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This paper is the voice of the student body and the servant of its interests. It is the champion of all causes that will contribute to the development of the institution in numbers, influence, and character.

It has been named the Technique, a name that expresses the purpose and nature of the school and paper as well, perhaps, as it can be expressed in a word. For although we desire inspiration with school spirit, and a wealth of life and feeling for every student, yet we desire also the aim of our work and study should not be forgotten.

That, with each succeeding issue, the name should become associated with the richest experiences of our college life, with our most intense efforts, and happiest accomplishments—this is the hope of the editors.

For the Technique desires intensely to serve; to express for us our wishes and needs; to increase our school spirit; encourage us in disappointment; congratulate us in success. It desires to make more efficient the management of student enterprises by offering a means of communication between the directors and the workers. It will obviate many meetings that are now necessary and make more effective those that are held.

It wishes to bring the alumni in closer contact with college life and college enterprises; to bring more quickly and solidly their support to our efforts; to make them feel themselves more intimately a part of the school.

In a word, the Technique desires to serve as a timesaver, a conservier of energy and spirit, a power behind every college movement.

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Clough names Schuster provost

By James Stephenson

Institute President Wayne Clough announced Wed. that Gary Schuster, current dean of the College of Sciences, will replace Jean-Lou Chameau as provost and vice president of Academic Affairs.

“Dr. Schuster has many strengths. Especially from the undergraduate point of view, he is right in the middle of it as he is the dean of a college that every student must take classes from,” Clough said.

“It was a great search. It was an internal search, but we had really great candidates apply. Dr. Schuster places a lot of emphasis on students and their experience inside and outside of the classroom which will add a lot to Tech. He will provide support so that students can have the academic experience they expect. He also values student life and experiences that are educational in different ways,” said Alioum Grub, undergraduate student body president.

“I am absolutely excited about being asked to become provost. This is a very exciting time for Georgia Tech students and faculty. I am looking forward to working with everyone to continue the progress we’ve made. My perspective is that being a top engineering school is an amazing asset. Working with the faculty in the sciences over the past 12 years we have worked to design multidisciplinary opportunities that offer advantages no other place can offer,” Schuster said.

A search committee was formed to find the person to replace Jean-Lou Chameau as provost and vice president of academic affairs. The goal was to have a new person in place before Chameau leaves for CalTech.

“You never want to have a gap,” said Bill Koros, professor in the school of chemical and biomolecular engineering and Roberto C. Goizueta Chair and chair of the search committee.

According to Koros, President Clough is starting a number of new initiatives and the plan was to have someone in place, so these initiatives will work,” said Andy Smith, News Editor.

Gary B. Schuster is the new provost and vice president of Academic Affairs. He was dean of the College of Sciences for 12 years.

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Housing moves 150 dorm rooms to triples

By James Stephenson

The rooms with three freshmen had to have a workspace below a lofted bed, which replaced two of the desks in the room. The setup was created to maximize the usable space in the dorm rooms.

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With more students entering Tech than expected, many aspects of campus have been affected by overcrowding issues. The first noticeable aspect of campus affected was housing, which did not have enough rooms to accommodate all the new freshmen in the normal way.

“On July 18, the freshmen were able to see their roomsates. We wanted to keep that deadline. On that day, there were 370 students without an assignment. At that point, we went into triple mode,” said Dan Morrison, assistant director of housing.

Housing sent out an email in July offering students who wished to cancel their contracts the opportunity to do so free of penalty. The move was made to create more space in on-campus housing.

“We thought 100 students were going to take up on the offer to cancel their housing assignments without penalty. Only 55 students actually did, and the other cancellations we were expecting did not occur,” Morrison said.

Other options were looked into before decided to move freshmen into triples.

“We looked at all the different options including off-campus housing. There are not many options available off campus in July. We have room for about fifty students in flex spaces and we used them all,” Morrison said.

Freshmen are not the only group of students experiencing a housing shortage.

