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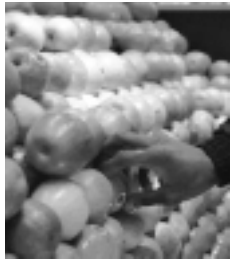
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Watson wins narrow victory in SGA run-off

By Daniel Amick
Assistant News Editor

SGA presidential candidate Nate Watson was sitting in his geophysics class Friday morning, when he began to receive call after call on his cell phone. Only after class, when Watson was able to answer the calls, did he find out that he had just been elected student body president.

"I was very excited," said Watson. "It's a big opportunity to help

out the student body, to make good things happen next year, an opportunity to put some ideas into action, and build a strong team in student government [that is] here to do the people's business."

Watson narrowly defeated opponent Ben Lawder to win last week's run-off election. Watson won by a ten-vote margin, capturing 1,148 votes to Lawder's 1,138.

"I think the close run-off sends a very clear message that the students

liked aspects of both campaigns and want to see both of us working together next year in SGA," said Lawder. "I promised the student body I'd work to improve Tech next year, and I certainly don't need a certain office or a title to be the leader and change agent this campus needs," he said.

"I look forward to working with Ben Lawder next year," said Watson. "I had an opponent that I had respected throughout the year im-

mensely, and have come to respect even more through the campaign."

Results of the run-off were originally scheduled to be announced last Thursday, but according to Election Committee Chair Parina Shah, the Office of Information Technology did not send her the results until Friday morning. In addition, two election code violations were submitted over campaign emails sent out by Lawder.

"These were not significant vio-

lations," said Shah. Because the alleged violations were against the losing candidate, she decided that a hearing on the matter was unnecessary.

"I'm very pleased with running a clean and positive campaign," said Lawder.

"When I found out about the violation, I was afraid someone had filed one against me," said Watson.

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Spring break date to be decided soon

By Stephen Baehl
Copy Editor

During the past SGA election, a unique referendum presented the opportunity for students to voice their opinion on the timing of spring break. The results of the vote showed overwhelmingly that students wanted a different spring break date. However, just what the new date will be remains unclear.

At first, "SGA wasn't 100 percent sure how people would feel about it, and this referendum was something simple to do," said Undergraduate Executive Vice President Nate Watson.

"It was very, very clear—with an 83 percent majority—that students wanted to move spring break," according to Watson. However, the split between moving the break one or two weeks later was extremely close. Of those who voted, 47.2 percent wanted the break one week later, while 52.8 percent felt the break should be moved back two weeks.

Where the issue goes from here, then, becomes a matter of feasibility. According to Registrar Jo McIver, the administration has the power to change the spring break date independently of the Board of Regents. Only start and end dates for each semester are set by the board.

One of the factors to be considered is whether the change will work for administration and currently scheduled events. McIver's informal polling of professors revealed that "No one said it was a bad idea. Most were neutral." However, some events like Connect With Tech and President's Scholars Weekend have already been scheduled for next year. Implementing the change in dates might prove difficult unless these events that already have reserved facilities are able to reschedule.

As for which week the break will likely be held, either week offers advantages and disadvantages. "It would be nice to be able to have spring break with

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Greeks playing in the mud



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tech Greeks participate in the tug event held Sunday as part of the annual Greek Week. TKE won the men's event, which featured teams from both fraternities and sororities. Greek Week winners will be announced April 22.

IE major Gupta wins Goldwater

Junior Monique Gupta recently won the prestigious Goldwater scholarship. Gupta, an Industrial and Systems Engineering major and Presidential Scholar, has been studying ways to improve gene therapy techniques. She was one of 300 students nationwide honored with the award.

The Goldwater Scholarship was established in 1986 to recognize outstanding students who pursue careers in mathematics, the natural sciences and engineering.

BME appoints new joint chair

Georgia Tech and Emory University named Larry V. McIntire as new biomedical engineering chair. McIntire, a prominent biotechnology expert, currently serves as the chair of Rice University's Institute of Biosciences and Bioengineering. McIntire's appointment ends a yearlong national search.

Choir presents spring concert

The Georgia Tech Choir will present its final concert of spring semester on Monday, April 14 at 8 p.m. at the Robert Ferst Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for the general public. The concert will feature a piece called "Americana" by Randall Thompson. It will be conductor and assistant professor Bill Caldwell's final concert.

