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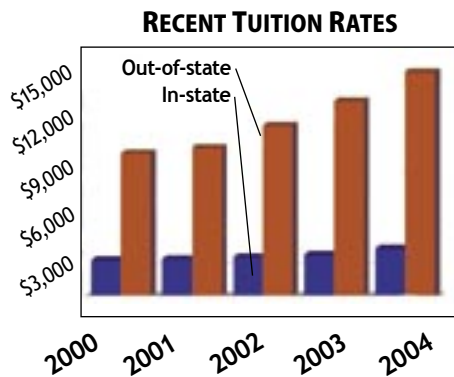
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Students may face midyear tuition hike



By Haining Yu
Assistant News Editor

An unprecedented midyear increase in tuition might be put into place this year if certain state budget recommendations are approved.

The Board of Regents planned to keep its budget in balance this fiscal year by deferring the payment of some of this year's bills to next year.

Now, however, the possibility has arisen that this will no longer be an option and that Georgia universities will have to pay those bills with the money allocated for this fiscal year.

Georgia's three biggest schools will be hit the hardest if the proposals, which would add up to a budget deficit of \$68 million this year for the Board of Regents, are put into place.

To offset that possible deficit,

Tech administrators would have to consider many options, including cutting faculty and staff numbers, limiting course options, and increasing tuition.

"Discussion about midyear tuition hikes is both speculative and very premature," said Bob Harty, executive director of Institute Communications and Public Affairs.

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Clough marks 10th anniversary

Institute President Wayne Clough took over as Tech's 10th president 10 years ago this week. He began work Wednesday, Sept. 1, 1994. He was officially inaugurated in May 1995.

Clough, who earned an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering in 1964, is the first Tech alumnus to serve as president. Look for continued *Technique* coverage throughout the year of Clough's anniversary and his time as president.

SGA works to shorten Six Flags wait times

By Stephen Baehl
News Editor

Tech Night at Six Flags is back again, with changes that organizers hope will address last year's problems, especially the long waits.

New features include a streamlined shuttle process, plans for shorter lines at the park itself, and the presence of Buzz, the Ramblin' Wreck and the marching band.

One particular concern was last year's overcrowding of the Stingers, which resulted in long waits and a huge line outside the Student Center while students waited for buses to shuttle them to the park.

"Last year, that was probably the number one complaint," said Amy Phuong, undergraduate student body president. "Bus lines were ridiculous."

In response, a time ticket system for shuttles to the park has been enacted this year.

According to Vice President of Campus Affairs Tiffany Turner, time tickets for Stingers are good for six different shuttle times today between 4:15 and 7:30 p.m. "After that," she said, "you will not need a time ticket. You do not need a ticket

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By Ethan Trewitt / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students wait in line at the Student Center Box Office to purchase discounted tickets for tonight's Tech Night at Six Flags. SGA planners hope the event will feature shortened waiting times this year. Also, Buzz, the Ramblin' Wreck and the marching band will make appearances at Six Flags.

Parking expands SmartPark, hikes visitor rates

By Haining Yu
Assistant News Editor

Parking and Transportation has expanded the SmartPark program this year and made various changes to visitor parking, including fee increases and the opening of a new pay lot Tuesday, Sept. 7, in the Old Management Lot.

The SmartPark Program began last year specifically with commuter students and part-time faculty and staff in mind. Best for those who only travel to campus only a few days a week, SmartPark started with only one parking option available at Technology Square (deck number E81). This year the parking option has been made available on both East Campus, at Technology Square, and North Campus, in the North Deck (W23) off Atlantic Drive.

SmartPark allows users to pay a flat fee of \$4.00 to park in either of the two decks.

According to Bob Furniss, Director of Parking and Transportation at Tech, SmartPark was started "to provide a special parking permit for faculty, staff and students who are coming on a part-time basis, commuting once or twice a week, maybe three times a week."

"There was a real need out there," Furniss said. "I heard a lot from commuting students that don't have class everyday, and I heard a lot from faculty that don't teach everyday [that] the \$500 permit was a lot of money. We wanted to come up with an idea that would not tax the whole parking system in general, but that would provide some kind of access for those people at a more reasonable cost."

Instead of paying \$500 for parking for the year, users only pay for the parking that they use, and at about half the price of normal daily

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By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A driver pays his parking fee as he exits the Student Center visitor lot. Rates at the lot recently increased to 75 cents per half-hour.

