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THE END OF AN ERA

After nearly 14 years
as Tech's president,
Clough departing to
lead Smithsonian

By Marcel Williams / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

By Craig Tabita
News Editor

For this generation of Tech students, Wayne Clough is the only Institute president they have ever known. That will soon change, as Clough announced in an e-mail to students Saturday, March 15, that he is stepping down from his position as of July 1 to become the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, the top administrative position at the renowned educational and research facility.

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia (USG)

will be in charge of selecting Clough's replacement and appointing an interim president. No candidates have yet been publicly announced, nor has a date been set for selecting an interim president.

An e-mail to students from USG chancellor Erroll Davis gave a general timetable for such processes as consisting of search preparation in the spring and formal solicitations for applications in the fall.

"We will work with the Tech campus to set in motion the search process that will identify a worthy successor to Dr. Clough and someone who is ready to lead Tech in ways

that continue to build its national and international reputation," Davis said in a statement on the Board of Regents' web site.

The figures show that Clough's tenure has been filled with accomplishments. Since he took over in Sept. 1994, enrollment is up from 13,000 to 18,000; research expenditures have increased from \$212 million to \$473 million; the Institute has embarked on two capital campaigns raising \$1.6 billion and is currently in the middle of a \$1 billion campaign; Tech has climbed up the rankings, opened up new campuses around the world, and added 25 new majors

(23 of which are non-engineering or interdisciplinary). He has received honors such as being named to the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology as well as the National Science Board.

"During the presidency of Wayne Clough, Georgia Tech has made tremendous advances in [furthering] its reputation as an undergraduate institution providing education in engineering, the sciences, and many other disciplines, and has become recognized as one of the leading research institutions in the U.S. It's through President Clough's leadership that those changes have

been made," said Provost Gary Schuster.

"Personally, I doubt there is anyone on the Georgia Tech campus that will miss him more than I will. Over the last year and a half (since Schuster was named provost) we've worked together on essentially a day-to-day basis, and I've come to admire his wisdom, thoughtfulness, and ability to get things done," Schuster said.

Clough said that because he was "close to retirement at Georgia Tech," the invitation to lead the

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Students to vote next week on candidates, referendums

By N. Denisse Gonzalez
Senior Staff Writer

After a week of campaigning by candidates, Student Government Association (SGA) election polls will open Tuesday, April 1 at noon, giving students the chance to enter their votes for the offices of president and executive vice president, as well as their representation in the Undergraduate House of Representatives or the Graduate Student Senate.

In addition to listing the names of the candidates running for office

for which the student may vote, next week's election ballot will also contain three referendums proposed by the SGA.

The polls will remain open until Friday, April 4, at 4 p.m., and the results of the election will be announced Friday at 6 p.m. in the Student Center Commons.

The biggest proposed change would create a new judicial body known as the Joint Judiciary Cabinet (JJC) that would oversee decisions made by the Undergraduate and Graduate Judiciary Cabinets.

"The reason we need to have a Joint Judiciary Cabinet is because we have a joint legislature," said Kaitlyn Frazier, a second-year Biomedical Engineering major and BME representative in UHR.

Because the majority of SGA's decisions are joint allocations or resolutions made by both the UHR and the GSS, there is no one body with jurisdiction to hear appeals over these decisions.

"Under our current appeals

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WREK switches to new HD transmitter

By Kaitlin Goodrich
Contributing Writer

In honor of the 40th anniversary of the station, WREK radio officially kicked off their HD station using their new HD transmitter on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 12:12 PM.

At the unveiling ceremony in the Student Center, students watched via web cam as WREK chief engineer Thomas Shanks disconnected the old analog transmitter and started broadcasting using the new transmitter. WREK general manager Brad Petrick spoke the first words using the new HD technology, "You are listening to WREK Atlanta in HD."

The new Harris 25 kilowatt transmitter weighs 1.3 tons and delivers

2.5 times more transmitting power than the old transmitter. This will improve the sound quality and reliability of WREK broadcasts.

"The [FM broadcasts] should be greatly improved. The station won't drop out at random hours or during baseball games anymore. The old transmitter was from November 1988, 20 years old and breaking down... It was time for a new transmitter," Shanks said.

The transmitter will not only provide better sound quality in regular FM broadcasting, but gives WREK HD broadcasting capabilities. This will allow WREK to have multi-cast technology. This means that by the beginning of the next fall semester, WREK will be running a second

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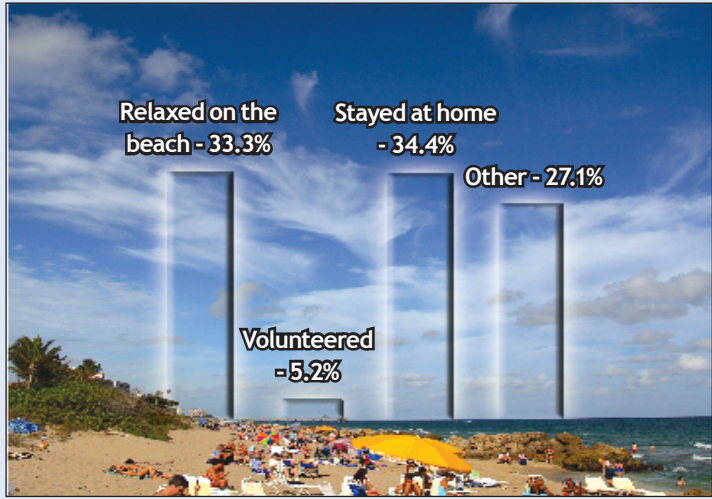
MEET THE SGA CANDIDATES

Who deserves to represent you?
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Technique Online Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 96 responses.

What did you do for Spring Break?



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This week's question:

Who should replace President Clough?