Grad rankings remain high

Tech was once again ranked among the top five engineering schools in the country by U.S. News and World Report. The Industrial and Systems Engineering program was ranked number one for the 13th straight year. Seven of 11 programs rank in the top ten in their disciplines.

Clough safety walk addresses campus security



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

PFacilities Associate VP Chuck Rhode and President Wayne Clough walk around campus Wednesday night to identify student security concerns. Suggestions for improvement included installing cameras in parking decks and additional lighting.

By Stephen Baehl
Copy Editor

President Wayne Clough, in order to address areas of safety concern around campus, felt that a student-led walk around Tech at night would illustrate to top administrators—himself included—just what areas needed to be examined. This past Wednesday evening, his idea was realized as a group of SGA officials led Tech administration members through campus to voice students' worries.

Clough felt that, especially with new police chief Teresa Crocker, it was important to take "a comprehensive look at buildings and areas around campus." Added Clough, "She's known

for bringing a good, creative focus—she's made the police force more visible," and increased the number of arrests of criminals.

Many actions are already being taken to ensure the safety of students at Tech, as well. Crocker is working to add 16 new staff members to the campus police force, and a new 24-hour shift to cover Tech Square will be required in the near future.

The walk was designed to identify gaps in campus safety that students pointed out.

The first area of concern was the lack of lighting in several areas near the Student Center. The topics discussed were the area in the street outside Wacho-

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Technique Online Voice Your Opinion!

Last issue's poll garnered 49 responses to the question:
"What other area on campus would you like
to see wireless internet expansion?"

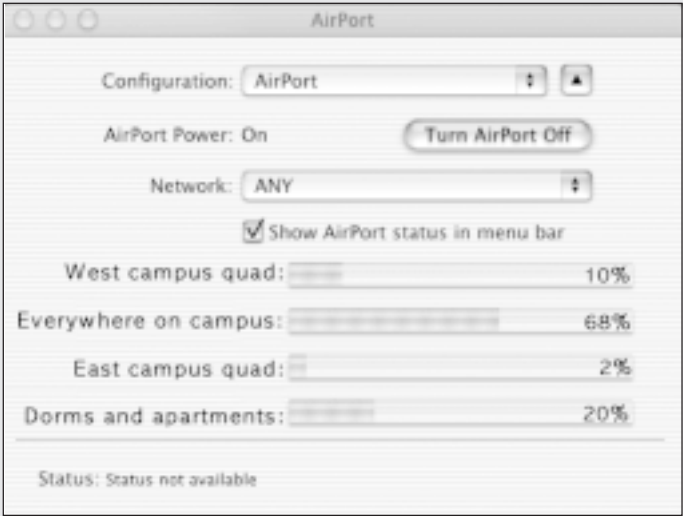


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This week's poll is related to the campus crime. What is the most important step administrators take to improve safety at Tech? Tell us what you think at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique.

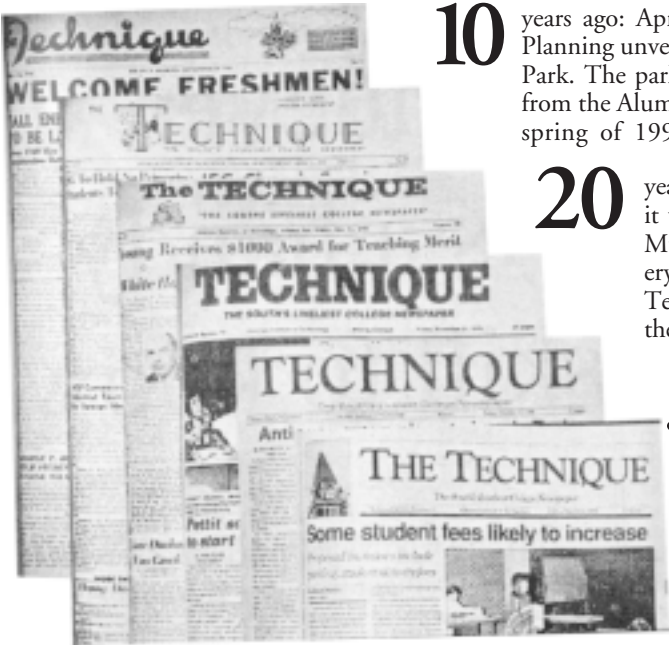
From the archives...

