By Daniel Amick
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In one of the closest elections in gradu-
ate SGA history, Pelham Norville nar-
rrowly defeated Yasser Blatmir to secure the gra-
duate presidency this week, while Robin
Bechtle and Roy Par-
bank, candidates for the vice presidential
race, both received 50
percent of the vote
forcing a runoff elec-
tion next week.

Norville, an Elec-
trical Engineering
PhD, student, won by
gaining 51 percent of
the vote. Norville has
served as a graduate senator for the last
two years. He has worked with ORGT and
serves as chair of the First Center’s
Student Advisory Board. During his pres-
idency, Norville plans to improve the
quality of health, bus and food service and
increase awareness of programs of-
fered by the Institute.

The runoff election continued with the
results from the spring break referen-
dum. Although voters want-
ed a change, they
couldn’t decide how
much of a change they
wanted. Moving
break one or two
weeks both received
35 percent of the vote.

Undergraduate
presidential and vice
presidential can-
didates squared off in a
debate Tuesday morn-
ing in front of the
Campanile. As a small
crowd of spectators looked on, each can-
didate made a last-minute pitch for sup-
port before voting started Wednesday.

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By Tony Khuenemper
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Over two years after Tech host-
ed the first meeting dedicated to a
2003 campus wayfinding plan, the De-
partment of Parking and Transpor-
tation announced earlier this month
that it would be the first to imple-
ment parts of the plan this summer. In accordance with the plan, Park-
ing plans to begin renumbering all of the permit parking lots across

The renumbering process, which
is set to be completed by Aug. 1, will
divide the campus into an east and
west section with Atlantic Drive act-
ing as the midpoint.

According to interim Parking
Director Allen Corry, the new per-
mit numbers will follow the east/
west pattern. “What we’re doing
with the wayfinding is changing
the permit parking areas to coincide with
the side of campus they [the lots] are on,” said Corry.

Under the plan, instead of hav-
ing A, B and R lots, the lot numbers
will begin with an E or W followed
by a actual number, which is deter-
mined by the quadrant of campus
in which the lot is located.

“The numbers are broken down into four quadrants with the num-
ers ranging from 1-80,” said Corry.

If the area is currently labeled as
residential, an R will be placed after the E or W to denote this fact.

Corry sees many advantages to the new numbering scheme. “I think
it will be easier to identify because
of the nature of them being broken
down into different zones, depend-
ing on which side of campus they
are located,” said Corry.

Estimates show that the project
could cost up to $100,000. “The
estimate to replace just the signs
themselves is between $80,000 and
$100,000,” said Corry. “And that’s
just the beginning.”

However, Corry is quick to point

By Kevin Shatursky / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students, faculty and community members raised their candles as Students, faculty and community members raised their candles as Students, faculty and community members raised their candles as part of Women’s Awareness Month “Take Back the Night,” which helped to promote the fight against sexual assault nationwide.

By Daniel Amick
Assistant News Editor

Wait until next year! Tech
finishes off season with
NIT loss to Texas Tech.

It’s that time of year again!
Check out all the unbelievable
Tech April Fool’s news.

SAC releases finalized
plans for summer ‘03

By Daniel Amick
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Phase 1 of the state-of-the-art
Campus Recreation Center, formerly
known as SAC II, will open Aug. 4,
2003. In addition, the Fuller Calla-
way Student Athletic Complex will be
cleared of asbestos and demol-
ished to allow completion of Phase
II in July 2004.

Between May 2 and August 4,
students will be without a central-
ed exercise locale on campus.

Director of Campus Recreation Butch Stanphill has been working to de-
volve replacement facilities.

“We don’t want people not to
work out,” said Stanphill ear-
lier this semester. “What we want to do is offer students alternatives.”

A free shuttle service will trans-
port students from the Student Cen-
ter and Coliseum to the Georgia
State University Rec Center Mon-
day through Friday. The O’Keefe
Gymnasium will offer free weights,
pin-selected machines, and cardio
equipment. Courts in the Fresh-
man Gym will be open and showers
will be open in the Wardlaw Fitness
Room. A brochure and website out-
lining the changes are available.
For specific information, see www.sac.
gatech.edu/summer or email
membership@sga.gatech.edu.

Some campus recreation pro-
grams will be affected by the clo-
sure. Options classes will be lim-
ited and summer camps have been can-
celled. Outdoor Recreation and In-
tramurals will not be affected.

“Everything we have inside
[SAC], we’re going to try to provide
somewhere else on campus, or at Ge-
orgia State,” said Stanphill.

Some 2,000 people use SAC each
day during the fall and spring, but
the number drops off substantially
in the summer.

