The results of last week’s SGA elections have been announced, with a run-off for UHR President between J.R. Spriggle and Matt Mason. The announcement has not been made as to who won the GSS Presidency. David Moeller was elected as UHR Vice President, with over 3000 students voting.

Dale Wells will serve as President of the senior class, Scotty Crowe for the junior class, Tiffany Massey for the sophomore class, and Alisa Aiken for the freshman class.

“30% voter turnout is the highest of any major university in the country, and I think it shows the desire of the student body to take a more active role in the issues that affect their campus,” said Kevin Stogner, Chairman of the Elections Committee.

In the race for President, Mason received 36% of the vote, Spriggle earned 35%, and David Stopp received 29%.

“I’ve learned during the campaign that Tech students really care,” said Moeller. “I feel plain about things like parking, when it comes down to it, students vote because they care about Tech’s future.”

Spriggle, “I used to think that by being in SGA I knew a lot of students on campus, but by campaigning, I’ve met so many new people.”

Through the rules of the election process, since no one candidate for President received 50% of the vote, only the top two candidates proceed to the run-off, which does not include Stopp.

I had a great time during the campaign period,” said Stopp. “I’m obviously pretty disappointed that I lost, but I truly hope that no matter who wins, SGA will do a lot for the student body in the next year. I especially enjoyed running the Stopp and Go taxi service. It allowed me to meet so many people and get such a wide variety of campus perspectives.”

Since leaving the race, Stopp has given his endorsement to Mason. “I have spoken with both Matt and J.R., and although I feel I could work well with either candidate, it is my opinion that I would best be able to accomplish my goals for Tech within the framework of Matt’s leadership,” said Stopp. “It is for this reason that I am supporting Matt Mason’s bid for the presidency.”

Moeller won his for Vice President, defeating Johnny Jones. “I am very excited about the prospect of serving the student body in the capacity of student government Vice President,” said Moeller. “I feel that a large portion of campus is concerned about my platforms, primarily recruiting votes to the students, and I see the voting as reflective of this. I also want to make sure that I address the issues Johnny ran on, mainly recruitment of non-engineering majors.”

The run-off for President is the only election that is taking place today, with the voting ending at 5pm, and results available on the SGA website at 6pm. Both candidates hope that the turnout for the run-off will exceed that of the general election.

“Win or lose, I hope that we have an even higher turnout this time around,” said Spriggle. All of the three original candidates hope to work together after the election. “Dave Stopp and J.R. are both extremely qualified candidates,” said Mason. “I only hope that all three of us will continue to work for students regardless of who gets elected.”

The winners of other races were eager to start. “I am extremely excited about being elected junior class President and continuing my time in the Undergraduate House of Representatives,” said Crowe. “I have several ideas for the upcoming year, many of which pertain to SGA continuing to bond closer to every student on campus and truly representing its constituents.”

The Elections Committee was happy with the way the vote was handled this year. “The elections were very successful, the entire Elections Committee was recommended for the countless hours they spent rewriting the Elections Code to make it more clear and concise, building relationships with OIT, and interacting with candidates as needed to make sure that everyone had their respective questions answered,” said Stogner.

SGA Run-off Election

By Jennifer Dykes
Newspaper Editor

Twenty-six-year-old Christopher Klaus donated 15 million dollars to Tech to help build an advanced computing complex to be named after him. The donation, the fifth-largest in Tech history, is pending approval by the Board of Regents. Klaus made his money in his start-up company Internet Security Systems, Inc. It is now worth $5.1 billion.

The company sells software aimed at protecting networks from intruders to numerous clients, which include 25 of the 25 largest US commercial banks, several large telecommunications companies, and dozens of government agencies, including the Pentagon.

He left Tech before receiving his degree in the mid 1990’s to focus on his company, which he started in his dorm room.

The donation is “the largest single outright gift while living that Georgia Tech has ever received,” said Elizabeth Campbell, Tech spokeswoman.

The plans call for a $5 million dollar building and design will start later this year, with construction beginning in next year.

Klaus does not meet the profile of the typical donor, who is usually a man over 60, and thinking about a legacy to leave behind.

While Klaus did not receive his degree while at Tech, he is a free part-time instructor for the College of Computing.

“I’ve always been a big believer in education as a driver in helping the economy and helping society as a whole,” Klaus said.

Other donations in Tech history include over $25 million from Lettie Pate Evans and similar amounts from George W. and Irene K. Woodruff, and Mrs. Lee Candler. Candler’s donation to the Athletic Association came in the past year. These gifts were mostly from their estates, according to Campbell. “It’s a significant gift that will benefit every student at Tech,” said Campbell.

