Search for Dean continues

Dean of Students candidates narrowed to three

By Amanda Dugan
News Editor

Interviews and campus visits for the top three candidates for Dean of Students started Monday and continue through next week. As part of the process, the body is invited to a presentation by each of the candidates that is followed by an open forum. Tracy Tyree, the Dean of Student Life at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pa., presented to students Monday afternoon. Richard Ferraro, the Dean of Students at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., presented to students on Wednesday afternoon.

Ainsley Carry, the Dean of Students at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa., presents Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Student Center.

“The search for a new Dean of Students is moving very quickly. We are currently in the on-campus interview phase for our three finalists, and we hope to make a decision shortly,” said David Andersen, undergraduate student body president.

The top three candidates were narrowed to three.

“We want the candidates to see who we are at this point and to see if they are the right fit,” William Schafer, Vice President of Student Affairs, said.

Schafer is chosen from a pool of 143 applicants. Schafer contracted with the search firm Spelman and Johnson to conduct a national search after the former Dean of Students, Gail DeSabato, announced that she was leaving this semester to accept the vice president of Student Affairs position at Clemson University.

The presentation to the candidates take a tour of campus and meet with the vice president of Student Affairs, the provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs, the search committee and students as part of their interview. Each candidate was given the following prompt for their presentation: "The Dean of Students has a long tradition of support and advocacy for student life and is known as a ‘friend of the student’. Explain what this phrase means to you and how it relates to your overall philosophy of student affairs and development.”

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Robot soccer comes to Tech

The 2006 KUKA RoboCup U.S. Open competition begins this morning at 9 a.m. in the Tech Square Research Building. The close event will feature robots fighting it out in the events of search and rescue as well as soccer championships, one between teams of Sony Aibo four-legged canine robots and the other between teams of small, fast-moving robots.

The RoboCup U.S. Open has been held since 2003 and is an international series of competitions that promotes artificial intelligence and robotics research. More information, including a complete schedule, is available at www.robocup-us.org.

Finals breakfast tickets available

Tickets for Midnight Breakfast, the regular finals week event at which professors and staff serve a free breakfast to students, are now available on the third floor of the Student Center. This semester’s breakfast will take place May 2 in the Student Center Food Court from 10 a.m. until midnight. Tickets are not required for admission but guarantee entry to the event.

Parking permit registration opens

Registration for next year’s parking permits opened on April 15. The permits now cost $545 for the year. Registration will continue through June 30. The registration page is at www.applyparking.gatech.edu. Parking has also started accepting online citation payments at www.parking.gatech.edu/paycitation.

Student research competition kicks off

By James Stephenson
Staff Writer

A new student research competition will be announced at a campus kick-off event April 25. The competition is the first project in a partnership between Tech, Cingular Wireless and Siemens Communications. The competition involves development of Internet Protocol Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) applications.

According to Matt Sanders, a research scientist for the Office of Information Technology, there will be $100,000 in awards for different project categories.

“The competition is going to take place next year,” Sanders said. “Siemens is donating an IMS platform that students will be able to use.”

The company is planning for a five hundred student turnout at the kickoff event, which will feature food, entertainment, talks by corporate officers and information on how students can become involved in the competition.

“We have been working on it for about a year,” Sanders said. “The contract was signed in Nov. Students will start participating in fall.”

According to Sanders, the students will be working on their proposals during the fall semester.

“Implementation prototyping will take place in the fall with judging and awards culminating at the end of spring,” said Russ Clark, a research scientist for the Office of Information Technology. According to Clark, it is currently a one year competition with the goal of all parties being to extend it if the competition is successful.

“Tech is not putting up any money,” Sanders said. “One of the entities involved are the Office of Information Technology (OIT) and the Georgia Tech Research Network Operations Center. They are responsible for managing the existing research relationship we have with Cingular.”

The equipment that Siemens donated will be housed in the Electronic Design Center.

“Students are going to have access to this IMS platform which they otherwise would never experience during college,” Sanders said. “This...”

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Students rescue chicks left in Burger Bowl

By Amanda Dugan
News Editor

Approximately 100 baby chickens were abandoned in the Burger Bowl at some point over the Easter weekend. Several students found the chicks on their way to classes Monday morning and a group of approximately 10 students stopped to help them. The students brought the chicks water and food before finally transporting them to the Atlanta Zoo.

