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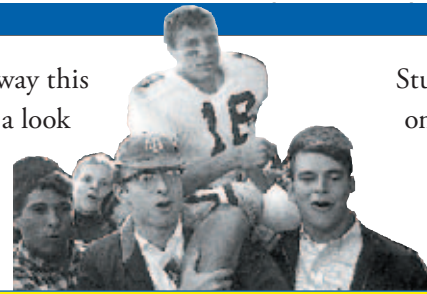
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A Tech legend passed away this week. The *Nique* takes a look at the life of Kim King.

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Students aren't the only ones that get midterm grade reports.

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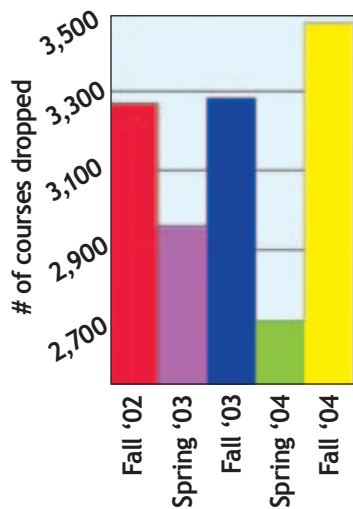
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## Drops increase with midterm drop day

By Alexandra Pajak  
Contributing Writer

Drop day arrived last Friday, marking the last chance for students to withdraw from classes this semester. However, this drop day came eight weeks into the semester, a later date than students have seen before. Students dropped more course than usual.

The new academic school calendar, adopted this past summer,



also now allows students to receive midterm grades two weeks prior to the final drop day.

Proposed by the Institute Undergraduate Curriculum Committee in March 2004, the schedule allows students to drop a class through the middle of the semester, two weeks later than in previous terms. The Academic Senate approved the policy in May 2004.

Registrar Jo McIver ran through the numbers of dropped courses among undergraduate and graduate students, indicating an increase

evident from the later drop date.

"The total for this year was 3,472. Last year it was 2,776," she said, comparing Fall '04 with Spring '04. Students who withdrew from all classes were not included in this total.

She noted that in addition to drop day, the date for progress report distribution has also changed. "We've changed two variables. It will be hard to compare the total from last year to this year," she said. The data may also be skewed by the increased size of the freshman class.

The new drop date now matches the final drop day procedures of both Georgia State University and the University of Georgia. Both institutions allow students to drop classes until the middle of the term.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology allows students to drop classes until 10 weeks into the semester. At the California Institute of Technology students can drop classes eight weeks into the term, just before the distribution of midterm grades.

Some students find the class withdrawal date change helpful in their decision-making processes. "It gives me more information on whether I'll do well in the class. It definitely helps," said Stephanie Tolbert, junior Chemical Engineering major.

Chris Dalbec, a junior in Electrical Engineering, also likes the change. "I think it's a step in the right direction. It makes it easier for the students to know whether or not to continue in that class. Since drop day is later in the [semester], we students know an even larger portion of our grade, which makes

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Southern Polytechnic SGA president Heather Giroux (above) and Tech Undergraduate Student Body President Amy Phuong address students at Friday's petition rally.

By Jamie Howell/  
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

## Deal averts tuition hike

### Student outcry contributes to Regents decision

By Haining Yu  
Assistant News Editor

The Board of Regents voted Tuesday against a midyear tuition increase for the University System of Georgia, thanks in part to a deal made with Gov. Sonny Perdue to downsize budget cuts.

The Board instead approved a series of cuts proposed by Chancellor Thomas Meredith that would, as Perdue had asked, "trim the fat" off the University System's yearly budget.

While stressing the poor timing of the budget cuts and the importance of maintaining a high quality of education, Meredith said that these cuts to their budget would be the only way to avoid an unprecedented midyear tuition increase.

"We're pushing the envelope here with the kinds of things we're recommending to you, but by doing that we can avoid the midyear

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## Celebrate Buzz Bash tonight

The Alumni Association invites students to celebrate Buzz's 25th anniversary tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Festival Area at Bobby Dodd Stadium.

Student tickets will be sold at the door at a cost of \$15. The *Technique* incorrectly reported last week that the event would be free.

## Technique to return Oct. 29

Due to the shortened week resulting from fall break, there will be no issue of the *Technique* next week. Look for our next issue Friday, Oct. 29.

