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SGA pushes for student life funds

By Nikhil Joshi
News Editor

As the deadline for submitting proposals for Tech's billion-dollar Capital Campaign effort is nearing, SGA is preparing to represent student interests by presenting ideas about how to spend the money earned during the campaign to the administration.

The Capital Campaign is a large-scale fundraising effort in which Tech requests money from donors. In a speech to the Undergraduate House of Representatives in February, president Wayne Clough said that the money was necessary for the budget, because the \$180-\$190 million that Tech receives from the state is not enough to cover the rapidly growing budget.

According to Thomas Johnson, vice president of Campus Affairs, SGA is lobbying for proposals

promoting student life. So far, proposals that have been suggested include a student life endowment used for campus-wide events (like the Ludacris concert), a new Student Center, money for the proposed Undergraduate Learning Center, another learning center on east campus and more work on landscaping projects.

"We are trying to make sure that the voice of the students is heard. We've been trying to figure out what is best for students, and we will communicate that to the administration, taking into account what people will be likely to donate for," Johnson said.

While individual departments must submit their proposals by early April, the administration will end the preliminary process by some time in July or August.

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By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Caution, campers at play: Children at a sports camp take a break to listen to a coach give advice in the Burger Bowl. Campers create a summer atmosphere that is far different from that of other semesters.

Committee selects White as ISyE chair



Courtesy of ICPA

Chip White will serve as chair of the top-ranked ISyE school.

By Chanchala Kaddi
Contributing Writer

Chelsea (Chip) White III has been appointed chair of the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISyE). *U.S. News* rates Tech's program as the most prestigious

industrial and systems engineering program in the nation.

White is excited about working with faculty, students, administration, alumni and sponsors.

"I am looking forward to continuing the ISyE tradition of excellence in leadership, research, education and service that has made our school so nationally and internationally prominent," he said.

A search committee consisting of faculty, students and members of the alumni advisory board selected White through a process including applications and interviews. A variety of schools other than ISyE, including Mathematics, Management and Mechanical Engineering were also represented on the committee.

Because the head of the committee could not be a member of the school of ISyE by regulations, Ward Winer, chair of the school of Mechanical Engineering, headed the

efforts of the search committee.

The criteria involved in the selection process, according to administrators, included scholarship—the committee searched for candidates

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Chip White
ISyE Chair

who were well-respected in both the institute and the academic community as scholars—and the ability to lead and manage faculty and staff. In addition, the committee looked for the ability to manage

external affairs such as fundraising and development.

White said his goals are at both an operational and a strategic level. According to him, the field of industrial and systems engineering plays an important role in the issues and trends that face the world. White also noted that Georgia Tech is a supportive culture for the school of ISyE to grow and meet these challenges.

He said that the ISyE chair is responsible for making sure that the school is effective in providing faculty with sufficient resources to conduct interesting research and providing students with resources they need to have an impact.

The ISyE chair must "lead the school and develop the human and financial resources of the school," according to William Rouse, former chair of the School of ISyE.

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Houston arrested in marijuana conspiracy

By Nikhil Joshi
News Editor

Tech football player Reuben Houston, a projected starter at cornerback, was arrested on campus Wednesday, June 22 for allegedly conspiring to distribute 94 pounds of marijuana worth \$60,000.

A criminal complaint filed in United States District Court stated that Houston could face up to 20 years imprisonment and a fine of \$1 million.

The U.S. attorney's office for the Eastern California District stated that Houston had planned to distribute the marijuana at Tech. The marijuana, which came from Oscar

Rosales, was brought to Tech by Rosales' nephew Anthony Baltazar.

Houston and fifteen other co-conspirators were arrested because of connections with drug distributors in Fresno, California.

A police report filed by federal agent Mark Rodrigues said that on Feb. 12 Houston met Rosales and Baltazar.

Rodrigues saw Houston carrying a child and a small duffle bag into an SUV where Rosales and Baltazar were waiting.

They drove to Tech in the SUV containing the marijuana on Feb. 12. After police followed the three men for some distance, they realized that they were being followed and

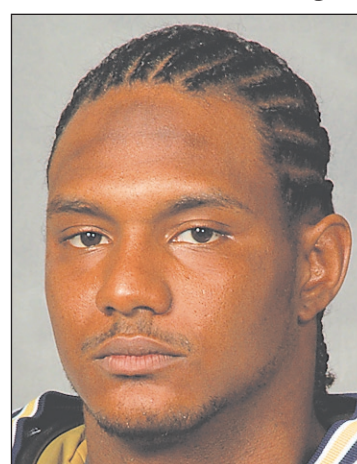
abandoned the vehicle. The police then seized the drugs.

