Committee investigates registration

By Vivian Kaul
Staff Writer

Reta Pikowsky, head registrar, has taken an active interest in the opinions of the SGA, faculty and advisors from the various departments to make changes to the ways that registration and scheduling at Tech cater to the needs of students.

Last semester Pikowsky set up an advisory board to gather input from the campus community on the performance of the office as well as other comments and suggestions. “Basically what we’re doing is gathering information and just looking at everything,” Pikowsky said.

This information gathering phase is being utilized to find and note any problems or concerns with registration as it currently stands. Alexander Wang, undergraduate vice president of Academic Affairs, said that Tech’s reputation as a top tier institution necessitated the need to address concerns.

“We’re a top tier institute and there’s no reason why, if there is a problem with the registration process, that we shouldn’t be cutting edge,” Wang said.

According to Pikowsky, it is important for Tech to remain competitive with schools within its branch of the rankings. There are several proposed changes that are going to be made in the final report which will be made to the advisory board.

Among those changes include ways in which the registrar can deal with the increase in the numbers of freshmen students every year.

Another change that is being discussed is the amount of time available for registration. In addition to these proposed changes for registration, the ticketing committee is also looking at similar electronic ticketing procedures to make Tech remain competitive with schools within the local community.

Tech has rewritten its Student Code of Conduct with information regarding the change being sent to the inboxes of all students, staff and faculty members. The two main issues addressed in the latest version were the procedures’ lack of clarity and lack of an amount of time required to process incidents.

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Several students were skeptical of an increase in the athletic fee because of past occasions in which they could not purchase tickets to high-profile games. A few particular students were outraged that block seating ticket holders could grab 300 seats before individuals could have a chance.

“The AA should charge an extra fee per person who does not stand in line because they are part of a block,” said one student present.

“Many of the changes have been made in the structure of the document, the definitions for all the terminology are listed written and presented with much of the emphasis being placed on making it an easier read,” Ericka McGarity, assistant dean of students and director of student integrity, said.

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Renovated Fifth Street Bridge opens

By James Stephenson / NEWS EDITOR

Construction on the Fifth Street Bridge was completed at the end of November, finishing a project that had taken most of the past few years. The bridge serves as the main pedestrian and vehicular connection between Tech Square in Midtown and the rest of campus. The bridge spans the downtown connector of Interstate 75/85.

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Tech police dogs receive vests

Vest N PDP, a non-profit group based in Atlanta, raises money to buy protective vests for police dogs in Georgia. The organization has donated vests to more than 40 police dogs in Georgia, including K-9 units from the Atlanta Police Department (APD) as well as GT PD. Each vest costs the group approximately $700.

Tech K-9 officers’ duties stretch beyond the Tech campus and into the local community. They often are called in to assist APD’s K-9 officers as their officers are bomb-sniffing dogs and Tech’s are trained to patrol as well as identify potential explosives.

Evening MBA classes start

Beginning Fall 2007, the MBA program will offer evening classes for working professionals who cannot otherwise attend classes due to work conflicts. Applications are due May 1.
Campus Crime

Larceny-Theft
1/12/2007  22:00:00 hrs.  
Location: Student Center  
Incident: Report of a stolen Yamaha powered mixer.

Motor Vehicle Theft
1/17/2007  16:30:00 hrs.  
Location: Bobby Dodd Way  

Alarm
1/15/2007  20:00:00 hrs.  
Location: Bobby Dodd Stadium  
Incident: Report of a ground fault error.

Wanted Person
1/15/2007  17:11:00 hrs.  
Location: Marietta Street and Means Street  
Incident: Report of a wanted person.

Ask Dr. Clough

Institute President Wayne Clough answers your questions from the 2006 State of the Institute address entitled “Defining the Future.”

Paul Knight, fifth-year ARCH major asks:

It’s hard to miss all the construction going on around campus, and it’s hard not to be excited about the educational benefits of that construction. But it is also hard to look past the architecture, architecture that is deliberately “office park” in style.

Collegiate architecture has its roots in medieval gothic cloisters and has continued to influence campuses in the US, as can be seen in East campus here at Tech. With the collegiate gothic dormitories, the Old Physics Building, the Old CE Building, etc. But it is interesting to note that in the architecture and growth of the Tech campus after the 1930s, the buildings began to recede away from one another and started to establish those own “islands,” as seen in West campus with the Love Building, the Instructional Center, etc.

These islands shied away from their surroundings and fail to interact with the buildings, thus missing out on possibilities that make the experience of moving through a college or a city.