## Clough delivers upbeat State of Institute

By Shan Sharif  
Contributing Writer

Institute President Wayne Clough discussed Tech's achievements and spoke of maintaining a reputation of technological innovation in his annual State of the Institute Address Tuesday.

Clough said that an important goal for the future is "to define Tech as a research university of the 21st century and to educate the leaders of a technology-driven world."

After an introduction, Clough spoke about issues regarding funding.

State funding, which currently comprises 25 percent of the Institute's total funding, down from 34 percent in 2002, has not kept up with Tech's growth and has forced some streamlining in recent semesters.

Clough pointed out that increased class sizes are a noticeable effect of the cutbacks

to students.

He said he wants students to be aware of these issues. Clough said that "a shift of financial support is occurring from state support to student and parent support. Students should be concerned when they may be denied the great opportunities

"Our faculty is as great as our students."

Wayne Clough  
Institute President

that Tech has to offer."

Despite budget cuts, Clough said he is committed to maintaining the academic excellence of Tech. Clough said that he believes in the further development of need-based scholarships.

These scholarships could help

to retain students who may be unable to afford Tech after a possible tuition increase.

Also, Clough spoke about current state laws regarding funding. "It is time for a state-wide discussion on how the state is funding [education]," he said.

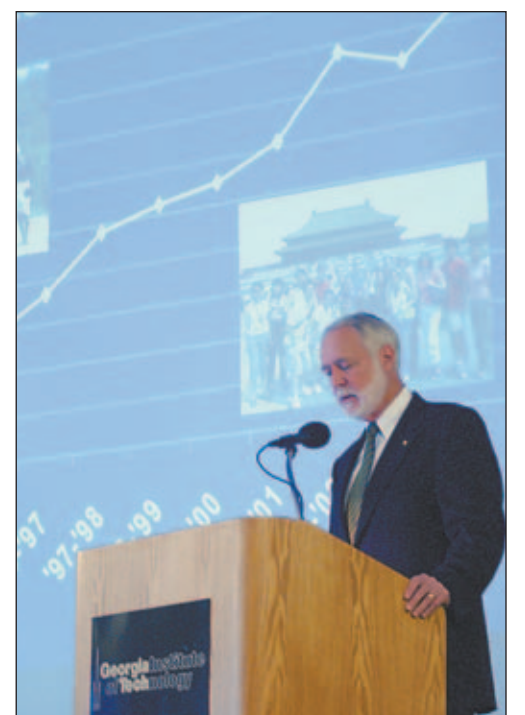
Students attending the address believed that Clough is legitimately concerned with funding issues.

Leroy Campbell, SGA co-chair of public relations, said, "It seems like he is dedicated to maintaining the quality of education and is doing an excellent job of keeping [Tech] competitive."

Clough also spoke of other issues.

He said Tech faculty has made significant achievements in the past year. Thirteen new faculty members won CAREER Awards and two new members were

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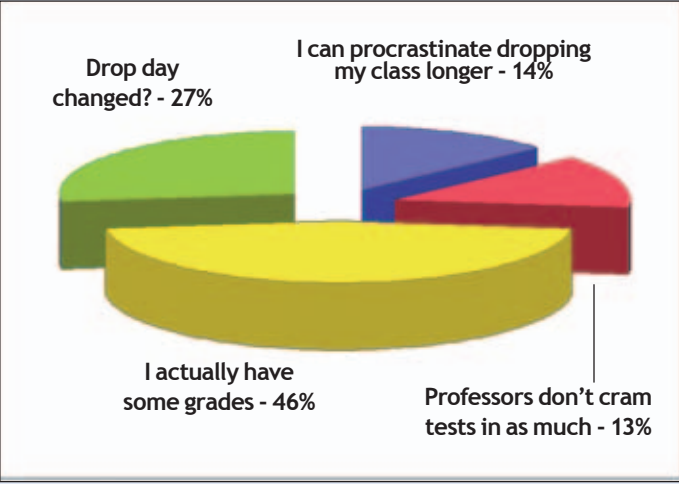
By Derrick Ma / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Institute President Wayne Clough delivers the State of the Institute address Tuesday.



TechniqueOnline Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 107 responses.  
What do you like most about a later Drop Day?