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Toy story

An officer on foot patrol in the Student Commons area on March 16 was approached by a student who attended Momocon with a report of a stolen Japanese doll and action figure. The doll, described having black hair, was valued at \$30. The action figure, which was purchased for \$150 but is valued at \$400, had blonde hair and was manufactured by Medicom.

No suspects were identified.

Lesson learned

An officer responded to a report of theft at the Alexander Memorial Coliseum on March 15. An employee reported that three items were stolen from the second floor pressroom during the SEC basketball tournament. The employee stated that he left the items on top of the stage area for 15 minutes while he conducted an interview across the room. When he returned, he found the items missing. The items, a cassette recorder, microphone and pair of earphones were valued at \$750.

From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime

By N. Denisse Gonzalez,
Senior Staff Writer

Count how many crimes

A police patrol car tried to stop a suspicious male riding a bicycle down the wrong way on Bobby Dodd Way. Upon hearing the sirens come on, the man drove the bicycle onto a sidewalk, crashing and falling off. The man ran up the stairs to Brittain Dining Hall, throwing an object into the bushes. After the suspect was detained, a student appeared on the scene, saying the bicycle was his and had been stolen, and showed a receipt of the bicycle as proof of ownership. The object was retrieved from the bushes and identified as a bolt cutter. Upon being searched, police found a cell phone, condom, lighter, crack pipe and a small red bag of suspected cocaine on the offender. The man was transported to Fulton County Jail.



Go buy your own TV

Ferst Center for the Arts employees saw a man take a flat screen television from the front entrance lobby on March 20. The man had been observed a few minutes earlier trying to unscrew the security locks that secured the television and then pretending to place a trash bag into a nearby trash container. When employees returned to the front entrance they saw the suspect walking out with the television. As one of them chased after the offender, he saw a third individual approach the suspect. The two men wrestled for the television for a few seconds until the offender let go. The man was seen climbing into a black Toyota Tundra and fleeing the site. The television was returned to the Ferst Center.

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process, decisions can be appealed once for the House and once for the Senate, and if those two decisions differ there's no means of reconciling them," said Anu Parvatiyar, undergraduate student body president.

The proposed JJC would be formed as needed. It would be composed of justices from the UJC and GJC, with the number determined by the proportion of the student activity fees paid by undergraduate and graduate students. Both existing

bodies would maintain their authority to preside over cases involving only undergraduate or graduate students.

"The Office of Student Integrity can also use [the JJC], as they often use our panels, as a student conduct panel for various things, for disciplinary cases that refer to both graduates and undergraduates," Parvatiyar said.

A second proposed amendment would clarify wording in a line of the undergraduate constitution requiring a two-thirds vote of UHR's entire

membership to amend bylaws.

"We felt the current wording was ambiguous, and could lead to an interpretation requiring only two-thirds of the members present... If our documents are not clearly and concisely worded, then ultimately our decreased efficiency and lack of transparency becomes a disservice to the student body," Frazier said, adding that because the bylaws form the core of how student government works, any changes that are made to them should be done very carefully.

The third referendum to appear on the ballot will add titles to the articles and sections of the constitution.

"At some point or another during our revisions we lost the text in our headings which clarified what each article and sections contained. This amendment will recreate the titles, making it much easier to find information in our constitution," Frazier said.

Frazier introduced the referendum to append headings, while the plan to create a joint judiciary

cabinet has been in the works for several years.

Students will be provided with the full text of the potential revisions to the constitution when voting.

If no candidate in the executive elections receives a majority of the vote, a runoff election will be scheduled the following week between the two highest vote-getters, following the same schedule but pushed forward a week. The process will repeat the following week if neither candidate receives a majority yet again.



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Tornado strikes city, spares campus

By Corbin Pon
Assistant News Editor

During the first few evening hours of Spring Break on March 14, a tornado hit downtown Atlanta. With winds clocking in around 130 miles per hour, the tornado damaged some of the Atlanta's landmarks. However, Tech received no discernible damage.

The World Congress Center suffered roof damage, the CNN Center had windows broken, holes were ripped in the roof of the Georgia Dome and the top floor of Georgia State University's Lofts received extensive damage according to damage reports from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. The SEC Men's Basketball tournament was being played in the Georgia Dome at the time of the tornado. The damage sustained by the Georgia Dome forced the tournament to finish up in the Alexander Memorial Coliseum.

"As far as evidence of the tornadoes downtown, yesterday we saw the broken windows on the Westin, Omni and some other buildings downtown. They have closed down some blocks near these places and are still cleaning up glass and other debris," said Laura Nunez, Chemical Engineering Masters student, who was in downtown Atlanta last Sunday.

Although some of these buildings sit no more than a mile from

Tech, there were no reports of any kind of tornado-related damage on campus.

"They really couldn't find even a fallen limb when they looked around the campus," said Teresa Crocker, Tech Chief of Police. "We're thankful that we didn't have any of [the damage received in the downtown area]."

A few hours after the storm had subsided, units from the Tech Police Department and Tech Facilities surveyed the campus looking for signs of damage. They were not able to find any damage in their search, and a subsequent examination by state officials also failed to turn up anything.

"This not the end. In fact, this is only the beginning," said Andy Altizer, director of Emergency Preparedness. "The tornado

season lasts from March to May." Next week, Altizer and the Police Department will be hosting an administration-level discussion to review the contingency plan for a tornado incident. The discussion group will include the Chief of Police, Emergency Preparedness Director, Deputy Chief of Police, Patrol Commander, Facilities Director, Environmental Health and Safety Representative, Executive Vice President of Administration, Housing Representative, Communications and Public Relations Representative, Health Services Representative and a representative from the Dean of Students Office.

"They really couldn't find even a fallen limb when they looked around the campus."

Teresa Crocker
Chief of Police, GTPD



Photos by Jon Drews / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Left: Engineers work to repair a downed power line next to the Tabernacle.

Right: Displaced sheathing represents the impact of the winds to Philips Arena.

