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## SGA Elections to take place from April 9 to 14

By Vijai Narayanan  
Assistant News Editor

Candidates running for positions in student government have campaigned for the past two weeks in an effort to garner votes for the upcoming student body election. From the graduate side, candidates for student body President and Vice-President are running unopposed. The undergraduate field includes a total of five candidates for SGA Executive President and two for Executive Vice-President. The Executive Vice-President is responsible for running sessions of the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR). The candidates for

undergraduate Vice-President and President of the student body participated in an hour-long debate at the Campanile on Tuesday, April 6. Common themes of the debate revolved around how candidates would increase student involvement in SGA and how they would address the current shortcomings of student government. Candidates for president were also asked about their thoughts about the proposed budget cuts from the state legislature and how that would affect their goals for SGA for the coming year.

In addition to positions in the executive branch of student government, students have also been campaigning for legislative posi-

tions in UHR and the Graduate Student Senate (GSS). Over 70 candidates at the undergraduate level are running for positions in UHR. UHR and GSS are responsible for allocating the revenue collected through the student activity fee (SAF), which totals approximately \$4.3 million for the following year.

Voting for legislative and executive positions begin on April 9 and will continue through April 14. Results will be announced on the final day of voting.

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Photo by Sean Kolk/Student Publications

Undergraduate SGA president candidates discuss various campus issues at the SGA Executive Debates at the Campanile.

## Ground-breaking honors Clough



Photo by Andrew Guyton/Student Publications

Institute President G.P. "Bud" Peterson joins former President G. Wayne Clough to break ground at the CULC construction site. The ground-breaking event took place on Skiles Walkway and honored Clough for his work at Tech.

By Emily Chambers  
Editor-in-chief

"As we look around this campus of course you will note many impressive facilities, many impressive new facilities going up, so one could be excused for thinking this is just a normal day at the office. However of course, it is not," said Errol B. Davis, Chancellor of the Board of Regents (BOR) at the historic ground-breaking ceremony for the Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons (CULC). The CULC itself was highlighted at the event.

The building will feature "modern facilities... refined laboratories, technologically advanced classrooms and interactive learning environments" said Davis.

The ceremony was held on Skiles Walkway at 2 p.m. on April 5. The ceremony included distinguished speakers, light snacks and artistic two- and three-dimensional renderings of both the build-



Photo by Andrew Guyton/Student Publications

Peterson presents a plaque to honor Clough's status as President Emeritus at the ground-breaking ceremony.

ing and the revamped Skiles Walkway that will come with the construction.

In addition to campus administrators and leaders as well as Chancellor Davis, Tech was graced with a visit from a locally famous Federal Secretary, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution and former Tech president G.

Wayne Clough.

Clough, who was also a Tech alum (CE 64, MS 65) served as Tech's president for 12 years, from 1994 till 2008. He left the Institute in 2008 to serve at the Smithsonian Castle.

"When I got to the Smithsonian, it was very nice.... But I kept telling people we

need to have more fun. Then, six months later the Tech Glee Club showed up and sang at my office. People came up afterwards and told me 'That's what you were talking about,'" Clough said.

During the ceremony both President G.P. "Bud" Peterson and Senior Vice Provost Anderson Smith thanked the countless private donors who have contributed to the construction of what Undergraduate Student Body President Alina Staskevicius called "The heart of the campus".

The participants and Davis also thanked both Governor Sonny Perdue and the Ga. State Assembly for working to help finance the project with \$60 million in state bonds.

Clough was awarded the title of President Emeritus by Davis and Peterson, a title that was conferred upon him as a gesture of thanks for his focus on undergraduate education as well as his contributions to the Tech community as a whole.

## Tin Building to be demolished

By Zimu Yang  
Staff Writer

As part of Capital Planning and Space Management's plan to redevelop the alleyway behind the Skiles Building, the Tin Building will be demolished at the end of this year. Students and organizations currently using the space will be forced to move temporarily before being accommodated in a new facility.

