Summer session changes

By Ranganath Venkataraman Contributing Writer

Starting this summer, a maximum of 200 incoming freshmen can enroll in a short summer session that will allow them to take core classes. The purpose of the program is to lighten their load in the fall. WebTech offers a short summer session previously along with their regular summer semester classes. It was impractical because it began in May when most incoming freshmen were still in high school.

The new short summer session will start in late June and end in August along with the regular summer semester.

Anderson Smith, vice provost of Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs, identified three main groups of students who would get the most out of this program.

“You have the very best students who will take advantage of the program and get a head start on their fall semester. Then you have the student athletes who can take the classes in the summer and then focus on other things in the fall semester,” Smith said.

The last group, according to Smith, consists of those students who met the criteria for admission but were at the lower end of the distribution.

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From the files of the GTPD...

A verbal altercation arose between two parties at 2:50 a.m. Oct. 30 at the intersection of Techwood Dr. and Fifth St. The first party was driving southbound on Techwood Dr. when the second, who was on campus for the fraternity parties, gave him the finger. After the first party exited the car, an argument arose.

One of the members of the second party, who was wearing a City of Cumming Police jacket and carrying a Glock .22 semi-automatic handgun, stated, “You don’t want anything stupid to happen.” He then holstered the gun. When the police officer arrived, he noticed a strong alcoholic odor on the man.

The officer discovered that the man was a trainee at the Clayton County Regional Police Academy with two weeks left until completion. The police jacket, firearm, police identification card and license were entered into property.

The subject was charged with Impersonating an Officer and Possessing a Weapon on a School Safety Zone. He was then taken into custody and transported to Fulton County Jail.

Missing hat...since April?

Sometime between Mar. 15 and Apr. 1, an officer had his police issue winter hat removed from his vehicle. The approximate cost of the hat is $45.00.

Twinkle twinkle

At 11:36 p.m. Nov. 3, an officer discovered three students on the rooftop of Smith Residence Hall while performing a routine building check. The two male students and one female student stated they jimmied the lock on the access door with a plastic knife. The students stated they were stargazing.

This week’s campus crime information was written by Kenneth Baskett

Corrections

Last week’s article “GSS passes golf team allocation after delay” on page three incorrectly stated that Victoria Foster was appointed to the Joint Campus Organizations Committee. Michael Herndon, Mary Ann Wright, Brett Warta, Brittan Skinner, Lynn Hartley and Jill Adams were appointed to the committee.

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GSS discusses retroactivity rules

By Arcady Kantor
Senior Staff Writer

Two bills passed at this Tuesday’s Graduate Student Senate meeting, which also featured a brief question and answer session with Thomas Johnson, special assistant to the undergraduate student body president, on the subject of the new online ticketing system.

Johnson reported that the new system will not be active for the men’s basketball home opener against University of North Carolina Asheville. As in previous years, students will only have to show their BuzzCard to get into that game.

Johnson also held a few questions from the senators, including one asking whether the ticketing system would be expanded to other sports, such as football, next year. Johnson explained that the system now being implemented was specifically selected for its robustness. “[Expanding it to other sports is being talked about],” he said.

Mitch Keller, graduate vice president, reported that bids for graduate health insurance were now being collected. He said the said the submission process will be concluded on Dec. 2.

Karen Feigh, Industrial Engineering senator, reported on the meeting of the Health Services Advisory Committee, which evaluates health spending at Tech. According to her, the committee is recommending a $5 increase in the mandatory Student Health Fee. The proposed submission fee will be increased with several health-related directives.

Feigh’s announcement led to a discussion of mandatory student fees, as several senators expressed dissatisfaction about fees rising faster than their stipends. Felham Norville, Electrical Engineering senator, explained that many recent projects like the Campus Recreation Center and the Tech Trojans are responsible for increases in several fees—spending money on the past years.

One senator in the Ivan Allen College complained that graduate students in her field did not receive stipends on par with their engineering colleagues and proposed that students in her department should also pay less toward the fees. The idea did not find traction with the rest of the body, however, as other senators said that it would not be fair for Ivan Allen students to receive the same services while paying less money.