“At the time of the decision, there were 113 sophomores without a room, as well. We are continuing to get cancellations, and sophomores will get those rooms. We could have room for about fifty students in flex spaces and we used them all,” Morrison said.

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Freshman class stresses campus services

By James Stephenson

The freshmen class is larger than expected. While the first department to face the problem was the Housing Department, other aspects of campus are dealing with the issue.

“It is very much a campus thing. Students need to understand that we are trying to make sure both incoming students as well as returning students know that the administration is not just sitting around,” said Ingird Halvani, dean of Admissions.

“If students want this to work, it will work,” said Andy Smith, vice provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

There were indicators that this freshman class might be bigger than expected.

“We had feeling this might happen,” Smith said.

According to Smith, the biggest indicator was the freshman semester during the summer.

“We had a summer semester for the first time in the last three years and we had 100 percent of the students accepted for summer semesters to attend. That is unheard of,” Smith said.

Even though the class is larger than expected, the administration is taking steps to ensure that every student runs normally during the semesters.

“We are trying to be proactive. We are keeping in constant communication with everyone in the administration to make it through this situation,” Hayes said.

“We’ve increased the number of sections in each class and in math classes, we added two chairs to each class. We should have a smoother transition than normal because everyone in the administration is focusing on it,” Smith said.

According to Smith, every student has a schedule and should be able to get into the classes that they need.

“I have had nothing but cooperation from all the schools,” Smith said.

The issue raised is not whether or not the schools can accommodate the freshmen in freshmen classes, but whether they can accommodate this class as they become upperclassmen and the class sizes get smaller.

“As they become upperclassmen, it becomes decentralized. Each school will have to be prepared to deal with the situations at the time comes,” Smith said.

With the Board of Regents passing the fixed tuition rate for the first four years, students and parents feel assured to graduate within four years.

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New system aids blind people

The SWAN system was created by two assistant professors at Tech to help the blind navigate their surroundings. The system consists of a small laptop, a proprietary tracking chip, and bone-conduction headphones to provide audio cues to guide the person from place to place, with or without vision.

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Schuster was one of three finalists selected by a search committee. The other two finalists were Sue Rosser, dean of the Ivan Allen College, and Bill Wepfer, vice provost for Distance Learning and Professional Education.

The final three candidates then met with President Clough, administration officials, and deans. The search committee disbanded after making the three finalist nominations.

Schuster already has ideas to implement when he takes on his new role as provost. “I have a number of very important things on the agenda. One of the critical things and one of the important responsibilities of provost is to make sure curricula across all disciplines provides our students with skills and tools necessary for the 21st century. One of our major responsibilities in an increasingly technological world is to make sure we are giving our students the opportunity to succeed. Students, deans, faculty, and everyone need to be involved to make sure we are doing our very best,” Schuster said.

According to Schuster, student input is also important to him. “I want to hear from [students]. A dialogue has to have two partners. As provost at Tech, one of the things I am looking forward to doing is meeting more and more students and hearing what they have to say. I want to hear what they like and what they don’t like and where the challenges and opportunities are from their perspective,” Schuster said.

According to Clough, there are some specific areas that need to be addressed once Schuster takes office. “There are a number of things that [Dr. Schuster and I] are going to sit down and talk about. Even if we hadn’t had the change in provost, we are at the point where we need to rethink what we are doing and work to move to that next level,” Clough said.

One area of focus is non-engineering colleges. “We are doing everything we can to grow social sciences. Dr. Schuster very much appreciates that. He has grown our science to a position of excellence. He has overseen the growth. He has been very creative in working with his fellow deans. He is very creative and innovative. He realizes that we have limited resources. ‘He understands sometimes we have to work smarter rather than harder—both actually. He is an excellent researcher and respected. He has been very close to the students. He has been very active in creating a culture of success for our undergraduate students,’ Clough said.

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Dean search prepares to restart this fall

By James Stephenson

[Editor’s Note: This article is reprinted, with modifications and updates, from the June 2 issue of the Technique.] The Board of Regents has enacted a Fixed Tuition Rate that became effective this fall.

