GT Listens creates dialogue about policies

By Nikhil Joshi
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A large number of students turned out to the open forum Tuesday to ask administrators about the implications of the changes to the Residence Hall Community Policies made in compliance of a federal court order. A panel of administrators from Housing, Student Affairs and the Dean of Students answered the questions presented by the students. The administrators present at the forum were John Stein, interim Dean of Students and director of Success Programs; Dan Morrison, assistant director of Housing; Ericka McGarity, assistant dean of students and director of Student Integrity; and William Schaefer, vice president of Student Affairs.

The first question of the event was submitted by Alison Murray, a fifth-year Biology major. “What protection do students have against hateful or intimidating speech?”

“There is freedom of speech here just like there is anywhere in the U.S.”

Ericka McGarity
Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Student Integrity

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Anyone wishing to submit information regarding the incident can contact GTPD at (404) 894 1286 or email them at crimetips@police.gatech.edu.

Black Box Improv

By John Carpin
Contributing Writer

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For ticketing information, visit AtlantaImprov.com/bbh2006.

GTPD offers reward in arson case

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By Corbin Pon
Contributing Writer

This year’s Family Weekend saw parents and families filling the byways of campus. Hosted by the alumni association, Family Weekend began early Friday morning and lasted until the kickoff of the Maryland football game Saturday. Two thousand one-hundred and six students and family members attended the weekend’s events, a rise from the 1508 who attended last year’s Family Weekend.

“We had 592 total families attending from 39 states and the Cayman Islands. I think that [this year’s larger freshman class] is one of the reasons why it increased, and last year’s (program) was really early in mid-September. We also wanted to attract more upperclassmen parents, so we increased the programming on Friday to get them onto campus,” said Amy Lancaster, head of Family Weekend and parent’s program manager.

Along with parents of the current Tech students, 200 high school students and their parents came to participate in the weekend’s activities.

Family Weekend provides an opportunity for students and their families to reconnect, while allowing the families to experience the atmosphere of a day at Tech. Throughout the day, a panel of faculty, administrators, and William Schafer, vice president of Student Affairs, listen to students questions at the GT Listens event Wednesday at the Campanile.

Family Weekend entertains parents

By Krist Champion
Contributing Writer

Family members get their pictures taken with Buzz during Family Weekend. This year’s Family Weekend included 598 more participants than last year.

By Craig Tabita
Contributing Writer

Texas Instruments (TI) CEO Rich Templeton was on Tech campus Wednesday to deliver this year’s James R. Crammer Distinguished Chair Lecture. The lecture was held in the Van Leer auditorium, which was filled beyond seating capacity with Tech students, faculty, and others.

Templeton was named CEO of the electronics company in May of 2004 and has been with the company since entering directly after his 1980 graduation from Union College in N.Y. with a degree in Electrical Engineering.

He had many things to say about Tech, speaking of the relationship the two entities have shared over the years. According to Templeton, over 150 TI employees are Tech graduates and over 40 current students are co-oping or interning with the company.

“We’ve got 20 years of history together going back to a lot of original DSP (digital signal processing) work. Over the years it’s been combinations of the investments we’ve made at Tech funding research and development and making sure work gets done in DSP or analog technology,” Templeton said.

TI CEO discusses technology’s role in world

By John Carpin
Contributing Writer

Rich Templeton, CEO of Texas Instruments, came to campus Wednesday to talk to students about technology’s role in the economy and the world.

Black Box Improv event next week

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10/6/2006 17:32:00 hrs.
Location: Ferst Drive and State Street.
Incident: Report of a two vehicle accident. No injuries reported.

10/6/2006 18:06:00 hrs.
Location: Architecture Parking Lot.
Incident: Report of a two vehicle accident. No injuries reported.

Criminal Trespass
10/6/2006 7:42:00 hrs.
Location: Tech Parkway
Incident: Report of a broken window on a silver ‘00 Ford Escort.

10/6/2006 7:57:00 hrs.
Location: 770 Techwood Drive
Incident: Report of broken window on a green Acura Vigor LS.

10/7/2006 15:00:00 hrs.
Location: North Campus Deck
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GSS debates MotorSports funding

By James Stephenson  
News Editor

Controversy occurred during Tuesday’s Graduate Student Senate meeting about potentially over-funding an organization. A total of five bills were passed during the meeting.

The first bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to TEAM Buzz Community Service Day. The organization was asking for money to rent and transport tools for a number of service projects around the city. The initial total of the bill was $57,333.95, but the organization received word about two more project confirmations since the bill had been written and asked to have the tools and supplies cost increased by $1765.16 bringing the new total to $79,999.06.

The Joint Finance Committee (JFC) recommended curtling the celebration cost from $53,948.31 to $260 to just include the price of hiring a cop and decorations. Motions were passed to take into account both changes and the final total of the bill was $39,107.8. The bill passed.

The second bill to be presented to the senate was the joint allocation to the Lebanese Club. The organization was asking for funds to pay for a wall display that was once on Skiles Walkway for a week. The main aspect needing funding was the tools and supplies cost increased as early as October, the representatives decided in an activity for it to gain funding from the JFC. As the initiative planned by the CCF had no graduate student participation, only the ULR had the jurisdiction to fund the activity. After much debate over whether a thousand-dollar sum would be a wise allocation from a fifteen-thousand dollar ULR endowment as early as October, the representatives decided in favor of the funding that they would normally receive for the supplies. Though the organization failed to submit a budget, they received funding from SGA in the budget. This caused conversations in the senate about over-funding the organization.