The first bill the senators passed was an allocation to the Academic Team for a tournament the club participated in last Sunday. “This bill does fall into what we’ve historically considered retroactive,” Norville said.

He said that a bill needed to come before the Senate at least two weeks prior to the event’s occurrence in order for the organization to have the opportunity to meet with the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) and ensure it meets policy.

Despite the discussion of the retroactivity, the bill passed by unanimous acclaimation, as the undergraduate passed it overwhelmingly last week.

The senators also passed a bill allocating $883 to freShGA for One Night Stand after amending it per JFC policy.

Micah Lucas, chair of JFC, explained that the committee’s policy in previous years has been to fund copies of flyers at the minimal rate available to organizations on campus. According to him, that minimal price increased by $0.05 this semester, to $0.035 per copy, from $0.03 per copy last year. The bill’s amended total reflected this change.
Dual degree MBA program matures

By John Maddux

The College of Management’s Technology Leadership Program, a program that allows students to achieve a dual degree consisting of a Master’s in Business Administration (MBA) and another major at the same time, has gained increased interest recently.

“We have found that corporate recruiters that come to recruit our MBA students are very interested in our dual degree students,” said Paula Wilson, director of MBA admissions.

Though the program has been in existence for over 20 years, Wilson said it has only taken off in the last few.

“I started with Tech in 2000 and the program really did no advertising at that time at all,” Wilson said. “I started holding information sessions… and [and] ten people came… then in 2003 we got the MBA name change, though the program didn’t change [and] 100 people came to the new information session.

Wilson said the program cost is still “up in the air,” but that “only two percent of the programs in the country have some kind of dual degree MBA.”

The regular MBA program lasts two years, begins in the fall and consists of 31 hours in core courses and 30 elective hours. The Technology Leadership Program consists of 40 hours, 31 of which are in core courses and nine of which are in electives.

“It makes you more marketable,” said Eniola Okeowo, a second-year Computer Science and MBA student.

Okeowo said she plans to use her degree to pursue information technology management or consulting.

Wilson said that admission look for students who will make contributions to the classroom and to group projects.

“We look for students who possess a level of maturity and focus that they can bring to the classroom, and they come and say they have this great idea and this great product but they don’t know how to get it off the ground, or know how to run a business. The program teaches the basics of accounting, finance, marketing, and operations,”

Tunde Ehindero, a first-year Electrical and Computer Engineering and MBA student, said that he would like to pursue consulting or operations work. “The [MBA] will help because besides just influencing the technology, we are going to be selling it,” Ehindero said.

“The MBA really gives them an overall business perspective. They think that having the MBA will give them more opportunities,” Wilson said.

Preparing to lead: CNN anchorwoman Carol Lin gives the keynote address at the Women’s Leadership Conference over lunch.

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be a good program though,” said Catherine Chapman, a first-year Aerospace Engineering major.

The short summer session will feature science and humanities electives from the Ivan Allen College which is a first for the liberal arts school.

“Ivan Allen has never taught courses in the summer before. We’re going to give them some money to hire faculty and other resources,” Smith said.

The College of Sciences will offer introductory math, chemistry and psychology courses.

“We’ll have precalcculus and the first calculus,” Smith said.

Since the courses are designed to be completed over a smaller period the intensity will be greater, according to Pikowsky.

The chemistry class that is being planned for the summer session will carry over to the fall semester.

“We’re offering a very interesting course in chemistry called a bridge course. It starts in the middle of summer and ends in the end of fall semester,” Smith said. “Students would take two hours of lecture throughout the summer and fall sessions, but would enroll in the lab section only in the fall.”

Smith said he was very excited about the course. “It helps students who feel that they might struggle with their first lab class,” he said.

Smith said that there would be no changes to the regular summer program. “The regular summer program will be just like it was in the past; we’re just adding 200 students,” Smith said.

This new session requires incoming freshmen to participate in Freshman Experience. Smith said that the need for dorm space and dining staff would be met. He also said that the Learning Assistance Program would continue running.

The operational committee is working with the Student Center to provide co-curricular activities for the summer session.

“We want to give students a complete Tech experience. That means having events going on outside class,” Pikowsky said.

