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Campus comes together to remember those lost in campus shooting



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Obama, Gore speeches draw large crowds

By Craig Tabita
Assistant News Editor

The middle of campus is typically tranquil during weekend mornings, but it was a very different site this past Saturday when Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama held an Atlanta rally for his campaign at Yellow Jacket Park. Obama's visit was not the only political actor on campus this week as former Vice President Al Gore spoke at the Ferst Center on Wednesday night. Both events drew large crowds from the Tech community.

An estimated total of 20,000 people came to listen to the senator from Illinois. The event was coordinated by the College Democrats and the African American Student Union in conjunction with the Obama campaign and emceed by Jessie Brenton, a fourth year Public Policy major and Obama campaign volunteer.

Although he was originally scheduled to speak at 11 a.m., it wasn't until noon that Obama finally took the stage following an invocation by the Rev. Joseph Lowery and the singing of the national anthem by Alexandra Jackson, daughter of former Atlanta mayor Maynard Jackson. The Clark Atlanta University pep band was on hand to entertain the crowd during the delay, but they were clearly growing restless in their impatience until Obama finally appeared to thundering cheers.

Obama began by speaking about his background and early life. Born to a Kenyan father and a mother from Kansas, he graduated from Columbia University and worked as a community organizer before enrolling at Harvard Law School. He then practiced as a civil rights lawyer and taught constitutional law at the University of Chicago before his election to the Illinois State Senate in

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SGA Election Coverage 2007

Parvatiyar, Peeples win runoff



By Jon Drews / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Anu Parvatiyar (right) and Matt Peeples (left) won the runoff elections this week. Parvatiyar made up a 700 vote deficit from the general election to overcome Youngblood by 500 votes.

By Craig Tabita
Assistant News Editor

The Student Government Association (SGA) runoff elections for the positions of undergraduate student body president and executive vice president ended with Anu Parvatiyar convincingly defeating Mark Youngblood for the presidency, but less than a hundred votes putting Matt Peeples past George Ray in the vice presidential election.

The runoffs were held between the top two candidates in each of

last week's executive elections because no candidate had received a majority of the vote.

The victory by Parvatiyar was a reversal of the finish between the two candidates last week, where Youngblood had 1792 votes to Parvatiyar's 1117. With two fewer candidates in the race for voters to choose from, Parvatiyar was able to raise her vote total to 1944 while Youngblood's total actually fell to 1410.

Peeples was able to maintain the advantage over Ray that he held in last week's election, edg-

ing past Ray with 1643 votes to 1549 votes for Ray.

Parvatiyar said she was "shocked" by the results but at the same time eager to get started.

"I had told people this wouldn't really change what I planned to do for the next year, it just changes the way in which I'm going to do it. I'm excited for the work to start and that the campaign is over finally," Parvatiyar said.

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Relay for Life raises \$130,000

Relay for Life, which took place last weekend on the Roe Stamps Fields, included more than 700 participants and raised \$65,000 to benefit the American Cancer Society. In addition, Bill Todd, Tech alumnus and CEO of the Georgia Cancer Coalition, pledged to match the funds raised by Relay, and thus an additional \$65,000 will be donated towards cancer research conducted at Tech. This is the first year that money raised at Tech's Relay will directly fund cancer research that occurs on campus.

TBD celebrates 10th anniversary

The 10th annual Tech Beautification Day takes place on campus tomorrow, Saturday, April 21. Events kick off with breakfast starting at 8 a.m., and work on projects will run from 9 a.m. until noon. The day concludes with a Celebration of Service in Yellow Jacket Park. More information is available at www.techbeautificationday.org.

Sting Break starts tonight at 8 p.m.

T.I., the self-proclaimed "King of the South," will play in Yellow Jacket Park as part of the annual Sting Break celebration beginning at 8 p.m. tonight.

The concert will be hosted by local comedian Louis Ramey and the opening band will be local Battle of the Bands winner Just Over Broke. Students will need their BuzzCards for admission.

Atheists present a divine comedy

Tech Atheists are hosting a comedy show at Under the Couch tonight at 7 p.m. The event called *Sidesplitting Sacriledge*, will take place just before Sting Break, so students can attend both.