The Nique's top stories from:

10 years ago: April 16, 1993—The Department of Campus Planning unveiled new plans for the proposed Yellow Jacket Park. The park, which was funded by \$1 million donated from the Alumni Class of 1943, was to be completed by the spring of 1995 in time for the 1996 Olympic games.

20 years ago: April 15, 1983—Tech announced that it would sponsor a special exhibit at the High Museum entitled "China: 7,000 Years of Discovery" through the end of the year. According to Tech President Joseph Pettit, the exhibit marked the kickoff of the Tech's Centennial festivities.

30 years ago: April 20, 1973—The school of Industrial Management gradually began to dispose of two degree programs in Behavioral Management and General Management. To cope with "spiraling inflation now gripping the country," Housing raised dorm rental fees by \$15. Most dorms would now cost between \$117 and \$142 per quarter.



sliver box

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A Tech party is just a bunch of dudes with alcohol. One time I asked where the girls were and they said, "They left 30 minutes ago."

i'm a toys 'r us kid

"severe acute respiratory syndrome": isn't "severe acute" an oxymoron?

What is it with girls on this campus? Is a smile and a hello too much to ask for?

all hail the "sleepin D"

attend tech, and thus your doom is full wrought

go Burdell it's your birthday

boys are stupid...how you gonna FORGET that i was coming?

One gallon / 3.7 Liters per flush fountain girls beware a dude and a friend saw you... and we "may" have pics

coming down to final time once again, I guess its finally time to pull out all the stops and kick some ass

losing their first three games...Braves fans, it's a sign of things to come... :(

So there's apathy at Tech? Meh. ...that's the beauty of life...u never know

Is next week Greeks Suck Week? im'a show you some stuff rookie, press that button... 4 fifteens didn't see no wires... and then you hear boom from the amplifiers!

school draining me, not kewl

"if i didn't know you, i would want to hit that"

"[Tech students] you have been lame long enough."

FrEsmHMen was so funny this week :)

ME: You know what they say about good girls...they are just bad girls that haven't gotten caught yet.

MY FRIEND: that is so you!

So there are cute single girls at tech who read the sliver? Wow, someone once told me to watch what I wish for because I just might get it lol

To the cute girl who responded to my question last week, I dont really rate myself, but my ex says I'm pretty cute if that counts your mother, trebek! anal bum cover

Graduate Senate elects new secretary

By Tony Kluemper
News Editor

Times are changing in the Graduate Senate as new officers, vice president Rob-in Betchel and president Pelham Norville took over control of the senate this week. However, the new president was nowhere to be found at this week's meeting due to a time conflict.

Therefore, it was up to Betchel and outgoing president Alan Michaels to run the meeting smoothly. In the end, the meeting proved to be a perfect transition for Betchel, as only three bills were discussed, with most on the agenda being either tabled or withdrawn.

The only major issue discussed at the meeting involved the international student resolution. The resolution, which has been in discussion since January and passed by both houses of SGA, was reconsidered by the Undergraduate House last week.

This reconsideration prompted Senator Mayuresh Gogate to ask the Graduate Senate to look into a new option. "I don't think the undergrads really understood this resolution," said Gogate.

"I don't see that the undergrads will ever pass the bill that we want to pass, so I feel that we should break away and form our own graduate-only resolution."

Other senators agreed with the idea. "If we pass it on our own and get some word out about it, maybe it would put pressure on the undergrads to pass one as well," said Senator Roy Furbank.

In other business, the senate also took final nominations for the remaining offices of secretary, treasurer, and coordination officer. Current senator Lisa Brown was again nominated for secretary, no other nominations were made. The senate approved Brown's nomination and then proceeded to elect her as the Graduate Senate's next secretary. The other two positions will be filled at a later date.

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Council Clippings Senate and House



By Tim Cailloux / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Undergrad representatives discuss the resolution on immigration policies that has been up for debate for over two months.