"We will redevelop area between Skiles and the Weber building. It will serve as the main pedestrian thoroughfare while Skiles is being redeveloped as part of the CULC project. So rather than do [the CULC project] in two phases, [we will be able] to close Skiles walkway so that we can do it quicker and for less money," said Howard Wertheimer, director of Capital Planning and Space Management.

Present efforts to accommodate the clubs affected by the demolition, including GT Motorsports, Wreck Racing, RoboJackets and GT Off-Road, consist of relocating their activities off campus to a facility near the corner of 14th Street and Hemphill near Home Park.

A new building is currently under development to accommodate them, called the Burdell Center. However, the center is still in the early stages of planning and will be unavailable for several more years. Some representatives question the reasons behind the proposed demolition, such as safety and student convenience.

"As you know Home Park is not a very safe place... One of these robberies was at the corner of 14th and Hemphill where two students were held up," said Thomas Fraschillo, a third year ME student and GT Off-Road team leader. "It's also a 35-minute walk from North Ave. Apartments, where most of the team lives."

According to some of the parties involved in the relocation, little communication has been made between themselves and Facilities.

"The only information we have about this has come from our advisors," Fraschillo said.

Facilities maintains that there is transportation available to those who need it.

"Right now our transit system does serve that building, and we do have the Stingerette service," Wertheimer said. "We talked to the faculty and department chair first but we obviously want to get the students involved in the conversation. If it hasn't happened yet then it will."

Despite the issues, Capital Space and Planning believes the decision will benefit Tech.

"I think it'll be a win-win situation for everyone involved. The idea is to allow students proper space so they can be successful," Wertheimer said.

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Events and happenings across campus next week

## ..... Campus Calendar

By Vivian Fan  
News Editor

### Friday, April 9

**GREEK WEEK**

**WHAT:** The annual competition pits Greek house against Greek house through a series of academic, artistic, athletic and talent competitions, including Tug, Greek Sing and Stroll and a number of competitions.

**WHO:** Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, Multicultural Greek Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council.

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 8 to Saturday, April 17.

**SGA ELECTION POLLS OPEN**

**WHAT:** Polls for student rep-

resentatives, undergraduate vice president, undergraduate president, graduate vice president and graduate president open Friday morning at 8 a.m. on the SGA website. Students will be able to vote for their respective president, vice president and major representatives until next Wednesday.

**WHO:** SGA

**WHEN:** Friday, April 6 to Wednesday, April 14

**WHERE:** [www.elections.gatech.edu](http://www.elections.gatech.edu)

**NIGHT MARKET**

**WHAT:** Teaming up Asian cultural organizations from Tech and Emory, Night Market features a variety of food, games and entertainment from coun-

tries all over Asia. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

**WHO:** TASA, CSA, FSA, HKSA, ISO, CSFA, VSA

**WHEN:** 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**WHERE:** Biotechnology Quad

### Saturday, April 10

**GT GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**WHAT:** The Global Leadership Conference seeks to demonstrate the importance of leadership in an increasingly globalized world. The conference features speakers such as Dr. James A. Anderson, CEO of Fayetteville University, and a number of different workshops throughout the day. Registration for the conference is \$5 per person.

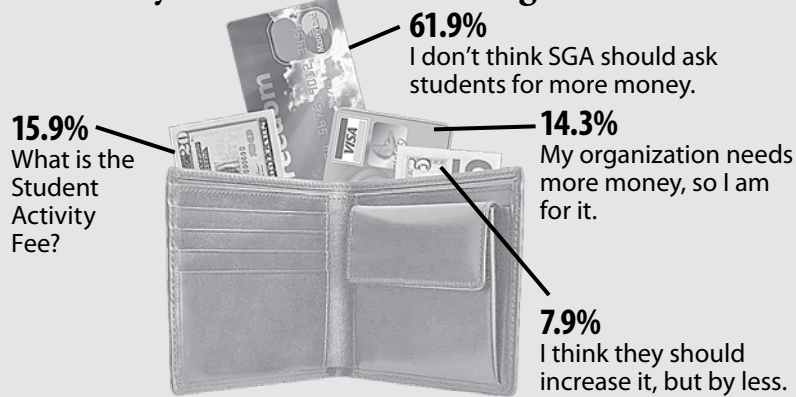
**WHO:** Sigma Beta Rho fraternity

**WHEN:** 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Student Center Ballroom

## POLL OF THE WEEK

How do you feel about increasing the Student Activity Fee



**Next issue's question:**

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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.