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Campus mourns Va. Tech tragedy at ceremony

By Randy Darnowsky
Contributing Writer

Under a clear blue afternoon sky, students, faculty and administrators gathered around the Campanile Tuesday to commemorate those who lost their lives in the shooting at Virginia Tech Monday. Hundreds of students gathered to hear what Institute President Wayne Clough and Alison Graab, the undergraduate student body president, had to say on the issue, as well as to pay their respects to the students of a sister school in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"Our prayers go out to the families of those who lost their loved ones in the events of yesterday. Many of us have friends at Virginia Tech and have heard from them through emails and phone calls, and my family and I are very close to Virginia Tech since I was a faculty member

of Virginia Tech and my family lived in Blacksburg during that time," Clough said.

Clough was dean of the College of Engineering at Virginia Tech. While he was there, his office was in Norris Hall, the scene of the worst of the shootings.

"My office was located on the third floor of Norris Hall, just one floor above where yesterday, unbelievably, 30 people were killed in a classroom. I remember Norris Hall as a place of learning, where talented students and faculty met to share their joy for their teachers and for learning. It's so incomprehensible how so many innocent people lost their lives doing what comes so naturally on a college campus, to fulfill a mission and purpose for which universities like Virginia Tech or Georgia Tech was created," Clough said.

Graab also had a direct con-

nection with the Virginia Tech community.

"Having grown up in Roanoke, Virginia and watching many of my high school friends go on to Virginia

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Institute President

Tech and having seen how important Virginia Tech is to Roanoke, Blacksburg and all the surrounding areas, I want to say on behalf of my

friends that I can't imagine what they must be feeling right now," Graab said.

Graab went on to say that she knows that all of our hearts go out to those at Virginia Tech, but none of us can imagine what they must be going through at this time.

"I know that all of the students here have them in their hearts and are thinking of them constantly. When we leave here today, I think the most important thing is to remember those who lost their lives yesterday, their friends, family and loved ones and also, as we walk around campus tomorrow, not take for granted the relationships we have and things we have here," Graab said.

Clough encouraged the crowd to learn from the tragedy to embrace life. "For those who lost their lives yesterday and for their friends and family, we must know that there is no other better to be privileged

to use the opportunities that we have to make life better for other people. And even with the tragedies of Virginia Tech to remind us that our lives are precious, they should also teach us that the years that we have left should be spent with a life well spent," Clough said.

The words of both Clough and Graab rang clear because they had such a close connection with those directly involved in the tragedy at Virginia Tech. They spoke of their personal relationships with those affected by the events. One example of how they were directly affected was Clough speaking about him hiring one of the professors who was killed during the shootings.

The shootings also struck a chord with Georgia Tech students because of the similarities between Georgia Tech and Virginia Tech.

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where are we what the hell is going on?
its funny how people start acting like they actually care about sga when they get the opportunity to talk ish about candidates you go to meetings if you are so informed about the correct way sga should be run
Hmm...how to be cryptic.... that was such a great weekend! I could talk to you for hours. Oh wait...
Are you AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE?
how many pings could a pingus ping if a pingus could ping us enough with the ALL CAPS MEGAMODS already I JUST WANT THE SEMESTER TO BE OVER!!!!
person who thinks that i like them. I don't. you annoy me
Girls, wearing a skirt to class is sexy, pajamas is not.
Linda is the best...
GAC2007- the clues were generally awesome, but Game Control gave up too early.
Important update for ISyE majors:
The IE school has been dis-affiliated from Georgia Tech. UGA is gladly accepting transfers of ISyE majors.
For those of you who said that Greeks pay for friends, check your bills. After it's all said and done, we pay a hell of a lot less than y'all.
Wang you wasted my vote... Why couldn't you campaign harder like Mark???
Well done mark... Congrats!!!
You are gonna bag this one! Sucks that technique had to yield to pressure from republicans
I wish people (guys) wouldn't stereotype sorority girls. We're not all bad.
baseball is to softball as blumpkin is to munchkin
I would rather have Cynthia McKinney as SGA president than Youngblood
Steven likes dudes.
Vote Obama. Hillary is unelectable.
I don't get blondes.
SOMEONE should call me.
It pays to be rich, literally
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Politics from page 1

1996, where he served until running for U.S. Senate in 2004. During his Senate campaign he achieved national attention with his keynote speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention.

He has received some criticism during his campaign due to his relative lack of political experience at the national level, but he turned that around to use it to his advantage.