Bills Considered

Undergraduate House of Representatives

Joint Resolution on Immigration Policies	Author: Eman Kirbah	failed
Allocation to Battle of the Bands	Author: Michael Lehman	passed
Joint Allocation to ACeRS	Author: Glenn Matthews	passed
Joint Allocation to Materials Research	Author: Glenn Matthews	postponed
Joint Chartering of Zymurgy Society	Author: Tim Cailloux	passed
Allocation to "Up with the White & Gold"	Author: Amy Phuong	passed
Allocation to "Up with the White & Gold"	Author: Amy Phuong	passed

Graduate Student Senate

Joint Allocation to ACeRS	Author: Jennifer Matthews	tabled
Joint Allocation to Materials Research	Author: Jennifer Matthews	tabled
Joint Allocation to Tech Volleyball Club	Author: Jennifer Matthews	withdrawn
Joint Resolution on Jacket Flying Club	Author: Kent Siebeneck	withdrawn
Joint Allocation to Freshman Council	Author: Jennifer Matthews	passed
Joint Chartering of Zymurgy Society	Author: Tim Cailloux	passed
Allocation to Graduate Student Govt.	Author: Alan Michaels	passed

House vote fails immigration bill

By Daniel Amick
Assistant News Editor

Representatives of the Undergraduate House once again concentrated on a resolution urging fair treatment of international students. The resolution, first introduced back in January, has proven to be the most divisive and difficult issue the House has faced this year.

A motion to reconsider passed last week, reopening the resolution to debate yet again. "Anything and everything is open for discussion," said Vice President Nate Watson.

Opponents of the bill had hoped that Dr. Sylvia Maier, an International Affairs professor and expert on immigration issues, would be able to address the House, but she had to leave before debate began.

ME Rep Josh Alexander rose instead to speak against passage. Alexander argued that data provided in the resolution was misleading, inaccurate and poorly cited. He said that the number of international students at Tech had actually increased in recent years, not fallen as the resolution suggests.

"I don't want to send something [to government officials] that's misleading," he said, arguing that to do so would devalue future resolutions.

Public Policy Rep Mike Handelman said that reps were ignoring "an elephant in the room" when they refused to discuss the fact that students from Arab and Muslim countries were most affected by immigration policies. Numbers of international students may have increased overall, he said, but the number of Arab students may have decreased. Handelman also said he believed reps were "too afraid to make a criticism of United States policy."

Freshman President Perry Johnson urged reps to "fix the problem instead of criticizing it." He urged reps to help international students fill out forms and go with them to register with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Management Rep Ben Lawder

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Due to the absence of an organization representative, the only the only allocation bill discussed at the meeting was a request from Freshman Council for funding of SAC Attack. According to Freshman Council representatives, the event attracted over 2,500 students last year many of whom were graduates. The bill, which caused little debate, passed with only one dissenting vote. The last bill discussed by the Senate was a chartering for the Zymurgy Society. Although the JCOC approved the charter, some senators had questions about what exactly the organization would do. “Basically we are trying to further the appreciation of brewing beer and wine,” said Daniel Lane, the organization representative. After some questions of the legality of allowing underage members were addressed, the senators approved the chartering by an overwhelming majority.

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said he had heard all of the arguments before and that it was time to come to a final decision. Then, in a stunning about-face, Biology Rep Srikanta Banerjee, an ardent supporter of the resolution, stood before the House and urged reps to vote against it. Banerjee said that he would agree to kill the controversial bill if both sides would work together to develop an acceptable compromise by next week. “If we do this...please don’t let us down,” said Banerjee. With both opponents and supporters arguing for its defeat, the resolution failed by a vote of 4-33. In other business, reps held a campus safety issue meeting. A police department representative answered questions and listened to suggestions. The House also chartered the Zymurgy Society, an organization dedicated to the history, culture and production of beers, wines and meads.

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friends from other colleges, but spring break locations will be more congested,” said third-year ChE major Jessa Thompson. “Either way, you’re going to have spring break with some of your friends, but not all of them,” she said. As for the timing of other breaks, SGA and the administration are open-minded. “Dates not dictated by the Board of Regents, students can change,” said McIver. This could include the scheduling of fall break, but McIver said that fall break was chosen to be just that—a break placed roughly in the middle of the term to relieve students from the hard work at Tech. Regardless of whether future schedule changes are made, the key point for voters is that students spoke and administrators listened. “I hope we can continue to do things like this. The administration has been very responsive,” said Watson.