By Vijai Narayanan, Assistant News Editor

This edition of *Council Clippings* covers the UHR and GSS meetings from April 6, 2010.

### Sigma Gamma Tau

Sigma Gamma Tau, the AE honor society, submitted a funding request through the Undergraduate Legislative Reserve (ULR) to host an annual banquet for graduating seniors in the AE department.

The line item funding requests included the cost of renting, clean-up and security fees for the venue. This year the event will be hosted at the alumni house. The bill generated a lengthy discussion about the purpose of the ULR, and its role in funding undergraduate only events.

Some representatives voiced their concern that the ULR was reserved to special projects of UHR, including the SGA banquet and the retreats. Therefore, they argued that this bill should not be funded using ULR. Others pointed out the fact that such a bill was unlikely to garner support from GSS, and that the organization would only receive funding through the ULR.

Representatives eventually reached a consensus that while it would be appropriate to fund

this bill through ULR, the SGA bylaws must be amended to define a more clear policy regarding ULR funding requests in the future. The bill passed UHR 28-3-7. Because this bill requested funds from ULR, GSS did not consider the bill.

### Marksmanship Club

The Marksmanship Club requested funding from SGA to purchase equipment necessary for "range outings" conducted by the club each month. The line items in bill included the cost of ammunition, a spotting scope, and advertisement. The bill was amended to \$650 from \$985 in order to conform to JFC policy. The bill passed UHR 37-1-0 and GSS 24-3-0.

### CanSat

The CanSat Club submitted a bill to SGA requesting funds to purchase parts to construct a robot for a competition in Amarillo, Texas. The organization will use the parts to build a robot capable of launching into the air, landing, and driving to a remote location in the desert. Among the line items included servo motors, parachutes and a GPS chip. The bill was amended to \$2675.20 in

order to reflect JFC policy regarding funding for conference fees, and passed UHR 39-0-0, and GSS 25-1-0.

### Triathlon

The GT Triathlon Club requested funding from SGA in order to compete at the USA Triathlon Collegiate Nationals Competition in Lubbock, TX. Line items for the bill included race entry fees and travel expenses, totaling \$2450. The club has approximately fifteen members participating in the upcoming competition. The bill passed UHR 39-0-1 and GSS 25-1-0.

### ORGT

SGA passed legislation put forward by Outdoor Recreation at Georgia Tech (ORGT) to fund purchases of items related to mountain biking trips. ORGT currently has a total of six mountain bikes for these trips, and the additional funding will allow them to purchase three more. The organization also requested funding for tools and parts to maintain the bikes, including wheels, pliers, wrenches, grease and lube. The bill totaled approximately \$2,323.61 and was passed 39-0-0 and GSS 25-1-0.

## 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.

### Confederate History Month reinstated in VA

Virginia's Republican governor Bob McDonnell issued a proclamation on Wednesday declaring April Confederate History Month. Critics were particularly appalled by McDonnell's decision to leave out references to slavery altogether from his declaration.

### Obama announces new nuclear strategy

U.S. President Barack Obama unveiled a new defense policy as part of his Nuclear Posture Review restricting the use of nuclear weapons. The announcement comes days before Obama signs a landmark nuclear arms reduction

pact with Russia. The plan rules out a nuclear response to attacks on America involving biological, chemical or conventional weapons. However, this applies only to countries that comply with the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, excluding countries like Iran and North Korea.

### Underground explosion kills 25 in WV mine

A huge underground blast caused by methane gas killed 25 coal miners at the Upper Big Branch mine in West Virginia on April 5, 2010. As of Wednesday four other workers were missing as rescue workers continued to attempt to penetrate the mountainside above the mine, wary of a dangerous buildup of methane and carbon monoxide near the entrance. Officials hope that the four miners still trapped were able to reach airtight chambers in the mine, stocked with food and oxygen to last for four days.

