



MSFAC approves fee increases for campus services

2011 STUDENT FEES

HEALTH: \$154

ATHLETIC: \$127

STUDENT ACTIVITY: \$123

TECHNOLOGY: \$107

TRANSPORTATION: \$76



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By Hahnming Lee
Editor-in-Chief

The Mandatory Student Fee Advisory Committee (MSFAC) unanimously approved \$4 fee increases for Health, Transportation and Athletics on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

"It is my opinion that the members of MSFAC had to act in order for these valuable services to the entire student body to continue uninterrupted," said Graduate Student Body President Anthony

Baldrige.

Transportation received their full request while Athletics and Health were cut from proposed \$6 and \$5 increases, respectively.

"We gave them an incredible amount of scrutiny and provided due diligence. I think we were very thoughtful in the increase to fees we provided this year," said Undergraduate Student Body President Corey T. Boone.

Representatives from each group made cases to a committee

made up primarily of students, both undergraduate and graduate, for why an increase was necessary and justified.

Dr. Gregory Moore of Health Services came before the committee asking to increase the health fee from \$150 to \$155. One of the reasons that Moore gave for the fee increase was a plan to hire two nurse practitioners and partially fund the salary for a dietician.

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FBI raids on-campus dorm Freshman student served search warrant

By Vijai Narayanan
News Editor

On Jan. 27, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) raided a dorm in Towers Hall to serve a search warrant to a student allegedly involved in Operation Payback, a set of coordinated cyber attacks launched against the websites of financial institutions. The companies were targeted for denying financial services to the WikiLeaks group, which released hundreds of thousands of diplomatic cables online.

The Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS), an attack used by the activists to disable networks by flooding them with useless commands and information, temporarily shut down website operations for all three institutions.

A variety of electronic equipment, including computers and peripheral storage devices, were confiscated from Zhiwei "Jack" Chen, a first-year CmpE major to whom the warrant was served.

In a post made on Thursday, Jan. 27 on the social news website Reddit.com, Chen confirmed that the raid had indeed occurred that morning.

"FBI had a warrant to take

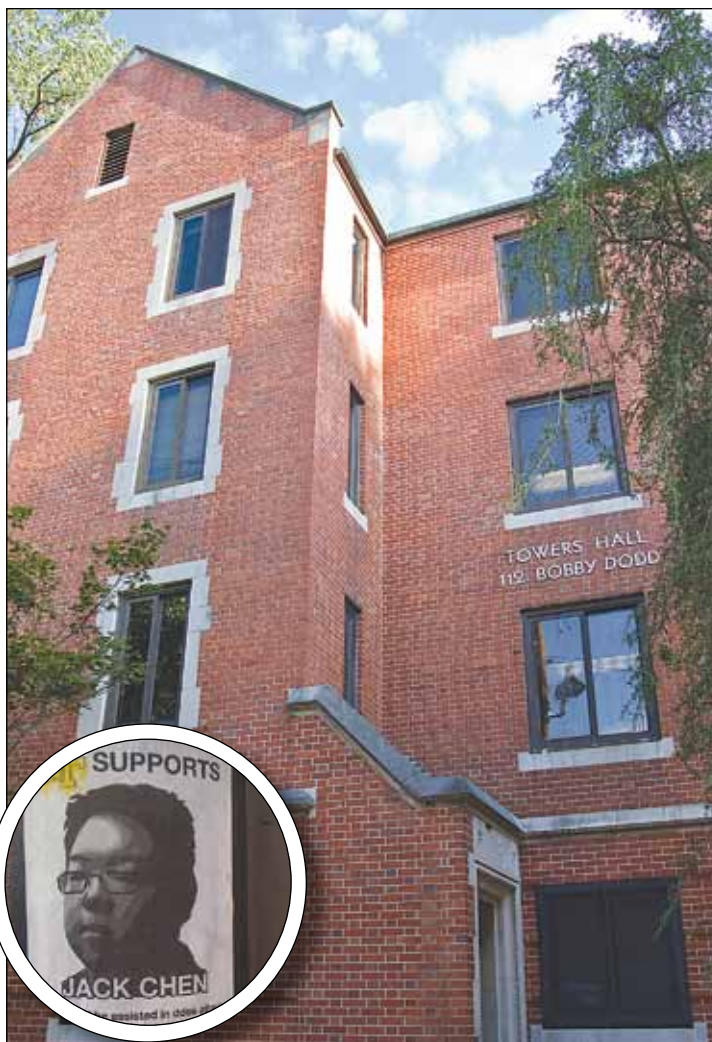
all my electronics. They came in the dorm room bustin in @7:00, and pushed everyone out of bed. They searched the place and questioned all people involved," Chen wrote in the post.