“The tuition rate [for out of state students] is to create a more rapid pass through of the system.”

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Associate Vice Chancellor, Media & Publications for the Board of Regents

According to Perry-Johnson, the rationale is that students attending two year institutions are more likely to be part-time students. In-state students are not the only students that will be affected by the plan, out of state students will receive a fixed rate, as well.

“The overall goal is to create a more rapid pass through of the system.”

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The Board of Regents’ solution for making students graduate sooner is to create a fixed tuition for the first four years, but have tuition rates for subsequent years be higher than normal.

“It will cost more to stay in school at that point for certain,” Perry-Johnson said. According to the Minutes of the August board meeting, transfer students who start after Fall ’06 will be locked into the fixed rate of their class. If they transfer schools, they will be guaranteed the same fixed rate that the students in their class at the new school receive.

The reason the search is starting over isn’t because of a lack of qualified candidates. “All of the candidates were highly qualified people, but this is a matching process between each institution and a lot of good people. There is a timing issue. You hope that you can find that person who is ready to make a move. You don’t want to settle for just anybody. The standard is pretty high at Tech,” Schafer said.

“We feel that by opening up the process again, we’ll have better applicants,” said Alison Graab, undergraduate student body president.

Alison Graab
Undergraduate Student Body President

The search committee used a national search firm based in Boston during the first search and plans to reuse the firm during the second search.

“We will be reposting with a search firm in September. Things slow down over summer. It’s hard to have people on campus and get people to apply. But we hope to have applications on campus interviewing by Thanksgiving,” Schafer said.

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While the search is being held, the Dean of Students position is being held by John Stein, Director of Success Programs, on an interim basis.

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Chameau leaves for CalTech

Jean-Lou Chameau has been provost and vice president of Academic Affairs for the past five years. In May, Chameau was named the new president of the California Institute of Technology.

By James Stephenson
News Editor

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Provost Jean-Lou Chameau is leaving his position at Georgia Tech to become the president at the California Institute of Technology.

“It’s an honor for Georgia Tech to have someone from our administration chosen to be a part of such a distinguished institution as CalTech,” said Institute President Wayne Clough.

“I’m looking forward to meeting and working with bright students and faculty and getting to know a new organization,” Chameau said.

Chameau joined the Tech faculty in 1991 and has been the Provost and vice president for Academic Affairs since 2001. “I’ve been here for a number of years. They have been exciting years. I could not have hoped for a better experience,” Chameau said.

While Chameau is looking forward to his new job at CalTech, he is aware of everything he will leave behind.

“It’s hard to know that in less than three months I will be leaving. The hardest thing is leaving friends. I have great colleagues here as well as great friends. I will miss the great people at Tech,” Chameau said.

While the loss of Chameau will impact Tech, Clough sees the transition as an opportunity to strengthen relations between the two schools.

“Dr. Chameau will be instrumental in building the relationship between the two schools. He already knows Georgia Tech and will get to know CalTech,” Clough said.

According to Clough, the nature of research today requires relationships with other universities. “The types of problems we face require a broad range of talents. We have to have strong collaborations with other universities. We already have collaborations with such places as MIT,” Clough said.

According to Chameau, Tech needs to reach out to CalTech and develop our common interests.

“We had representatives from CalTech here in the past to help us with our science program. CalTech has a strong science based program especially in the field of nanotechnology,” Clough said.

According to Chameau, his role will be limited in strengthening the relationship between the two universities.

“The relationship will happen more because of the faculty than the presidents of the universities. Those relationships already existed. I will continue to encourage those relationships just as President Clough will do here at Tech,” Chameau said.

While Chameau is excited about his new job at CalTech, he is aware of everything he will leave behind.

“Any new job is exciting,” Chameau said.

“On the other hand, it’s a bit daunting. CalTech is a prestigious university and you have to feel humbled,” Chameau said.

“Dr. Chameau will do a fine job. He’s a very bright person,” Clough 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.