By Lauren Griffin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:  
**Bush or Kerry?**  
Tell us at [www.nique.net](http://www.nique.net)



Controlled substances	
10/5/2004	6:37:00 hrs.
Location: Techwood Dr. @ Fourth St.	
Incident: Offender arrested for possession of Ecstasy with intent to distribute.	
Theft	
10/5/2004	16:54:00 hrs.
Location: Paul Weber building	
Incident: Report of a stolen computer and printer.	
10/7/2004	9:31:00 hrs.
Location: 947 Atlantic Dr.	
Incident: Report of a stolen trailer.	

From the files of the GTPD...  
**Crime Reports**

Theft (continued)	
10/7/2004	16:33:00 hrs.
Location: Skiles bike rack	
Incident: Offender arrested for criminal attempt/theft by taking.	
10/8/2004	19:04:00 hrs.
Location: Woodruff parking lot	
Incident: Report of a stolen 1994 GMC 1500 truck.	
10/10/2004	11:38:00 hrs.
Location: Curran parking deck	
Incident: Report that three lug nuts were stolen.	
10/10/2004	19:46:00 hrs.
Location: 879 Hemphill Ave.	
Incident: Report of a stolen wheel.	
10/10/2004	21:41:00 hrs.
Location: Glenn Residence Hall	
Incident: Report of a stolen bicycle.	
Harassment	
10/5/2004	8:46:00 hrs.
Location: College Optical Center	
Incident: Report of harassing phone calls.	
Traffic accident	
10/6/2004	10:04:00 hrs.
Location: Dalney St. @ Ferst Dr.	
Incident: Report of a two-vehicle accident (no reported injuries).	
10/6/2004	18:02:00 hrs.
Location: Atlantic Dr. @ Peachtree Place	
Incident: Report of a one-vehicle accident (injuries reported).	
10/9/2004	20:51:00 hrs.
Location: Eighth St.	
Incident: Report of a two-vehicle accident (no injuries reported).	

**SLIVER**

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I can do 100 push-ups in 20 minutes.  
God I love being a turtle.  
BOOBS  
Hey, I ride with the AK.  
I swear I didn't know taking 400 techinque papers was ilegal. Can nique print some more campbell soup coupons  
Wait all I have to do is buy a playboy to see a tech girl naked... sorry officer I won't freeipods.com, and I thought freecondoms.com was the best site ever  
she said i was an idiot, does that mean no 2nd date?  
what i have to refer 5 friends, screw this, i'll just buy one [www.freebmw.com](http://www.freebmw.com), all u have to do is refer 100000 friends  
what do u mean we have no money, new building are popping up every year  
To my Bio1520 Lab Section P8 TA: I want to rip your clothes off and have my way with you...you're one sexy nerd!  
whether you call him red jesus or the crimson clipper, we can all agree on one thing, the kid is a pimp.  
....or stalker? depends on how you look at it  
omelettes are the only food at brittain that actually taste like it should...  
...oh yeah french toast too  
too bad im never awake early enough to get them  
I understand you need to test the fire alarms but at 5 AM!! and if it was a prank by someone.. we will find you  
parents get uber mad when they call and u don't answer  
This is Tech, stop bitching about your Ivan All Bullsh\*t!  
I might not be a good writer but I can differentiate anything.  
Is anyone else surprised that the over-priced, cheap quality trashy clothes store is gone from Tech Square?  
4:45 am fire alarm. awesome.

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Slivers!

# Council Clippings



Each week, elected members of both houses of the Student Government Association (SGA) meet to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings.

## Graduate Student Senate

### Graduates consider slate of allocations to Lacrosse Club

By Stephen Baehl  
News Editor

Tuesday's Graduate Student Senate meeting opened to a series of four bills from the Lacrosse Club requesting just over \$20,000 total.

According to the organization representative, club president Mike Yeager, the team missed last year's budget submission deadline, and thus had no money allocated to its budget this year. The bills, he said, were requested to compensate for this. He said they were separated by topic, done in part to make it more clear which bills drew from the Prior Year versus Capital Outlay accounts.

Yeager said the 54-member team charges \$500 dues and also earns money from alumni. The funds, he said, went toward equipment maintenance, travel and other expenses encountered throughout the year.

The first bill focused on \$9,325 worth of operational supplies and expenses. After little discussion, the bill was amended to \$7,860 and passed.