### CORRECTION

In the April 2 issue of the *Technique*, we erroneously printed that GTPD's new K-9 unit was trained in Chatham Co. Fla. He was trained in Ga. We also misspelled the name of Officer Jonathan Gibbons. We apologize for the errors and any resulting confusion.

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# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ELECTION CANDIDATE PROFILES



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

### WALLACE BENTON



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Friends, Techies, countrymen, lend me your ears!  
I come to tell you of the campaign trail  
Differentiate from the false promises  
And listen to my words with an open mind!

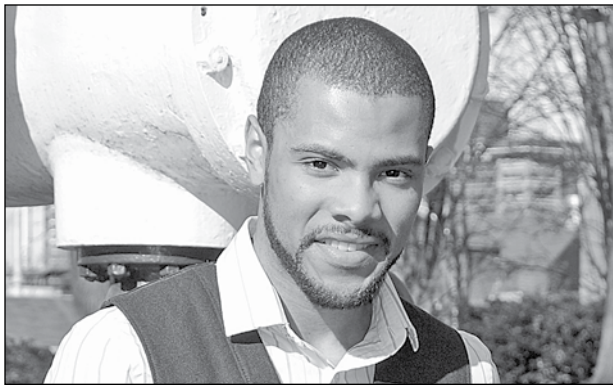
I am not going to preach to you of my accomplishments before or during my tenure at Tech. What is more important is what I am striving for in this campaign. It is time that students are fully appreciated and represented in the student government of this luscious institution. Why is it that the first time that the student body was asked our opin-

ions in a serious manner was during the concealed weapons debate? Why is it that SGA "tries" to have meals with the general population, yet still does not seem to understand the needs and wants of the general population? Why is it that students do not know what SGA is or the functions that it serves? Obviously there is a disconnect. We need a student government that's accountable, using funds generated by our student fees to solve campus problems, not hide them in ineffective, "free" campus programs. I want the voting records for each member of the UHR to be online, so students

know how their reps are voting. I also want a well-advertised comment period for the annual budget, so students can vote, line by line, on what they like and don't. I also want voter statistics available online, broken down by year, major, financial aid status, ethnicity, state/country of residence, Greek/unaffiliated, and gender. We must protect the secret ballot, but all of this information is already available—let's use it to make SGA better. SGA needs to be sure that it is representative of the WHOLE student body. If it isn't, SGA MUST reach out to voters who are, in effect,

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### COREY BOONE



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I am Corey T. Boone, and I want to be the next Student Body President of the Georgia Institute of Technology. Why, you ask? I'm running because I love this school and its people. I want to lead in a way that enhances the Georgia Tech Community, provides a learning environment that truly enriches lives, and proactively addresses the needs of all Georgia Tech Students.

As Student Body President, I will:

- o Expand the Add/Drop Period.
- o Lift Major Restrictions earlier during registration the period.
- o Add a centralized platform that allows students to apply for overload re-

quests in place on Oscar.

- o Oversee the Continued Redevelopment of Course Critique
- o Develop an Academic Rights and Expectations that will allow students and faculty to find common ground.
- o Develop a Faculty-Student Mentoring Program.
- o Review tenure to place a greater emphasis on teacher effectiveness.
- o Implement a "Service Option" to be added to the curriculum of each major.
- o Advocate for an iTunes Library of Tech's best lecturers
- o Advocate for more campus areas for students to "Hangout".
- o Advocate for a diversity component

to be added to the evaluation of all Tech faculty and staff members.

- o Advocate for a revision in campus alcohol policies that allow for a Good Samaritan Provision.
- o Advocate for more campus services that employ students
- o Restructure the Communications Board to include a Director of Student Engagement.
- o Establish a workable communications platform here at Tech that eliminates the countless emails that students receive on a daily basis.

