After an extensive search and review of over 40 candidates from across the country and from other parts of the globe, the Provost search committee narrowed down the field of applicants and presented a list of four finalists to the President. These four candidates will now undergo an on-campus interview with academic deans, members of the faculty, students, and the President’s Office over the next two weeks to determine who will replace Mike Thomas as Provost.

Of the four candidates, two are internal. Jean-Lou Chameau and Gary Schuster currently hold academic positions here at Tech. Elisabeth Paté-Cornell, from Stanford University, and Duncan Moore, who most recently served in the Office of Science and Technology Policy under the Clinton Administration are the external candidates.

“We, as a committee, looked at a number of qualifications, which included their academic credentials, their administration experience; we did reference checking and looked for continuity between what they said that they were doing and how they did it. We looked for a balance in experience that showed that they could work with a diverse group of people, all across campus,” said G. DiSabatino, Dean of Students and member of the Provost search committee.

Once the initial application pool was narrowed down to ten semi-finalists, the candidates visited the campus, and the committee looked for people who were best suited specifically for Tech.

“They all obviously had the credentials because we asked them to come, but we looked for a match in terms of fit with the candidate and campus, and it was going and what it hopes to be in terms of an academic leader,” said DiSabatino.

The Provost, as the Institute’s chief academic officer, is responsible for all academic and research activities on campus, as well as academic support systems, such as the library. This includes working closely with enrollment management, the co-op program, the Registrar, study abroad programs, continuing education, and distance learning.

To meet with all the deans once every couple of weeks, maybe more often if they’ve got problems. I in-

Candidates share goals for Tech

The four applicants selected by the Provost search committee as finalists will meet with faculty members, students, and administrators to discuss their long-term goals for the Institute’s academic future.

Elisabeth Paté-Cornell, Stanford University’s first female engineering chair, is currently a professor and department head in Management Science and Engineering. Her other “firsts” include the first woman faculty member from Stanford to be elected into the National Academy of Engineering, as well as the first woman Stanford had to hold an endowed engineering chair. Paté-Cornell, a native of France, studied computer science and economics at the Institute Polytechnique of Grenoble, and then completed her second masters degree in Operations Research and her doctoral degree in Engineering Economic Systems at Stanford University.

“If selected to the Provost position,” Paté-Cornell said, “I would simply make Georgia Tech one of the absolute top institutions in the country, and in the world of course. Bring the students to the top, bring the faculty to the top and make it one of the most attractive places to be in terms of intellectual value and excitement and quality of learning,” said Paté-Cornell.

Jean-Lou Chameau, a native of France, where he received his undergraduate degree in civil engineering, and then subsequently received his graduate degree in Civil Engineering from Stanford University, followed by his master and Ph.D. degrees. Chameau is also a Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar and recipient of several engineering awards.

“Georgia Tech, I believe, is in the process of truly establishing itself as a world class institution—one of the best in the world, and I think that is the general goal that I have and that the President has, and that the faculty, students, and campus have,” Chameau said.

“We need to make [Tech] a very exciting place for students. You should feel when you come to Georgia Tech that you are really part of a special organization, that you are going to do exciting things, and that people outside of Georgia Tech know you are going to know you do those things.”

President’s office offers options for senior finals, graduation

When graduating seniors walk across the stage to receive diplomas in December 2001, a new commencement ceremony process will be implemented. However, according to Executive Assistant to the President Mark Smith, the new process has yet to be determined.

“This change was caused directly by a bill passed last year in the Academic Senate, which stated that beginning in Fall 2001, graduating seniors would no longer be exempt from final exams.

Under the old system, commencement was held the day after finals ended; however, with the new provisions, seniors’ final grades would not be processed in time for a next-day ceremony. Therefore, many initially felt that graduation should be delayed a week to allow the Registrar’s Office to process final grades.

Smith soon realized that this delay could cause problems for both students and faculty.

“There were two issues that came up,” said Smith. “One that was on our radar screen that dealt with the lateness of commencement right on the heels of the Christmas holiday, and many were concerned that that might be too close.

“The issue that the students brought up was one of waiting along an extra week, which they weren’t happy about. They wanted to find out what kind of options were available.”

Smith worked to organize a group of student leaders to examine the issue and suggest possible solutions.

“The first thing that we did was to have one group that was going to make a list of all the possibilities that we could think of,” said Smith.