Chen also claims to have been affiliated with the group that carried out the attacks.

"I was a passive admin for Operation Payback and quit early to avoid complications with the law, but it seems the FBI has gotten the better of me," Chen wrote in the same post.

Before his account was deleted, Chen offered more details surrounding the situation. Upon request, he posted a copy of the search warrant and the identity of the FBI agent who executed the search. He stated that he never participated in the DDoS attacks, but was an administrator on the Internet Relay Chat (IRC) channel used to coordinate operations.

The FBI executed more than 40 search warrants last week in the U.S. as part of its ongoing investigation into Operation Payback. According to the FBI, anyone involved in executing or facilitating a DDoS attack faces up to 10 years in prison and can be exposed to civil liability.



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Top: Jack Chen's possessions were confiscated by the FBI on Thursday, Jan. 27. Left: Fliers were posted in support of Chen.

Competition center finished

By TJ Kaplan
Staff Writer

Tech's student competition teams located in the Mechanical Engineering Research Building were notified in early Aug. that they would be relocated to a new facility on 14th Street. Commonly known as the Tin Building building, the building will be demolished in April as a part of the Institute's move for more green space on campus.

The new building on 14th Street, currently named the Competition Center, is a building that is owned by Tech and was previously used as storage for Housing materials and other campus property. The competition teams were required to move out of the building before the start of the Spring semester due to construction and modifications to the Skiles walkway area.

According to Andrea Kuklenyik, Vice President of Wrek Racing and second-year ME major, a decision had to be made by the Institute to either bring the old Tin Building up to code, or tear it down and move the organizations within it.

"We found out that the final decision had been made after [Institute] President G.P. 'Bud' Peterson met with the respective presidents of the teams housed with in the Tin Building and informed them that they could use this situation to their benefit, and this could be a growing point for the teams," Kuklenyik said.

This shift will have an effect on a

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HOPE White Paper unveiled during GT Day at the Capitol

By Emily Cardin
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On Tuesday, Feb. 1, nearly 50 students from the Institute gathered on the steps of the State Capitol to celebrate the 2011 GT Student Day at the Capitol. During this event, the SGA presented their HOPE Scholarship White Paper, with the assistance of the College Democrats at Georgia Tech and the Georgia Tech College Republicans.

Students from a variety of years and majors attended in order to meet legislators, to see the inner workings of the political process and to witness the unveiling

of SGA's White Paper.

"I'm here to fight for HOPE," said Zachary Gardner, a first-year MGT major. "I wanted to make sure that we have a fighting chance in regards to keeping our scholarships."

The day's activities, coordinated by SGA, began with a reception with the students, faculty from Tech as well as members of the Senate and the House. During the reception, Kristen Greig, Student Lobby Board Chair and third-year IAML major, read the contents of the White Paper.

SGA has been working in cooperation with the Georgia Tech College Republicans and Col-

lege Democrats at Georgia Tech to brainstorm some possible solutions for the large problems, specifically the continued lack of funding that surround the HOPE Scholarship.

The ideas generated were presented during the day to the State Senate in the HOPE Scholarship White Paper by Greig, SGA Director of External Affairs and third year MGT major, Elle Creel and Undergraduate Student Body President Corey T. Boone.

"The HOPE Scholarship should aim to fund 100 percent of the tuition costs for qualified

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Attendees at the event had the opportunity to meet with representatives and learn about different legislative processes.

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From the files of the GTPD... Campus Crime

By Matt Schrichte
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Hooked on chronics

Three Eighth Street Apartment students were issued code of conduct violations for marijuana possession on the night of Jan. 22. Officers received calls about a strong scent of marijuana coming from one of the rooms.

After knocking on the door of the room in question, the two officers and the housing representative heard a shuffle inside the room. Upon opening, the officers immediately noticed a strong odor of marijuana. The students inside the apartment denied knowing about any marijuana in the apartment. While housing did not per-

form a search, the students were all issued code of conduct violations.

Bobby Dod(d)ged

Two students were issued criminal trespass warnings for entering Bobby Dodd Stadium at 3:00 a.m. on the morning of Jan. 22. The two students, one male and one female, were seen by an officer conducting a stadium check. The officer made contact with the two in the West stands. The two stated that they were on a date and were cooperative with the officer. They were able to gain entry through the bottom of gate two.