Bottom: A tower in Centennial Olympic Park lies on the ground, toppled over by the winds.



"We want to make sure everyone is on the same page," Altizer said. "While I think we're on track for emergency notification, police response and even potential medical response, I have questions about the recovery efforts that would be needed and 'who would do what' if a tornado hit Tech resulting in significant damage."

Some of the specific issues to be discussed are what to do with students and faculty if parts of

campus sustained damage, what to do about classes and what to do about buildings that are deemed inaccessible.

"It was a fortunate thing that it was Spring Break and that the students weren't on campus. However if Tech had received damage, we would need to figure out what to do about all the returning students," Crocker said.

A weather alert email was sent out from the Tech emergency warning

system at 9:43 p.m., a few minutes before the tornado hit the city. Crocker said that officers in the city reported that the tornado formed very quickly. Altizer said that he is hopeful that the audio Siren Warning System will be up by the end of the semester. The system will be tied into the existing emergency warning system and will warn people who are outside of potential hazardous situations, like the potential for tornadoes.

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Weekly Activities

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Sting Break Concert OK GO
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Smithsonian was well-timed.

"I've had a great run here and we've had a wonderful time, but you reach a point where it's time for somebody else to do the job," Clough said.

He said that he had not been planning to go anywhere else after retiring; however, when he was approached by a search firm who was looking to fill the opening for a permanent Secretary, he began to think his background would make him a good fit at the Smithsonian.

"I realized there were a lot of similarities between this institution, Georgia Tech, and that one, the Smithsonian. The budgets are about the same size. The Smithsonian has a great number of scientists working for them. The curators of the museum are much like faculty. They have a need for fund-raising, something I do here. They're also a public institution which has to work with elected officials, and I do that here," Clough said.

One unique appeal that Clough saw in leading the Smithsonian was the role it serves for the United States.

"I have always had a strong pas-

sionate feeling about the Smithsonian because it's a great national asset. For our country, and all of its citizens, it's a chance to see our history and think about our future....If I can contribute and help them, then I'm helping our country, and I thought that was a nice thing to do in the twilight of my active career," Clough said.

"I've had a great run here and we've had a wonderful time but you reach a point where it's time for somebody else to do the job."

Wayne Clough
Institute President

In taking the job, Clough succeeds acting secretary Cristian Samper and the previous permanent secretary, Lawrence Small, who resigned in 2007 amid allegations of improper personal expenditures and criticism of his style of management.

Clough said he will face two major challenges: the first is over-

coming a "deficit in maintenance" of the museum's exhibits and of the Smithsonian's buildings. The second is the need to re-establish the trust of Congress, which provides about two-thirds of the Smithsonian's funding, after the problems of the previous administration.

"My feeling (after speaking to members of Congress) was that there is a great residual goodwill for the Smithsonian itself. [Congress was] not angry at the Smithsonian, they were angry at the way it was being managed, so we need to restore the trust, faith and hope in the administration and then bring along their natural goodwill for the Smithsonian itself," Clough said.

Beyond that, he said there are exciting opportunities to use technology to bring the vast collections of the museum, many of which are unable to be placed in its current exhibits, to people who can't make it to the museum by using the internet.

Having spent nearly 14 years as the president of his alma mater, Clough has plenty of things he'll miss when he transitions to this new phase of his career.

"I'm certainly going to miss the students. They're one in a million and I think a lot of my [proudest



Clough will work from the Smithsonian Institution Building, nicknamed the "Castle" and located in Washington, D.C.'s National Mall.

accomplishments] would relate to the improvements we've made in student life, and opportunities for our students," Clough said.

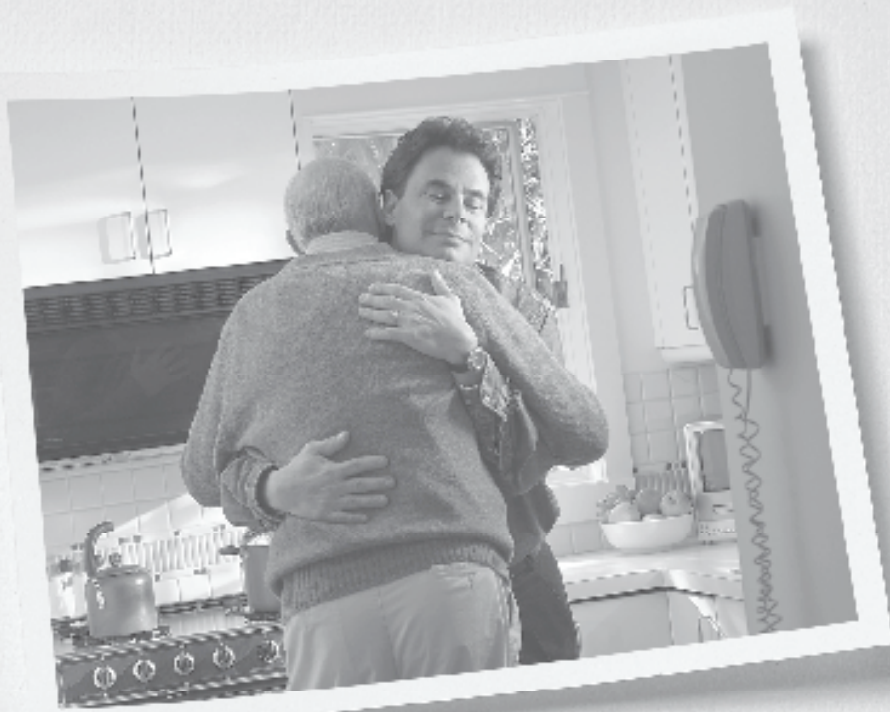
"Dr. Clough is one of the best presidents, if not the best president, Georgia Tech has ever had," said Anu Parvatiyar, student body president.