Exciting: the use of an axis to lead a pedestrian from one point to another; the use of important entrances/objects to close/direct those axes; the specific control not only in what occurs in front of or in a building, but what happens “between” buildings.

Rome, Venice, Paris, etc., are excellent examples of how to turn the “between” spaces into exciting and interactive “theaters for life.”

Though Tech has attempted to preserve its distinct collegiate architecture—mostly in the use of brick—the real Tech architecture is slowly being replaced by an office park. Though Tech Tower should always remain standing, it is as if all other buildings are threatened by the expanding demands on the campus, and thus Tech’s true architectural identity is being lost to the architecture of economy. 

Has this been noticed by the administration? And more importantly, are there plans to focus not just on the temporary future of architecture—and in most cases immediately out-dated—but to draw upon Tech’s strong traditions and focus on its heritage through architecture?

Dr. Clough’s response:

Paul, I appreciate your views on campus architecture since they come from someone with a special appreciation of the subject. The administration does recognize the importance of being a good steward of the campus architecture and landscape and the importance of the look of our campus and its buildings.

In 2000, I established a “Planning and Design Commission” to assist with the development of campus and landscape master plans, selection of architects and landscape architects for major campus projects, design review and approval as well as the establishment of design standards and criteria for both buildings and landscape.
GSS funds Asian Awareness

By James Stephenson
News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) met Tuesday Jan. 9 and Jan. 16 for the first meetings of the spring semester. Four bills were passed and one bill was tabled both weeks.

The first bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to the Chinese Student Association. The organization was asking for funds to create an Asian Student Awareness Week. The event is being headed by all Asian organizations on campus and will take place during Feb. around the Chinese new year. The event is being organized by all the Asian organizations on campus. Initially, the week was set up to take place at the end of January to not interfere with Black History Month.

The event had to be pushed back, however, and was rescheduled for the week of Feb. 18 which corresponds with the Chinese New Year. The Joint Finance Committee (JFC) recommended amending the allocations and the senate made a motion to amend the bill according to the JFC recommendations. The bill passed the senate.

The second bill brought before the senate was the joint resolution supporting a student regent. The bill was amended according to the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) recommendation and passed.

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The third bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to the Men’s Lacrosse Club. The organization was asking for funds to buy new jerseys and new gloves. The JFC recommended changing the funding for trainers to come from the prior year account instead of central outlay.

The bill was amended according to the JFC recommendation and passed the senate.

The first bill brought before the senate Jan. 16 was the joint resolution supporting the appointment of a student representative to the Board of Regents. The bill was postponed for another week.

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The last bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to the Women’s Volleyball Club. The organization was asking for funds to buy equipment for the event and to secure its place in the Ferst Center for the awards ceremony. JFC recommended funding the bill in full. The bill passed the senate.

Ericka McGarity, assistant dean of students and director of student integrity, spoke to the senate about the finalized version of the Student Code of Conduct Jan. 16. McGarity gave a presentation explaining all the changes that were made to the policy.
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In the former parking lot for the Architecture building to green space is coming closer to completion, according to Facilities project manager Jerry Young.

“The first phase of demolition is complete and the second phase should be done in approximately three weeks,” Young said.

“The purpose [of the construction] is to restore more green space to the central part of campus so it’s more of a pedestrian area than a place for cars,” said Mike Patterson, director of design and construction.

The master plan for the campus is to reduce the amount of outside parking spaces and try to place everything into parking decks,” Young said.

The other major construction project on campus is the renovation of the sidewalk that connects West Campus to the rest of campus.

A large area around the Instructional Center has been fenced off, impeding traffic to and from West campus.

According to Young, the renovation of the Instructional Center sidewalk is about 90 percent complete. It is scheduled to open up to student traffic this week while the lighting and irrigation systems are installed and the landscaping is finished.

At 20 feet in width, the new sidewalk is double its former size. In addition the lighting has been improved and the water buildup issue (during heavy rainfall, small rivers and ponds develop in the area) has been alleviated with an improved drainage system.

“The project is running slightly past its original date of completion, due to weather complications,” Young said.
The main idea was to open up the connection between Tech Square and campus and provide a park-like setting,” said Frank Lamia, facilities construction administration manager.

According to Lamia, the goal of creating a different experience crossing the interstate was accomplished. The bridge span is twice what it was in the original design.

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several ideas about class scheduling have also been asked.

The registrar’s office is looking into the possibility of using a shopping cart style technology on the online system in order to pick classes. Other ideas include possibly having a system that is similar to Amazon where people registering for one class can see what people in general have been trying to get into.