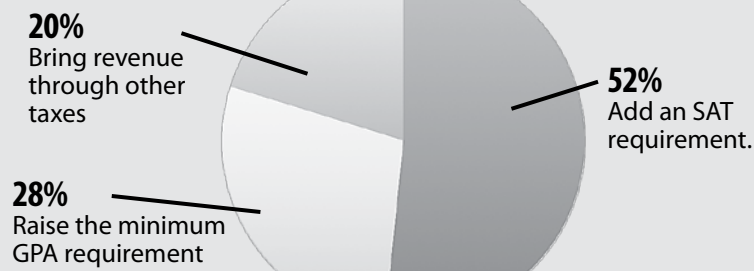
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Officers arrested a wanted person after briefly letting him go on Jan. 25. While checking ticket scalpers' identifications, one of them was found to be a possible wanted suspect. At that time, Communication gave the officers the name and profile of someone who might be using a false ID. Communication advised that the suspect had a large tattoo on his neck, which the officers were unable to locate on the subject being questioned, who was released.

After reviewing a picture of the subject at police headquarters, the officers realized that the subject in question had a warrant for his arrest in Clayton County. They were able to relocate the suspect and place him under arrest nearby Alexander Memorial Coliseum. The suspect admitted that he and another person routinely use each other's license number.

POLL OF THE WEEK

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With the increase in the number of visits to the center and a rise in the number of more serious medical problems, the nurse practitioners could help treat more common problems like a cold or sore throat. The Health Center has already committed to closing its Dental Clinic.

"When you look at Health, the amount of demand is outpacing their current ability, and they just need additional staff members. We were well below the industry standard [relating to patient-to-staff ratio]," Boone said.

Parking and Transportation proposed an increase from \$72 to \$76 for their fee to help maintain services. Lance Lunsway, director of Parking and Transportation, and David Williamson, assistant director of Parking and Transportation, stated that every \$1 not received would be a cut in nearly 800 hours in service. Furthermore, the rising cost of fuel necessitated a fuel surcharge.

Athletic Director Dan Radakovich asked for a \$6 increase to Athletics to help some of its costs, from \$123 to \$129. The down year in football coupled with the somewhat lackluster home schedule made it a disappointing round of sales of football tickets, leading to less revenue. While there is a possibility that the ticket sales will increase next year, the way the football scheduling works makes it difficult to predict the sales from year-to-year. Radakovich said the increase would give some stability to the funding of the program.



Council Clippings

This week in Student Government

By Mike Donohue, SGA Editor

Each week, this section includes coverage of different aspects of Student Government, including the Undergraduate House of Representatives, Graduate Student Senate and the Executive Branch of both governments.

College Republicans

The Georgia Tech College Republicans successfully submitted a bill on Tuesday for \$1320 to attend the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington, DC. The bill will pay for registration fees and travel to the conference. The Graduate Student Senate failed the bill 15-17-1, but the Undergraduate House of Representatives passed it 28-10-6 which allowed the bill to pass the necessary enactment ratio.

According to its website, "CPAC [is] the premiere event for any major elected official or public personality seeking to discuss issues of the day with conservatives." This year's conference will include keynotes by Rep. Michelle Bachmann (R-MN), former Rep. Newt Gingrich and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY).

During the Senate meeting Tuesday morning, debate was brief. The only Senator to speak up, AE Sen. Michael Ellis, expressed concern over the fact that no graduates were attending and that it was a networking event.

"As the bill was presented by the organizational representative, I was hesitant to vote yes sim-

ply because the bill appeared to violate—or at least stretch—JFC policy regarding political activity," Ellis said in an email. "In summary, to best represent my constituents and in light of acting with fiscal responsibility, I voted against the bill."

After the bill was failed, ChBE Sen. Jana Blume and ME Sen. Mihir Pathak spoke out against the lack of debate on the bill. Pathak, the sponsor of the bill and the coordinating officer with UHR, expressed concern that he would have no explanation for why the bill failed in the Senate when presenting to the House.

The Undergraduate Representatives debated at length on the appropriate action to take after College Republican Chairman Kristin Greig told representatives that one fewer student would be traveling with the organization. Representatives spent some time sorting out the implications of this before passing the bill.

"I think there was a lack of

Bill Summary			
Bill	Amount	GSS	UHR
Engineers without Borders	\$702	29-0-0	44-0-0
Tau Beta Phi E-week	\$605	30-1-0	41-0-3
College Republicans	\$1320	15-17-1	28-10-3
Women's Club Basketball	\$550	28-2-3	39-0-0

You can follow Mike at the Nique's blog, The Pulse. Check in at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday for updates from UHR sessions at nique.net/pulse.

communication and misunderstanding from many sides over the bill. Many facets of the bill raised questions, and then there were some procedural issues on the floor of the House. Pieces were unclear from the very beginning with the writing of the bill itself in its line items and then, JFC's recommendation could not be officially established in the House," said BC Rep. Grace Stephens.