At last week’s hearing, SGA came out in favor of supporting the proposed move of the bookstore to a location on Fifth Street. If the relocation occurs, the bookstore would move to Fifth Street along with a number of additions to the area, and could possibly be taken over by a national retail company.

The move has been very controversial, with a number of students opposing the idea. However, SGA’s support helps bring the project one step closer to becoming reality.

“Georgia Tech is growing,” said Roalied Meyers, Vice President of Auxiliary Services. “The Master Plan envisioned Tech expanding beyond its current boundaries. The 5th Street Project is part of Tech’s planned growth. The project is much more than a new building; it will be a complex composed of a hotel of over 200 rooms, a 1000 car parking deck, a retail center to be build an executive conference center, a new college of management building and several retail stores. The retail will have the Bookstore as its anchor store, with some smaller retail establishments as well, including a restaurant. This is not an off campus destination, it is an extension of our campus, as it was extended in the recent past when all of the west campus apartments were built.”

Meyers added, “Eventually, the area will become a thriving dining/ retail area where Georgia Tech and midtown merge into a “College Town” atmosphere. We believe the relocation will be a winning move for everyone.”

Several members of SGA are still concerned over the possibility of the privatization of the Bookstore, which could cause the prices of textbooks to rise.

“It has been the fear of some that students will be hurt by privatizing the Bookstore, as it appears would be the case if the Bookstore moves,” said Stephen Popick, an Economics representative. “The Bookstore should move and remain the ‘Georgia Tech Bookstore,’ not ‘Barnes and Noble with GT Textbooks.’ SGA should step up and thinking about the students by ensuring that textbook prices are protected. As Georgia Tech students, we have more important things to worry about.”

Despite the decision, the move is still a way from actually occurring. “The Bookstore move is quite controversial and the move is far from being over,” said Popick. “There are still pertinent issues being debated in SGA in these closing sessions.”

In addition to the argument over whether or not the move should take place, a second argument is dealing with what should happen to the freed-up space if the move does occur. So far, most of the discussion has revolved around office space for organizations and extending the Student Center.

“The relocation will also release the current bookstore space for a much needed expansion of the Student Center,” said Meyers. “Our Student Center, which was constructed in 1975, is now almost 30 years old and was designed to serve a student population of 8,000. We now have 24,000 students at Tech. For the most part, supporters look at the move as a way to develop Midtown and add a college feel to the area.”

“It is safe to say that by the end of this decade, Georgia Tech will be nestled in a much safer and social atmosphere,” said Popick.

High turnout marks elections

By Matt Gray
Assistant News Editor

The Undergraduate Presidential Run-off between Matt Mason and J.R. Spriggle ends today at 5 p.m. Vote online at elections.gatech.edu.

Young entrepreneur donates $15 million to College of Computing

By Jennifer Dykes
Newspaper Editor

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The first comment made was akin to, "We know you support condoms in school to decrease teen-age pregnancy, do you also support necrophilia and bestiality as preventative measures?" The tone of disrespect continued as another member of the party attempted to engage Dr. Elders in debate during a question and answer session. When asked to relinquish the microphone so others could ask questions, the young man charged the questioner with "suppression" and asked if his "conservative message was really that dangerous." To me, the comments sounded like a tagline from their recent campaign.

I’m glad the Republicans want to promote intellectual diversity. I think that their tone reflected poorly on our campus and certainly reflected poorly on their organization. The fundamental part of sharing one’s views is respecting someone else’s opinions. They may have been offended by Dr. Elders, and even by her responses to their questions, but this is no excuse for disrespect, especially when they carry the reputation of Georgia Tech and Women’s Awareness Month on their shoulders.
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By Alan Bach
Don’t waste your time with the news

Spring is here again, and you’ve probably been preparing for some excuse to shovel that parking lot of unfinished workhorse into the nearest desk drawer and go have some fun. Next weekend will give you the perfect out: the 2000 Atlanta Dogwood Festival.

Piedmont Park will become the site of countless acts of wanton outdoor enjoyment, open from noon to 8 p.m. on April 7, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on April 8, and noon to 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Businessman Walter Rich started the Festival in 1936 as a celebration of springtime in the South. In recent years, the event’s scope has grown to include environmental improvement through education, community work, and donations.

This year’s corporate sponsors include Coca-Cola, Heinlein, Georgia Power, Mercury Mountaineer, and the Georgia Lottery.

Over 200 artisans will be on hand all weekend long to display their wares—photography, jewelry, painting, pottery, mechanized creations, and just about anything else you can think of. Acclaimed folk artist Rev. Howard Finster will come in all day Saturday as well.