“There was a guy standing there and in each hand was a little baby chick. I thought it was the coolest thing in the world. They were trying to cross the road. We kept them down in the middle and they kept running to the road... [Then] a girl came down and told us that there were a hundred of them in the burger bowl,” said Adam Tarr, a second-year Discrete Mathematics major.

The students brought the chicks water, bread and cereal from dorm rooms. The students took care of the chicks for over two hours before transporting them to a safe home.

“Five of the chicks were really sick, a couple had broken legs and [some were] dead before we got there. Animal Control had still not shown up in 45 minutes [after they were called] so we called the police and then the Humane Society who said they couldn’t handle that many chickens. [Then we] called the Atlanta Zoo Wild Rescue who said they could take them,” said Nicole Saint-Aubin, a first-year Biochemistry major.

The students played with the chicks and even started naming them before they were transported to the zoo.

“They were so cute... It was one of the coolest things I’ve ever seen,” Tatt said.
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Attack on the electric car

A Housing employee reported that someone had damaged his Global Electric Car. The air had been let out of the passenger side tire, all four hub caps had been stolen and there were two burn marks in the trunk. The cost of the damage is $350.

Yes, I am committing a crime

An officer was dispatched to the Barnes and Noble bookstore on April 14 to an attempted shoplifting call. The complainant stated that a female was tearing the plastic off of the textbooks and was advised not to do that. She was then observed attempting to put two books into her book bag. The complainant asked her if she was trying to steal the books, and she laughed and replied, “Yes.”

She then ran into the Management Building, but an employee was able to grab her bag. She was trying to steal a Partial Differential Equations book, valued at $75, and a Discrete Combinatorial Math book, valued at $114. The officer also left her cell phone which was plugged into the wall charging.

This week’s campus crime information written by Kenneth Baskett

Corrections

The story on page 1, “ADO files free speech lawsuit against Tech,” incorrectly cited Ruth Malhotra and Scott McKee’s majors as Public Policy. Malhotra is an international Affairs major and McKee is a Chemical Engineering major.

The article “Lindstrom: leader among women engineers at Tech” on page 13 of last week’s issue incorrectly spelled Kirsten Lundstrom’s name. The name was spelled incorrectly in the headline as well as in the body of the article.

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Graduate Student Senate

Senate passes FY2007 budget

By Amanda Dugan
News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate met Tuesday for its last regular meeting of the year. Nine bills were passed and four were failed.

The first bill brought before the Senate was the joint resolution on availability of Stinger and Trolley Departure Times. The bill had been previously failed by the UHHR, but passed the Senate.

The next bill discussed was the conference committee version of the budget, which passed.

The next bill was a joint allocation to Emerging Leaders. The bill was amended per-Joint Finance Committee (JFC) policy, but still failed. The senate also failed a joint allocation to the Chinese Student Association.

The next bill was a joint allocation to Tech Rec. The organization was asking for funds to move two pool tables. The bill failed.

The house amended a joint allocation to Tech Beautification Day so that tool replacement would come out of Prior Year Account. The bill passed.

The next bill was the joint allocation to the Tech Golf Club. The bill passed. Next a joint allocation to Engineers World Health was discussed. The bill failed.

The bill failed. The senate also failed a joint allocation to the Chinese Student Association.

The conference committee, no amendments could be made to the budget. However, a motion was made to suspend the bylaws and make amendments to the budget. The ramifications of passing a bill are not yet known.

Binh Dam, a senator from Electrical and Computer Engineering, presents a joint resolution on Stinger and Trolley departure times.

Bills passed
- Joint Allocation to Chinese Student Association
- Joint Allocation to Emerging Leaders
- Joint Allocation to Tech Rec
- Joint Allocation to Engineers World Health

Bills failed
- Joint Resolution on Stinger and Trolley Departure Times
- Joint Resolution FY2007 Student Activity Fee Budget
- Joint Allocation to Tech Beautification Day
- Joint Allocation to Tech Golf Club
- Joint Allocation to Leadershapse
- Joint Allocation to Water Polo Club
- Allocation to GSS
- Resolution Expressing Condolences to the Family of Helen Grenga
- Revised Joint Campus Organization Committee Policies

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House narrowly passes budget

By James Stephenson
Staff Writer

The Undergraduate House of Representatives met on Tuesday for their last regular meeting of the year. Eight bills were passed and two failed.