"Thirteen members will be attending from GTCR. The error occurred due to miscalculation or miscommunication by several parties involved. We are happy with the final outcome," Grieg said over email when asked about the confusion over the number of students attending.

According to Joint Finance Committee Policy, SGA may not fund "Political Activities," defined as activities "the primary purpose of which is to support the election or defeat of a candidate for public office or to provide a monetary contribution to a political party."

Neither Undergraduate Student Body President Corey Boone nor Graduate Student Body President Anthony Baldrige said this information would make them veto the bill.

"I have no intentions on vetoing the bill. The event is a conference, not a political rally. It is my understanding that it is focused on leadership development not mobilizing for a conservative cause," Boone said in an email.

CORRECTIONS

The graph on the front page of last week's issue was mislabeled. The infographic regarding deposits and expenditures were switched. The legend at the bottom of the graph was labeled correctly.



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students,” the document stated. “To meet the original intent of the merit scholarship, students who deserve HOPE in Ga. should not have to go into debt in order to cover tuition costs.”

A Sunday alcohol sales tax and a lottery-regulated casino are proposed to generate revenue, while a reduction in Pre-K funding, an exclusion of remedial courses from the scholarship, a limit placed on for-profit institutions and an increase in high school GPA requirements to keep the scholarship afloat have all been discussed as solutions.

The paper was presented first to students, faculty and legislators during a private morning reception, and then was presented for official resolution recognition in the State Senate by Senate Majority leader Chip Rogers. Rogers spoke to the students at the reception about what it means to be in political office and fielded questions about the State legislatures’ seeming hesitancy to address the problems surrounding the HOPE Scholarship.

“There are millions of examples of what people think we ought to



Photo by Sean Kolk / Student Publications

Students were invited to sit inside the House Chamber as part of the event. SGA presented a White Paper regarding possible changes to the HOPE Scholarship, which was discussed by representatives.

do [about the HOPE Scholarship],” Rogers said. “But up here, this issue is hard to handle. Our national Congress is afraid to touch Social Security for fear of political repercussion. In Ga., the

HOPE Scholarship is similar to that.”

Rogers stressed the need for a comprehensive and cohesive plan to solve the HOPE problem as soon as possible.

“[The Senate] needs to work with Governor Deal and the House in order to come together with one single plan to address this issue,” Rogers said. “We have many options and suggestions,

but ultimately we must make one plan. If we cherry-pick solutions, we can really create conflict.”

Institute President G.P. “Bud” Peterson also addressed the students, faculty and legislators in regards to the issue of HOPE, as well as budgeting and financial issues. He addressed the loss of formula funding and expressed his concern over the HOPE Scholarship.

Peterson outlined the administration’s decision to continue with a six percent budgetary reduction plan for FY2011 as opposed to the four percent reduction plan once suggested by the Board of Regents.

“If we have been overly cautious, and the finances aren’t as tight as we believed, instead of asking to get money back, we can simply allocate more funding,” Peterson said. “[Tech] faces some challenges, but by no means are they catastrophic.”

Peterson also encouraged students to learn from the day’s activities, and to remember the ultimate purpose of government.

“Democracy is a marvelous thing,” Peterson said, “but it doesn’t work unless we are participatory.”

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number of organizations that were housed in the building, including Wrek Racing, GT Motorsports, GT Off Road, EcoCar, Solar Jackets and RoboJackets. The effect will vary greatly from organization to organization, based on their space, mechanical and recruitment needs.

“This move will have both a negative and positive effect on our organization, as we now have much more space and amenities, but at the same time it makes it very difficult for our members to come work with the team—the new building on 14th Street is far from campus,” said Luis Romero,

President of GT Motorsports and fourth-year ME major.

The distance that the new building is from campus has caused the leaders in these organizations to become concerned about possible recruitment in the coming years, and the logistics of younger team members travelling to the building to work.

“We are a little worried that it is going to be somewhat of an issue to recruit kids next year and then get them to come through Home Park to get here—it’s not like you can just drop by the shop on your way back from the library,” said Jonathan Skoczylas, member of GT Motorsports and third-year ME major.

According to Kuklenyik, Tech paid for all of the moving costs and allowed organizations the use of institute vehicles, but the other machines and equipment that could not be moved individually and had to be moved by professional movers. Moving forward, the organizations involved are still in process of organizing all of their materials.

“We are still working on moving everything in and getting situated — it’s a lot of stuff to move around, and now that we have so much space, there is a lot to unpack. We’re definitely glad to be out of a building that sounds like its about to fall down all the time,” Skoczylas said.



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