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most important.

“Prioritizing the need is a really, really important thing, because we [the registrar’s office] don’t have the resources to do everything,” Pikowsky said.

It was formed to rewrite the Code of Conduct.

was chaired by Ray Vino, associate dean of the college of engineering, and consisted of students, faculty and staff. They held meetings during Spring 2006 and since that time, “[Code] revisions should go through every few years,” Ericka McGarity, Director of Student Integrity

the Office of Student Integrity and Legal Affairs have been reworking the Code of Conduct.

Revisions should go through every few years. We have to keep up with trends in high education. These include legal trends and social trends.

For example, only a few years ago downloading was considered an illegal download, and associating with student groups that were not explained before, but now I can really say for a student to take a look at the Code of Conduct,” McGarity said.

The current changes to the Code of Conduct began with an initiative from Student Affairs when they received an influx of leadership with students that weren’t explained before, but could be in place.

As for future efforts to publicize the Code of Conduct changes, McGarity said the wishes to create a brochure to send home to parents and students. She expects students to understand that these procedures are taken seriously. She also plans to create a booklets with flowcharts containing directions and a video aid.

It will allow the student to understand where they are in the process and what they can expect to happen next,” McGarity said.
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systems as that of basketball for football games. This is an issue (possible unfair advantages of blocking seat) that we are currently looking into,” said Allison Graba, undergraduate senator at a previous house meeting.

A representative from the athletic ticketing department stated that 500 seats will be added to the student section of Bobby Dodd Stadium.

Another issue among the students was the possibility of non-students to attend student tickets.

“We have become more vigilant and more aware of a new issue that is tracking this down,” Radakovich said.

One concern was how an increase in student athletic fees directly benefits the students.

“All money goes to the revenue pocket for providing travel, scholarships, costs and expenses,” Radakovich said.

Thus, students will not be able to perceive a direct relation between their financial contributions and the final outcome.

“On the other hand, an increase in fees could allow Tech to continue as a competitive program and to be an important entity of campus,” Radakovich said.

According to Radakovich, the best assumption for a student to make is the following: contributing money to the AA will create a wider outlet for promoting the school name across the nation.

The only tangible item coming from an increase in AA revenues could pay 376 dollars per year if the student wanted to go to both football and basketball games.

The Mandatory Student Fee Committee is scheduled to vote on the proposed increase on Monday.

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The first bill brought before the house Jan. 16 was the joint allocation to Women’s Soccer Club. The bill was again tabled due to a lack of an organizational representative at the meeting.

The second bill brought before the house was the joint allocation to Women’s Volleyball Club. The organization was asking for funding of new jerseys for the club. The bill passed the house.

The third bill brought before the house was the joint allocation to I-Move-Fit. The organization was asking for equipment and rights to rent out the Ferst Center for the awards ceremony. The bill passed the house.

The fourth bill brought before the house was the joint allocation to Tech Gated Community. The organization had to repay 9,500 dollars for compliance with Tech’s-FiOS net or 770-218-1071. No pets and no smokers please. FYI... No electric or gas included with utilities and can subtract smokers please. FYI... No electric or gas included with utilities and can subtract smokers please.

The last bill to go before the house was the resolution concerning the Athletic Fee Proposal.

“Bill 221 addresses the recom-

Some representatives argued that the Athletic Association did not provide enough information in their presentation. Some representatives argued that the AA’s proposal does not reveal how they will be reducing costs.

A 96 dollar fee increase would exponentially increase student annual debts based on interest rates for student loans.

By returing after graduation, a five-year student starting in 2007 would owe an additional 1000 dollars in interest over seven current student loan interest rates.

Representatives reviewed the possibility of a pay-per-game fee. Some members of the UHR argued that this would decrease student attendance. Others argued that this is a scare tactic presented by the Athletic Association to the undergraduate students. They argued that students should not take the burden for not supporting a fee increase the AA did not present enough key information in order for the UHR to make a sound and honest decision.

A motion was brought to amend a clause so that it stated that amongst its reasons for not supporting a fee increase the AA did not present enough key information in order for the UHR to make a sound and honest decision. The motion passed the house.

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A second proposal has recently been put forth by the AA. According to Graba, the second proposal would allow Tech students paying 88 dollars per semester total. However, if the student wanted to attend the football games, they would have to pay 100 dollars for football passes. This is also the same true for ACC basketball games. Potentially, a student could pay 376 dollars per year if the student wanted to go to both football and basketball games.

The Mandatory Student Fee Committee is scheduled to vote on the proposed increase on Monday.

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