The conference committee version of the Student Activity Fee budget for 2007 was presented in the meeting. Tier I organizations’ budgets were amended per-Graduate Student Senate changes.

The Graduate Conference Fund (GCF) was negotiated to $73,000. The stipends for the presidents were raised to $5,578 for the GSS president and $4,648 for the undergraduate student body president. The vice presidents will receive half of the presidents’ stipends, equaling approximately full tuition for the presidents and half tuition for the vice presidents. Otherwise, vice presidents will receive $453. Representatives at the meeting said that this would be the first increase in six years.

The Musician’s Network budget was changed to reflect their change in status from a Tier III to a Tier II organization.

Since the budget was from the conference committee, no amendments could be made to the budget. However, a motion was made to suspend the bylaws and make amendments to the budget.

The ramifications of passing a bill are not yet known.

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Each week, elected members of the houses of the Student Government Association (SGA) meet to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings.
in a different form from the gradu-ates, who had already approved the budget in the current conference committee form, would kill the budget. The motion was passed and House Representatives began to make line by line amendments to the bill.

This motion meant a decision on the budget would have to wait until SGA could meet again to vote on a revised budget. This process could have carried the budget decision over to the fall semester.

Once the ramifications of chang-ing the bill were realized by the House, a majority of the representa-tives voted to overrule the motion on the floor to make amendments to the bill and called the bill to ques-tion. The budget passed by a narrow margin of four votes.

The first bill to be brought before the house was the allocation to the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. They were asking for funds to attend a conference in Charlotte, NC. The IFC recommended not fund-ing the bill since it is against policy to fund fraternities and sororities. The bill failed.

The next bill that came before the House was the joint allocation to Tech Rec. The organization was asking for funds to move two pool tables from one side of the room to the other side of the room. The IFC recommended not funding the bill. The bill passed and will be sent to a conference committee.

The next bill was the jointalloca-tion to Tech Beautification Day. The organization was asking for funds so it could rent tools for its project. The bill passed.

The next bill was the joint allo-ca-tion to Engineering World Health. The organization was asking for funds to send one person to repair medical equipment that could then be sent to third world countries for use. The bill failed.

The next bill brought before the House was the Joint Allocation to LeaderShape. The organization was asking for funds to allow ten to fifteen more students to attend their event the week before classes start in the fall. The bill passed.

The bill passed the House in a different form than the Senate and will be sent to a conference commit-tee.

The next bill was the joint allo-ca-tion to the Rugby Football Club. The organization was asking for funds to buy new jerseys and shorts for tournament play. The bill passed.

The next bill was the joint allo-ca-tion to the Water Polo Club. The organization was asking for funding to buy new headgear. The bill passed.

The next bill was a joint resolu-tion to change the chartering system for new organizations. Currently the organizational constitution must be approved by SGA before it can be seen by the Student Activities Committee. The proposed resolution would

bypass the SGA step to make it easier for an organization to get chartered. The bill was amended to become ef-fective upon the ratification of the new bylaws. The bill passed.

The last bill brought before the House was an allocation to the IFC Peer Educator Program. The organization was asking for funds to bring in a speaker to talk about one of three topics: mental health, sexual harassment or alcohol. Several questions were raised about whether any students not part of the Greek community would be present at the event. It was also noted that the bill needed a graduate author as the event would be open to all students.

The bill was amended to have funds taken out of the Prior Year Account and was passed.
Summer reading starts with Guns, Germs and Steel

By Ranganath Venkataraman
Staff Writer

Starting this fall, incoming freshmen will have their first assignment, to read the book Guns, Germs and Steel by Jared Diamond, before they even start classes. The book has been chosen for the inaugural year of the Summer Reading Program and is the product of multiple faculty, staff and student discussions that began in January. The initiative is unofficially chaired by Paul Supanawich, an Industrial Engineering major and Brett Vogt, a Computer Engineering major.