Phase II Parking registration opens

Phase II online registration for 2005 parking permits is now open to students until Monday, Sept. 13. The registration is for students signing up late for parking spots, but is also open to freshmen who want to register for parking in lots E70, E81 and E65. For more information, see Parking's website at www.parking.gatech.edu. Registration requires a GTID or Prism ID and a date of birth for login.

Graduate Senate elections near

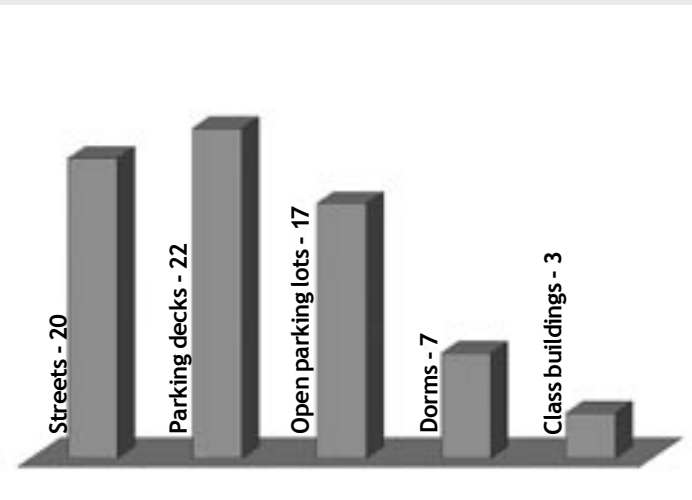
Applications for GSS candidates are currently available in the SGA office. The forms must be completed and returned to the office by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14. Campaigning will then begin Wednesday, Sept. 15 at midnight, and last until the following Friday. Voting begins 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 20 and ends at midnight Wednesday, Sept. 22.

State legislature accepting interns

The Georgia state legislature will hire student interns from Tech for Spring Semester 2005. The program is open to Georgia residents who are juniors or seniors. Interns can earn approximately \$206 per week and receive academic credit. For additional information, contact Dr. John Havick at john.havick@pubpolicy.gatech.edu, or by calling (404) 894-6830. Applications must be submitted by Oct. 1, 2004.

Technique Online Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 77 responses.
What campus location has the most crime?



By Art Seavey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:

What do you think of midyear tuition hikes?
Tell us at www.nique.net



From the files of the GTPD...

Crime Reports

Theft		
8/20/2004	12:58:00 hrs.	
Location: McMillan Street		
Incident: Report of a stolen boot.		
8/20/2004	16:06:00 hrs.	
Location: College of Computing		
Incident: Report of a stolen bicycle.		
8/20/2004	17:05:00 hrs.	
Location: Folk Residence Dorm		
Incident: Report of a stolen bicycle.		
8/23/2004	11:02:00 hrs.	
Location: Mason Building Court-yard		
Incident: Report of a stolen bicycle.		

Theft (continued)		
8/25/2004	21:27:00 hrs.	
Location: CCF lot		
Incident: Report that a yellow 2001 Ford Mustang was stolen.		
8/27/2004	10:37:00 hrs.	
Location: 686 Cherry Street		
Incident: Report of a stolen bicycle.		
8/27/2004	11:03:00 hrs.	
Location: 686 Cherry Street		
Incident: Report of a stolen bicycle.		
8/27/2004	12:12:00 hrs.	
Location: Boggs Chemistry Building		
Incident: Report of a stolen bicycle.		
8/29/2004	3:40:00 hrs.	
Location: 505 10th Street		
Incident: Report that a white 2000 Chevrolet Silverado was stolen.		

Entering auto		
8/20/2004	16:42:00 hrs.	
Location: Creative Fine Arts Parking Lot / Northside Drive		
Incident: Report that a 1997 GMC Jimmy was entered and items were taken.		
8/25/2004	21:39:00 hrs.	
Location: Habersham Lot		
Incident: Report that a black 1996 GMC Jimmy was entered and items were taken.		
Traffic accident		
8/20/2004	13:16:00 hrs.	
Location: Sidewalk from student Center		
Incident: Report of a one-car accident (no injuries reported).		
8/23/2004	17:42:00 hrs.	
Location: Peters Parking Deck		
Incident: Report of a two vehicle accident (no injuries reported).		