12 passengers cause airplane to turn back

According to CNN.com, Flight 62 returned to Amsterdam’s Schiphol Airport “after several passengers displayed behavior of concern.” The twelve passengers are not being formally charged, but Dutch officials have enough information to hold them for three days.

According to the Flight Marshal, passengers were pulling out cellphones and attempting to exchange cellphone numbers. Other passengers unbuckled their seatbelts while the fastest seatbelt sign was still on. Those actions were enough for the Flight Marshal to break his cover and caused the plane to divert back to the airport that it took off from.

Security has been heightened at airports worldwide after police thwarted an alleged plot to blow up trans-Atlantic flights using liquid explosives. The alleged plot, which was uncovered by British authorities August 10, involved flights from Britain to the United States.

Wal-Mart forms alliance with gay groups

Wal-Mart, in a move to expand into urban centers, is allying with gay groups to attract gay shoppers. By entering into a partnership with the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce this week, the company “is making a very sincere effort to reach out to people who are a significant part of our customer base,” said Bob McAdam, a Wal-Mart spokesman.

According to AIC.com, a backlash is taking place among conservatives. Wal-Mart grew out of the rural south, a traditionally conservative demographic.

In April, the retailer announced a strategy to increase its presence in urban areas. Over the next two years, it plans to build more than 50 stores in neighborhoods with high crime or unemployment rates, or in areas that are environmentally contaminated or in vacant buildings or malls in need of revitalization.

New stem cell research makes viable embryos

Biologists have developed a technique for establishing colonies of human embryonic stem cells from an early human embryo without destroying it. According to NYTIMES.com, this method, if confirmed in other laboratories, would seem to overcome the principal objection to the research.

The new method will relieve political objections to stem cell research posed by the White House and Congressional leaders. It also brought objections from critics who warned of possible risk to the embryo and the in vitro fertilization procedure itself, in which embryos are generated from a couple’s egg and sperm.

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According to Chameau, he has accomplished a lot during his tenure at Tech.

"Dr. Chameau has done an enormous amount of good for Georgia Tech. We appreciate everything he has done for us," Clough said.

"I am proud of providing an environment where people can aspire to be the best."

Jean-Lou Chameau
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

We have a great deal of momentum moving forward and we want to make sure we continue it with whoever we select to replace Dr. Chameau," Clough said.

Chameau has helped move Tech forward as provost. "There is an interest in Tech that wasn't there even ten years ago and Dr. Chameau had an integral part in that," Clough said.

"Tech is extremely dynamic and entrepreneurial. The university has enormous potential and I hope people keep pushing hard. The sky is still the limit as long as people keep pushing the envelope," Chameau said.

With Chameau leaving, a void was created that Tech moved quickly to fill.

"We have to be sure that this doesn't cause a loss of momentum," Clough said.

John Stein
Dean of Students

"I am very optimistic and looking forward to getting rolling in the fall," Schafer said.

"Want to reassure students that it is business as usual. Any concerns that students have, they should ad-

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moderated in some way."

According to Johnson, the Board of Regents still has plenty of time to decide on the details of the policy.

"We have time to hammer out those details," Perry-Johnson said. "The policy is just going into affect and we still have four years to find a solution when it comes to students staying past their fourth year."

Perry-Johnson believes that the new policy will have a positive impact on the Georgia University system.

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handle one issue or the other, but not both," Morrison said.

Currently, there are 156 rooms with triples.

"We looked to do triples on East campus first. The rooms are smaller, though, so we shifted our focus to West campus, especially Folk and Caldwell. They have the best electric and HVAC systems and are 100 percent wireless. They are the best buildings to triple," Morrison said.

"We had three per room in Towers and were looking at putting a fifth person in the quads. There was no room for a fridge or a TV. Initially, we tried to keep all three desks in the rooms, but the students would not be able to get in and out of the desks," said Tim Gallagher, president of RHA.

A new solution was created to allow all three students in a triple to have space to work.