“The summer reading program is an initiative which unites the incoming freshman class through the reading of a faculty and staff chosen book in their summer before entering Tech,” Supanawich said.

According to Supanawich, the initiative has four principal objectives. The first goal is to improve the educational experience at Tech. The second objective is to increase student-faculty interactions. “This program is something [we think will] help break down the barrier between students and faculty,” Supanawich said.

The third goal is to create a bonding experience for incoming freshman students. The interaction by establishing an online message board in conjunction with the FASET message board. The final objective is the creation of an alternative learning environment that fosters different types of learning.

According to Vogt, incoming freshmen will receive information regarding the program shortly before FASET sessions. “Freshmen will receive marketing materials about the program telling them what it entails and how it’s a great advantage,” Vogt said.

Vogt said that the book would be purchased at the Georgia Tech Bookstore, “[the students] will have logins and can use the discussion board,” Vogt said. He said that this procedure will be the same for the first four FASET sessions; students attending the fifth session will have the book mailed directly to them.

The program then offers a series of discussions held in various places during the first few weeks of the semester. It is also planned for all GT 1000 classes to reserve one lecture for discussion of the book. “We’re going to encourage GT 1000 instructors to partner with guest lecturers,” Vogt said. “The more faculty we can get in front of students in a small setting, the more successful the program will be.”

The program will culminate a couple of weeks into the semester when the author of the chosen novel will come to campus and give a lecture on his novel.

“After the speech, everyone can break into small group discussions throughout the entire Student Center and Student Center Commons led by faculty that we have recruited to participate in the program,” Vogt said. “That will be the capstone discussion.”

“The [program] is an initiative which unites the freshman class through reading.”

Paul Supanawich
IE Major

The students will mostly be working on application development for phones and other mobile service devices such as PDAs and laptops,” Clark said. “The architecture will significantly open what has traditionally been hard for anyone to develop new applications for cell phones.”

According to Clark, the IMS platform and tools will allow students to develop in this environment.

The kick-off event will take place in the Technology Square Research Building (TSRB) from 5pm-8pm on April 15.

“The kick-off will let students know that there is an opportunity waiting for them in the fall when they return,” Sanders said. “The event is also a chance to network with students and professionals and to create teams.”

To aid the students in the competition, two courses will be taught: one during the fall semester and one during the spring. However, the courses are not required to compete. “They will provide a chance for hands on learning with the technologies involved,” Clark said.

The special topics courses will be taught by Clark in CoC, but will be open to all students.

After the final discussion, surveys will be conducted to assess the success of the program and to suggest possible improvements.

In many schools, the program has stimulated the creation and growth of book clubs where the same process is repeated. Students even have their own clubs in their residence halls.

“It spurs learning and growth, and is a great way to bring the entire Tech community together,” Vogt said.

To facilitate this process, the novel is compulsory reading for Leaders (PL) in EE dorms and Team Leaders (TL) in the GT 1000 classes. “Guns, Germs and Steel” was chosen after looking at several books.” In the first few weeks, we’d have facetime present a book to the group,” Supanawich said. “We started off with a list of seventeen books and then narrowed that list down to six. We then went through the similarities of the books and decided on what made them good for the summer.”

Guns, Germs and Steel is a novel that, according to Supanawich, bridges the gap between science and society.

“It’s a New York Times bestseller, but it also flows very easily,” Vogt said.

The program will be funded partly by the Student Foundation, which will cover marketing for the program and purchasing books for the TLs. Housing will contribute towards the books for the PLs.

Current student’s opinion on the program varied.

“I would have participated in it had it been around in my freshman year. If it is optional, I think it would be a good idea not only for freshman, but for all students who would like the opportunity to introduce themselves to [new students] and share their experiences at Tech,” said Jared Garnier, a first-year Computer Engineering major.

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“The three candidates are really very top candidates. At this point they are all very qualified and now it is about finding the right match for Tech,” Schafer said.

Schafer said that the Dean of Students position is a very special position at Tech as previous Deans have stayed in the positions for long periods of time and there have only been a few Deans in recent history. DiSabatino held the position for 11 years.

“The key question is are they ready to come in and give the time and energy the job requires,” Schafer said.