"He's done a lot for students... the ways that he's expanded not only the research capabilities and the facilities of Georgia Tech but also [improved] the student life experience. We take his record for granted since he's been here for so long. Students love and

respect Dr. Clough and we're very sad to see him go," Parvatiyar said.

The fact that the decision came at the beginning of Spring Break was not intentional, according to Clough. When the Smithsonian Institution feared that the names of the nominees for the position were going to be leaked out, and not wanting to carry out the process with the nominees made public, they made their decision ahead of schedule. They gave Clough the chance to make the announcement to campus before they would hear about it from somewhere else.

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By Jon Haeffele / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Brad Petrick, WREK radio's general manager, speaks in the Student Center Commons Tuesday as WREK turns on their high-definition transmitter. The switch happened on WREK's 40th anniversary.

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channel on HD radio along with the main channel that is run both on FM and HD radio. The second channel will allow WREK to provide even more diverse programming and give listeners another option if a certain sound block is not to their liking.

"WREK has provided forty years of quality and diverse programming to the campus and the Atlanta community. Nowhere else can people find such unique programming as on WREK. We have everything from Indian Masala, our Indian music show, to Kosher Noise, which is the only Jewish music radio show in the

Atlanta area. This transmitter will allow us to expand that even more. We're excited that the new transmitter will be able to provide more ways for students to express themselves," Petrick said.

The transmitter will help keep WREK in current technology.

"It is important to make sure that we stay on the cutting-edge of technology here at Tech, so HD radio was an important step," said Petrick. Only a handful of fully college-run stations have HD technology, and Tech will be one of less than 10 with a second station come fall.

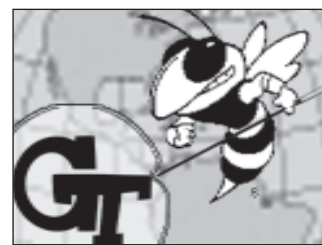
"You can't hear the primary harmonic of a flute on FM radio, but in HD, we can get almost equal quality as CDs," Shanks said.

The transmitter was delivered Tuesday, March 11, and then assembled during the entirety of Spring Break by two professionals, Shanks and a team of station engineers with the help of Jim Evans, former WREK chief engineer and a Tech graduate class of '73.

It took almost 100 hours to get in place and working. These 100 hours are just a fraction of the research and planning of the past three years that WREK has been planning to get HD Radio. For WREK radio, this makes the transmitter a huge accomplishment.

"Three years of work are all coming to today. This is a really momentous occasion for WREK and the whole campus," Petrick said.

Breaking the Bubble



A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Here are a few important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

Violence in Tibet prompts international reactions

Prolonged violence in Tibet by Chinese authorities continues to plague the country and plunge it deeper in a sea of bloodshed and tension. This has sparked protests and international reactions around the world, most recently with French president Nicholas Sarkozy threatening to boycott the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics.

The French president was the first major world leader to hint at a boycott of the games; the United States, Britain and Germany have all condemned China, but so far have not considered a boycott of the Olympics.

Sarkozy urged China to work with the Dalai Lama.

"Our Chinese friends must understand the worldwide concern that there is about the question of Tibet, and I will adapt my response to the evolutions in the situation that will come, I hope, as rapidly as possible," Sarkozy said.

Wall Street firm sinks in flailing economy

The subprime mortgage crisis has claimed its most prominent victim to date, namely Wall Street brokerage power Bear Stearns. The firm, which had lost money on its hedge funds that specialized in subprime mortgage lending, was bought by competitor JP Morgan in a deal that was facilitated by the federal government.

The initial offer of two dollars per share, one-fifteenth of Bear's going market price, was rebuffed by incensed shareholders. JP Morgan raised its offer to ten dollars per share and also agreed to absorb the first billion dollars in losses; the federal government responded by guaranteeing \$29 billion in financing. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson categorized the agreement more as a way to provide much-needed stability for the entire financial market rather than a rescue effort for Bear Stearns shareholders.

The Bear Stearns collapse is part of a financial turmoil that is gripping the country: the dollar has sunk to historical lows against the Euro and the Yen, while the price of oil hovers at \$101.22 per barrel which is short of the record \$111.80 that was touched on March 17th.

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Council Clippings

This week in Student Government

Each Tuesday, elected members of the two houses of the Student Government Association, the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) and the Graduate Student Senate (GSS), convene to consider allocation bills and discuss issues facing campus. Here is a summary of those two meetings.

This edition of *Council Clippings* covers the UHR and GSS meetings from both March 11, 2008, and March 25, 2008.