Look out for the canine Frisbee contests (noon–5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday), or turn the two-legged critters loose in the children’s area, featuring crafts, contests, and a few surprise guests. Visit the Eco-Village to learn a few new tricks for being nice to the planet, gaining some altitude on the 24-foot rock climbing wall, and stick around to watch the hot-air balloon exhibitions at 7:15 p.m. each night.

New additions for 2000 include demonstrations of electric vehicles donated by Georgia Power and a full-fledged exhibit by the Magic Garden Program. This organization works to improve Atlanta’s elementary schools by setting up outdoor learning areas and teaching children about the environment. Cash donations and money from food/beverage sales will go to the program.

One special feature is Bank of America’s Down Under Tour, attracting exhibits designed to teach visitors about Australia and the Sydney Olympics.

Julie Johnston, Event Coordinator for the Dogwood Festival, pointed out, “There will be an amphitheater, and around it will be several different pods… One pod will be a 10-foot-high rock climbing wall—there will be folks showing how Olympic athletes climb the wall, things like that.”

Last but not least: the live music. Bands from all over the South (and a few from elsewhere) will play on three stages, starting at noon Saturday and Sunday. Headliners include Col. Bruce Hampton and the Code Talkers, Francine Reed, Pierce Petnis, and Mardontico. Georgia Tech will also be represented; the Jazz Ensemble is slated for Sunday at 2 p.m.

A kickoff party will be held at the Rosy (3110 Roswell Rd.) at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, with Blueground Undergrass, Vasan Clairets, and Downtowners. Georgia Tech Music Perfomance. Tickets are $15 in advance, $20 at the door, with proceeds benefiting the Magic Garden Program.

Dogwood Festival Entertainment Coordinator Caroline Aiken is in charge of booking acts, a job she first took on in 1994 and has held every year since 1996.

“It’s like Wheel of Fortune—spin it and see what comes up,” she said, explaining the varied submissions she receives.

She fields questions from roughly 400 bands every year, some from as far away as France and Russia.

“I could go on and on about the acts that are playing that I think are ‘big,’” Aiken commented. She pointed to Reed, Hampton, and David Ryan Harris as a few of the best-known local performers. Clements and Billy Joe Shaver as acts with name recognition on a wider scale. Big or small, though, the bands that play each year have one thing in common: “There are no amateurs here; these are very well-liked and well-seasoned performers.”

Now, how to get to the scene of all this brouhaha? An shuttle bus will run between the Arts Center MARA station and Piedmont Park all day Saturday and Sunday. Considering the size of past crowds (200,000 to 250,000 for the 1999 Festival, by Johnston’s estimate), driving in might not be the smartest idea in the world; drop a couple of bucks and take advantage of our lovely mass transit system instead.


For more information on the Atlanta Dogwood Festival, visit our Web site: www.dogwood.org. Call (404) 233-7699 to buy tickets for the April 7 kickoff party at the Rosy.
Beesball ends week by pouring on the runs

By Seth Andrews
Totally Charless

The Tech baseball team continued its march through the season this past week, and some more bumps on the road on the way.

Last Friday Tech won its ninth straight against the Duke Blue Devils 14-1. Tech was powered offensive-ly by the round tripper, as eight of their fourteen runs came off home runs. Junior Cory Vance improved to 5-1 by pitching seven innings and allowing only a solo home run to J.D. Alleva. He tallied nine strike-outs to bring his season total to 57 K's in six appearances. Tech scored early and often, plating two runs in the bottom of the first inning on singles by Richard Lewis, Bryan Prince, and Mark Teixeira. Teixeira again took matters into his own hands, hitting a three run blast in the seventh inning to earn the victory for the Blue Devils. Tech started off strong, walking, the Basl to the plate. Basil then grounded into a controversial double play. Basil was called out because of runner’s interference by Goffena, with the umpires claiming that Goffena impeded the throw to first base. Nevertheless, the Jackets’ nine game winning streak ended.

Sunday was a duplicate performance of the previous day, with the Jackets coming up short again by the score of 4-3. Tech displayed an inability to get the men on base around the horn to score runs, as Tech stranded 13 runners. Duke starter Kevin Perry scattered ten hits in seven innings to earn the victory for the Blue Devils. Tech starter Rhett Parrot took the loss, pitching 6 1/3 innings and allowing four runs on six hits. After Duke put two on the board, sophomore sensation Mark Teixeira tripled and scored to cut the lead in half. Duke came back to plate two in the seventh on an RBI single and a sacrifice fly. Tech scored two runs in the bottom of the eighth inning to cap a four run inning.