“We came up with three that were wild and crazy, as well as some that we thought made a lot of sense. Then, we narrowed it down to two, and we were able to cross of the ones we couldn’t do because of Board of Regents policy or other things that caused constraints with cost and time.”

“When we really thought this thing through to try to see what the real essence of the issue was, it boiled down to two options,” said Smith.

The first option was to have graduation the day after final exams ended. With this option, graduates would no longer be given their actual diplomas. Instead, dummy diplomas would be presented at commencement, and the actual diplomas would be mailed after grade processing.

Although this option would not guarantee anyone who walked across the stage an actual diploma, Smith saw some positive aspects.

“The obvious benefit would be that everyone is still in town, you graduate with your friends, the excitement is there, there’s no issue with housing, and it’s on a week-end, which is kind of nice,” said Smith.

The other option was to hand out real diplomas, as has been done in years past, but more graduation back a week. Smith sees that this option has disadvantages as well. Perhaps the most critical [dis- advantage] though is that friends would be gone and you’re hanging around on campus that is almost shut down for an entire week,” said Smith. Now that the decision has been
**This Week at Georgia Tech**

### Weekend

- **Friday**—8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. The movie *A Streetcar Named Desire* will show continually at the Student Center Pizza Hut area.
- **Friday**—All Day: Drop day—last opportunity to drop classes for the semester. Visit oscar.gatech.edu for more information.
- **Saturday**—TBA.

### Monday

- **8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.** This week, the cartoon hit "Chicken Run" will show continually at the Student Center Pizza Hut area.
- **11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** Sigma Gamma Tau hosts a paper airplane contest in the SAC auxiliary gym. Contact jdevoritz@resnet.gatech.edu for reservation information.
- **5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.** Kimberly-Clark will host an information session for interested students at the Clary Theater in the Student Success Center.
- **5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.** Compag will host a computer information session in President’s Suite C of the Student Success Center.
- **5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.** Cummins will host an information session in President’s Suite D of the Student Success Center.
- **6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** Mandatory meeting for Phase II intramural captains take place in Tennenbaum Auditorium, room 103 of the IC.

### Tuesday

- **11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Graduate Student Senate will meet in room 117 of the Student Services building. Public is welcome.
- **11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** Monthly Student Organization Officer Orientation for all new presidents of campus groups will be held. Contact Danielle McDonald at (404) 894-1936 for information.
- **11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Counseling center will run an Anger Management Workshop to introduce participants to various coping techniques. The workshop will take place in Student Services 238.
- **6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** Intramural players looking for teams and teams looking for players can go to the Intramural Free Agent Meeting in SAC 211.
- **7:00 p.m.** Undergraduate House of Representatives will convene in room 117 of the Student Services building. This week’s guest speaker will be Mike Thomas, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Public is welcome.

### Wednesday

- **11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Career services will present "So You Are the New Kid." Students attending this session in Presidential Suite B of the Student Success Center can learn what to expect in their first job.
- **4:00 p.m.** The baseball squad plays the Bulldogs of archrival University of Georgia in Athens. This contest will be broadcast on WREK 91.1.
- **5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.** Engineering and student organization can participate in a trivia contest at Junior’s Grille. Prizes will be awarded, and food will be served. For information contact ssangz@yahoo.com.
- **7:00 p.m.** The men’s basketball team takes on the Duke Blue Devils at Cameron Indoor Stadium. The game will be featured on national television as part of ESPN’s weekly broadcast.
- **7:30 p.m.** The women’s basketball team plays its second straight road game, this time at Maryland to take on the Terrapins.

### Thursday

- **11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** Engineering Carnival will explode on Skiles walkway. The event will feature student organizations and corporate recruiters. For more information, send e-mail eweek@gatech.edu.
- **6:00 p.m.** Students can tune into Tech Talk on WREK radio 91.1 fm. Listeners will enjoy a preview of Friday’s Technique, as well as talk about campus issues and events.
- **7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.** RHA hosts Trivia Night in the Student Center Greenhouse. Free subs, pizza, gift certificates to the Cheesecake Factory, and more will be given out to participants.
- **7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.** Medtronic hosts an information session in the Student Success Center. Students who seek more information about this another information session can contact tracey.carnes@success.gatech.edu.
- **8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.** T-book meets in room 137 of the Student Services building. Students are welcome to enjoy pizza and help with Tech’s on-line freshman survival guide.