Corrections

- In the Aug. 27 Focus article entitled "Junior's struggles to match competition," the article incorrectly stated that Junior's Grill averages 200 to 250 customers during the day and another 100 in the evening. Those numbers reflected the drop in customers per day, not the total number.

The *Technique* welcomes your comments and suggestions, as well as information about errors that call for correction. Messages may be emailed to niq@gatech.edu. Letters to the editor may be directed to the same address, or to opinions@technique.gatech.edu.

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UHR allocates \$2,875 to fund SGA office sign

By Arcadiy Kantor
Staff Writer

After prolonged debate Tuesday night, the Undergraduate House of Representatives passed a controversial bill to fund a new sign to be placed outside of the SGA office. The expected cost of the sign is \$2,875.

Undergraduate Student Body President Amy Phuong presented the bill, arguing that a sign was necessary to give the SGA a professional image and the visibility it requires to properly operate. She cited comments from several students who had difficulty finding the new office over the past few weeks.

The bill was debated heavily among the representatives. "Isn't this a bit redundant if we've got

our name on the doors there?" one representative asked.

Phuong said the letters on the door were not sufficient for helping students find the office since they were not visible whenever the door was propped open.

Despite Phuong's assurance that "it's not our intention to write a bill for a lot of money," the nearly \$3,000 cost of the sign was met with a great deal of concern from several representatives.

"We're going to be very frugal with others that come before us... we need to set a good leadership example," said Public Policy representative Alex Suarez.

The SGA can only get the sign made by the same company that

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Grads approve cricket tournament broadcast

By Stephen Baehl
News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate voted unanimously Tuesday to allocate \$600 from the Prior Year account for GTCN to pay for a license to broadcast an international cricket tournament.

The 2004 ICC Knockout Champions Trophy Cricket Broadcast is to be aired on GTCN Sept. 10 - 25.

The Georgia Tech India Club asked for the allocation of \$600 to cover broadcast licence fees on behalf of itself and several other organizations, including the Pakistani Student Association, Georgia Tech Cricket Club, Muslim Student Association, Hindu Students Council, Bangladeshi Students Association and Caribbean Students Association.

tion.

"This is a bill not only for members of these organizations, but to benefit the campus as a whole," said the India Club's organization representative.

One senator wondered why the organizations couldn't just draw the needed money from among themselves.

However, Pelham Norville noted that such a small expenditure for something wanted across the Tech community would be worthwhile.

"A similar event we funded in the past was extremely successful," he said, referring to the previous on-campus World Cup broadcast.

The senate also elected its new Coordinating Officer, Priyanka Rohatgi, and appointed two new senators.



By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Special guest Jon Hart, CRC program coordinator, addresses UHR at its Tuesday night meeting. Later, Representatives voted to pass a bill allocating nearly \$3,000 for a new sign for the SGA office.

Bills considered by both houses of the Student Government Association

Undergraduate House of Representatives

Title	Author	Status
Joint allocation to Student Government Association	Amy Phuong	Passed
Ammendment to the bylaws of UHR	Amy Phuong	Passed
Joint allocation to India Club	Stephanie Bent	Passed
Appointments of council representatives	Amy Phuong	Passed

Graduate Student Senate

Appointment of Graduate Student Senator	Kasi David	Passed
Joint allocation to India Club	Anshul Dubey	Passed

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OIT limits weekly student printing to 50 pages



Nicole Sullivan retrieves a document printed at the Library West Commons. Students are limited this year to 50 pages printed a week.

By Emily Tate
Contributing Writer

At the beginning of this semester, the Office of Information Technology (OIT) limited the number of pages that students can print on school printers to 50 pages per week. The previous limit was 800 pages per semester. To many, this may not seem like an issue to fret over, but to those without access to printers in the convenience of their own living space, this limit could present a problem. Homework, labs, reading, notes and other class resources are found on various websites. In many cases, this is the only way to access the information necessary for these classes. “It gets really inconvenient to have to go online for everything...if your computer has a problem, you really can’t do anything [because it’s all online],” first-year Architecture major Holly Shannon said. It is common practice for professors to post their notes on the class websites.