The second bill requested \$3,000 to help pay for four coaches. However, senator Priyanka Rohatgi questioned Yeager on this number, saying the women's lacrosse team

#### Bills passed

- Joint allocation to Men's Lacrosse Club (a)
- Joint allocation to Men's Lacrosse Club (b)
- Joint allocation to Men's Lacrosse Club (c)
- Joint allocation to Men's Lacrosse Club (d) (\$0)
- Joint allocation to Chinese Student Association (\$0)
- Joint allocation to TEAM Buzz Community Service Day
- Appointments to Joint Campus Organization Committee
- Appointment of Graduate Student Senator

#### Bills failed, tabled or withdrawn

- Joint allocation to Georgia Tech Music Listening Room (T)

only had one coach.

"If you see a men and women's game, they're almost completely different," Yeager said. "The only similarity is really the stick and ball." He said the men's team required the coaches to focus on specific areas of the game with players.

David Andersen, JFC chair, said, "We can only make recommenda-

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## UHR passes nine bills before week off

By Arcadiy Kantor  
Staff Writer

### Undergraduate House of Representatives

The Undergraduate House of Representatives passed nine bills in a lengthy meeting Tuesday night. With no session next week as a result of Fall Break, the representatives made an effort to deal with as many bills as possible this week.

Before dealing with the bills, however, the representatives received news of the conclusion of the SGA sign issue.

After the death of the bill thanks to a mistake in the Conference Committee version last week, SGA was able to secure outside funding for the project rather than making students foot the bill.

Amy Phuong, undergraduate student body president, said that one of the reasons the organization was able to receive money that it had failed to obtain previously was the negative reaction some students had to being expected to pay for the sign.

The undergraduates then proceeded to discuss four separate bills allocating funds to the Men's Lacrosse Club.

Between all of the bills, the club asked for over \$20,000 to help cover its operating expenses. Tech's lacrosse team has over the past years won several tournaments and competed on the national level.

The large sum of money requested by the club is a result of it not yet having an SGA-granted budget for this year.

"We missed the budget deadline last year due to a computer crash the week before [it was due]," said Michael Yeager, president of the club.

Because of this, the club asked for expenses such as regional sports conference dues, coach salaries, travel to tournaments, and some equipment money.

The large total raised concerns among the representatives, however.



By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

At its meeting Tuesday night, UHR discussed a list of things to consider in the coming year, including opposing parking fee increases.

The club explained that the total amount they asked SGA for comes out to roughly one third of the club's budget.

One representative asked about the club's other fundraising activities, including what their dues are used for, and another wanted to know why the club was asking for significantly more money this year than last year.

Yeager explained that the Lacrosse Club's yearly fee of \$500 goes to pay for another third of the club's expenses, with the final third being taken up by alumni and company donations.

The 54-member club more than doubled in size from last year, explaining the increased funding

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- Joint allocation to Women's Leadership Conference
- Joint allocation to Joint Campus Organization Committee





By Richard Wright / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Egg on your face?** Laney Sowell of Alpha Gamma Delta breaks an egg over a teammate's face during the Pyramid Egg Toss in the Burger Bowl on Tuesday. This and many other events for Tech students to enjoy took place around campus during the week leading up to this weekend's homecoming game.

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tions based on policy," he said, "and we could not make recommendations to cut these because it conforms to policy."

Still, a motion to amend the bill to \$1,500 was quickly carried, and the bill passed soon thereafter.

The third bill asked for for \$3,000 of travel expenses for four away games and a tournament; JFC recommended cutting funding for the tournament travel cost since there was no guarantee the team would qualify.

At this point, senator Ed Greco spoke up about the amount of money the bills altogether requested, saying

the grads should consider how much they spend on the club.

It was also noted that, according to last year's budget policy, travel requests would not have been funded if they were included in budgets. Since this was a bill, however, the measure still passed, amended per JFC to \$2,310.

The last bill for the club, however, proved to be one too many for the graduates to pass. The bill asked for \$5,400 for equipment.

Two points proved to be the bill's downfall. Greco pointed out that funding everything they had thus far and this bill would essentially give the team its entire budget, despite the late request. There should be some penalty, he said, for coming

to the SGA late with their budget. He again added that they fundraise plenty of money to cover some of these expenses.

Senator Karen Feigh added that the equipment requested, which included helmets and pads, seemed like personal equipment that members should purchase.

As such, the bill was amended to \$0 and passed.