**Thank you, Jody, for filling page two.**
News briefs

Today final day to drop classes for Spring semester

Anyone wishing to drop an individual class for this semester must do so today. Today is the last day that students can drop individual classes for spring semester. To drop a class, visit OscarWeb and select the add/drop class link and select the class you would like to drop.

Derby Dash 5K Race to be held Saturday, Feb. 17

The Derby Dash 5K run will be held tomorrow morning from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on campus. Anyone wishing to register on-line can do so at www.thederbydash.com, or register Saturday morning in the Student Center parking lot.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the race will begin in front of SAC at 8:00 a.m. All proceeds from the race will go to benefit Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta.

Volunteers needed for Pi Mile Road Race April 7

Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with the Pi Mile Road Race should contact Amy Willmore the alumni association director of the race. Volunteers are needed to pass out flyers at other races in the community to advertise the event and doing various duties on race day.

The Pi Mile Race will be held on Saturday, April 7, on the Tech campus. Any potential volunteers should contact Willmore by either phone at 404-894-0795 or by e-mailing amy.willmore @alumni.gatech.edu.

Impact Speaker Series to feature Scott MacLellan

The Impact Speaker Series, sponsored by the Dupont College of Management and the College of Engineering, will feature Scott MacLellan today in the Wardlaw building.

MacLellan, who co-founded Foodbuy, a leading business-to-business group purchasing and data management company created specifically for the $376 billion food service marketplace, will speak from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The talk is free and open to the public.

The Impact Speaker Series features entrepreneurs, founders and executives of high-tech and biotechnology companies who have made a significant impact in their industry.

Thomas and Clough to address UHR as guest speakers

The February 20 meeting of the Undergraduate House of Representatives will feature Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Mike Thomas as guest speaker. The following week Tech President G. Wayne Clough will address the House.

The Undergraduate House meets every Tuesday at 7:30 in Room 117 of the Student Services Building. Meetings are open to the public.

Apply now for the Sophomore Summit retreat

Any rising sophomore who is looking to have more interaction with fellow sophomores should apply next week for the Sophomore Summit retreat. This year’s theme is “Thinking Outside the Box,” which will give students the ability to learn new things about themselves and others. Applications will be available in the upcoming weeks at the table in the Student Center. All interested students should apply.

Wilcox speaks at UHR meeting

Tuesday’s meeting of UHR began with representative Stephen Popick bringing forth a resolution to address parking issues related to the FOCUS initiative. Representatives decided to send the resolution to the Parking and Transportation Committee for review.

Popick proposed a second bill, allocating money to the Canoe and Kayak Club for the purchase of kayaks.

Undergraduate Student Body President J.R. Spriggle proposed two bills, both to appoint students as committee members. Both passed, appointing six students to the Elections Committee and appointing Genevieve Wolff and Ken Brinkmann as co-chairs of the Governmental Affairs Committee.

Industrial Engineering Representative Marty Hinson brought forth three bills. The first and second dealt with allocating money to the Engineering Advisory Council. The first was for funding fees, publicity, and an awards ceremony for Engineers’ Week, which will run from February 18 through February 24. After amendment on behalf of the Joint Finance Committee, the bill passed.

The second bill funded travel fees for the Engineering Advisory Council’s upcoming conference. Hinson’s third bill allocated money to the Institute of Industrial Engineers for travel fees for its national conference in Dallas.

Mechanical Engineering Representative Victor Allen authored a bill asking to help DramaTech pay for microphones, lights, and window installation. This bill also passed. Allen and Stopp proposed a resolution regarding elective credit for certain ROTC courses. This resolution, which passed after moderate discussion, ensures that a committee will consider the possibility of placing certain ROTC courses into the Humanities and Social Sciences sections in order to allow elective credit for the courses. The resolution also promotes allowing non-ROTC students to receive elective credit.

Representative Eric Woods authored a bill to allocate money to The Environmental Forum. The bill passed, funding the Forum’s Travelling Road Show expenses. Spriggle’s report mentioned that applications for Ramblin’ Reck Club and Connect with Tech applications are due today. He encouraged students to sign up for a TeamBuzz committee; applications are available on the Web, and an information session will be held Tuesday, February 20 at 6:45 p.m. in Student Center room 301.