Enriching your Tech Experience is

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- Sophomore Representative
- Academic Affairs Committee
- Executive Round Table
- Undergraduate Consulting Club
- Computer Science 1316 Teaching Assistant

**My Vision—“Make SGA for YOU”**

I strongly believe that the best ideas arise from collaboration, and that the more students involved in SGA, the better decisions we will be able to make. More ideas, concerns, and information will drive SGA to improve all its areas. My platform is based on the following:

**Student Government**

SGA should be completely accessible to everyone. SGA will have a weekly optional digest of all the issues in EVERY COMMITTEE. Polls of the students will be used to get more feedback and ideas. I want to make a centralized formal application process for committees, so the most qualified students are the ones who are selected.

**Student Organizations**

I want to make the system more efficient, so organizations can focus more on their own business and less on SGA bureaucracy. I want an improved system for funding requests that is easier to use and is LINKED with the accounting. This link shall make the reimbursements faster and will provide up-to-date statistics on the monies available, as well as history of SGA funds per event, organization, semester, etc. I believe that with more data the Legislative can make better decisions. I also want to make the process of starting an organization easier by providing all the information on the website and a step-by-step checklist of the requirements.

**Academics**

I want to have a committee devoted to registration issues.

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**JEFF PORUBSKY**

**NO WEBSITE PROVIDED**

Since I graduated High School my dream university was Tech. After high school I started in community college; after financial difficulties I had to stop school in order to work. I worked for many years before I could make a return to school, at which time I set my sights on Tech. During that down time I had many friends who attended Tech and I was on campus often. I was either visiting the friends in the dorms or Home Park. These interactions showed me the beauty of what Tech was all about. Now that I am blessed enough to be here I see it is my obligation to give back to the school and community that has given so much to me. I am ideal for this position, in part, because I have almost a full decade more life experience than the other candidates. I have seen the outside world and experienced its hardships first-hand, which allows me to appreciate Tech. I will improve our campus lives by addressing the following issues:

**Golden Ratio:** For too long now women have been under-represented at Tech. With a ~30% population of women on the campus it is time that we take this issue seriously and make a concerted effort to reach out to women (both high school and college age) to come be a part of our community. There needs to be specific and extensive measures taken to assure the safety and well-being of women on campus.

**Safety:** The safety and security of Tech students should be one of the highest priorities of the school. It's not an issue that can be solved by one group. It requires cooperation from the administration, the GTPD and the student body with the SGA. The crime on campus is unacceptable and it's time that real and effective steps are taken to prevent crime. Ignoring Tech's security problem in the name of "avoiding bad PR" is counter-productive and actively negligent.

**Bridge the Gaps:** It is the job of the president to be the spokesperson for the student body. This role requires dealing with administration and groups outside the school. During the last year I served on the Undergraduate Council. I facilitated and participated in a tremendous amount of communications between multiple different Deans and

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**JIMMY WILLIAMS**

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**Experience**

- Vice-President of Campus Affairs
- Junior and Member-at-Large Representative
- Chair of Campus Affairs Board
- Planning and Development Committee Chair
- Co-founder of Kids@Kollege
- Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society
- Georgia Tech Tour Guides
- ThinkBig@Tech Planning Committee
- Library Advisory Board
- GT1000 TL
- Freshman Activities Board

**My Vision – Building a Better Community**

Many of the issues we deal with as students are central to the Tech culture. Instead of addressing problems individually, I want to frame all of our work in SGA around the common theme of building a better community across our campus. This community must be built up in three areas:

**Academic Community**

We must address our strained faculty-student relationship and lack of interdisciplinary options in our classes and majors. I propose an Institute-based faculty-student mentor program, a redefinition of our grading practices, specialized tracks in each major, and more flexibility in allowing core classes to count towards minor credit.

**Campus Life Community**

In order to build community, we must not only relieve stress from academics, but we must build a more vibrant campus life community. There is much excitement around ideas of larger campus-wide events and an expansion of Tech Square. I want SGA to incentivize organizational collaboration with additional funding for these events, and I'd like to see Tech Square expand to include more student-friendly options.

**Campus Support Community**

Our efforts to build community will fall short if we do not receive proper support from our campus departments. We

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**sliver**

[www.nique.net](http://www.nique.net)

To the girl sunbathing in the ULC courtyard in the Green Bikini on Wednesday: thank you :)

STOP TEXTING ME WOMAN!! GAAAAH!!!!