"I haven't been in Washington that long, but as I'm going around the country I'm hearing that people aren't sure that's a problem," Obama said, in keeping with the general theme of his speech that America needs to "turn the page" on a political system he says is out of touch with American citizens who have grown cynical and disillusioned with their government.

He continued to describe various elements of his campaign platform in detail, focusing mainly on his opposition to the war in Iraq, his vision for universal health care, improving public schools, and his belief that America needs to work towards energy independence.

Having such a famous figure right on campus was a big attraction for many Tech students, even if they weren't necessarily supporters of Obama's campaign.

"I don't feel like I have a top choice yet, but I had recently heard more about Obama, so I just came out to hear what he has to say," said Stephanie Garner, a third year Industrial Engineering major.

Among the thousands of visi-

tors to campus were students from other local institutions. Alisha Jones-Caldwell, a student at Spelman College, came with Richard McDaniel, who attends Morehouse College.

They said they have been Obama supporters ever since he first tossed his hat into the presidential ring and were excited to learn that he was coming to Atlanta.

"I like how he is straightforward. He lets you know what he is for and what he is against, and he doesn't beat around the bush," McDaniel said.

"I appreciate his honesty. I think

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Barack Obama

Presidential Candidate

that is lacking in our political system today," Jones-Caldwell said.

Only days after the appearance, by the presidential hopeful, the Democratic Party's presidential nominee from 2000 came to campus, although his visit was not political in nature.

Former Vice President Al Gore came to the First Center Wednesday, April 18 to deliver a speech about how climate change as a result of human activity is endangering the future habitability of the planet, and that society must accept the "scientific

consensus" on the subject and begin to work towards solutions.

Describing himself as a "former politician" and "on the ninth step of recovery" from politics, he began his appearance by commending Institute President Wayne Clough and other members of the administration on the work they've done towards making Tech more sustainable.

He followed with some lighthearted comments about the controversial 2000 presidential election and how his lifestyle changed in the following years after having been in Washington since being elected to the House in 1976, the Senate in 1984 and then becoming Bill Clinton's vice president in 1992.

"There are winners and there are losers, and then there's that little-known third category," he joked.

However the mood quickly turned serious as Gore described how wasteful living, a lack of responsibility for polluting companies, and ignorance of environmental issues has our planet on a course for disaster, and that it is a moral imperative for the world to focus on reducing the amount of carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere.

"We have adopted a short-term way of thinking," Gore said, criticizing CEOs who are too concerned with their quarterly earnings to consider the long-term direction of their company, particularly when they could actually benefit by focusing on environmental responsibility.

He said the problem also rests in the American people, who know all about unimportant things like celebrity gossip, but remain less informed about matters much more



By Michael Skinner / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Barack Obama greets supporters in Yellow Jacket Park Saturday before giving his speech to the crowd of approximately 20,000.

significant and pressing to their lives and the lives of their children.

He said that the reason climate change has begun happening stems from the fact that "the relationship between humankind and planet Earth has been transformed" as a result of factors ranging from the explosive population growth, with the number of Earth's inhabitants quadrupling in the past century, to the technological progress which he said has been a tremendous benefit to humanity but at the same time has caused people to abuse the planet like a "bull in a china shop".

Gore said that manufacturers, in striving to minimize waste and

emissions, should look at it as an opportunity to improve their business rather than as a liability upon it.

His speech was followed by a short question and answer session. Among other things he addressed the fact that climate change should be considered an issue of national security and that like businesses, governments should also strive to be carbon neutral.

As an example he cited the prime minister of New Zealand who, after seeing his film, placed a greater priority on countering climate change and decided that her country needed to work towards carbon neutrality and sustainability.

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Council Clippings



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.

Graduate Student Senate

Senate passes Student Activity Fee policy

By James Stephenson
News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) met Tuesday. 12 bills passed while one failed.

The first bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to the American Medical Student Association. The bill was returning from the conference committee where the undergraduates and the graduates compromised on the bill. The bill passed the senate.

The next bill brought before the senate was the joint resolution regarding the Student Activity Fee (SAF) policy. This bill was also returning from a conference committee, but this bill went into the conference committee back in October. The bill would be the change in the SAF policy to comply with FT Legal after the incidents with the ADF lawsuit. The bill passed the senate with a vote of 26-2-2.

The next bill brought before the senate was the conference committee version of the joint resolution FY2008 budget. The bill passed the senate.