"Two beds are bunked and we added a third bed at high loft. Under the lofted bed is a desk with two work spaces. We had to get creative with the desks because it is so tight a fit," Morrison said.

"We tried a bunch of different set ups to maximize floor space. Once the students are in, they can move it around however they wish," Gallagher said.

Space was not the only issue housing faced in creating places for the incoming freshmen.

"Furniture is the big issue. Because of the renovation, we are a good purchaser of furniture. The manufacturer was able to get all of the furniture except for 50 wardrobes. We bought temporary particle board wardrobes to last until the remainder of the wardrobes arrive," Morrison said.

Students living in triples received a discount for their inconvenience.

"We watered down the students in triples. It cost $350,000 for furniture as well as for the extra consumption of utilities. We are definitely not making money on this, but we are trying not to lose money either," Morrison said.

Students were initially upset over having to live in a triple, sparking such things as a Facebook group protesting the move. Students were told on July 24, a week after they received their initial room assignments, that they were in a triple.

"Most of the people in Folk and Caldwell applied early, so it seems that we are penalizing students who did everything right during the registration process. However, we were looking at the buildings and the space within the building, not the students who were already in those buildings when we made this decision. We crossed each bridge as we got to it," Morrison said.

Housing has a system for untripling the rooms.

"We are untripling according to the application date of the original two-applicants. The earliest will be untripled first. The third person knows that he is the one who will physically have to move when the triple ends," Morrison said.

While the system is in place, students should not expect to be removed from a triple this semester.

"Our goal is to get everyone out by January, but we are not promising. The reality of the situation is that the students will probably be in this situation until December at the earliest," Morrison said.

Everything that housing did was within its right according to the housing contract that students signed upon coming to Tech.

"We didn’t have any idea that we would have to do it, but we reserve the right to do what we have to do to house all the students. The fire marshal and the health and safety inspectors approved the rooms. If you come in with a bad attitude, you’ll have a bad experience. Some schools always have triples. They designate triples in rooms that are larger than usual," Morrison said.

"We have time to hammer out the details of the policy. We have time to affectively plan for their child’s college education," Perry-Johnson said. "The system takes the unpredictability out of paying for college. We are proud of the fact that Georgia has some of the lowest tuitions in the nation, and now with that affordability we have added the element of predictability, as well."

"We believe that the new system will have a positive impact on retention and graduation rates, as well as a positive impact on facilities having to accommodate students," Perry-Johnson said.

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A fresh start: Freshmen Convocation

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President Clough addresses the freshmen class during the ceremony Sunday. Clough was one of many speakers that welcomed the students to Tech.

Freshman student listens intently to the various speakers during the ceremony that took place in Alexander Memorial Coliseum as part of RATS week.

A freshman wears his RAT cap during Convocation. The ritual signals the beginning of a college career.

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Lack of funds delays Greek Habitat project

By James Stephenson
News Editor

[Editor’s Note: This article is reprinted, with modifications and updates, from the June 30 issue of the Technique.]

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) and the Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC) have teamed up to raise money for a Habitat for Humanity project.

“We raised $11,000 from the Greek members. In two weeks we got a response from all the chapters wanting to help. We averaged the numbers and we got about five dollars per person,” said Jonathan Sangster, the IFC secretary.

Though the Greek community has raised $11,000, they still have to acquire seven times what they already have for the project by Sept. 20. “$75,000 is due Sept. 20. We know the money will come,” Sangster said.

The project is designed to be a collaborative effort that builds on past projects and sets the foundation for future endeavors. “The project began as a student life initiative for future endeavors. ‘The project is ambitious, but it will be a great experience,” said Mike Moreland, the IFC president.

“Anyone who wants a stake can do anything for the project,” Sangster said.

“We want donors to feel good about donating and give them a stake in the project. We definitely want to include them as a partner,” Sangster said.

According to Sangster, once the IFC got the information from Habitat for Humanity, they started soliciting donations from Greek organizations.

“Greek donations signaled the go ahead for this project,” Sangster said.

IFC and Panhellenic are now looking for outside donations to fill the void that still remains in funding.