However, in the end, professors’ heavy use of online notes requires students to do more printing than they have in the past. With the growing familiarity of cases like this, many students find themselves asking why OIT has decided to change the amount of paper that students are allowed

come close, but now I’m coming pretty close [to the limit],” she said. With about 16 weeks in a semester, 800 pages per semester works out to about 50 pages per week. With the limit now based on weeks rather than semesters, however, students cannot use school printers to print more than 50 pages per week, no matter their total semester total. Such cases have come up where students may print very few pages one week due to an abnormally light work load, and then the next week might have an abnormally large amount of work that requires more than the allotted print limit allows. The OIT staff has heard complaints from the student body citing the technology fees that students pay every year. Staffers said, however, that the Technology Fee does not go to paper and toner. The fee pays for in terms of printing is the printers used and the maintenance that comes to about \$500 per session. To many on the media staff, such

“Eight hundred pages per semester certainly sounds better than 50 per week”

Kimberly Williamson
3rd-year ISyE

to use for printing each week. “Eight hundred [pages] per semester certainly sounds better than 50 per week,” said Kimberly Williamson, third-year Industrial Engineering major. “I was printing stuff every day last semester and I didn’t even

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for the ride home,” she added. Phuong said the shuttle runs can carry 400 students per shift. However, Turner stressed that students should look into carpooling if possible, as not all of the expected 5,000 to 6,000 attendees will fit on the shuttles. Phuong said the buses will run as late as needed to get everyone home, but she recommended that people

consider leaving the park as soon as possible in order to avoid long waits for a ride home. She said she anticipates most students seeking shuttles home beginning at 11 p.m., an hour before the event’s end. Time ticket handouts were based on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students were able to pick them up at the SGA office Wednesday, Thursday and today. Another major issue Phuong and

Turner hope will be resolved was the amount of waiting encountered at the park last year. “Six Flags didn’t realize how college students are,” Phuong said. Typically, only a fraction of the park’s daily attendance must be considered for ride capacity; seeing attendance of only 7,000 at a time left park staff assuming that most rides could operate well below full capacity. However, with college students

focusing on the big rides and able to move from one to the next quickly, lines grew beyond expected proportions. “They didn’t really anticipate all that,” Phuong said. The problem should be resolved this year, according to Phuong and Turner. This year, Six Flags was willing to work with student planners to create a more student-friendly environment. “The park’s main attractions

(roller coasters) will be working at full capacity all night,” Turner said. “So if a roller coaster has three cars, then all three will be in operation.” Also featured this year is a flare of school spirit. “The whole idea of Georgia Tech Night at Six Flags is really to make it a Georgia Tech night,” Phuong said. As such, students should expect sightings of the Wreck and Buzz at the park. The marching band will also be playing.

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What the hell is wrong with my ice cream sandwiches?
Something about nique.com.
Everyone knows a well maintained lawn looks great. But just as in any suburban neighborhood, leaving grass clippings and leaves blown all over the street looks even worse than an overgrown lawn. So correction from grass clipping vent-- would we rather have nice lawns while paying the price of walking through piles of grass clippings on the sidewalks...
what a pathetic poll question....can't you guys think of something better?
what's up, how's it goin
A long umbrella after a rainstorm is a fashion statement.
A long umbrella after a rainstorm is a fashion statement.
The red, irritation of “jogger’s nipples,” as well as strain and stress of tissues leading to “sagging” breasts, can be corrected by wearing a good, supportive bra. -from InnerBody.com
SMIG SMIG SMIG, its the only way it goes.
Whatever JMIVSUMTG means at the end of the day, one thing still holds true, SMIG For life.
Just because SMIG is, doesn't he has to hide it!
The first form of life was a very disturbing creature, having both a cannibalistic and Oedipustical approach to life. Survive off someone else!
When someone throws things at you from a 3rd story window at 12:30am, and you want to go up and talk shit... make sure you get the right room.
I just photocopied something like a thousand pages of paper. The trees are going to kill me.
If you don't want kids to sniff markers, make them smell like ass, not grapes.
Thank you, Karl!
daniel is so hot
Jell shots in front of the GT pub, 3pm today! CNBSeeeeeen =) Brought to you by Students for irresponsible Consumption (GT-SiC)
Do you know where your daughter is? I do :)
I'm Bill Clinton, and I'm reporting for booty.
I also think John Kerry is going to win. And it scares the crap outta me.
Somewhere, over the rainbow
I really wish that they would cut back on the police force so my crime can continue.

Family housing set for Jan. finish



By John Drews / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Tenth & Home Family Living Center construction project progresses on schedule. The new housing, geared toward Tech students with families, will provide 460 living spaces when completed.