Lastly, Spriggle announced that the resolution on textbook taxes was presented to Governor Barnes last week. Barnes and President Clough support this resolution; however, no timeline has been set.

Dr. Lee Wilcox, Vice President of Student Affairs, spoke on Student Affairs’ role on campus. Wilcox mentioned five major units of Student Affairs: Career Services, the Counseling Center, the Office of the Dean of Students, Success Programs, and SAC.

Wilcox also discussed six integral parts to student leadership Development: vision, integrity and ethics, service orientation, communication skills, self-awareness, and the ability to work well in diverse groups. The Office of Student Affairs works to incorporate the development of these qualities through Institute curriculum.
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“I think you need to care about the academic environment. You need to have a good understanding of what students and faculty are about and try to understand how you can help them achieve their goals. Obviously, if you are at Georgia Tech you need to understand that we are a research university; we are a major research organization in this country, and the person needs to know how to manage and how to promote a large research organization. A major goal you need to have is to try to find ways to maximize the amount of time students and faculty spend on scholarly activities. It means you have to try to minimize all the other things that are a burden on their lives—like administrative details or day-to-day life.”

Duncan Moore was most recently Associate Director for Technology in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy under the Clinton Administration. His role as director involved advising the president on issues in science and technology and how they relate to national goals, specifically on the Next Generation Internet project, Clean Car Initiative, and NASA. Prior to his work at the White House, Moore was dean of the College of Sciences at the University of Rochester. He earned his B.S. in Physics from the University of Maine and his masters and Ph.D. in Optics from the University of Rochester. Moore was also elected to the National Academy of Engineering, among many other honors, including the National Engineering Award of the American Association of Engineering Societies. Moore was unavailable for comment.

Gary Schuster is currently a professor of chemistry and Tech’s Dean of the College of Sciences. He arrived at Tech in 1994 from the University of Illinois, where he was also a chemistry professor and served as chair of the chemistry department. He received his B.S. from Clarkson College of Technology and his doctorate from the University of Rochester. He recently received the Chancellor’s Award for Collaborative Excellence and has been awarded numerous research fellowships.

“I think Georgia Tech is an institution that has a lot of opportunities in front of it, and one on which the opportunity for excellence in a number of things paramount. The excellence in undergraduate instruction, excellence in research, excellence of service, excellence in providing an economic engine to the region and the state to drive development. I think that the provost position is critical in ensuring that the academic side of the campus is providing excellence in all of those categories,” said Schuster.

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Why is it noon already? I think I had a candy overload this week.
Campus news from around the nation

NYU freshman tosses monitor out window
By Bill Lucie
Washington Square News

(U-WIRE) New York University—A freshman has confessed to throwing a computer monitor out of her ninth floor window, narrowly missing a night watchman next door.

Jennifer Ottomeyer said she was intoxicated when she threw the monitor out of her room in the Rubin Residence Hall.

“We were all very, very drunk,” she said. “I didn’t know there was a window down below, or that it was possible to be in the vicinity. The monitor smashed through a basement skylight over the building’s employee bathroom. A night watchman was standing just outside the door of the restroom when the monitor crashed through the skylight.

The doorman noted that the incident could have been serious, had the night watchman been in the bathroom. “If he was inside he would have been hurt,” she said.

Although Ottomeyer remains in her room, University officials have told her that she would be banned from NYU housing. Ottomeyer said she was frustrated with the computer because “it was old and it didn’t work.”


Profs’ racist comments sparks Harvard sit in
By Juliet J. Chung
Harvard Crimson

(U-WIRE) Harvard University—More than 60 students filed into Harvard Hall 104 Tuesday afternoon to stand in silent protest over recent remarks made by Kenan Professor of Government Harvey C. Mansfield that linked grade inflation at Harvard University to the influx of black students in the 1970s.

Most of the protesters were members of the Black Students’ Association (BSA), which orchestrated the sit-in of Mansfield’s Government 1061: “The History of Modern Political Philosophy” class.

“If you have anything to say or protest, say it now because the lecture is on the topic of Machiavelli, not on anything (else) I’ve said,” he said. Mansfield’s invitation was met by silence.

BSA President Aaliyah N. Williams ’02 added that the power of silence should not be underestimated.