“In the next steps we will be filling out a lot of forms, such as sponsorship forms. We are requesting different levels of sponsorship,” Sangster said.

According to Sangster, they are soliciting from companies, corporations, sponsorships and individuals. “We are looking for leaders with big, high-end donations. We have focuses on high-level sponsorship as well as door-to-door support,” Sangster said.

“We realized that we should start now because it would be easier to fundraise in the future if we laid the groundwork for a large scale community endowment,” Moreland said.

According to Sangster, a tier system has been created where depending on the amount of money donated, a person can receive various levels of recognition.

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“We will include them [donors] in each phase and make them partners in the project,” Moreland said.

The actual building of the house will take place during the fall. Sept. 20 is the fundraising deadline. We are incorporating the excitement from this Fall into the project,” Moreland said.

“The work will only be on Saturdays and will takeplace over seven Saturdays,” Sangster said.

“We are trying to achieve unity and community on Tech’s campus in Atlanta. We want to get the community to take a stake in the project. It requires a lot of collaboration from the campus and the community. We will be bringing everyone together to prepare for the execution of the project,” Sangster said.

“In an attempt to bring local businesses on board and give them ownership in the project, we are targeting Tech Square and Atlanta Station restaurants and retailers for support. We feel that because Georgia Tech students contribute so much to the livelihood of these businesses, they should get involved with this initiative. This is a perfect opportunity for us to offer one another mutual support, ultimately resulting in an increased sense of community,” said Annie Stittrunk, president of CPC.

According to Sangster, people will be able to see this project from start to finish. Not only will the project be a Greek led event, but a new student organization will be formed during the project. “In conjunction with the project, we are launching the Habitat-GaTech chapter on campus. They have representatives on our commit-tee to prepare them for chartering on campus. This will create staying power and give our campus a remarkable and sustainable organization,” Moreland said.

“Habitat students looking to re-charter their organization on campus can use this project as an opportunity,” Sangster said.

“The site will be on English Avenue which is five minutes from campus,” Sangster said.

The project is open to everyone in the Tech community, not just Greeks.

“Anyone who wants a stake can do anything for the project,” Sangster said.

“It’s rare that someone goes to an event that everyone should try to be a part of,” said Alison Graab, under-graduate student body president.

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According to Moreland and Sangster, Habitat Atlanta has been instrumental in the formation of the project. “Habitat Atlanta has been incredibly helpful. They facilitated the whole way. They made exceptions to allow us to do this. We own them a debt of gratitude,” said Moreland.

“It’s rare that someone goes to Habitat wanting to provide the funding and all the work,” Sangster said.

“This project is mutually ben-eficial for both our organizations. They’re getting exposure and a house built,” Moreland said.

The plan, according to Moreland and Sangster, is to not have the project be an isolated event, but an ongoing theme. “Hopefully the momentum from this project will make it easier to make this an annual thing,” Sangster said.

The project is ambitious, but ambitious projects are the ones worth taking on,” Graab said.

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*Due to the fall elections of senators, many positions within the Graduate Student Senate are currently vacant. These positions have not been listed, but information on what positions are available can be found at the Student Government Association Website, sga.gatech.edu.

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Dr. Clough answers your questions from the 2005 State of the Institute address.

Students: A large number of students are involved in research on and off campus. How important is undergraduate research?

We have deliberately worked over the past several years to deepen the undergraduate experience and we estimate that about 40 percent of today’s student body will have engaged in research by the time they graduate.

This year we moved to the next level with the Undergraduate Research Option, which began this [fall]. This is an intensive program that students carry over the course of their academic career and results in a special designation on their academic transcript.

Students: A significant number of students will also study abroad before they graduate, what are your long-term goals for the study abroad program?

With 882 students studying abroad last year, we have now reached the point where a third of our undergraduates have had an international educational experience by the time they graduate, a stunning rate particularly given our technological nature.