By April Moore
Contributing Writer

Tech housing is now being expanded for families. A new family center is being developed at Tenth and Home near the Graduate Living Center.

According to Holly Shikano, Residence Life Coordinator for Tech Housing, the family center will be for married students and students with dependents under 18. Included in those who are eligible to live in the family center are single moms and dads who are students.

At least two of the seven buildings in the community will be completed and ready for move in by this January.

The new housing community will give Tech a total of 460 living spaces to accommodate students' needs, in

comparison to the 300 living spaces in Callaway and Healey, which were torn down about a year ago for the new construction.

Shikano notes comparisons between the new and old family facilities.

She said that Callaway and Healey did not have washers and dryers, and they were not connected to RESNET. Shikano also said that students living in the former family housing areas of Callaway and Healey also had to contract their own phones. This will not be the case for the new family living center.

In addition, the Tenth&Home family center will make up for the other amenities Callaway and Healey lacked; the housing will include washers, dryers, dishwashers, microwaves and access to high-speed internet.

Tenth&Home will also have features such as "one fee living." Residents will be able to take care of the living costs in a single fee, rather than shuffling phone bills, electric bills, water bills and rent. There is a cost breakdown on the web for the Tenth&Home family living center.

Shikano described the facilities as "amazing." She said the conveniences will make it much easier for students. There will be bike paths, she said, in addition to a six-story parking deck for residents. To find out more information, see www.housing.gatech.edu, where there is a link for "brand new family housing," or contact Mazlum Kosma at maz.kosma@housing.gatech.edu. Kosma is the community director for the Tenth&Home family living center.

Breaking the Bubble



A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Below are summaries of a few of the important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

GOP kicks off convention in New York

The Republican Party kicked off its presidential convention in Madison Square Gardens in New York this past Monday with a host of prominent New Yorkers, including former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. Other notable speakers during the week long convention include Senator John McCain of Arizona, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Vice President Dick Cheney and local Senator Zell Miller, a self-proclaimed "Conservative Democrat" of Georgia. Along with listening to speeches, Republicans also set their official platform and officially submitted Bush and Cheney as candidates for this year's presidential election. Tens of thousands of people gathered to protest in New York in response to the convention.

12 Nepalese hostages executed in Iraq

A gruesome video showing the beheading of one Nepalese construction worker and the shootings of 11 of his colleagues was released online Tuesday. If these killings are confirmed, they will raise the documented number of hostages killed by Iraqi extremists to 22. These atrocities, claimed by a little-known group calling themselves the Ansar al-Sunna, mark the bloodiest instance of hostage killing in Iraq.

The workers, hailing from a small Asian nation in the Himalayas, were under the employment of a Jordanian firm, and were taken by the extremists soon after crossing the border into Iraq. In a statement posted on the web, Ansar al-Sunna threatened everyone else working with U.S. forces in Iraq.

Al-Sadr considers entry into Iraq politics

Peace talks between the rebel Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and the Iraqi government continued this week, as focus turns to the Baghdad slum of Sadr City. The scene of much violence between Sadr loyalists and American troops until recently, Sadr City was peaceful Monday, even as Iraqi police forces and American soldiers took positions within the area. If al-Sadr decides to enter his nation's political arena, which the current president of Iraq has invited him to do, it could mean the end of fighting between his militia and American and Iraqi governmental forces.

SLIVER

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I hate vectors. Maybe I should change my major...
awesome...more hot girls at tech this year. Either that or this is the fastest I've put my tech goggles on
Why do the construction signs say "pedestrians and students"? Are students not also pedestrians? Do cars no longer have to yield to students? Where is the justice?
I'm the "Fancy" Roommate, and I'd like to say that AE really is the easiest Major
CS isn't far behind
Everyone knows biology is where it's at
props to MO-YAH
The Foam pipe insulation game is called Missiles
The Dirty roommate has lots of porn
and a hot mom
Shewanella-4-ever
and JMISG
Werd
ah how I have missed the sliver section, the King has returned
Dammit I hate Dexters new voice
FireFox, I love you
Mechatronics sure has a lot of Circuits in it
AH Shitoki!
Naruto PWNS your face!
Summer school here really isn't so bad. It doesn't bite as much as fall and spring
So The King gives a hearty hello to the new Sliver girl
Curse the waterslide for not opening till 3!
Curse snooty alumni for questioning the need for a waterslide!
One day we will all look back on this time spent going through hell (tech) and realize...
Juniors is cheap? Since when?
RED STRIPE BEER DOT COM
Fried Squid > you

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By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

NOW HE’S COOKING: Men’s Basketball Head Coach Paul Hewitt greets a young fan at a party held last Thursday night to celebrate AXO’s win in the Greek Challenge. Hewitt grilled food for the sorority. Women’s head basketball coach MaChelle Joseph was also on hand.