The next bill was the joint allocation to Leadershape. The conference was asking for \$15,500 to help cover

Bills passed

- Joint Allocation to the Ferst Center
- Joint Allocation to Traithlon Club
- Joint Allocation to Leadershape
- Joint Allocation to American Medical Students Association
- Joint Allocation to RHA
- Joint Allocation to Hellenic Society
- Joint Resolution AASU
- Joint Allocation to Equestrian Club
- Joint Allocation to Wreck Racing
- Resolution Expressing Condolences
- Joint Resolution FY2008 Budget

Bills postponed

- Joint Resolution Amending Graduate Bylaws
- Joint Allocation to AEISEC Sustainability Series

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Undergraduate House of Representatives

House fails activity fee policy

By Emily Chambers
News Editor

This Tuesday was the year's final meeting for the Undergraduate House of Representatives. The first bill voted on by the house was the joint allocation to the GT chapter of the American Medical Students Association, which had been in conference committee. The bill passed with 28 votes in favor and one vote against.

The second bill brought before the house was the joint allocation to the Leadershape conference. The conference was asking for \$15,500 to help cover "A six-day program that goes on yearly at Tech, as well as other campuses around the nation", said Danielle McDonald, Assistant Dean of Students. The bill passed unanimously with 29 votes in favor.

The third bill presented to the house was the joint allocation to the GT triathlon club. The bill was originally postponed, as there was no organizational representative, but it was brought back under consideration, as it was the last meeting of the year. It passed with 28 votes in favor, no votes against and one abstention.

The fourth bill brought before the house was the joint allocation to the Ferst Center. The funding requested was for painting, as well as reimbursement for earlier events. There was some debate over whether or not the Ferst Center was conducive to Tech Student Organizations, as they "legislate how people should run their events," noted Tim Gallagher, RHA president. After discussion the bill passed with 22 yays, four nays and three abstentions.

The fifth bill presented was the resolution approving the Interfraternity Council Constitution Changes. The Interfraternity Council passed



By Gilbert Cha / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tim Gallagher discusses a bill during the UHR meeting Tuesday. The house failed the SAF policy bill with only three votes in favor.

Bill failed

- Joint Resolution Student Activity Fee Policy

Bills passed

- Joint Allocation to the Ferst Center
- Joint Allocation to Traithlon Club
- Joint Allocation to Leadershape
- Joint Allocation to American Medical Students Association
- Resolution Approving IFC Constitution Changes
- Resolution Approving Panhellenic Council Bylaw Changes
- Joint Allocation to RHA
- Joint Allocation to Hellenic Society
- Joint Resolution AASU
- Joint Allocation to Equestrian Club
- Joint Allocation to Wreck Racing
- Resolution Expressing Condolences
- Resolution to Amend Bylaws
- Joint Resolution FY2008 Budget

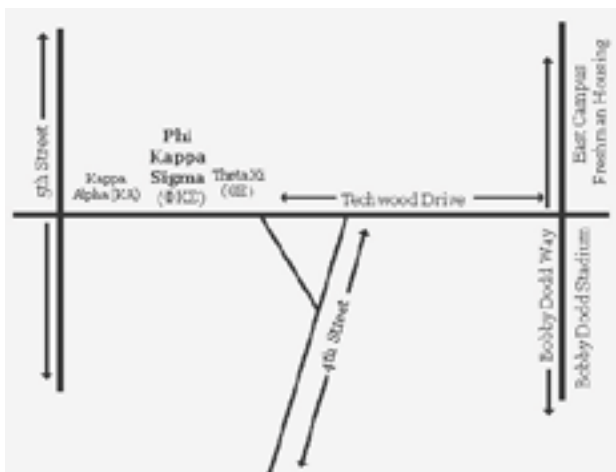
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Both universities have a heavy focus on engineering and with Virginia Tech's entrance into the ACC, the two schools play each other in sports every year.

Reverend Al LaCour of the Reformed University Fellowship International also spoke at the ceremony.

"I've been a minister for about 30 years, and the times that I am asked the most difficult questions are times just like this: hurricanes, 9/11, highway fatalities. What's the point? Is there a point? What is the meaning of this entire massacre? Is there any purpose in our pain?" LaCour said.

LaCour directed those present to

a poem for Ecclesiastes in the Bible and emphasized that everything is not meaningless.

The Georgia Tech Chamber Choir sang "I Did Not Die" by Mary Frye to conclude the event, although a statement by Clough summarizes

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Wayne Clough
Institute President

the reaction on campus to the horrible shooting at Virginia Tech.