Single guys heads up!: a single girl will wear a neon orange bracelet

zyzz....come at me bro

fecalpheliac...wat

Here we meet again GT. Spring Break was too short.

Nickname for the G. Wayne Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons? How does The G Spot sound?

WOOOOOT

DO A BARREL ROLL!

Searching for Nemo

red and blak

All the pretty girls come out when the weather is warm.

wtf is this

hey, where's the poll? i'm one of 98 people who actually respond every week, you are alienating me...

bro, its kesha, not key-dollar-ha

My Pokemon brings all the boys to the yard, and they're like "Hey wanna trade cards?" Damn right, I wanna trade cards. I'll trade my Pikachu but not Charizard!!

I'm going to vote in the SGA election, April Fools

my subconscious is more stressed than I am

the technique \*does\* have a relationship advice column... it's called sliver.

all the single ladies, all the single ladies...lets hang out

i like shorts because they're comfy and easy to wear

Heck with Romeo and Juliet. I'm a Cory looking for his Topanga. folkbandseeksbanjohottie@gmail.com. You know what to do.

To guy in Japanese, stop calling me fat.

Our physics professor just addressed a fundamental constant as "this thing". How the hell are we supposed to learn anything here?

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## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT (EVP)

### BRENDA MORALES



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**Experience:**

- SGA Executive Cabinet, Institute-Wide Committees Chair
- Representative in the UHR Committee on the Presidential Transition
- Provost's Task Force for Intellectual Community

- Mandatory Student Fee Advisory Committee
- Sophomore Summit Planning Committee
- Safety Task Force
- Campus Portal Committee

**My Vision:**

The EVP serves not only as a member of the Executive Cabinet, but also as the Chair of the legislative body, the Undergraduate House of Representatives. My experience in both branches over the past two years has provided me with the knowledge needed to create a comprehensive vision for SGA and will allow me to be an effective leader beginning on the very first day of my term.

In my two years as a representative in the UHR, I have stood for accountability and responsible stewardship of the nearly \$5 million Student Activity Fee budget that is entrusted to the House. I will foster accountability and responsibility in the following ways:

- Open avenues of communication

between representatives and constituents.

- Hold bill submission information sessions for organizations.
- Provide training to representatives on the **JacketPages** system.
- Ensure that representatives can advise organizations on the Joint Finance Committee Policy.

I have and will serve as an unwavering voice for students in my role on the Executive Cabinet and as a member of Institute-wide committees. I will advance student priorities and work to foster a better community:

- Fight for improved services, including streamlined registration, better dining options, improved parking and transportation, and intuitive athletic ticketing.
- Introduce more fair policies for students and organizations.
- Strengthen ties with administrators and other student leaders.
- Encourage collaboration between organizations for more effective programming.

### AJAI KARTHIKEYAN



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I am currently a 3rd year CS

and Mgt major. I have been involved in many organizations on campus and have founded and led a couple of them during my time at Tech. Some of these include the CoC's Undergraduate Council (President), The Young Entrepreneurs Society (Founder and President) and *The Firewall* (Founding President) and others. When I decided to run for this position, I was told by one of my friends that I was an SGA outsider, as I had not been actively involved in SGA in the past. I strongly believe that the STUDENT Government Association should comprise of the ENTIRE student body in practice, not only on paper.

This is why I decided to run for this position. I aim to make SGA a much more transparent and approachable organization which involves all students in its decision

making process. I strongly hope that in the future there is no such thing as an SGA outsider and SGA

Unlike most people who set goals for what they will do when they are in office, the first goal I am setting myself is for the election. Last year only 3,662 out of the 12,069 undergraduates Tech voted in the SGA elections. This is only 30.3% of the student body. Since, I aim to get more students involved with SGA, why not start with elections itself? My goal for this year is to double this number. While I hope you'll cast your vote for me, the most important thing is that you participate in SGA and exercise your right to vote!

I have my vote and I am going to need your help with the remaining 7,323 votes for me to achieve this goal.