On May 17, police arrested Baltazar, who told them that Houston was supposed to pay him \$60,000 for the drugs. The case is still being investigated to determine Houston's degree of involvement in the deal.

Houston was released on property bond for \$30,000 on June 22 and had a preliminary hearing on Monday, in Fresno, Calif.

Houston has been suspended from the Institute and from the Tech football team.

This story draws from an article published June 22 in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.



Courtesy of GTAA

Reuben Houston faces up to 20 years in jail if convicted.

CRC faculty fees increase

For the first time since the CRC charged a fee for joining in 2000, the CRC membership fee for faculty, staff and affiliates has been increased. The new cost is \$24 per month. This change is effective Sept. 1.

"Over the past five years the recreational facility has increased in size and services. During that same period of time... operational costs have increased," Gayle Kreckman, Member Services Manager, said in a statement about the change.

The statement goes on to mention that student and alumni fees have also increased to cover the operational costs of the CRC.

Trolleys add new midtown route

Parking and Transportation has added a new route for the Tech Trolley, the Midtown Trolley Loop. The route will be available seven days a week beginning June 11.

The Loop goes through Midtown Atlanta, travelling from Juniper Street to Ponce de Leon Avenue, and then to Piedmont Park.

More information is available at www.parking.gatech.edu/transportation/9_midtown_trolley.php.

Survey presents summer program

A survey regarding a prospective late summer session for incoming freshmen is available until July 6 at www.latesummer.gatech.edu/current.php. The session would not take the place of the current summer session.

In an email sent to the student body on June 29, Robert McMath, vice provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs, requested students to take the anonymous survey.

Students are asked to comment on whether or not they would have taken these classes were the options available to them as freshmen.

The survey indicates that the program, if implemented, may feature freshman classes such as English Composition I, Computer Science, the required Health/Wellness class, electives and the GT1000 orientation course.

The survey also allows students to write comments about the prospective program.

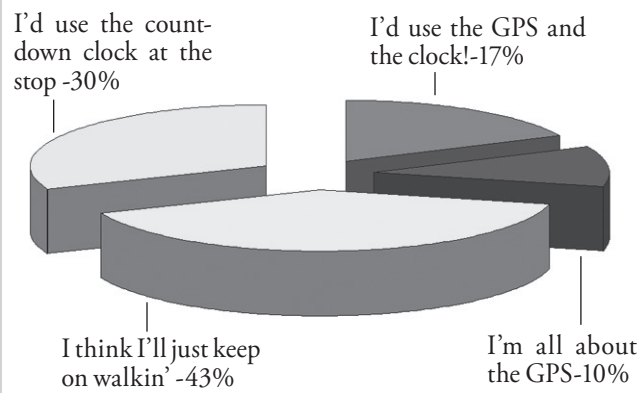
Pikowsky takes over as registrar

Reta Pikowsky recently took over for Mary Jo McIver as the new head registrar.

McIver had worked at the Registrar's Office since 1981 and served as head registrar for five years.

TechniqueOnline Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 30 responses.

Will you use any of the new Stinger features?

This week's question:

What does student life need from the Capital Campaign?
Tell us at www.nique.net

**Delayed response**

On June 14, the owner of a 1999 Lexus RS300 reported that her vehicle was hit sometime in the last week of April.

The vehicle was parked in the Technology Square Parking Deck and had minor damage to the rear bumper and hatch.

Public indecency

On June 19, an offender was arrested for public indecency. The arrest occurred at 3:59 a.m. It occurred on Ferst Drive.

*From the files of the GTPD...***Campus Crime****Lost cards**

A student lost his green card and social security card some time between February 1 and June 14.

He stated that they could have been lost in the Centennial Research Building. No unusual activity was noticed on his credit.

Another hit-and-run

At some point between June 10 and June 14, the back bumper of a 2005 Honda Pilot was damaged in the Human Resources Parking Lot. The damage was discovered by the owner the next morning. Grass clippings were also found on the vehicle.