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worked on the rest of the signs in the Student Center Commons because it must be consistent with the rest of the area.

The student body’s perception of such a bill was also a concern for representatives, who worried that they would be expected to fund similar requests from other organizations.

“You have to consider ourselves as not a typical student organization,” Phuong said, calling the SGA an organization that exists to serve other student organizations. She added that it is representative of the entire campus, and must put on a good face.

“This year is our ‘make-or-break’ year in terms of how we’re going to utilize our office,” Phuong said. She argued that SGA must move quickly to ensure students learn where the office is so they’re able to come in and speak with their representatives.

“This isn’t an ego thing for SGA,

this is a visibility thing,” said senior representative Eleanor Baccay.

Despite the concerns, the bill passed by a wide margin, clearing the way for the sign to be created and installed.

Also passed was a bill allocating \$600 to seven student organizations for the purchase of broadcast rights for the 2004 ICC Knockout Champions Trophy Cricket Broadcast. One organization’s representative said they had not yet had the opportunity to raise their own funds since the start of the year, and so were seeking the money from SGA.

He also said that cricket was the second-most watched sport on campus, and also cited the high success versus cost of the broadcast of the World Cup broadcast, funded by SGA last year at a cost of \$4,000.

The organizations also planned to have public showings of the games, which would air on GTCN.

The organization representative said food provided at the viewings would be funded by the organizations themselves.

Come to the Photo staff meetings ... Thursday at 6 p.m. in Room 137 of the Flag Building

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parking rates. At an average of two times a week, this comes as a cost advantage.

"It really works best for two days or less," Furniss said. "It's a considerable savings if you get SmartPark, if you only come a couple of times a week."

BuzzCards are activated for SmartPark privileges after a \$20 SmartPark permit is purchased from the Parking Office. This permit, like the regular annual permit, is good from Aug. 1 to July 31 of the following year.

When entering one of designated parking decks for SmartPark, users must slide their BuzzCards into the SmartPark reader, which is different from the normal reader for annual permit holders, and \$4 is automatically deducted. SmartPark commuters can enter a parking deck as early as 5:30 a.m., but must leave before 12:00 a.m. No overnight parking is allowed with SmartPark permits, and users will incur a \$25.00 "out-of-area" fee if found parked after midnight.

There are some catches when it comes to using SmartPark, though, Furniss said. "You have to use it to enter and exit the deck in that sequence. Or else it won't work." Even if the gate is open when a user exits the parking deck, he or she must swipe their card so it stays in sequence. Also there are no "in and out" privileges. Users must pay each time they enter and exit a lot.

SmartPark was introduced as an economical parking option for those who do not come to campus on a daily basis; it is not suitable for regular visitors or long-term parking.

The normal fee for daily parking

on campus for non-permit holders is \$8 in the State Street lot and the soon-to-open Old Management Lot, \$5 at the Burge lot, and \$10 at the Technology Square and Student Center lots.

The maximum daily rate for the Student Center Lot has increased this year from \$8 to \$10 because of "the demand for and location of the Student Center visitor lot parking," Furniss said. "Pure economics requires the rates to increase."

Rates have also increased in all of the visitor lots from \$0.50 to \$0.75 for each half-hour of parking. It is hoped that the increased visitor rates will help prevent significant increases to regular permit fees by

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Bob Furniss
Parking director

providing "additional revenue that may offset the need [to raise parking permit fees]," Furniss said.

He added that the soon-to-open Old Management Lot (W03) will give visitors an option to save a few dollars for "only a short walk to the other side of the deck."

For commuters, these changes make the SmartPark option more attractive. On a five-day-a-week basis, though, an annual parking permit does come out to be slightly less than \$2 a day, thus making it the better choice for those who come to campus more often than two or

three days a week.