## GRADUATE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

### ANTHONY BALDRIDGE

If elected, my administration will focus on a number of major topics significant to the graduate student body. While these are not the sole issues that will be addressed, they are some of the most significant issues facing the graduate student body and ones that will be the main focus of my administration.

• **Student Health Insurance**—Next year will be a significant year for the student health insurance in that Tech will select an insurance provider for the coming years. This will be a significant task for SGA and exploring all aspects and concerns of the graduate student body is of utmost importance.

• **Communication**—There are gaps in the way information is conveyed to the graduate student body for issues and events. To address this I propose the following:

- o Creation of a Board of Governors composed of organizational representatives from graduate only organizations. Through this body, communication can be facilitated,

and a more comprehensive view of the graduate activities at Tech can be made a reality.

- o Create a Board of Regents Graduate Student Committee of the graduate student presidents of Ga. to provide a platform for concerns.
- o Develop communication resources and ways to disseminate information on our campus.

• **Professional Development**—At Tech, a number of departments offer some limited opportunities to enhance professional development but my administration will work on a central plan creating programming and opportunities for all graduate students.

• **GTRIC**—This year's conference was an accomplishment. If elected, my administration will focus on the development of the conference and address the feedback offered from this year.

• **Involvement**—As the graduate student population continues to grow, involvement will become increas-

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## GRADUATE STUDENT BODY VICE PRESIDENT

### KATHY SCHNURE

The population of graduate students continues to grow. As this group's presence and influence becomes stronger on campus, the presence and influence of its representatives needs to become stronger as well. Tech is fortunate to have an invested, diverse group of graduate students who devote time to representing their peers. After serving three years as a Graduate Senator, and two years as a member of the executive committee, I am seeking election as the Vice President of Graduate Student Government. Graduate Student Government and the GSS have made great strides in the past several years, and, if elected, I will strive to make the voice and needs

of graduate students heard. This will require the administration to focus on several initiatives.

First, increasing the communication between graduate students and their representatives. Some departments and schools are extraordinarily skilled at this, while other groups have no idea if they even have a representative. It will be important to even the playing field for those without representation. The creation of the new SGA website has been the first step in making communication with GSG more straightforward and simple. Continuing to implement the site and ensuring that it is utilized to its full potential will be

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# Yellow Jackets!



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disenfranchised.

**Other issues:**

- GT Parking – Buzzcard readers for the parking meters and selling permits per semester.
- OSCAR needs to email students when they have a hold.
- Allow students to create designs for campus to fix major issues whether it be designing buildings or creating a more “green” campus
- Origin-destination studies to help fix GT Transportation issues

**Why vote for me?** Because I, like Winston Churchill, “have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat.” The Black Stallion will always ride again.

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about more than achieving a laundry list of objectives. It is about empowering every Yellow Jacket to thrive during the best years of their lives. I believe that I am the only candidate with the unique experience necessary to do so. This past year, I have served as Vice President of Communications where my duty is ensuring that your voice is heard on issues at Tech. Below is my experience.

**Experience:**

SGA: Vice President of Communications, Chairman of the Campus Communications Board, Campus Affairs Board, Chairman Academic Affairs Committee, Management Representative, Planning and Development Committee, Internal Development Committee, Cultural Affairs Committee, Stipend Committee.

GT Student Ambassadors

Honor Advisory Council

Student Rules and Regulations Committee

Undergraduate Academic Council  
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Tri-mester Committee

CIOS Taskforce

GT Choral

Theta Xi Fraternity  
M & M Mentoring Program  
College Ladders  
ACC Leadership Conference Delegate  
Sympathetic Vibrations  
Student Assistant  
Student Academic and Financial Affairs Committee  
Ferst Center for the Arts Student Advisory Committee

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associate Deans to the office of executive affairs—even weekly communications with State representatives. I have already established my presence with the administration and created a strong link to state government.

The second gap to be bridged is between SGA and the students they represent. Too often the only time you hear of SGA is when there is an election. You usually only hear from your representatives when they are running for office—the rest of the year you have no idea what decisions are being made in your name and with your money. I will push to have stronger communications between the students and SGA, as well as creating incentive to have students participate in the affairs of SGA.