Sometimes silence is more powerful than words,” Williams said. “Our goal was to make a statement that we were aware of Mansfield’s statements and that we wouldn’t let them go unaddressed … and that’s what we did.”

Mansfield said he has been encouraged by the controversy, saying it has increased awareness of the grade inflation problem.

While Williams said the sit-in was successful, she said BSA will continue to call upon the administration to “mediate Mansfield’s statements.”

U. Penn students work to break genetic code
By Joshua Runya
Daily Pennsylvanian

(U-WIRE) University of Pennsylvania—The complicated puzzle that is the human genome is almost completely decoded—and Wistar Institute researcher Harold Riehman has played a large role in understanding a segment of it.

Riehman and his team, which included scientists from the University of California at Irvine, sequenced 34 of 46 telomeres—the sections of DNA found at the ends of the 23 chromosomes contained in human cells.

“There’s no way to gauge how much is left, how much is complete,” Riehman said of the current gene map, which was unveiled Monday in Washington by the Human Genome Project. “Telomeric sequencing provides some insurance that most or all of the DNA is contained in the sequence itself.”

Sequencing is the process of reading the strings of over three million bases—chemical compounds referred to by the letters A, C, T and G—which make up DNA. The base code for genes much like letters make up words.

The 30,000 or so genes then direct the production of proteins that determine genetic traits.

The map produced by the Human Genome Project, an initiative jointly run by the National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Department of Energy, covers only 96 percent of the genome.

“We’re a long way to go before we will ultimately understand all the secrets that the genome has to tell us,” Lander added.

Penn State student sues landlord over health
By Fred Cichon
Daily Collegian

(U-WIRE) Pennsylvania State University—Eight Penn State students were in court recently, fighting for the right to break their lease because of health problems they believe make their house uninhabitable.

Early in the fall semester, tenants renting a house at 105 Adams Avenue moved out after they discovered what they said were pre-existing problems with the residence causing them to get sick.

Last Wednesday was the first day in court for the roommates, who are counter suing Continental Real Estate Management Inc., 256 E. Beaver Ave., after Rodney Hendricks, the landlord, sued the tenants for breaking their lease.

The tenants are attempting to use a clause in their lease that would allow them to legally break their contract because of conditions that make the house uninhabitable, said Tracey Miller, one of the residents.

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Court threatens Napster’s future

By Andrew Santelli
News Staff

The reign of Shawn Fanning as hero of music-inclined college students looks to have come to an end on February 12.

The founder of Napster, an online music-sharing service with more than fifty million members, including many Tech students, had been waging a legal battle for months over the service’s role in copyright infringements, most notably in a case against Metallica and Dr. Dre.

It now appears Napster may meet its doom, thanks to a decision by the United States District Court. The court ruled that copyright infringement occurs because of Napster, that Napster does nothing to stop the infringement, and that Napster has a “detrimental effect on the present and future digital download market.” Further, the injunction says Napster should be shut down, but the details of how that will be done are still being worked out through lower courts.

This decision fell in favor of record companies A&M, Sony, Geffen, and others, who, along with the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), had been searching for ways to bring the popular service to its knees.

In a press release dated February 12, Napster CEO Hank Barry voiced disappointment in the ruling, claiming that “Napster users are not copyright infringers,” and that “Napster has gotten too expensive and overcommercialized,” said Vinson. She believes that Napster was society’s way of getting back at that commercialism. When asked about the plan to implement a fee-based Napster service, Vinson said she supported the partnership with Bertelsmann, because it would “ease my conscience about using Napster.” In the event of a Napster shut down, she expressed little concern that her MP3-wrapping days would be over. “Everyone else will just find another way, people will be FTPing files to each other.”

George Perantatos, a computer science senior, agreed that a Napster shutdown wouldn’t affect traffic of music files over the Internet, due to the copyright networks that have sprung up, and the clients that are downloadable for free that search those networks.

“There will just be another Napster,” said Perantatos.

Perantatos said he didn’t quite understand the hype over the Napster case, that perhaps it was the media’s and the RIAA’s attempt to get “traction in the case against digital music.” On the deal with Bertelsmann, he asserted that problems could arise in the business plan, and that difficulties would occur in the process of obtaining licenses for the fee-based Napster.

For now, Napster is still in operation, but its future remains unsure. In the meantime, Vinson and others may have to start looking for other ways to satisfy their musical urge.