Pikowsky said that funds will be provided to hire faculty and teaching assistants for the summer.

“I’m sure students would stay back in the summer if they were to be paid as teaching assistants,” Pikowsky said.

Smith said that most likely upperclassmen would want to stay around and take a few courses themselves.

“I think it’s a great idea,” said Dane Kalita, a first-year Undecided Engineering major. “But I’m glad I spent my summer not doing school. Now that I’m here I wish I was doing other stuff.”
GLC, the visitor parking, and creating public loading and unloading spots near the building.

Furniss said that only 60% of the spaces in the E 866 lot have been purchased. “The 40% of spaces not sold or used are in the parking deck,” Furniss said.

When asked about residents’ suggestions, Furniss said that they do not fit with current parking policy. “Parking does not sell visitor passes in residential zones or in the lots [and] decks that remain gated with controlled access all the time,” he said.

Complaints have been brought at the last three OSS meetings. Visitor parking has been discussed at this week’s session. Mitch Keller, executive vice president, announced the first step towards a solution.

“I’ve asked for volunteers and we have four volunteers already for an ad-hoc committee that will focus first on parking issues at GLC and Tenth & Home,” Keller said.

The committee will focus on understanding residents’ complaints and representing them to the appropriate offices.

Dave Roberts, a senator representing the College of Computing, plans to serve on the ad-hoc committee.

“It’s pretty clear that they intend Tenth & Home to be a competitive alternative to living off-campus. But by preventing their access to parking, they are making it more difficult for the students that live there,” Roberts said.

Roberts believes a better arrangement can be reached. “If [Parking] is concerned about revenue, charge for it, but make it commensurate with what they’re doing, and have the ability to just grab a ticket when you go in,” he said.

Furniss declined to make a unilateral judgment in response to specific suggestions. “This would be a good topic to discuss as a group with Housing, Parking, and residents,” he said.

Roberts believes the committee will be able to work with both departments. “One of the problems is it’s very bureaucratic. There’s the Housing office and then there’s the Parking office. One of the benefits of this committee will be to get Housing and Parking to sit down in the same room and work together to find a viable solution,” Roberts said.

“If there was somewhere for people to park, [Tenth & Home] would be infinitely more popular,” said Pete Calvert, a graduate student and GLC resident.

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The first floor of the Tenth & Home parking deck is below full capacity.

### Classes test digital note system

By Nikhil Joshi
Assistant News Editor

Tegrity, a software package which would allow students to take digitized notes and review captured lectures, is currently under evaluation for use at Tech. Funding for the evaluation program thus far, approximately $100,000, according to Nelson Baker, the program’s director, has come from the $2.6 million Technology Fee.

Baker, associate vice provost for Distance Learning and Professional Education (DLPE), said that Tegrity is currently being tested in several Tech courses. Students in several Fulton County high schools are also using the program to obtain Tech credit for Math 1202. By using the Logitech s2 Digital Writing System, Tegrity synchronizes note-taking with audio and video capture of lectures. When inserted into its cradle, a USB device, the Logitech pen saves a digital copy of any ink marks on the Logitech notebook.

Students will be able to purchase the software package, along with Logitech equipment, for a discounted price of $89. Notebooks in addition to those which come with the package will have to be purchased separately. The cost of these notebooks is $14.95 for a three-pack of 128-page notebooks off of Logitech’s website.

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Board of Regents Award for Outstanding Development of Teaching Assistants,” Schuster said. “All disciplines develop different traditions in how they approach their duties and academic responsibilities, and mathematicians, not being laboratory scientists, have developed their own set of traditions, and Dr. Harrell will bring that expertise and knowledge into the dean’s office.”

Harrell said he will use his background to help him in his new role as associate dean.

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“We will ask for more contributions this year,” Baker said. “We have to ask questions like, ‘Would students pay an extra $5 or $10 in the Technology Fee [for Tegrity]?’ This is going to have to be a partnership between students and faculty.”

Baker said that as long as a license can be purchased, he plans to experiment with more courses in the spring semester of 2006. 150 classrooms are equipped for Tegrity; however, new cameras may have to be purchased for some rooms.

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