The senators also amended a \$265 bill for a Chinese Student Association mixer to \$0 and passed it, due to the lack of organization fundraising. Another bill for about \$10,000 for TEAM Buzz was passed after changing some lines to indicate funding from the Capital Outlay account.

# Alumni step in to help Reck parade

By Michael Handelman  
Staff Writer

While the Ramblin' Reck Parade, Freshman Cake Race and Mini 500 are among the long-standing homecoming traditions, the Ramblin' Reck Club, the events' sponsors, could not find anyone to foot the bill for this year's events.

That is, until the Alumni Association stepped in with some \$2,345 financial assistance to make the traditions possible. This, added with working with the GTPD to reduce costs, will allow the events to go on like normal.

Earlier this month, changes in GTPD policy regarding the funding of external events sent the club scrambling to acquire funding for security at the club-sponsored events.

Prior to the policy change, instituted this year by Police Chief Teresa Crocker, GTPD would provide security services to some Institute events at no cost.

"In the past, the previous chief allowed monies to be spent from police budget to pay for all these extra duty events for police officers and equipment," Crocker said.

Under the new policy, however, the police department will not fund any security outside of its regular duties.

"The bottom line is that when I came in and looked at our budget and field positions...the money is not there to do all those [events], because it is a substantial amount of money

when you take into consideration all the events that are worked each year," Crocker said.

The police department offered to assist the group in obtaining the funds for the event. Crocker said she sent an email to the responsible member of the club offering "to go with you to SGA or Alumni Association or somewhere else to find this funding."

In a document provided to the *Technique* by the police department, initial cost estimates for the security for the parade, cake race and Mini 500 were around \$5,500.

This initial estimate included the costs of police personnel as well as crowd barricade rental and setup.

After viewing this estimate, the club and the police department negotiated new terms of agreement for security.

"As a group, we developed a plan that reduced the number of police officers utilized for the Mini 500 from 14 to seven, and for the Cake Races and Ramblin' Reck Parade the number of police officers was reduced from 14 to seven," said Captain Pat Wypasek.

The police also agreed to let the club find a less expensive service to rent and setup the barricades, saving the club \$500, according to Davis.

With the revised figures, the total cost was cut nearly in half to \$2,345 sans GTPD-provided barricades.

Yet, even the reduced cost of

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request.

The club also needed to do some emergency fundraising last year when it discovered it would be going to the U.S. Lacrosse Men's Division Intercollegiate Association (USLIA) national tournament with less than two weeks' notice.

"Winning the championship actually put more pressure on our finances," Yeager said.

At the time, the club raised about \$5,000, largely from the parents of players and from alumni contributions.

This year, the club asked for money to cover this trip in advance, a controversial request that met opposition from JFC.

The Lacrosse Club's equipment bill also met opposition from several reps, as many of them were afraid of setting a precedent that would allow organizations to ask SGA to cover their equipment year after year.

Concerns over the quality of the existing equipment did sway the undergraduates in favor of the bill, however.

"It's a rough sport, people die,"

said Aakash Jariwala, Physics representative.

In the end, all four bills passed by a significant margin, and the club received a majority of its requested funds.

The sums for purchases of the arm

**"Winning the championship actually put more pressure on our finances."**

**Michael Yeager**  
President, men's lacrosse

pads, shoulder pads and helmets were adjusted slightly down, and certain equipment such as extra handles and tape were struck from the largest request. The travel and coach salary bills were passed in full.

The representatives also passed a bill from the Chinese Student Association, which requested \$265 for its Ultimate Mixer event.

JFC initially recommended the

bill not be funded, as they were under the impression that Tech students would be expected to fund the entire expense of an event that was freely open to students from other schools as well.

This issue was clarified by the organization representative, who explained that other schools were in fact going to contribute to the event. As a result of the explanation the bill was passed for the full amount.

Also passed was a bill allocating \$22,270 to the Music Listening Room for the purpose of replacing the second half of the room's old furniture, which had served the campus for 20 years, as well as a bill allocating over \$10,000 to TEAM Buzz for the purchase or rental of tools and other miscellaneous equipment.

The representatives then moved two bills from new business to old and voted on them after little discussion.

The result was the passage of a bill granting \$55 to the Women's Leadership Conference for a *Technique* ad and a bill to appoint new members to the Joint Campus Organizations Committee, which the undergraduates passed quickly by unanimous acclamation.

## Address

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elected to the National Academy of Engineering. "Our faculty is as great as our students," Clough said.