Sales have increased this year for SmartPark with the addition of the North Deck. Only 83 SmartPark permits were sold last year when Technology Square was the only option, compared to 265 permits sold this year. "I think it's because we have it on both sides of campus now," Furniss said.

Regular permit holders can also purchase the SmartPark permit if they want more parking options on campus. Some students on the waiting list for a normal parking permit have purchased a SmartPark permit for temporary use.

However, the SmartPark permit does not give users the same privileges that come with a regular parking permit, such as access to certain lots after business hours. "It's not good in any other lot," Furniss said, "and it does not give you access to any of the after hours parking that we give to regular permit holders."

"Many people," Furniss said, "think that once they have a SmartPark permit...that it gives them the access all over campus, [but] it doesn't."

Furniss reminded users that they need to maintain a proper balance on their BuzzCards, "or else [the parking deck] won't let you in." There is also no free parking on the weekends in the two SmartPark decks; however, free weekend parking is available in the three visitor lots on campus.

Five parking areas have also now been designated with new signage under the Wayfinding Master Plan. Parking Area 2—the Student Center Visitor Lot, has also been reconfigured to a smaller, priority visitor pay lot with roughly 80 spaces. The parking spaces inside the W02 deck once usable by visitors have been returned to permit use only.

President's Scholar enrollment increases

By Jason Alcock
Contributing Writer

Despite financial cutbacks in many other areas, as well as a possible tuition increase to help the economic burden, the President's Scholarship is still going strong.

Money donated for use towards the scholarship totaled nearly \$2 million this year. This figure has stayed fairly consistent for the past few years. Money allocated for the scholarship for the 2001-2002 school year equaled \$1.7 million; the following year it reached \$2 million. This past school year, 2003-2004, the total pushed \$1.9 million.

This total reflects the combined amount that is used for incoming freshman, as well as to cover the costs of President's Scholars that are returning to Georgia Tech.

A decrease in funding last year, followed by an increase this year, has allowed a sizable number of new freshman to receive the President's

Scholarship. This year, over 60 freshmen received the President's Scholarship, as compared to approximately 40 last year.

The President's Scholarship does not follow trends produced by direct changes in the economic situation surrounding education for several reasons. The bulk of the money comes from the annual Giving Campaign by the Alumni Association.

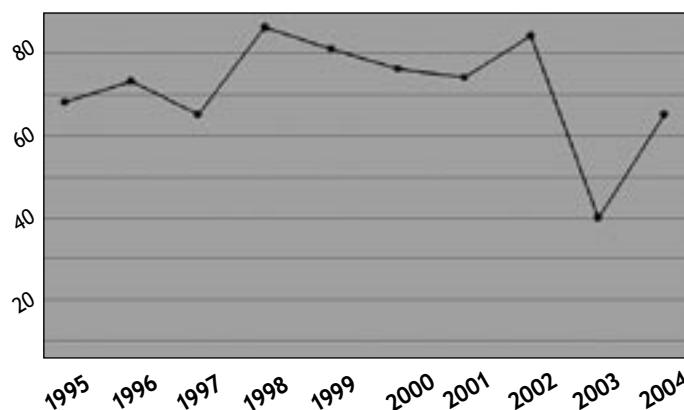
This is money that the president can distribute in any way he wishes. "It's hard to predict from year to year what's going to happen. Depending on how things go, [the President's Scholarship] could see some change," said Randy McDow, director of the President's Scholarship Program.

Since the money is received through donations, the amount of money available to the program is purely dependent on the funds received during the previous year.

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Midyear tuition increase only one of many possibilities

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“It was one option that was discussed if the University System has to absorb a second round of budget cuts in the current fiscal year. But at this point we don’t know how much cuts will be; as such, it would be irresponsible to suggest possible approaches,” Harty said.

According to a spokesperson from the office of Governor Sonny Perdue, it is still very early in the budget process, and any numbers relating to the budget are still only recommendations that are part of the planning process.

The final verdict on the matter will likely depend on a review’s results.

In a statement released Aug. 25, Georgia Chancellor Thomas Meredith of the Board of Regents said, “Until we hear the results of that review, it is premature to speculate about specific actions.”

“As for the reported tuition increases,” Meredith added, “the Board of Regents has not considered any such action.”

Any increase in tuition made would have to be approved by the Board of Regents, and the state of

Georgia has never seen a midyear hike in tuition.

