Board of Regents approves tuition hike

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The Board of Regents, the insti-
tution charged with overseeing
the University System of Georgia, re-
cently approved an across the board increase in student fees and tuition, effective this upcoming fall semes-
ter. The increase will affect not only out-of-state students, both those from the one semester Center at Tech, but also in-
state graduate students as well.

Full time undergraduates can expect to pay $210.9 more a semester for in-state students, or $897 for out-of-state students. Full-time, in-
state graduate students will be pay-
ing $251 more a semester and out-
state graduate students $1004 more a semester. The Board of Regents, faced with massive budget cuts from the State Legislature, saw little choice but to raise tuition at Georgia’s research universities by 15 percent. The in-
crease marked the first double digit tu-
ition increase since 1986. Although the non-research uni-
versities and two-year colleges re-
cieved a smaller percentage increase, all college students in the Universi-
ty System of Georgia will be paying more to attend college next year. Because of the state budget cuts, the Board of Regents felt that in order for the four research institutions to maintain their current level of pro-
gramming their fees must have a larger percentage increase than the fees of lesser institutions.

They argued that the premier programs cost more to run; therefore, an increase in budget will re-
quire even more funds to compensate. In the end, the Regents said that having the same level of programs with less money from state is not possible without this increase in tu-
ition.

Even with the hike in tuition and in student fees, Tech is still considered a bargain by both those inside and outside of Tech. “[We] still have one of the low-
est charges among our peer institu-
tions. Georgia Tech has 21 designed peer institutions and we rank as the second least expensive. Still a great deal overall with the increase,” said Bursar Carol Payne in addition, Payne said that such a large increase is not unusual for other schools. “Our peer institu-
tions traditionally have a 10—21 percent increase every single year.” However, the 15 percent increase will hit some students harder than others. The Bursar’s office said that HOPE would still cover all tuition and fees as it has done in the past. For those without HOPE, the fi-
nancial aid office is diligently work-

ing at finding additional sources to cover the increase.

The Bursar’s office maintains that they care very deeply about the stu-
dents, and that no one is thrilled about this increase.

“We are one of the best educa-
tional values even with the increase in tuition,” said Payne.

“If students choose to go to an-
other institution, they would still have to pay more there than to remain at Tech.”

Summer Blood Drive June 3, 4

The Summer Blood Drive will be taking place Tuesday, June 3 and Wednesday, June 4. The location for this blood drive is the Ferst Cen-
ter for the Arts Galleries. E-mail move@gatech.edu or call 404-894-2002 to schedule an appointment. Walk ins are welcome as well. This Blood Drive is sponsored by the American Red Cross, MOVIE, and the Co-op Club.

Retailers sign deal with Tech Square

To date, Auxiliary Services has signed four retail licenses for Tech-
ology Square: Barbecue Blues, Posh Spa, Tin Drum Cafe, and St. Charles Deli. Technology Square officially opens later this summer.

GSU rec center open to students

Due to the closure of SAC for the construction of SAC II, Geor-
gia Tech students with valid ID are allowed to use the Georgia State Student Recreation Center, which is open Monday—Friday, 6:30 a.m. — 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.

SAC is providing a free shuttle to get to Georgia State, which leaves from SAC, stopping off at the Stu-
dent Center, before making its way to Georgia State. The schedule for the shuttle can be found at www.sac.gatech.edu.

ECE prof announces retirement

After 33 years of service to the Georgia Tech community, Dr. Wil-
liam É. Sayle announced his retire-
ment, effective August 1, 2003. Sayle will retire as chair of ECE and the associate chair for ECE Under-
graduate Affairs. Sayle is teaching this summer at Georgia Tech Loc-
rain, and was also recently named a Fellow of the ASEE.
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In response to the recent events, Moore says that the Athletic Association is also reviewing flaws in the current system and trying to develop an early warning method that can identify problems before they reach critical levels.

On being questioned on the academic quality of athletes here at Tech, Moore said that it makes no business sense to recruit someone who has a high probability of failing.

According to Moore, all athletes who come here meet the same basic standards that the admissions office sets for every other Tech student, and despite the enormous attention given to academic failures, a vast majority of players graduate successfully with respectable GPAs.

Moore says the two most important qualities needed for the academic success of athletes are time-management and discipline.