By Chekere Fay / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Undergraduate presidential candidate Calvin Yu addresses the crowd at Tuesday’s undergraduate SGA debate while his opponents Ben Lawder and Nate Watson listen. Although the graduate elections ended Wednesday, the undergraduate elections continue until 4 p.m. today.

Registration for summer underway

Summer 2003 registration for continuing students began March
19 and ends April 1 at 4:30 p.m.
Fall 2003 registration begins April
9 and ends April 22.

Time tickets for fall will be as-
signed after summer registration
is complete.

Clough, WIST to hold discussion

President Clough and the Women
in Science and Technology (WIST) program will hold a discussion Fri-
day from 2-3 p.m. at the Alumni
House on North Avenue. The dis-
cussion is entitled “The Next Fifty
Years of Women at Tech.” Students,
faculty, staff and alumni are encour-
gaged to attend.

A Fifty Years of Women at Tech Celebration will also be held Friday
night at the Sheraton Buckhead
Hotel. The Celebration will honor
“fifty firsts,” those women who blazed
the trail for the next fifty years of
women at Tech.

The reception begins at 6:30.
Dinner begins at 7:30. Atlanta Mayor
Shirley Franklin, Atlanta’s first fe-
male mayor, is scheduled to appear at
the event.

Simpsons producer to speak April 3

The Simpsons’ producer Mike Reis
will visit Tech Thursday, April 3.
Reis will present “a lecture on ev-
everything Simpsons” in the Student
Center Ball Room 7. 8:30 p.m. The
presentation is sponsored by the Stu-
dent Center Programs Council.
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out that the numbering is basically the only thing changing about the current system. “There really aren’t going to be any changes in the actual spaces themselves,” said Corry. “Every lot will be divided the same as it is now.”

The one major change that Parking plans to introduce next fall is to restructure Peter’s Parking Deck so that the lower level is no longer considered residential.

“So we are going to have that gate open in the evening and on the weekends, which will give people with permits elsewhere a place to park on east campus in the evening and on weekends.

In addition, Parking plans to continue to allow permit holders to park in non-residential areas after 5 p.m. and on weekends.

Since the changes will be in place for fall semester, students should notice the new numbering plan when they begin registering for parking next month. “When you register you will have both the old number and the new number that will take its place so it won’t be difficult to identify what you want,” said Corry.

Although the new numbering may allow a better sense of campus direction, some students wonder if the cost is really worth it. “They are spending almost $100,000 just to replace signs that don’t really need replacing,” said third year HTS major Alyssa Ribieiro. “I think they should save the money and make parking cheaper.”

However, according to Corry the wayfinding plan doesn’t involve just Parking. “This goes way above just Parking,” said Corry. “It’s basically a campus-wide initiative.”

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President candidates Ben Lawder, Nate Watson and Calvin John Yu fielded a variety of questions about their leadership achievements, their ideas for improving student life, and the president’s role.

“I want to empower the students,” said Yu.

“I’m here to make SGA a tool for the students,” said Watson.

“I will be the president who works for you,” said Lawder.

“SGA is not the place for politics,” said Lawder. “The president’s role is to improve the experience at Tech.”

Candidates also offered opinions on whether student government should render opinions on national issues. This question was prompted by an international student resolution considered by the Undergraduate House and the Graduate Senate.

Watson and Yu both said that national issues shouldn’t necessarily be considered, while Lawder said that consideration of the international student resolution was appropriate.

Vice presidential candidates Mike Handelman, Danny Puckett and Chris Rankine answered questions about parking, drop day and the state of communication between students and their representatives.

Rankine advocated cutting SGA and “cutting away the red tape.”

SGA is not an organization to sit around and wait for problems to solve themselves,” said Puckett, who argued for a drop day later in the semester.

“We need to make sure we have the best Undergraduate House possible,” said Handelman, who promised office hours and leadership training for House members.

Voting ends at 4 p.m. today.

From the archives...

The Nique’s top stories from:

10 years ago: April 9, 1993—Junior Ashley Gigandet won a Truman Scholarship. She was the first Tech student to receive the prestigious award.

Library officials were concerned that during finals and midterms, stressed-out students were venting their aggressions by destroying books and magazines.

20 years ago: April 8, 1983—The GTPD arrested a former Tech employee for stealing $2,000 from the Cashier’s Office. A bottle containing perchloric acid and methanol exploded in the Bunge-Henry building, spilling acid over a third of the lab floor and producing toxic fumes.

30 years ago: April 13, 1973—The Technique reported that “ten cows burp enough gas in a year to provide all the space and water heating and cooking requirements for a small house.”

The Physics department approved two new degree programs in Applied Physics. The Parking office collected $3,469 more from tickets than it had the previous year.