The achievements of the diverse student body are equally prestigious, he added. The incoming freshman class has the highest average SAT score and is the most diverse yet, with more women and minorities enrolled than ever.

He continued with more praise of the student body, including reports of scholarships won and research conducted.

"They don't stop achieving after getting here," Clough said. According to his speech, Tech students won several prestigious scholarships and

four graduates were chosen to receive NASA fellowships. "Our people are what make Georgia Tech great," he said.

Students play an important role in Tech's research as well, according to Clough, who said this creates a fertile environment for innovation.

He then spoke more on the topic of research at Tech, highlighting new facilities and projects undertaken at the Institute.

This year the Ovarian Cancer Institute opened a new research laboratory at Tech. Research programs like this, according to Clough, "humanizes our endeavors."

Clough also spoke about the notable research in the area of nanotechnology.

Tech is among 13 universities

participating in the National Nanotechnology Infrastructure Network, a system of educational and research

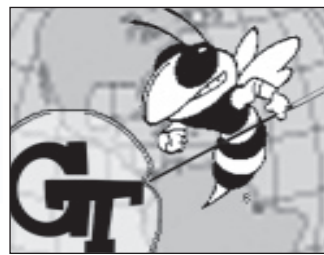
**"The research being conducted is as cutting-edge as our educational programs."**

**Wayne Clough**  
Institute president

facilities of nanotechnology.

"The Research being conducted is as cutting edge as our educational

## Breaking *the* Bubble



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

### Internal probe follows fireman sex scandal

Nineteen Sacramento firefighters are in trouble after being caught inappropriately using city fire engines—to meet women. Firefighters were caught cruising Sacramento bars and attending "Porn Star Costume Balls" with city fire engines in order to pick up women, and having sex inside the vehicles.

### Final debate focuses on domestic issues

Fiscal policy and healthcare issues dominated Wednesday's debate, as Kerry detailed his plan

to lower healthcare costs.

Other topics of discussion included gay marriage, abortion rights, immigration policies and gun control.

### FDA approves chip implant for humans

Similar to the chips found now in many pets, the VeriChip can store a variety of patient information that can easily be scanned by medical professionals.

About the size of a grain of rice, the chips can be inserted under the skin in a procedure that takes less than 20 minutes to complete.

Though current technology limits scanning access to a few feet, civil rights groups are concerned about the chip's impact on issues of privacy as technologies advance.

programs," Clough said.

Tech's programs continue to rank highly, Clough said. According to *U.S. News & World Report*, the Institute is currently ranked among the top ten public universities in the nation.

Furthermore, all engineering programs rank in the top 15. Two of the programs that rank the highest are Biomedical Engineering, which ranks second, and Industrial Engineering, which holds a No. 1 spot in the rankings.

"Essentially all of the programs are ranked in the top 10 percent of their disciplines," Clough said.

Clough also spoke about Tech's interdisciplinary programs and their contributions to innovation.

The School of Modern Languages

has 61 new programs and received the University System of Georgia Board of Regents Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Clough said he believes that students are responding to Tech's interdisciplinary programs. There was a 14 percent increase in the number of students electing to study abroad.

The programs provide unique educational experiences tailored to the location of study. Students in Angola surveyed the damage done to infrastructure by war, and in Ecuador students studied urban sprawl.

These programs allow students to "tackle real-life problems," Clough said. The ability, he said, "to share knowledge with others differentiates Tech students."

## SLIVER

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hispanic people know how to party, and the girls are extremely hot!

I'm so glad people other than myself thought STAC girl was full of crap

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# Protestors bring debate to campus

By Alexandra Pajak  
Contributing Writer

On the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 11, men and women not affiliated with Tech protested homosexual lifestyles on Skiles Walkway. Their protest occurred just following Georgia Tech Coming Out Week (GTCOW), sponsored by PRIDE alliance. The protestors carried large signs and debated with students who approached them. One poster featured pictures of a crucified Jesus from Mel Gibson’s *Passion of the Christ*. Another sign read, “Sodomy: It’s to die for.” Public Safety Captain James Hembry acknowledged the legality of the group’s visit. “We had six people speaking out about gay beliefs,” he said. “They had permission from Georgia Tech to be in the First Amendment area. They had written