“While it is important to pursue such an ambition and equally important for Tech to help them fulfill it the incoming athletes must realize that their true strength lies in the ability to have a solid degree to fall back on,” said Moore. “They must realize that most of them won’t be in athletics for a lifetime and need to prepare for that eventuality.”

In light of recent events, Moore said, “for a lot of them it’s a wake up call. Some decide that Tech is not a place for them and others decide to work hard to meet the demands on their time.”

Carol Moore
Director of Academic Services
Parking

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Parking and Transportation Services. These ideas including charging campus departments for their use of parking facilities and lots, as opposed to their current ‘free’ use of parking spaces.

Given the current increase in parking permit rates, Furniss anticipates that fees will “rise a little bit” in the next several years to accommodate funding of new parking facilities.

Furniss also recognizes the need for an evaluation of the Stinger and Stingerette campus transportation systems. Before his arrival at Tech, a consultant was hired to evaluate and recommend changes to the current on-campus transportation system. Ultimately, Furniss believes that proving the parking and transportation situation at Georgia Tech “…brings a great deal of experience with the challenges of balancing student needs with the needs of faculty, staff and visitors.”

Student Body President Nate Watson agrees saying, “Mr. Furniss brings a great deal of experience with him to Georgia Tech… I believe that this experience will aid him in improving the parking and transportation situation at Georgia Tech in a student friendly-manner.”

Furniss expressed his desire to “tap the resource of students to get additional thoughts and ideas,” including working with Student Government to gain input. Students interested in getting involved with Parking and Transportation issues on campus can contact Kelly Ferrall, chair of SGA’s Parking, Transportation and Facilities Committee at gte960t@mail.gatech.edu.

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“[Furniss] is familiar with the challenges of the Tech community saying, “there will be significant changes in the Stinger and Stingerette services including improved schedules, dependable service, faster headways and friendly service.” Ultimately, Furniss believes that improving these services will also reduce the demand for parking spaces on campus. “If we provide a very timely/dependable service, then the service will be a good alternative for folks who currently have access to public transit but choose to drive personal vehicles to campus.” With only a few weeks on the job, the Administration has placed confidence in the ability of Furniss to address future challenges.

Rosalind Meyers, Associate VP of Auxiliary Services, said, “The department has made great strides over the past few years but we know it has a way to go…he has worked with students and is familiar with the challenges of balancing student needs with the needs of faculty, staff and visitors.”

Despite these changes, students and faculty are concerned about the increased parking costs. Although currently there is no proposal being introduced to address the concerns of the Tech community, “there needs to be a way for folks who currently have access to parking to use it.”

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A lot of things went on outside of the bubble of Georgia Tech this week. Visit www.bubble.nique.net to find links to complete articles about the stories below and other important issues.

Earthquake devastates Algeria

Over 1200 people were killed last Wednesday as an earthquake, measuring a 6.8 on the Richter Scale, devastated Northern Algeria. There were almost 10,000 people injured, along with 15,000 people left homeless. Many Algerians have lashed out at their government, blaming the uncoordinated rescue and relief effort for only adding to the increasing death toll.

Serial Killer Caught in Atlanta

Derrick Todd Lee, suspected in the serial killings of five women in southern Louisiana, and in other deaths and disappearances, was spotted this week in Atlanta, and later captured. A warrant was issued Monday for the rape and murder of Louisiana State University graduate student Carrie Yoder, who was the killer’s fifth victim. A nationwide alert was then issued on Tuesday, with the Atlanta office of the FBI saying Lee was last seen midday Monday at a motor lodge in the southeastern part of the city. Police arrested Lee Tuesday night at a tire shop in Northwest Atlanta.

2004 Presidential Election starts early

Although we may elect the president the first Tuesday following the first Monday in the month of November, the election process has already begun. Nine Democratic candidates have announced their plans to run: Kerry, Dean, Gephardt, Edwards, Lieberman, Graham, Moseley Braun, Sharpton, and Kucinich. President George W. Bush has also officially entered the race, with no announced competition in the primary season, which officially begins January 19 2004 with the Iowa caucus.

Bush signs tax cut package into law

For the third time in his presidency, President Bush signed a tax break into law on Wednesday. The 10-year, $350 billion package, was less than half what Bush wanted, but the White House remains optimistic that this cut will boost the ailing economy, along hopes of boosting his own political future. Leading Democrats believe the cuts will greatly increase the federal deficit, along with depressing the GDP and drain jobs.