**Greek Concerns:** Although the Greek community comprises only ~20% of the undergraduate population they are the most involved segment. It is understandable that special provisions be made for the Greek community, like block seating. Additionally, the provision of adequate parking is well past due—parking should be accessible for every Greek house. Lastly, it’s important that the Greeks enjoy a high level of sovereignty for any chapter on campus.

I always try to live by an old Boy Scout motto, “Leave the place better than you found it”. Tech has forever improved me and before I go I will leave Tech better than I found it. All these things I can

and will do—however, I need your support on April 9. Please remember to vote for me. God bless you all and God bless Tech.

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This committee will poll the ENTIRE student body for ideas, and problems they’ve had, and will then work with administrators to improve OSCAR. I want a centralized permit system for all classes. I believe that by polling the student body, many great ideas will arise. I want to have the Academic Affairs Committee poll the student body on policy like Dead Week, Drop Date, improving Freshman Forgiveness, etc.

**Student Life**

I want to have a network-styled (like Facebook) website with information on every event on campus. This will allow for collaboration. I want organizations to use this system to communicate with the Student Body and advertise events. Organizations and students will be able to communicate and manage memberships. This system will also allow you to see who is in your classes, and help you connect with fellow students for projects, studying, and much more!

**Tech**

I LOVE TECH! I Love being at GT. I have learned so much and I want to give back.

My goal is to make SGA accessible to EVERYONE. You need a President who has a vision and can bring people together, not his own personal agenda, and I am that person. Vote NUSS!

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need to optimize our transportation routes, improve our avenues for student feedback, and ensure we are not unfairly raising student fees without first looking outside of the Institute for revenue. We also need to embrace the diver-

sity that we embody by pursuing additional Institutional support for diversity programming and outreach. Finally, we must create a coherent communications network and campus-wide calendar tailored to individual interests.

**My Drive**

I am running for Student Body President, not for perks or popularity, but because I want to serve you. I have worked with the administration in departments across campus and the issues are important to me. It is unfair to the students to have a long transition period after elections, when current projects are forgotten. As President, my transition will be seamless. I will begin fighting for you on day one.

The time for SGA to excite a larger vision towards building a better community and carrying our message to you is now. It is no longer enough to make information about SGA readily available on our website, and as your President, you will hear from your representatives more than just during an elections cycle. I don’t want to build an SGA community; I want to build your community. To do that every student must be involved in providing solutions to the issues we address. I have the experience, and more importantly the means, for making our vision of building a better community a true reality here at Tech.

Vote Jimmy Williams for your next Student Body President!

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ingly important and recruiting of new members to join student government and provide representation to this expanding population will be a focus of my administration. Through the course of this year, I have served as Student Welfare Chair and am currently in my third year as a graduate student senator. From these offices, I have gained experience on the work-

ings of graduate SGA and Tech and have built relationships that will prove invaluable next year. If elected, my sole concern will always be the graduate student body. As we progress through these ever changing times, it is becoming increasingly more important to have our voices heard and continue to progress our efforts for the benefit of all graduate students. I appreciate your support in the election.

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important in the next administration. Additionally, continuing to create new relationships and reinforce existing relationships with the administration, faculty, staff and undergraduates will serve to increase the visibility of GSG on campus, and hence continue to encourage graduate students to be heard. Having resources to solicit advice and to offer the graduate perspectives can only serve to help graduate students in the long run. Concerns about health insurance and professional development opportunities have been expressed. In making the graduate voice heard, the next administration needs to ensure that issues that come up repeatedly are addressed. Next year will bring the opportunity to select a health insurance provider. Making sure that all avenues are explored and that a diverse group of voices are heard will be essential. Last week, the first Graduate Career Fair was held, and feedback from that event will need to be reviewed so that the event will continue to grow, and so that new ideas or events for professional development can be implemented.

As Director of the Graduate Conference Fund, I have seen firsthand how valuable GSG is to graduate students. As Vice President, I hope to find new ways to provide value to students that goes beyond money. I appreciate your support in this exciting endeavor.

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