By Corbin Pon, Assistant News Editor, and William Brawley, Contributing Writer

Bill and description	Result		Bill and description	Result	
	UHR	GSS		UHR	GSS
Joint allocation to Hillel and IIE: The bill requested funds for a casino themed social event.	Passed 19-11-2	Passed 19-4-1	Joint Allocation to Sophomore Summit: This bill requests funding for supplies, activity fees, gift for speakers and food for Sophomore Summit participants. It failed since the event asked for joint funding but had an undergraduate focus.	Failed 9-23-1	Failed 5-17-0
Joint allocation to Mars Desert Research Station(MDRS): The bill requested \$1500 to pay for a truck rental to send six students to the MDRS.	Passed 30-2-0	Passed 22-0-1	Joint allocation to Culture Shock 2008: The bill requested funding for the advertisement and stage rental for the Filipino Students Association's event.	Passed 31-1-1	Passed 24-4-2
Joint allocation to GT Motorsports: The bill is requesting \$69,374.90 for a CNC Mill and CNC Lathe to be installed in the Student Competition Center.	Postponed 1 week	Postponed 1 week	Joint allocation to Muslim Students Association: The MSA is hosting scholars for a cross-cultural communications and awareness workshop called "East Meets West".	Passed 33-1-1	Passed 18-3-3
Joint allocation to Tech Beautification Day: The bill sought fund \$1638 to hold Tech Beautification Day. Bill passed but is going to the conference committee.	Passed 33-2-1	Passed 28-1-0	Joint allocation to FIMRC (Childrens Global Health Awareness Campaign): The bill requested funds for promotional materials for this campaign to raise awareness of about the healthcare issues face by children worldwide.	Passed 29-5-1	Passed 19-0-1
Joint allocation to the Table Tennis Association: The bill requested funding for travel, entrance and membership fees, uniforms and table tennis balls to compete in National Collegiate Table Tennis Association Championship.	Passed 29-2-1	Passed 28-1-1	Joint allocation to FIMRC (El Salvador Trip): The bill unsuccessfully requested funding for travel to El Salvador for six students. Since it was a retroactive request it received much opposition, although the recently-founded organization argued that it had tried to file the bill ahead of time.	Passed 18-17-1	Failed 9-10-2
Joint allocation to AIAA: AIAA is inviting a NASA representative to speak on campus and requests assistance in funding speaker fees. The UHR wanted them to look into promoting it more to non-AE majors.	Postponed 1 week	Passed 23-4-3	Joint allocation to Capoeira Cordão de Ouro: The bill requested funds to hold annual Batizado event. This involves hiring four different instructors.	Passed 32-1-1	Passed 13-6-1
Joint allocation to ESAi International Summit: The Ethiopian Eritrean Students Association requested funding for transportation, registration fees and hotel fees to attend the ESAi international conference.	Passed 18-17-1	Failed 9-10-2			

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Student Government Association Candidate Profiles



Next week, SGA elections will be held online at www.elections.gatech.edu between Tuesday, April 1 and Friday, April 4. On the following three pages, you will find profiles of the candidates for the executive offices of SGA. The content on these pages was written by the candidates themselves to communicate why they believe they should be elected as the next leaders of Tech's student body.

Candidates for Undergraduate Student Body President

Brad Petrick



www.VotePetrick.com

Experience:

General Manager and President, WREK Radio
January 2007 - March 2008

- Responsible for the overall operation of the station including engineering, business, publicity, programming, etc.
- Over 120 Students
- Over \$500,000 in assets
- Yearly budget of \$40,000
- Worked directly with several on-campus departments: Auxiliary Services, Housing, Parking, Dining, Athletics, CRC, Space and Planning, Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts
- Key Representative to SGA, attending several legislative and executive meetings

First and foremost, I want to say I'm here to make a difference in the lives of Georgia Tech Students. I'll be the one to fight for the students like I've done in the past. My campaign is centered on three things for Georgia Tech Students. Making things **Fair, Balanced, and Improving our way of Life.**

With that in mind, my platform is truly unique and something good for Georgia Tech. Being General Manager of WREK for over a year has given me both the student leadership and campus involvement that makes a great president, but more importantly I've attained results – results that make a difference. In the end however it's about loving what you do and loving Georgia Tech.

My first platform issue is to **Improve Campus Communication** in three areas: SGA to the student body, SGA to student organizations, and between student organizations themselves. By improving campus communication, we as a student body will be able to exchange ideas more productively, educate one another and stay informed.

My second platform issue is **Financial Sensibility**. I will work with student groups to research different ways of fundraising through corporate donations. We all know how it is to raise funds as a student group. I will ensure that student fees are being spent correctly and in the best interest of the student body and will push for lower cost alternatives in Auxiliary Services, whether Dining, Parking, or the bookstore.

We have several Issues with regard to Athletics which are: student ticketing, student attendance, and cooperation with student organizations, all of which need to be improved and is my third issue of **Better Athletic Cooperation**

It is my hope as SGA president that I can unify the students of Georgia Tech and show students that our athletics program is made up of students that really represents us and who we are. Women's Basketball is a perfect example of showing the drive and dedication that represents every Georgia Tech student.

The fourth issue of **Sustainability**, along with many other can be found at my website: VotePetrick.com.

With my campus experience and student involvement, as student body president I hope to make things **Fair, Balanced and Improve our way of Life.**

Brian Tyson



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My name is Brian Tyson and I am a third-year Electrical Engineering major from Jacksonville, Fla. I currently serve on the Executive Cabinet of SGA as the Institute Wide Committees Chair where I work directly with the President to appoint and monitor student representatives to over 65 committees. I have been actively involved in working with the administration on Strategic Planning for Student Affairs, the Student Engagement Study with Communications and Marketing, the Athletic Association and other campus departments to improve the student experience.

My campus involvement includes Ramblin' Reck Club, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., BOPSOP, Homecoming Talent Show Chair, Minority Recruitment Team and FASET Cabinet. All have given me a unique perspective into many aspects of student life and have propelled me to run for this position. I believe that it is important for the student body president to not only be knowledgeable about student government, but also student life. If there is one thing that makes me qualified for this candidacy, it is the fact that I have built relationships in nearly every facet of Tech life and have served in various roles which have given me campus experience.

I have a strong passion for making Student Government a more active vehicle for students and campus organizations by providing a support network through other means beyond financial assistance. I feel that SGA should serve as a strong liaison between the institute and the student body by promoting campus unity and student development. I plan to do this by increasing SGA's visibility throughout the campus and developing faculty-student interaction within the classrooms.

SGA should not be primarily seen as a financial support. The amount of resources that SGA can provide are huge and I feel that we can definitely support the students and campus organizations in a variety of ways. One initiative that I am advocating is making SGA more approachable for students by building lasting relationships. By building these relationships, we can progress as a community and grow together.

As a member of the Strategic Planning for Student Affairs committee, I have had an in-depth look at what students value, and what students want. One of the things that has repeatedly been endorsed is student-faculty interaction. There is a gap between the students and the professors that lecture classrooms and I believe it can be enhanced. There are ways that we can create to allow students and faculty to interact beyond an academic spectrum. The life experience of professors can provide students a source for advising and support.