permission. It was some folks talking about their religious beliefs and talking against gay folks in general. It was no problem at all.” Off-campus groups are required to receive permission from Tech to protest an issue or speak publicly on campus grounds. “The university has the right to designate time and space for off-campus visitors. They would do that through the Space Planning office,” said Stephanie Ray, associate dean of student affairs and diversity issues and programs coordinator. According to Ben Narsil, one of the protestors, the group is protesting

homosexuality “all week at different locations.” First-year Mechanical Engineering major Anthony Coulter was among the students who argued with the protestors about their message. “I think that coming on campus the week after COW is impolite at best. Intolerance is bad. Sickening.” Anthony Coulter First-year ME said, “I still think that I can make a difference.” The protestors insisted upon the importance of their Biblical message. “This is the love of God for sinners,”

said Narsil, who participated in the protest with his wife and two children. “We’re not condemning anybody.” Narsil attends the Open Bible Tabernacle church in Marietta, Georgia. “Here at Georgia Tech there are many fornicators, many drinkers, many sodomites. We’re here for Jesus Christ,” said Matt Bourgault, a protester from Florida. Bourgault has attended such “open air preaching” in 25 states and at many universities, including University of California-Berkeley, as well as colleges in Maine and the Midwest. Motioning to the students congregating around the signs, he said, “This is great dialogue. Great preaching. This is about believing the Gospel.” Student reaction to the protest was varied. “I’m for Bush,” said Ali Soza, a Georgia State University

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the decision of whether to drop or not to drop a lot easier.” Despite the date change, some students say there is still an increase in tests and exams close to the new class withdrawal date. Nishitha Andra, a sophomore Chemical Engineering major, said, “It’s a little hectic towards the drop date. Definitely an increase in number [of tests].” Andra said, however, that the increase in work may have other causes. “It could be the course load that’s changing.” Graduate students do not appear to have been affected by the change. When asked if he has seen a difference in course load, Susheel Sukhtankar said, “Not at all. I didn’t even know about it.” Sukhtankar is working toward a Master’s degree in Bioinformatics. “For grad students, [the date change] is totally unheard of,” said Gail Rosen, a Ph.D. student in the Electrical Engineering department. “I didn’t know about it.”

## SLIVER

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No one expects the Spanish Inquisition!  
Yay! New computer! Yay!  
Wireless internet!  
Way to go athletic ASSo-  
ciation. give the students  
the shaft again for some  
showers  
I’m gonna kill the f\*cktard  
who pulled the Smith fire  
alarm at 5 AM. He needs a  
slow and painful death  
Note to self: Hollowpoint  
bullets pierve armor. Hol-  
lowpoint oranges pierce  
windows  
ECE3040 Students- http://  
britneyspears.ac/lasers.htm  
hey women of tech: those  
little ruffled skirts make your  
asses look FAT and by FAT I  
mean huge  
W is not hot  
rainy day = no classes  
World of Warcraft Beta Test-  
ing has destroyed my grade  
at GT.  
what could suck better than  
a hoover...a name that must  
hold up its reputation for  
consistent performance  
Red Mary: i’m on fire for the  
most high, i’m not a virgin  
mary but quite the opposite,  
and yes...i used to dislike frat  
guys but only cuz i didn’t  
know white guys are always  
horny...who am i?  
Maybe it should be Calvin  
for president...  
I wonder if this’ll work  
please:?  
why is P.J Daniels on the side-  
lines? WE NEED HIM  
Ineffective administrators...  
my tuition pays for your  
butt to sit and do nothing???!  
Do you realize that your is  
to HELP students? not to  
advoid them!  
hey! it’s saturday night and  
this week’s paper’s not online!  
what’s up with that yo?!  
After watching the Miami  
game, if Reggie were actually  
elected President, we would be  
in desperate need of a recall  
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## Midyear tuition hike avoided by last-minute negotiations

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tuition increase," Meredith told the board.

While Perdue has made a \$3.9 million adjustment of the original \$68.7 million in cuts to University System, the board still faced a \$64.8 million budget deficit when it met this Tuesday and Wednesday in the Global Learning Center at Technology Square.

In the final plan passed by the board, around \$20.3 million will be cut from all around the state's 34 campuses. Another \$27.4 million in reductions will come from shortening the University System's health care reserves from 60 days to 30 days.

An additional \$9.4 million will come from money set aside from previous years for a project that fell through.

The governor still has to ask the state legislature for permission in order to transfer that money over to the University System, however. The board is still looking for ways to make up the remaining \$7.3 million.

