGA is to improve student life, in part by keeping tuition costs low, and to fund organizations. They also agreed that the CRC should qualify him well for the position. "Georgia Tech is a very proactive campus, and I will work to increase fun at Georgia Tech and see that clubs and student organizations get funding," he said.

Amir said that she had the most experience out of the three candidates and was thus the best choice for vice president. "I have been in SGA for three years, and I know what works and what doesn’t," she said. "I promise to serve as effectively and efficiently as possible."
Security concerns relocate Ludacris concert to Coliseum

By Haining Yu
Assistant News Editor

Originally planned for Yellow Jacket Park, this year’s Sting Break concert, which took place last night, was moved to the Alexander Memorial Coliseum due to concerns about possible security problems.

According to Matt Trinetti, chair of the Student Center Programs Council Concerts Committee, the committee in charge of planning the annual event, both the Georgia Tech Police Department and the private security company hired to police the concert raised concerns over the Ludacris concert being in Yellow Jacket Park due to the openness of the space.

GTPD and the security company were both concerned about people not affiliated with Tech flocking to campus and trying to get into the concert.

“With a name like Ludacris, especially with him being a local artist, we knew that people would probably hear about it through word of mouth,” Trinetti said. “Since we are downtown…anyone could come and the organization received money to cover registration fees and travel expenses.

A joint allocation to Tech Beautification Day was passed after being amended according to JFC policies. The bill in its passed form allocated about $770 to Tech Beautification Day, which will take place Saturday, April 16.

At the end of the meeting, representatives made UHR award nominations. The awards include Representative of the Year, Committee of the Year and Faculty Member of the Year, among others.

Since the inception of Sting Break, the annual concert has been held at a different location each time, ranging from the Campanile to the lawn area outside the Instructional Center.

The last time a major student concert was held in the Coliseum was Ben Folds Five in 1999. Event planners had also originally hoped for general seating at the concert. However, concerns raised by the fire marshalls caused ticketing to go to assigned seating.

According to Trinetti, the success of this year’s Sting Break was contingent on the collaboration of many campus organizations.

“If any of our sponsors didn’t give us the money that they did, we wouldn’t be able to do the show,” Trinetti said.

He hopes for more organizations to get involved in Sting Break to help ensure the future success of the event. He also said increased funding is needed if the committee continues to pursue big name acts in the future.

“The more people that are involved, the more funding there is and the better our possibilities.”

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Representatives next considered a joint allocation to the Industrial Design Society of America. The organization requested money to attend the Southeastern Industrial Design Conference. The bill passed if they wanted if it was outside. Since [Yellow Jacket Park] is right in the middle of campus, and it is open all around it...even if they can’t get into the gate, they would still be around.

The committee looked into possibly increasing security enough to keep the concert in Yellow Jacket Park; however, the needed equipment would have been too costly.

“We would need an incredible amount of fencing...which was not in our budget.” Trinetti said. Another concern that helped prompt the move was the weather. With the forecast predicting rain, event planners felt that it was the right choice to move the Ludacris concert inside.

The move to the Coliseum also created added costs for the event, some of which the committee is still working to cover.

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McIver says UHR will have to do now with all of her newfound free time.

“Probably—and everybody says this—travel,” she said. An avid gardener, she also plans to enroll in a Master Gardener program, participate in volunteer work, and devote time to her granddaughter.

But she will always fondly remember her years at Tech.

“It has given me opportunities that I probably would not have had at other institutions.” McIver said.

“Just working with the Tech students, because they’re so bright, they keep us on our toes, and that’s fun.”