In previous years, however, several other state schools such as the University of California-Berkeley have found the need to adjust tuition rates halfway through the school year.

Tech has traditionally been a low-cost school, especially when compared to its peers of the same academic caliber.

Tech has worked hard to maintain high standards in the face of economic pressures. In the past five years, the University System of Georgia has seen a 28 percent increase in enrollment, but an eight percent increase in state funding.

According to data from the President’s Office, Tech’s state allocation has been reduced by roughly \$40 million over the past three years.

“[This] makes things difficult enough,” said Institute President Wayne Clough, “but this comes at a time when our enrollments are

“Tuition increases may have to be used to help maintain the quality of our educational offerings.”

Wayne Clough
Institute president

up by upwards of 1,500 students. Tuition increases may have to be used to help maintain the quality of our educational offerings.”

“As to midyear tuition increases,” Clough said, “we have had no formal discussions about this and would hope they will not be necessary.”

The Institute must wait and see what comes of the budget process to see the best course of action.

“There are a number of revenue increases and cost cuts that we would have to consider depending on the ultimate decision,” Harty said.

In the Aug. 24 edition of the *AJC*, Georgia Tech Provost Jean-Lou Chameau hinted that cuts might result in laying off part-time and adjunct faculty and staff members, and of fewer course sections, “which means it could take students longer to graduate.”

Chameau also said that he “wouldn’t be surprised if we have to go to a midyear increase. I don’t see any way we could avoid it.”

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changes in the President’s Scholarship since its inception in 1981. In 1990, because of funding problems, the “full-ride” part of the President’s Scholarship was removed. This later returned in 2002, but on a limited basis. Now, a full-ride scholarship is only given to five students from the state of Georgia, and five out-of-state students.

The second major change involves the SAT requirement that was used before 1998.

Before that year there was a minimum SAT score that was needed to qualify for the scholarship; that requirement has since been removed.

The President’s Scholarship, however, is limited compared to the top merit programs offered at other colleges and universities in the southeast.

“We do not get the funding that

other schools do, and that is consistent with pretty much every school you look at,” McDow said.

Students in top merit programs at schools such as University of Georgia, Clemson and University of Chapel Hill all receive a full-ride scholarship.

This is indicative of the youthful nature of the program. The President’s Scholarship has not even reached 25 years old, as compared to the Morehead Scholarship offered at UNC, which has been in use since the 1950s.

The President’s Scholarship has a solid future ahead, according to McDow. The oldest President’s alum is still young, only in the mid-40s.

“The scholars are moving into solid careers, such as doctors, law offices, engineers. It will be interesting to see how this plays out as the alumni move into their 50s and 60s looking to give back to the university,” McDow said.

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as OIT systems support specialist Joel Linderman, media specialist Crit Stewart and OIT project advisor Tony Gilmer, students may not be in as much of a pinch as they think.

“[The 800 page per semester limit] was an experiment and we were willing to give it a try,” Gilmer said with regards to the semester-based limit in spring.

According to Gilmer, when the 800-page limit was first introduced last semester, OIT spent a total of \$29,000 to cover the cost of paper and toner.

This was higher than any cost OIT has ever spent on any amount of free student printing. OIT’s normal budget per year is around \$35,000.

It is understandable then, why OIT has decided to return to the 50 pages per week limit. But, there is still the problem of excessive amounts of printing required for

certain classes.

OIT has considered this problem and is currently working on solutions for students. Such solutions include utilizing the Central PS service, a program that many students are not aware of.

According to Linderman, students can send any documents that require printing to the Central PS

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Tony Gilmer
OIT project advisor

system where they can be printed for students free of charge.

Adding to the system’s appeal is that with this method, there are no limits with regards to how many pages students are permitted to print

out on OIT printers.

To use this option, all you have to do is when you go into print, under the choice of the printer you are wanting to use, go to an option titled “central-ps,” and pick up your documents about two and a half hours later at the Rich Building.

What some students do not like about this system, though, is the inconvenience of having to travel to the east side of campus, across from the Architecture Building to pick up their printed documents.

OIT is also considering additional solutions to the problems caused to students by this policy. There is currently discussion regarding “pay for print” solutions where students who exceed their 50 pages per week limit can use their BuzzCard to pay for any extra pages. Another option under consideration, a plan reminiscent of similar cell-phone programs, is “rollover pages,” where if a student does not use all allotted pages one week.

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