"I know that we will always be forever saddened in fact of what happened, and we need to do all we can to assist all of those who have been touched

by those tragedies. The intrusion of such harsh events on a beautiful university campus shakes us to the core. It reminds us of how our own lives are precious, fragile and how each day, we should seek to help those around us," Clough said.



Traffic accident
4/16/2007 16:27:00 hrs.

Location: 600 Block Cherry Street/ Guggenheim Building Lot

Incident: Report of a hit and run vehicle accident (no reported injuries).

4/15/2007 17:29:00 hrs.

Location: Hemphill Avenue and Ninth Street

Incident: Report of a two vehicle traffic accident (no injuries reported)

Fire
4/16/2007 10:50:00 hrs.

Location: 1008 Hemphill Avenue

Incident: Report of a house fire

From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime

Health-Safety
4/16/2007 18:15:00 hrs.

Location: Whitaker Building

Incident: Report of a sick person, transported by ambulance to Grady Hospital

Criminal trespass
4/16/2007 16:00:00 hrs.

Location: Eighth Street Apartments

Incident: Report of a damaged wall and fire exit sign

Motor vehicle theft
4/16/2007 17:00:00 hrs.

Location: Whitaker Building

Incident: Report of a stolen dark blue '01 Club Car Carry All 2

Traffic violation
4/16/2007 13:15:00 hrs.

Location: First Drive between Sixth Street and Regents Drive

Incident: Offender arrested for operating vehicle without a valid tag, operating vehicle with improperly transferred plates, and no insurance.

Wanted person
4/17/2007 3:17:00 hrs.

Location: Interstate 75/85 southbound ramp at Tenth Street

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No offense to anyone reading my slivers!!! I intend to open your eyes, not to create a sliver-style flamewar.

i should study...but i am going to play super smash instead...GT Mmm....Podington Bear...how do you always know how I am feeling?

gumball AND a flyer! thanks for giving me something to throw teh gum away in, nothin but treble!!

i am not surprised by the VT shooting. i'm not saying it's not sad. it is, very. i'm just not surprised at all.

i'm in the library and the glee club or something is performing in LEC. awesome!! :)

hi
ME 4053 sucks caboodle
"Karaoke" is Japanese for "tone-deaf."

Not really.
Chaotic Neutral: "I'll kill you because it's Tuesday." Jack Bauer: "I'll kill you because it's Monday."

You wanna know what's sad: it's expensive 2 run 4 office. I thought a reason why HoR could be held by 25yos is that the US could have new blood & ideas could bring some fresh perspective in policy.

People nowadays in GA have to have money or some crazy connections to get the sigs for qualifying.

I need to clean my room
On the way to class today I passed 2 girls I'd sleep with, all time high.

I'm really sad at the horrible crimes. Those young lives were more precuios than some stupid class!!

You'll never walk alone
Nevin "Rando" Samuel
Peace up A - Town!
I freaking hate finals

For a conservative, Ruth is doing a great job as professional victim.

BAHRAIN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
LEBANON!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

but Bahrain is better :D
i want anu to lose so that the tools at this school realize that they really don't run everything

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Runoff from page 1

"You put yourself out for judgment by 12,500 people and hope that they believe in the same things you do. I'm excited for what the year will bring and for the potential that we have," Parvatiyar said.

Parvatiyar is currently the chief of staff in current undergraduate student body president Alison Graab's executive cabinet. Graab believes having this position will help Parvatiyar adjust to her new role.

"She has great experience and I think she'll be able to come in and take over very quickly. I think she will face the challenges that all presidents face in trying to beat the learning curve in the position, and coming in right as finals are about to begin is really difficult too, but I'm sure Anu will do a great job," Graab said.

According to Parvatiyar, her first priority as president will be to fill out her executive board, which includes the positions of Chief of Staff and Vice Presidents of Administrative Affairs, Campus Affairs, Campus Organizations and Finance. She said she will work with Graab to make sure the applications for those positions go out as soon as possible.

Parvatiyar said she encourages anyone interested in an executive board position to apply and that applications will be due Friday, April 27.

"I'm a big believer in making sure you get the right people on board first, so there will have to be a very quick turnaround time on filling those positions," Parvatiyar said.