Clough

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via on Techwood where students often park at night, the dark sidewalk along Ferst Drive by the Student Center parking deck; and the gloomy area in the back of the flag building. Facilities Associate VP Chuck Rhode also attended. Rhode proposed workable solutions like adding lights and cutting back trees in certain problem areas. Vice President of Student Affairs Lee Wilcox and Facilities Ops and Main Director Warren Page also offered solutions that Tech could adopt. Crocker informed those on the walk of a proposal to add security cameras in parking lots where theft is common. The police department has been looking into adding cameras in Peters parking deck. Clough pointed out that a careful balance between security and privacy must be found when using cameras. “If you go anywhere in Europe,” he said, “you have camer-

as watching you,” adding that it could be very unnerving for people to feel they are being watched. Another possible problem addressed was the pathway skirting the athletic center construction running from 6th Street Apartments to Tech Parkway. This area of concern will not be a problem for much longer, as it will soon be the entrance to the new athletic center. Other commonly-used dark areas need illumination, and blue lights were needed on some of the new emergency phones. Areas like the ME building parking lot do not currently have a phone, but could use one. According to Clough, a new web site will be established where students can report broken lights around campus so a quick response can be made. In all, Clough felt the walk was “very useful. Those who work here mostly in the daytime don’t use these paths a lot. It’s good to get up close and personal.”

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lab. He is beyond flaming now. Rampant homosexual TA the nosebleeds took me on a fit throwing hell ride Erin has Jimbo's UGA hat Chanda has never dated, talked to, or liked a Jimbo hehe see that is the fun part...i get to try to remember everyone i have dated give me that C cuz I was 20 points above the average... bas-tard level 3 rocked last weekend, hi to the tech boys i met the main bouncer at lulu's is a prick one month left why can't you do anything for yourself? stop being lazy dammit bumper sticker: "god made us sisters, prozac made us friends" positive things come from a positive attitude THE ONLY PLACE SUCCESS COMES BEFORE WORK IS IN THE DICTIONARY. yay for getting the classes i want, boo for renumbering campus parking lots mmm wireless i collect international friends take the hint from her damn straight I am too much woman for him! 99 cent movie theater *drool* Given the duration and intensity of false alarms in Woodruff, it's amazing anyone leaves. Boys are stupid...three different examples in ONE week. buu is dead, after 2 years Buu is dead The scenery at Morehouse is so nice...and I am not talking about the landscape. i'll take "the rapists" for 200 alex that's therapists what's in your section? your butt i want to tease something. your butt i'm sorry for demoralizing the staff i love you

SGA

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"I'm glad, obviously, [the violations] didn't amount to anything against anyone."

Voter turnout in the general election was up compared to last year.

"The elections were fairly exciting, as many of the candidates actively campaigned all along Skiles [walkway] during the campaign period," said Shah. "The elections committee was proactive this year in publicizing the elections, the PR [SGA Public Relations] committee did an excellent job, and the megamod email sent out by the president [Tiffany Massey] contributed to the increased voter turnout," she said.

Voter turnout fell in the run-off election, down from 3,161 votes for president in the general election to 2,286 votes in the run-off.

"[Voter turnout in the run-off] was not high as we had hoped, but we had less than a week to publicize," said Shah. "The best publicity we could do was [to] send out a megamod email to all students so that everyone was aware of the run-off elections."

With the election behind him, Watson has set about implementing goals outlined in his campaign

platform. He wants to improve student life by bringing more events to campus, creating a safe jogging path and addressing security concerns. Regarding academics, Watson wants to look for ways to improve the quality of teaching assistants and core courses.

"[I want freshmen] to feel that [core courses] are important courses that aren't just there to see if they have the mettle it takes to pass at Georgia Tech."

Watson also said one of his major goals is to improve communication between SGA and the student body.

"You just run into so many people when you're giving a hundred speeches in the course of two weeks, when you're out on Skiles [walkway] everyday," said Watson.

"I want SGA to step back and really focus on how we communicate with the student body," he said. "[SGA members] have our ear to the ground already, but we need to have people be very active in letting us know what they think."

Watson is now recruiting students to be committee chairs and executive officers.

"We need talented leaders, not necessarily with any SGA experience, but with only a passion to help the student body," he said.

When the Whistle Blows



By Scott Meuleners/ STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Staff member Janet Myrick lights a candle at the annual "When the Whistle Blows" ceremony. The event is held to remember those members of the Tech community who have passed away in the past year.