Finally, athletics is one of the most prominent aspects of Tech. As ticketing has become an issue in the past, it is time that this dwindling problem becomes an ongoing solution. With experience and background in working with the Athletic Association, I believe I can provide the knowledge and guidance to collaborate with students, and provide a solution.

As Georgia Tech is going through various modifications, I feel that I can sustain the change by continuing the tradition of achievement and excellence from the student body.

Nick Wellkamp



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My Vision

- Bridge the information gap between students and SGA by creating a new executive position for communications and holding open forums about major campus issues.
- Streamline football and basketball ticketing with systems that are efficient and fair to all students.
- Foster environmental stewardship, beginning with enhanced recycling efforts and energy efficiency.
- Promote expanded, high quality student life programming such as centralized campus activities on gamedays.
- Improve campus services, such as continuing to push for a new web portal that centralizes your calendar, e-mail and class information; lobbying Parking and Transportation to give students a discount for paying tickets early and get NextBus screens installed at all stops; and coordinating with GT Police to promote campus safety.
- Advocate academic flexibility, such as making room in more curricula for students to get minors, developing fitness alternatives to the HPS 1040 wellness class and pushing for the creation of more online classes for undergrads.

My Experience

My service as a member of both the Executive Cabinet and the Legislative branch of SGA has prepared me to be an effective Student Body President. By working closely with the two previous SGA Presidents, I have developed a deep understanding of the responsibilities of the position and how to perform them well. Furthermore, I have gained a broader perspective on the needs of our student body through my involvement in various other campus organizations.

SGA Experience

- Vice President of Administrative Affairs (2 terms)
- Junior Class Representative
- FreShGA Member & Advisor

Other Campus Experience and Leadership

- Delta Chi Fraternity (Treasurer)
- Presidents' Council Governing Board (Burdell's Best Awards Chair)
- MOVE (Volunteer Fair Chair)
- GT 1000 (Team Leader)
- Executive Round Table
- Georgia Tech Earth Day Committee

My Drive: Why I want to be your SGA President

I am running because I am passionate about public service; I love Georgia Tech; I feel a responsibility to use my knowledge and experience for the good of my fellow students; and I have a vision for Georgia Tech that I want to see realized.

The SGA President is the spokesperson for the student body, and you need someone you can trust to do the job right. My vision, experience and drive make me the most qualified candidate, and I would sincerely appreciate your vote.

Candidates for Undergraduate Executive Vice President

Kaitlyn Frazier

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SGA Experience:

- BME Representative
- Chair, Internal Development Committee
- Ad hoc Committee on Capital Outlay
- UHR-GSS Conference Committees
- Academic Affairs Committee
- freShGA

Campus Experience:

- Finding Common Ground Executive Board
- Cardiovascular Fluid Mechanics Lab
- Alpha Delta Pi Sorority
- Marketing Chair, Panhellenic Pi Chi
- Honors Program

I'm Kaitlyn Frazier, and I'm running to be your Vice President. The Vice President of our SGA plays a joint role. He or she is chair of our legislative body, the Undergraduate House of Representatives and a member of the Executive Board. An effective Vice President must balance these dual responsibilities, which is why I've structured my platform for the upcoming year around two sets of goals.

As Chair of the House, I'm going to demand transparency and accountability from your legislature. After all, Student Government exists to serve student needs, and I'd like to share with you just a few of the ways I will revitalize our representative system to make sure your voice is heard.

I'm going to implement voluntary issue caucuses for Representatives to promote legislative action on campus issues. I want to restructure representation to give all students, including freshmen, their equal voice in the House. I'm going to work to improve House efficiency, uphold equal access to the Student Activity Fee, and insist on weekly updates and public voting records so you can see how we're allocating your Student Activity Fee.

As a member of the Executive Board, I



will fight for a quality student life experience. GT students are entitled to reliable services: a streamlined ticketing process for athletic events. GT students should receive understanding from the administration: a grace offense for first-time violators of our complicated parking policies. GT students deserve updated communication and academic tools: a refined T-square integrated across classes, campus services, and organizations.

Experience is necessary to make these goals become a reality. I've been a member of the Undergraduate House for the past three semesters, am extremely familiar with our policies and procedures, and have served on legislative ad hoc and conference committees. I'm also experienced on the executive side of SGA; as Internal Development Chair, I work closely with the President and Vice President.

Ultimately, I hope I've been able to show you that through my involvement on campus I have the student insight, through my tenure in SGA I have the experience, and through my vision I have the plan necessary to be your next Vice President. I appreciate your support; it would be an honor to serve you and our Institute.

Jason Middleton

www.MiddletonForTech.com

SGA Experience:

- SGA Architecture Representative
- Parking and Transportation Committee
- Planning and Development Committee

I am running for Executive Vice President of this great Institute for many important reasons. The most significant of these is to provide the absolute best experience for current students and prospective students. I have enjoyed every minute of my time here, and I want to make sure everyone else does the same.

I am very possibly the most spirited Tech student you have ever met or will ever meet. I try to participate in as many activities as possible. I do not devote all of my time to one group or organization; thus my 'lack' of 'experience' with SGA. I am an average student working for the students. Please check out my website to find out more about me and what I do.

My point in all of this is to say that I understand what students want, and if I overlook something or make a mistake, I have no problem being told that. I am a 'down to earth' person who will work hard to provide you with the things we all want for this institution.

Leadership. Responsibility. Working for you. Quite simply my goal is to make sure your Activity Fee goes to worthy activities with an appropriate percentage of funding. I will work closely with our Institute's new President to ensure they understand what is important to Tech students. Things such as campus safety, an environmentally friendly campus, dead week, realistic parking, better, more reliable transportation, better athletic ticketing procedures, COMPLETE campus wireless, lower tuition rates, etc.

I know our Athletic Director, Dan Radakovich, and will work with him to ensure students are pleased with ticketing and game-



day procedures.