Be careful where you park

On June 14, between 9:30 a.m. and 2:55 p.m., the owner of a 2000 Mitsubishi Galant found a deep scratch on his driver's side doors. The vehicle was parked on the first floor of Clydeck.

Baker thief

On June 14, a theft in the Baker Building was reported. Office supplies totaling \$1830 were missing from rooms 115 and 166. The door was unlocked when the thefts occurred.

This week's campus crime information contributed by Kenneth Basket

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Johnson said that SGA recently received this information and did not expect that the process would be over by August; the organization was planning on asking students for their input on a large scale at the beginning of the fall semester.

"We were not expecting the departmental proposals to be in so soon. We would have had more time to get ideas, but I don't think that it will make our representation of student life any weaker," he said. "I'm confident that students will be well-represented when we present our ideas to the administration."

Although not a lot of time remains for SGA to present their

ideas to the administration, Johnson said, many ideas have already been generated. After Clough's speech to the Undergraduate House in February, SGA's Campus Affairs Board began to request ideas from the individual committees governed by the board.

The board is still accepting ideas and has developed a strategy with which to lobby for student life.

"Our plan is to be responsive to the administration. The basic strategy is constant communication; this will help us better represent student life in the Capital Campaign," Johnson said.

He added that although SGA was not clear on the timeline of the proposals, the administration has

been persistent in asking for the organization's input.

"The administration has said that they want our opinion. They have asked for it in certain cases such as the ULC," Johnson said. "We've got a great administration that cares a lot about student opinion."

In addition, Johnson said that SGA would like to see ideas from students who are not involved in student government.

"SGA would like to offer a place where undergraduates and graduates can submit their ideas for how the money should be spent," he said.

SGA encourages students to submit any suggestions they may have to CapitalCampaign@sga.gatech.edu.

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Rouse had held the position since 2001 and decided to step down in order to devote his full efforts to his post as Executive Director of the Tennenbaum Institute for Enterprise Transformation.

Paul Griffin, associate chair for Undergraduate Studies and ISyE professor, said that the ISyE chair is also responsible for "helping to define the strategic vision for the school and helping to get the resources."

The duties of the chair, Griffin said, include fundraising and foster-

ing relations with alumni and with other organizations that support the school.

The chair manages the school of ISyE and its budget, and evaluates the performance of faculty. With the input of faculty and staff, the chair also makes decisions such as promotion and whether or not to grant tenure.

Currently, White also holds the Schneider National Chair in Transportation and Logistics, is the Director of the Trucking Industry Program at Tech and is the Executive Director of the Logistics Institute.

Corrections

In June 17 issue, the article titled "Physics tweaks testing methods" incorrectly stated that self-paced physics was offered for Physics 2211 in the past. Self-paced physics has only been offered for Physics 2212.

The *Technique* welcomes your comments and suggestions, as well as information about errors that call for correction. Messages may be emailed to nique@gatech.edu. Letters to the editor may be directed to the same address, or to opinions@technique.gatech.edu.

Breaking the Bubble

A lot happened outside the Tech bubble during the past two weeks. Here are a few important events which took place throughout the nation and the world.

Cruise believes in existence of aliens

Hollywood actor Tom Cruise has taken advantage of the premiere of his latest film, *War of the Worlds*, to proclaim his belief in the existence of aliens.

"Are you really so arrogant as to believe we are alone in this universe?" Cruise said in a recent interview with *Bild*. "Millions of stars, and we're supposed to be the only living creatures? No, there are many things out there we just don't know."

Cruise is a follower of Scientology, a movement founded by science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard. Many scientists argue that a belief in aliens is not an unreasonable proposition, despite the raised eyebrows in the media over Cruise's recent comments.



War of the Worlds, a modernized adaptation of British science fiction writer H.G. Wells' 1898 novel about a Martian invasion, premiered Wednesday.

NASA builds Star Trek-themed computer

Using the latest innovations in artificial intelligence and voice recognition systems, NASA will be installing a new voice-activated computer system on the International Space Station this summer. Called Clarissa, the computer will support about 75 individual commands which can be accessed using a vocabulary of over 260 words.

Clarissa bears a striking resemblance to the famous voice-activated computer systems seen in the various *Star Trek* TV shows.

Clarissa will be able to recognize words and sentences in varying contexts, will read procedure steps out loud and will support voice-activated alarms and timers.