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The findings of a review of procedures and personnel conducted last week by a subcommittee of the Georgia Tech Athletic Board concluded that Tech should improve its system for checking coaching credentials before releasing that information publicly. The three-person group, consisting of Mechanical Engineering Professor Bill Wepfer, Georgia Tech Athletic Board member and alumnus Turner Warmack and Graduate Student Body President Trey Childress — representing faculty, alumni and students — made their recommendations to Athletic Director Dave Braine who reviewed them with President Wayne Clough. Both men accepted the subcommittee report in full. Following the report’s release, Braine announced that he had accepted the resignation of defensive coordinator Rick Smith. Coach Smith resigned following the revelation of discrepancies in the backgrounds of two Tech assistant football coaches. Assistant Coach Tommie Robinson will remain with the Jackets as wide receivers coach.

A prepared statement delivered on Feb. 1 included the following, “The world of college athletics has changed notably as a result of Coach O’Leary’s experience. As an academic institution competing at the highest level of Division I sports, Georgia Tech — and the rest of our colleagues — will forever more have to approach the hiring and publicizing of coaches and staff in a much more strict, structured and controlled fashion. Some may find all of the attention given to every aspect of one’s life to be ridiculous. Others may applaud it. Regardless of how anyone feels, however, we have to adjust to this new environment.”

“...in response to the questions surrounding the bios of Tommie Robinson and Rick Smith,” the statement continued, “President Clough — as chair of the Georgia Tech Athletic Board — appointed a subcommittee of that board to work with Athletic Director Dave Braine. Their charge was simple, but substantive: to determine what happened and why; advise Braine on what, if any, personnel actions should result; and make recommendations for preventing its recurrence.”

In outlining the recommendations and his decision, Braine emphasized the difficulty of the case and the human impact of the ramifications. “This has not been a good week for anyone associated with Georgia Tech,” he said. “These discrepancies have cast a shadow over an athletic program with a proud and successful history.”

“But, this has been a particularly difficult week for the people at the center of this controversy. We’re dealing with people’s lives and reputations here, and I know that the subcommittee considered that in their deliberations.”

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"QUOTE-UNQUOTE"

"It is clear that we must consider both the DNA and its environment."
—Gary Schuster, dean of the College of Sciences, on his recent discovery that sodium ions in the cell may affect the development of cancer.

(Popular Mechanics)

"Ultimately, forecasters will be able to make decisions faster and more precisely. For example, they might see a storm here and make a precise prediction that it’s going to affect the community in one particular way."
—Bill Ribarsky, a research scientist in the Graphics, Visualization and Usability Center, on his group’s work in creating a real-time, three-dimensional system to aid in severe weather forecasting.

(Mechanical Engineering)

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Workshop debates ownership of cyberspace

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n a relatively short time, the Internet has become an es
tool for communica
tion, cooperation, and innovation. It is also a powerful tool for political participation. Many have lauded the freedom of the Internet as the ultimate in democracy, but is this changing?

At a recent Ivan Allen College lecture entitled "The Internet and Global Democracy," Hans Klein, assistant professor in the School of Public Policy, outlined the history and major issues of democ
cy's governance of the Internet. Klein, who chairs the Board of Directors for Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility (CPSR), has become involved in the debate over who manages the Internet and whether business interests are supersed ing individuals' interests. Klein spent last year at L'Ecole des Mines in Paris on a Chateaubriand Fellowship researching global democracy and the governance of the Internet, and during that time, a lively global debate emerged. Klein found himself playing the role of spokesperson for the public interest.

The Internet governance debate centers on the role of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN). ICANN is a global, non
governmental private corpora
tion created in 1998 to oversee the allocation of domain names — for example, Tech's domain "gatech.edu" — that all users need to access cyberspace. As ICANN has attached conditions to the use of domain names, questions have arisen about the scope of its policy-making pow
ers and the composition of its governing board of directors.

"ICANN is responsible for the policy of domain names. And what else? That is the question," said Klein. "Some say the Internet is ungovernable, since it's a network of networks. However, the Domain Names Systems (DNS) is a centralized metasystem of Internet address
es required for the Internet to work. With sole authority over the DNS, ICANN can make regu
lations that apply to all users."

Klein noted that ICANN is in danger of "mission creep" — of gaining new responsibilities beyond its original mission. Detractors have cited areas of concern such as content control; shutting down address
es of sites that reproduce copy
righted material;-investigating fees for domain names which may be perceived as taxation; and extending traditional prop
tection on an international scale, infringing on a nation's sovereignty.

Supporters and critics includ
ing individuals, companies, and countries differ sharply in their assessments of ICANN. International groups have expressed concern about ICANN's close ties to the U.S. government, while civil society groups have worried that busi
ness interests, in their zeal to protect intellectual property, will constr
ain online speech. In continuing this debate, Klein has organized a workshop on Feb. 15. Internet experts will discuss global governance, e-business and intellectual property. Later that afternoon in the GCATT main auditorium, as part of the School of Public Policy's Internet Speaker Series, U.S. Congressman Joe Baca (D-California) will talk about "Civil Liberties in Cyberspace."

For more information:
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IN BRIEF:
Give-and-take
Mentor Tech, an Institute-sponsored initiative, is administered in a four-month cycle. The program's mission is to provide individuals with an opportunity to enhance their career development by drawing on the experiences and talents of other successful Tech employees.

Coordinated by the Offices of Diversity, Management and Organizational Development, Mentor Tech selects experienced faculty and staff to work with identified students. Interested mentors should possess several years of Georgia Tech experience and be able to commit at least two hours per month. Interested protégés must also be committed to nurturing the relationship and committed to pro
fessional development. Mentor and protégé pairs will be paired based on professional skills, career goals, and areas of expertise. After employees are successfully matched, the duo will develop tangible goals and measures for examination during the nine
month mentoring relationship.

Employees interested in participating in Mentor Tech can find out more about the program and apply by visiting www.mentortech.gat
ech.edu. The application deadline is February 22. For more information, contact Nicole Shinhoster Stephens at 404-558-0358.

Intel chips in for OMED
The Intel Corporation — maker of the ubiqui
tous Pentium computer chips — donated 16 computers, two servers plus software, to the Office of Minority Education and Development's (OMED) computer lab. Brockerson, an ex
alumnus and now director of systems software for Intel, was on hand at the computer lab Feb. 5 to make the donation. Each computer donat
ed has a super-charged 1.7 GHz Pentium III processor under the hood. In addition, the company held a drawing in which three students received a personal webcam.

Bringing outer space down to earth
NASA's John F. Kennedy Space Center — home of the International Space Station (ISS) — is trying to bring the excitement of space travel to Georgia Tech students and the community.

"Space Station Imaginatinon" exhibit is comprised of two 36-foot trailers, linked in an L-shape, to form two modules of the ISS — the habitation module or "living quarters" and the laboratory module, U.S. Destiny Lab.

Steve Nesbitt, chief of Public Information Services at JSC, said, "Our intent with this educational program is to share the excitement of space with those who normally do not have access to NASA."

Video presentations provide background on human space exploration and the space station program. The exhibit, located at Welcome All Park in College Park, will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Student paper tops in state
Earlier this month, The Technique — Tech's student newspaper — was honored by the Georgia Collegiate Press Association for General Excellence, the award given to the top college newspaper in the state.