I will work with the Undergraduate House to eliminate the wasted spending of your money.

Most importantly, I will work with you. You are the reason I'm running. You are the people I will listen to.

Candidates have said before that SGA is too bureaucratic, and then find themselves the same way. The Executive Vice President's main duty is to lead the UHR meetings. I can influence this. I can change this. I am a leader. I feel responsible for ensuring Georgia Tech students are satisfied with their Institute that they give so much money to. I feel responsible for every concern of the student body; and as such, I will work for you.

I will establish an easy way for students to vote on or give opinions on ideas to their representatives and executive members during the year. Currently, I invite you to send me emails, with concerns. Please check out my facebook group Middleton for Tech, and website. As Executive Vice President, I will represent you, my fellow students, not my own interests. That's leadership. That's responsibility. That's working for you.

Candidates for Graduate Student Body Vice President

Linda Harley

Major: Applied Physiology

SGA Involvement:

- Senator
- Graduate Student Senate Secretary
- Women's Resource Center Committee
- Sexual Violence Task Force
- T-Square Priorities Committee
- Academic Affairs Committee
- Health Services Committee

Background

On a cold winter morning, January 3, 1999, having just arrived from South Africa, I walked onto the Georgia Tech campus experiencing 10°F for the first time. With blue shivering lips I sized up my surroundings and believed that I could and would make a difference. Now, with a BSCE and a MSCE from GT, I'm a third year Doctoral student studying human motion to find improved rehabilitation methods for stroke survivors.

This past year I've served as the Secretary to the GSS. This provided me with the unique opportunity to learn many of the intricate, behind the scenes details. I now know what it takes to make SGA work successfully. I was also involved with the planning and execution of the Graduate Student Symposium which was a resounding success. I believe my extensive SGA experience makes me the best candidate for Graduate Student Body Vice President.

Senator Shulman (presidential candidate) and I have developed the following platform. We're running as a team because, working together, we can accomplish more than the sum of our individual efforts. We have spent time developing solutions and concrete plans that will enable the best outcome for the Graduate Students at GT. Please read Senator Shulman's information for an in-depth explanation of our stance on 4 issues: Involvement, Healthcare, Student Organizations, and Resource Usages.

**Platform, C³: Create. Connect. Communicate.**

We are committed to CREATING opportunities by CONNECTING Graduate Students to campus activities and organizations and encouraging COMMUNICATION between them. We believe IT can be leveraged to accomplish many of our goals.

Create: We want to create opportunities for Graduate Students to participate in important aspects of the institute and to come together and make a difference by standing up for their rights.

Connect: We believe that there are many opportunities on campus available for Graduate Students to become involved in and make a difference. We want to promote graduate student involvement in all areas to help enrich their time spent at GT and to develop as future professionals.

Communicate: We want to promote communication between SGA and Graduate Students so that we can be a voice for them and represent them fairly and accurately on campus. We'll increase the visibility of SGA to better inform all students of our actions and decision-making.

Rick McKeon

Who am I? What does the Vice President do? Why am I seeking this office? I can answer those.

I am a Masters student in the School of Public Policy. I have been here at Georgia Tech for almost a full seven years (and yes, that does include summers). I have been an undergraduate student in chemistry and public policy as well. I have worked for various parts of the Institute from the Campus Recreation Center, to Residence Life, to the Georgia Tech Research Institute, among others. Additionally I have made contacts over this time in the President's Office, to the Provost's Office, to the Dean of Students' Office, to the Department of Auxiliary Services, to the Student Center, to the Student Publications Office, to the Georgia Tech Cable Network, to WREK, to the Greek Community, to the Athletic Association, to the Library, to the Music Department. I know there are more, but you get the picture and there is only so much space here.

The Vice President is charged with a few duties in our by-laws, among them serving as the chair of the Graduate Student Senate meetings, serving as the chair of the Executive Council Meeting, assisting in the role of the President in their absence, and serving as an advocate for graduate students on all committees. Thus they need to have great time-management, a good understanding of graduate students, and a thorough knowledge of parliamentary procedure. Another honor for the Vice President is coordinating the Graduate Student Picnic each August.

I am hooked on efficient and effective government. I first got involved in student government back in high school, and my father suggested I read Robert's Rules of Order. I am glad I did. After a couple of years of student government in high school, a couple



at Georgia Tech, and also through working around those in state government here in Georgia for a couple of terms I can say that my ability to move through agendas, main motions, subsidiary motions, points of order, and the occasional committee of the whole is well established. I feel that I can further the picnic with my established contacts at the CRC as well as with the Assistant Director for Graduate and Family Housing, Moz Kosma. I have worked for Residence Life for five years, have established good relationships with the International House and international students, and have planned many events for large areas of campus, as well as personally helping coordinate several leadership conferences in far away states (most of which took place in New York and Maine while I was still a student in Georgia). I would love to be able to build off of my experience in the Graduate Student Senate, and serve said body so that I may continue to give back to our Georgia Tech community.

Thank you for reading. Please be sure to vote, and to encourage others to vote, for we graduate students are an important and growing segment of campus life.

Candidates for Graduate Student Body President

Michael Aaron

I am a first year PhD student in Bioengineering. I am an Officer and Web Administrator of the Mechanical Engineering Graduate Student Association (MEGA), and I am a member of the Georgia Tech Rugby Football Club.

Currently I am invested in three campus projects. First, I am working to get computers for general student use in the CRC that will enhance the educational environment of the CRC by transforming the facility into an interactive learning center employing the latest technologies.

Second, I am involved in the project of designing, building and funding a mobile technology challenge ropes course scheduled for completion by fall 2008. In addition, I would like to see Georgia Tech use a completely sustainable facility as the office or headquarters for the course to truly go above and beyond expectations and provide the campus and Atlanta community with a state-of-the-art challenge ropes course that serves as a model for the future of Georgia Tech.