Peeples, like Parvatiyar, was relieved to finally have the extended

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Matt Peeples

Undergraduate Executive Vice President-elect

campaign come to a close and set his sights on the upcoming year in his new position.

"It feels really great to have it all over with. The race was really close all the way and I want to commend the other candidates for running a good campaign and raising some important issues. I hope to work to implement the PRS system and we

still have to do a little bit of work on our Joint Finance Committee policy, since it failed at the last meeting," Peeples said.

The results were announced in the Student Center Commons by Will Welch, elections committee chair and fourth-year International Affairs major, just like last week. However the time was moved up from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in order to not overlap with Vice President Al Gore's speech in the First Center, which ran until approximately 6 p.m.

The results came as a surprise to many who had followed the election as Parvatiyar made up such a large vote deficit. However, with two less candidates in the race she was able to reach a large number of voters who had previously supported one of the other candidates.

Another aspect of note with the run-off elections is the high voter turnout for a second week in a row. The presidential runoff received 3,354 votes, 76 percent of the voter turnout from the initial SGA election last week. Both turnouts were higher than recorded in previous years.

According to Welch, the high voter turnout was a pleasant surprise and was the result of an overall successful campaign and election cycle on campus.

GSS from page 5

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The next bill was the joint allocation to RHA. The organization was seeking funds for . The bill passed

the senate.

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The next bill was the joint allocation to the Equestrian Club. The club President, Stacey Mahlmeister, has qualified for nationals, and the group was requesting travel and coaching funds. The bill was amended to strike the coaching funds, and lower the travel costs. The bill passed the senate.

The next bill was the joint allocation to AASU. The organization was asking for funds for its end of year conference and received 75\$ for publicity funding. The bill passed.

The last bill was the joint resolution expressing condolences to Virginia Tech. The bill passed unanimously.

The graduate student elections also took place this week. Brock Wester and Karl Yerger are the new graduate SGA president and graduate SGA executive vice president respectively. Grant Farmer, an Earth and Atmospheric Science graduate student, challenged the election code to try and run for the executive vice president position. The GJC ruled against him last week and, while he tried to run as a write-in candidate, he failed to win the election.

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UHR

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and it passed unanimously with 29 votes in favor.

The seventh bill brought before the house was the joint allocation to the Hellenic society, which had been moved up from new business. The culturally based club was requesting funding to purchase new flags, and the bill passed unanimously with 29 years.

The eighth bill presented to the house was the joint allocation to the Residence Hall Association. The funding was to go towards the newspaper program sponsored by RHA around campus, which will be expanding next year. The bill passed with 25 votes in favor, one vote against and two abstentions.

The ninth bill presented was the joint allocation to Wreck Racing. The bill was amended down to a new total of \$285, which was what the organization expressed as crucial for the end of the semester. The bill

passed unanimously with 28 votes in favor.

The tenth bill presented to the house was the joint allocation to Equestrian Club. The club's president, Stacey Mahlmeister, has qualified for nationals, and the group was requesting travel and coaching funds. The bill was amended to strike the coaching funds, and lower the travel costs. The final bill passed the house with 28 votes in favor.

The eleventh bill presented was the joint allocation to the African American Students Union. The group is holding an end of year conference, and received \$75 for publicity funding. The bill passed unanimously with 28 years.

The twelfth bill presented was the joint resolution expressing condolences to the Virginia Tech community. The bill passed by unanimous acclamation.

The thirteenth bill presented to the house was the amendments to the bylaws of the Undergraduate House of Representatives. The amendment

was to help establish a new governing board within student organizations, and it passed unanimously with 29 votes in favor.

The fourteenth bill brought before the house was the joint resolution regarding the Student Activity Fee Allocation Policy. The bill dealt with the enactment ratio between the undergraduate house of representatives and the graduate student senate. The bill failed the house with only 3 votes in favor, 26 votes against and no abstentions.

The fifteenth and final bill presented to the house this semester was the joint resolution on the fiscal year 2008 budget for Tier I, II, and III organizations. The bill had been in conference committee since last week, and was changed slightly from the version passed in the house. The aquatic center received four more paid weeks of operations, as well as various small changes throughout the budget. The budget passed the house with 28 votes in favor, one vote against and no abstentions.



By Ethan Trehwitt / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Fighting fire: Atlanta fire fighters put out a house fire on Hemphill Avenue this past Monday that housed several Tech students. There were no injuries, but the house suffered severe damage.