A motion was made to postpone the bill, though the JFC could investigate the funding of the organization through the budget. The motion failed, however. The bill was amended to strike funding for a backup mower for the competition and passed the senate.

The fourth bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to Amnesty International. The organization was seeking funding to have a guest speaker come to Tech. JFC recommended changing the cost of the posters from $35 to $18 which brought the total of the bill to $630.50. The bill was amended to comply with the JFC recommendation. The bill passed as amended.

The final bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to the Jewish Student Union. The organization was asking for funding to bring a guest speaker to campus. The bill passed the senate.

Mitch Keller, the graduate student body president, reminded the senators about the State of the Institute address which was held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

The Graduate Student Senate listens to organizations give presentations before debating on whether or not to fund the bills.

### Bills passed:
- Joint Allocation to TEAM Buzz Community Service Day
- Joint Allocation to Lebanese Club
- Joint Allocation to Tech MotorSports
- Joint Allocation to Amnesty International
- Joint Allocation to Jewish Student Union
- Allocation to Interfraternity Council

### Bills tabled:
- Allocation to Campus Christian Fellowship

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TI CEO

TI is known to the American public for the calculators it produces and when Templeton quizzed the audience for what TI was most often associated with, they immediately affirmed that.

Templeton used the example of calculators for how TI promotes itself as a company: not via ad campaigns which, according to Templeton, do a poor job of actually convincing the viewer that a company is doing great things.

He spoke of the nature of engineering education in the modern economy, especially targeting those in the audience who were in the process of getting one and might be having a hard time with it.

“[As an engineer], you’ll never get bored, but you may get jet-lagged.”

Rich Templeton
CEO, Texas instruments

More than Chopsticks: The Five Browns performed at the Ferst Center for the Arts last week. The quintet gave a variety of piano performances including three people playing at the same time.

Bjorn Cole, graduate student in Aerospace Engineering. “With the changes of language in the policy is there also a change in the weights of evidence that are required to take disciplinary action?”

“No, it has always been preponderance of the evidence – more likely than not, that’s the policy we go by,” McGarity said.

Amu Parvatiyar, a third-year Biomedical Engineering major, was next to ask a question. “If a student feels insulted but not necessarily in fear, is there someone they could turn to?”

“[Starving with the Dean of Students, RHA, academic advisor…] Anybody who is a member of our community would want to step up and help that individual,” Morrison said.

Another student asked the question, “You keep emphasizing that there has not been a change, so why was a change in the policy necessary?”

“[The changes] were 100 percent mandated and changed because of the lawsuit,” Morrison said.

Grant Farmer, a fourth-year Earth and Atmospheric Science major, submitted the next question. “Are there any laws at the state or local level defending students from hate crimes?”

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Christopher Clarke, a Biomedical major, asked the final question. “Is the [the] Dormance of the evidence – more likely than Chopsticks: The Five Browns performed at the Ferst Center for the Arts last week. The quintet gave a variety of piano performances including three people playing at the same time.
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Friday, families were offered several events they could participate together. “As far as programming, Friday evening was changed up from last year. We had the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater with DramaTech, and that was the first event to sell out this year. We also had an outdoor festival by the student center and a dinner by the Campanile, which we had 400 people [attend],” Lancaster said.

Family Weekend also included the participation by many student groups. Student Ambassadors were present at every event. The Glee Club sang at the evening dinner and the entire marching band came to entertain.

“It was a little sigh of relief to see my son again. We haven’t seen him since we dropped him off. It is amazing to see his growth and also that he still looked clean cut,” Debby Evans, a parent at the dinner.

“My expectations were met. The college shows an effort to present a home away from home. My son also passed the first test of college by keeping a clean room,” said Jay scarfari, another parent attending the dinner.

Family Weekend continued into Saturday with a tailgate held in the half-hours before the game on the Tech Tower Lawn. “We had over 1100 people at the tailgate, and it was one of our signature events. Along with the barbecue, there were games and airbrush painters for the families. The pep band and the cheerleaders also stopped by to give a mini performance. This wrapped up a weekend that was topped off with a great finish at the football game. Family Weekend turned out great. The weather was definitely a concern, but it was picture perfect,” Lancaster said.

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that more discussion was warranted. We tried to be educational and fun... with 15 different seminars throughout the day, plus tours to the [Campus Recreation Center] and the Library. [The parents] could pick and choose what they wanted to do. The really popular [seminar] this year was ‘How to be Successful at Georgia Tech.’

‘John Stein, [intern Dean of Students and director of Success Programs], was there with representatives from Freshman Experience, success programs and academic [advising],’ Lancaster said.

“We attended both the international opportunities and Tech success seminars. We found them to be very informative and genuine,” Norman Hill said, a parent attending Family Weekend.

Each individual college and school, from the College of Architecture to the College of Sciences, held their own receptions for parents and their students.

“The reception at [the College of Industrial and Systems Engineering] was great, and the professors seemed very practical. The faculty appeared focused on building a better world and gave the message that they will make you into a successful person. Though from the faculty to the students, one message was repeated about the university. ‘It’s hard,’” said Steven Barton, a parent who received his graduate degree from Tech in 1983.

With most of the day’s activities located in Tech Square, Lancaster said she wanted to bring the families back on to the campus and have activities where students and parents could participate together.

“I started at him blankly and said “uhh, I dunno,” he said, “AAC? SEC?” I said “uhhh” >>> ACC, methinks oh yeah, aac is an audio codec which reminds me of another tech phenomenon which is free. It’s free. It’s free.

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