The approval of the \$20.3 million cut means roughly \$2 million in cuts for Tech, much less than the expected \$7 million. But the cuts still mean additional layoffs, hiring freezes and delayed purchasing and maintenance projects for Tech.

While these reductions will alleviate budget problems for this year, they are only a "one-time solution" Meredith said. The board will not be able to make these same reduc-



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**Board of Regents members Martin NeSmith and Patrick Pittard listen during Tuesday's meeting. The Board decided not to raise tuition.**

tions in future years, Meredith said, and long-term solutions need to be sought out.

Regents echoed these same concerns, remarking how in the past few years the board had been "playing catch up" with their budget while trying to absorb the over \$313 million in budget cuts they have received since November 2001.

"We feel quite positive about mitigating the immediate financial impact a midyear tuition increase would have had on our students," Meredith said.

"Still, we know the one-time cost-cutting solutions we have identified are frankly stop-gap measures that only temporarily solve our problems. We will have to find these dollars from other sources for our fiscal year 2006 budget," he said.

To help address long-term solutions, Meredith has appointed a "tuition task force" that will examine

long-term tuition goals at each of the three levels of higher education in Georgia. The task force will be responsible for formulating a plan by the beginning of next year and presenting their findings to the Board of Regents when they meet to decide on next year's tuition late this spring.

Previously, Meredith appeared to be in favor of proposing a 10 percent

midyear tuition increase to make up for the \$68.4 million in cuts enforced upon the University System by Perdue after he decided to scratch plans for a one-day payroll shift that had been proposed in the state's original

budget.

The payroll shift, called an accounting gimmick by many, could have affected Georgia state bonds and interest rates, according to the A/C.

The Chancellor's plan to avoid a midyear tuition increase came as a

surprise, but also a relief to many.

Even Amy Phuong, undergraduate student body president, who has battled alongside other Georgia student leaders against the increase and other budget cuts, was taken by surprise by the Chancellor's announcement.

"I never expected this particular outcome to happen," Phuong said. "It was a surreal moment because everything happened so quickly."

Phuong, along with UGA student body president Adam Sparks, had the opportunity to address the Board on Tuesday and represent the student voice in the frenzied talks about tuition increases and budget cuts.

Touching mainly on the budget cuts' effects on the quality of education found at their respective schools, Phuong and Sparks also spoke about the students' campaign against budget cuts.

Last Friday, Phuong, Sparks and about 150 other students held a rally in front of the Capitol. Protesting the budget cuts and the possible tuition increase, students held signs and listened to impassioned speeches from various student leaders from around the state.

The rally, which lasted roughly three hours, was capped off by the delivery of the state-wide student petition. The students also presented alternative solutions brought up in their last meeting with Perdue.

According to Mallory Grebel, vice president of UGA's student government, among the six solutions presented were having a 1.5 percent budget cut across the board, giving tax incentives for businesses hiring Georgia graduates and urging legislators to put more money in higher education.

"We are not stopping just now," Phuong said, as SGA plans to continue lobbying for higher education. "We want to ensure that the governor puts higher education as a top priority—by putting his money where his mouth is."

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police services exceeded the financial resources of the club, who only has one outside sponsor this year, BP. Thus, the club sought out Institute resources to foot the bill.

"President [Wayne] Clough was contacted, and he referred us to Dr. Schafer, who referred us to the Alumni Association," Davis said.

Ultimately, the Alumni Association provided the stop-gap funds to allow the event to continue this year.

"Within the last day or so," David said, "it seems like [funding] was resolved," she said.

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student who was on campus at the time of the protests. "If gay marriage is allowed, they should allow cow marriage. I've never heard of non-straight marriage."

Narsil also seemed to notice a difference in opinions of students in reaction to their presence. He said "international students" appeared to have more support for their message than the "nationals," people from the United States.

Narsil said opposition to their message against homosexuality "speaks to apathy."

Some students expressed humor at the situation. "I think it's funny," said a Tech student who declined to give his name.

Transfer student Joy Pearson said, "It's odd they're claiming to be good Christians, but they're preaching hate...they should be talking to Congress, not to us."

Felix Hu, a member of Tech's Pride organization, said the protests are a reflection of the "current times" in the country's political climate. Regarding GTCOW, Hu said, "We had a great amount of student support. That was unprecedented in the past."

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