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Student Life

CPC fails to grant local, associates voting rights

By Vivas Kaul
Staff Writer

The Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC) was recently presented with new amendments to their constitution that would allow local sororities and associate member committees some voting rights within CPC. This is part of several changes that have been made to streamline the current CPC constitution. However, the amendments failed to pass CPC after a tied vote Monday night.

Jenn Tanner, CPC Executive Vice President, was one of the instrumen-

tal figures in the process. "This last semester we made a lot of changes to the constitution bylaws. Just a lot of clean up as far as the bylaws are concerned," Tanner said.

Voting rights bylaws have come up before, but the issue was refining the proposed legislation. "The concern at the time was because they were associate members and paid fewer dues than we do, and have significantly less members than we do. Giving them voting rights was not an interest at the time," Tanner said.

She went on to say that this is

because many of the issues that call for votes are not issues that the associate members would have any interest in. "We vote on issues of formal recruitment issues which would not be of interest to them since they do not take part in formal recruitment," Tanner said.

Associate members and local sororities pushing for these new rights were then told by the CPC to refine their scope. The voting rights have been proposed a total of 3 times.

The most recently failed amendments require that a member who wishes to gain voting rights must

be a member in good standing with perfect attendance for a period of at least 2 years. After the committee gains voting rights it is then subject to all of the rules which govern the legislative bodies. However, even with these rules in place there are still restrictions on how many local sororities can be part of the council.

"There are regulations about how many sororities we can have in our council at one time. But really it doesn't matter because they can still participate in Greek Week and Homecoming," she said.

There are also additional benefits

for local sororities beyond voting rights. Under the new amendments they will also gain the ability to hold positions as committee chairs.

Despite apparent support from the national sororities on campus during discussion about the amendments before the vote, the amendments still ultimately failed.

"It seems, to me and I believe to most of the leaders in the council, that it is unfair for them to pay dues, come to events, and yet they don't have a vote. They should have a vote for the issues that pertain to them," Tanner said.

Honor's Program students examine future of program

By Corbin Pon
Staff Writer

The inaugural year of Tech's Honors Program is coming to an end, and this first class has seen its shares of ups and downs that inevitably appear with the beginning of a new initiative. However, in the end, a community developed as the students have helped to iron out issues and inject some of their own ideas for the future of the Honors Program.

"There are six students on the [Honors Program] committee, and we plan out what programs the students want to do over the course of the semester. This year was a trial run for the committee... as we looked for ways to bring all the students together," said Erin Garcia, first-year

Industrial Engineering major and member of the committee.

In addition to Garcia, the other five students that make up the Honors Program committee are Ruchir Karmali, Ricardo Ibarria, Emily Chambers, Nellie Betzen and Will Marshall.

The activity that the students decided to undertake this year was conducting book drives at Tech and at some high schools in the local area. The books are then donated to Sheltering Arms, a non-profit early childhood education program. During the summer they will participate in a program called "Reading Pals" where they will go read to kids once a week.

"They are a real group of go-getters. They have found ways to get through the obstacles. They

contacted some of their high schools about doing book drives and had to deal with finding out that later the book drives hadn't taken place. They

"...students want the steering committee to... [provide input on] aspects like reasonable expectations..."

Erin Garcia

First-Year IE Student

ran fund-raisers for the program and dealt with space and performance issues. I was impressed that they didn't

just drop what they were doing," said Nicole Leonard, assistant to the director for the Honors Program.

In addition to a committee that plans program-wide activities, students have also expressed interest in the creation of a steering committee that would be responsible for organized communication with the Honors Program office. This strategic planning committee would provide the students with the ability to help define the Honors Program so it doesn't become just a title.

"We don't want to have the [Honors Program] be like us saying, 'Hey! Look at us! There were some [unknowns in the beginning], because we didn't quite know what we're getting ourselves into.' We now [better] know what is required of us, [and]... students want

the steering committee to [help define] where the program goes, to [provide student input on] aspects like reasonable expectations.... By knowing the expectations and also knowing how to interact with the office, people are getting a lot more comfortable," Garcia said.

This comfort has led students to get behind a proposal to create new special topics classes that they need to take for their curriculum. The new class centered around music is a popular example of the Honors Program students proposing new ideas. "We really try to encourage them to have ideas for classes, especially if the ideas are interdisciplinary and group focused in nature. We would love to accommodate the students for these courses that are part of their requirements," Leonard said.

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