Third, I will be working with the new Vice Provost of Academic Diversity through a committee appointment to increase underrepresented minorities and women in graduate programs here at Georgia Tech. I fully intend to see my projects and commitments come closer to actualization, and one or two fulfilled by the start of the fall semester.

Each of the three projects revolve around three central themes: Appropriate use of technology, enhancing communication and increasing diversity either on a campus level with recruitment efforts or on an individual level by encouraging students to become more well-rounded and engaged in multiple facets of the University.

I don't believe Graduate Student Government (GSG) President is a position of title, power, or authority, and it is more than prestige, honor, and duty. GSG President is a position of service. As a graduate student we are in service to ourselves and our advisor to publish research, present at conferences and ultimately earn our masters or doctoral degree. At the same time we are in service of Georgia Institute of Technology, in which we "reach across traditional boundaries, using technology in creative ways to solve problems and improve the quality of life, through which we become increasingly well-rounded, interdisciplinary, collaborative, and global." -- Dr. Wayne G. Clough.

Vote for me as GSG President as I am in service to you and to Georgia Tech now and will be in the years to come.

Cheers!

Michael T. Aaron
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P.S. If you have any questions or comments about my candidate statement or would like to become involved with one of my projects, send me an email.

Aaron Fowler

www.VoteFowler.com

Masters in City and Regional Planning

Campus Involvement:

- Graduate Senator - At Large, 2007-2008
- President Clough's Water Conservation Task Force
- Graduate Reviewer - The Tower
- Student Planning Association
- The Living Room

Government Work Experience:

- Forsyth County Department of Planning and Development
- Georgia Department of Transportation, Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning
- Effingham County Planning Department

As a current member of the Graduate Student Senate, and as a previous undergraduate of Georgia Tech (Public Policy '06), I have a deep love and respect for our institution. There are few other schools where the student body has such a high innovative spirit as our own. As our institution continues to grow in student population and reputation, I believe that we must use that ingenuity to address three key issues. Below is my vision for the future of Georgia Tech.

Increased Environmental Stewardship

This year's drought has reminded us that we must be more environmentally conscious. As a member of the President's Water Conservation Task Force, I have overseen the administration bring about a 20% reduction in water use on campus. We should applaud our administration for taking such drastic steps for the drought, but we must also work to do more to limit our impacts on the environment.

I will work with the administration to expand our campus recycling program to campus buildings and dorms that have yet to be included. In an effort to increase community involvement, I believe we should also create a means for local businesses and residents to participate in our recycling program.

As a leader in technology and science, I believe Georgia Tech should be at the forefront of using green energy. I will work with the Undergraduate President to encourage fraternities and sororities to go green, by installing free solar panels through a program with the Citizenre Corporation.

Reduce Health Insurance Costs

Outgoing President Brock Wester did an excellent job this year in ensuring that GRA stipends were increased, but we must be steadfast in our efforts to keep the cost of college to a minimum. In an ongoing effort, I will continue to strive for a reduction in health insurance costs for graduate students. Ultimately I believe that the health insurance for graduate students should be covered through the grants which fund graduate research assistantships. I will work to include this stipulation in all future grant applications.

Increased Meeting Space/Student Center Expansion

As our student population has grown over the years, meeting space on campus has become harder to come by. Many student organizations must plan months, if not a year, in advance to reserve adequate meeting space on campus. As President I will work with the next President of Georgia Tech to emphasize the importance of implementing the student center expansion plan that was conducted in 2005.

Andrew Shulman

Majors: Business Administration & Aerospace Engineering
SGA Involvement:

- Management Senator
- Joint Finance Committee (JFC)
- Joint Campus Organizations Committee (JCOC)
- President's Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee (PTAC)

Background

My previous experience makes me uniquely qualified to be President. I've consistently demonstrated myself in leadership positions where I make a positive impact. I served as Treasurer and VP of my fraternity. I was Marketing Chairman for Colorado's Dance Marathon and helped raise over \$40,000 for Children's Miracle Network. I also served as Judicial Chairman of the Interfraternity Council. At Tech, I've been exposed to many of the issues facing students. I'm part of JFC and I'm very familiar with SGA's budgeting and funding processes. I've worked extensively with student organizations to help them secure the funds they need. I'm currently the only Graduate Student on JCOC. Serving on JCOC has given me an understanding of how student organizations are managed and how SGA and the administration interact with them.

Linda Harley (VP candidate) and I stand together on the following issues. Please read her segment for our platform and why we're running as a team.

Involvement

We believe that participation in student groups is hindered by their lack of visibility. We want to connect graduate students to these groups and believe IT can be leveraged to accomplish this goal. Groups could T-Square to set up 'wiki'-pages to better publicize themselves and communicate with members. We'll work to improve orientation for students so they learn about important things not currently covered; like groups applicable to their field of study.

Health Care

We'll hold the administration responsible to increase stipends to graduate students to offset rising fees and living expenses in Atlanta and believe that every student should have access to affordable insurance. We'll work with the Health Center to improve the prescription distribution process so that reimbursement occurs at the time of purchase. We'll work to establish daycare facilities so that parents don't have to drop out of school because no childcare is available. We'll also work with the administration to establish a maternity leave policy so that graduate students can keep their paid GRA/GTA positions.

Student Organizations

We'll work to improve the process by which student organizations are chartered, changes to the organization are made and funding is decided. We'll transform the way we interact with these organizations by utilizing IT to establish an easily accessible system containing organizations' constitutions, officers, members and budgetary status.

Resource Usages

There should be a concerted effort to better manage and utilize campus resources for the benefit of all students and an effort to provide organizations with better access. Student groups should have access to technologies and facilities on campus and should not be forced to purchase their own. We'll work with the administration to come up with alternative solutions for holding large-sale events besides the Student Center Ballroom.