This year we began the International Plan, which takes the concept of study abroad to the next level. With this program in place, we are hoping to achieve our long-term goal of 50 percent of our undergraduates participating in some form of study abroad.

Students: Interdisciplinary is a buzzword on campus. What is Tech actually doing to become more interdisciplinary?

Change is also bubbling up from within as our faculty develop opining academic offerings that combine knowledge and skills across the disciplines. We now offer more than a dozen interdisciplinary degrees and programs, most of them surviving during the past few years.

Students: Tech has a reputation for being very difficult. What evidence is there that campus initiatives are helping more students stay in school and graduate?

Our first-year retention rate, which had been hovering around 85 percent throughout the 1990s, is now up to 92 percent. Our six-year graduation rate, which had been hovering in the mid-60s, is now 76 percent and headed upwards. And whereas our students were once locked out of prestigious scholarship competitions, this is no longer the case. We have some of the nation’s most exceptional young people on our campus and our educational opportunities open the doors for them to compete with anyone.

Students: The Klaus Advanced Computing Building is opening this fall. What does the future of computing look like at Georgia Tech?

A new research thrust for Georgia Tech is high-performance computing—one we missed the first time around. Fortunately, there are second acts in life. High performance computing is making a comeback, but in a different way than before. And this time, given the opportunities posed within areas like nanotechnology, molecular medicine, advanced combustion, and climate change, we are going to be present and accounted for.

Earlier this year, the College of Computing unveiled three new supercomputer clusters which can be joined into a single 448-node supercomputer than ranks among the world’s 100 fastest computers. The supercomputer clusters will serve the College of Computing’s new Computational Science and Engineering Division, which has a major emphasis on computational biology. Georgia Tech has added several exceptional new faculty in this strategically important area.

Students: It is impossible to walk around campus without noticing all of the construction. Why is there such a focus on the appearance of campus?

There is a Chinese proverb that says, “Talent counts; 30 percent; appearance counts 70.” So it is that we seek to use our appearance to demonstrate our intentions.
By James Stephenson

Mitch Keller, the Graduate Student Senate president, and Alison Graab, the undergraduate student body president expressed their goals for the semester in an office.

“I have three key goals for this next year. The first is to have a graduate student ombudsman. That person is a neutral person outside the administration that a grad student can go to if he or she has an issue in advisor or professor,” Keller said.

Right now that job is being handled informally by Dr. Lieta, who, according to Keller, “doesn’t have much time right now.”

“It needs to be a person responsible by the students and the faculty,” Keller said.

A second goal is payroll deductions for teaching assistants.

“Currently, nothing is deducted from payroll. We want to get health

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for that event,” Graab said. “One thing I’ve been pushing forward is to have students take on their own initiatives and pursue their own ideas. If they need help, they can come and talk to me,” Graab said. While the two presidents have different goals for the next year because they have different constituencies, they do not want those differences to create the tensions that existed last year. "Aliison and I are working to keep that eye on eye to eye,” Keller said. “Mitch and I have a great working relationship right now. The officers all have a good relationship. We want the senate and the representatives to interact with each other,” Graab said. According to Keller, communication is the key to easing the tensions between the chambers of the SGA. “One thing we are trying to do is get the members of the Undergraduate House and the Graduate Senate in the same room at the same time. Right now there is no embodiment of the other branch. Many members don’t realize that the other branch is made up of people with their own thoughts and opinions,” Keller said. The face of SGA has changed from last year, which, according to Keller, will do a lot to keep the past in the past. “There are a lot of new people involved. The people involved last year have graduated. We are trying to create a positive tone and be aware of tensions and resolve them before they get out of hand,” Keller said. Both presidents agree that they are there to serve the students. “It is up to the students, not Student Government. I am always open to suggestions though to help build a community of graduate students,” Keller said. “I’m excited to serve in the SGA. Hopefully students realize that a lot of good things are happening at Tech. Everyone should be excited to be here this year,” Graab said. “I am more than happy to represent the grad students to the administration. It is what the SGA is here for, and I’m happy to help any student I can,” Keller said.

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