Saturday, the Blue Devils exacted revenge against our Jackets, winning 4-3. Tech ran into solid pitching from Ryan Caradonna, who worked eight innings and scattered eleven hits to only allow three runs in the ninth inning. Jason Basil added a two run shot to increase the Jackets' nine game winning streak.

The Jackets showed up strong again by scoring two runs off four consecutive two out hits. Both Duke and Tech scored runs in their respective halves of the eighth inning, setting up the controversial ending to the game.

In the bottom of the ninth the Jackets tried to mount a comeback. Lewis hit an infield single and Teixeira walked, and then were advaneed to second and third on a sacrifice fly. Goffena was intentionally walked, bringing the Basl to the plate. Basil then grounded into a controversial double play. Basil was called out because of runner’s interference by Goffena, with the umpires claiming that Goffena impeded the throw to first base. Nevertheless, the Jackets’ nine game winning streak ended.

The Jackets need to finish in the upper third in conference play to earn a bid in the NCAA tournament. Tech needs to combine the good pitching of late with their potent offense to play in the postseason.

Softball team has .500 week prior to their FSU matchup

By Prezire Leaze
Making a comeback

This week has been a topsy turvy one for the Yellow Jacket’s softball team. Last Saturday, they faced Southwest Missouri State and came up with a win. However, they couldn’t keep the streak alive against Brown on Wednesday.

Held to just three hits on the afternoon, Tech (18-22, 0-2) fell to Brown (4-7) by the score of 5-3 in Wednesday’s game.

The Yellow Jackets looked to be in control of the game early as they got on the board in their first at bat taking a 3-0 lead behind an RBI single from Kori Jacobson and two Bears’ errors, allowing two additional runs to score.

However, Brown took the lead for good in the top of the fifth, scoring all of their runs on four hits, two walks, and one Yellow Jacket error.

Jamie Smith (9-10) received the loss for Tech as she gave up seven hits, walked one and gave up five runs.

For the Bears, Aleyna Sutton earned the victory as she allowed just three hits, walked two and struck out one.

During the weekend’s win, second baseman Ellen Seyer belted a one-run double and right fielder Jacobson went 3-for-3 while driving in two runs to help lead the Jackets over Southwest Missouri State (5-13) by the score of 6-2.

Tech head coach Kate Madden thus scored a victory over her alma mater in the Jackets’ first meeting with the Bears.

The Bears jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the top of the fourth as Annie Medico had a two-out double to knock in two runs.

But, Georgia Tech would bounce back as they exploded for six runs behind seven hits in the bottom of the fifth. In that inning, the Jackets received RBI hits from Lindsay Wood, Jamie Frost, Sayer and Jacobson.

Freshman pitcher Tiffany Good- man (9-12) received the win for the Jackets as she pitched seven strong innings allowing two runs on seven hits and striking out three. Sarah Nemlowill took the loss for the Bears as she came in relief and allowed four runs on six hits.

The Yellow Jackets softball squad will be in action again this Saturday when they will travel to Tallahassee to take on Florida State (28-27, 0-0) in a double header, which will be crucial to their ACC standings.

Dogwood Festival
Alan Back previews the annual Piedmont Park gathering.

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April Fools
Football’s season opener against Virginia Tech changed.

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The Jackets tryed to rebound as Charleston Southern came to town to play a two game series. In the opener on Tuesday, the Jackets broke their two game losing streak by a 6-3 margin. All-American Mark Tei-xeira had another big game, going 3-4 with a home run and two RBI. Starting pitcher Steve Kelly earned the victory for the Yellow Jackets, working six innings and allowing two runs. Andy Mitchell picked up his second save of the season, pitching a perfect ninth inning.

Tech won again on Wednesday, this time pouring on the runs to win 12-5. Teixeira was the hero again, going 4-5 with four RBI. Freshman Phillip Perry won his first career game as a Jacket, pitching five innings and allowing three earned runs on two hits. He also had eight strike-outs. Tech used various offensive weapons to put up an unsurmount-able lead for the Buccaneers, scoring runs in each of the first five innings. Richard Lewis increased his hitting streak to 18 games while pounding his second home run, scoring runs in the first two innings. Jason Basil added a two run blast in the third inning. Brad Busbin and Rob-hart Robinson closed out the game in the mound to improve Tech to 20-8.

As the Jackets head into the second half of the season, catcher Bryan Prince, as well as his teammates, hope to come up with some ACC wins.

The Jackets continue play against the North Carolina State Wolfpack in a three game series on the road. N.C. State has a 16-11 record and looks improve against the Jackets.

Tech needs to finish in the upper third in conference play to earn a bid in the NCAA tournament. Tech needs to combine the good pitching of late with their potent offensive play, and then they will be able to make some noise in the postseason.