GT SMART and City of Atlanta promote alcohol server training

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Atlanta bar, restaurant and nightclub owners have a new tool to help employees sell alcohol responsibly. Georgia Tech is offering a free online training program for managers and servers of alcohol in Atlanta to help them reduce underage drinking and sales to intoxicated patrons before they get behind the wheel. The program was announced last week by Georgia Tech, Atlanta City Councilmember H. Lamar Willis, and Larry Carlson of Philips Arena at a press conference at City Hall.

The first of its kind in Georgia, the Responsible Alcohol Sales and Server (RASS) training program is being run by Tech’s GT SMART program, a campus-community coalition dedicated to reducing high-risk drinking. The program is funded by a grant from Georgia’s Children and Youth Coordinating Council.

"With the recent issues facing this industry here on the Atlanta City Council, this training is timely and will serve to enhance the quality of service that establishments throughout the city of Atlanta are able to provide," Willis said. "Citizens can feel safer knowing that this industry, through participating in this training, is taking further steps toward being a responsible stakeholder in our community. I applaud Georgia Tech for leading this effort."

The free training is available online at any time to alcohol-licensed businesses in the city of Atlanta. Tech hopes to widen the program to all cities throughout Georgia.

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Board of Regents announces new tuition increases

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The price of higher education in Georgia is going up. Starting in the fall, state resident undergraduate students at the University System of Georgia’s four research institutions will pay tuition of $1,684 per semester, an almost 5 percent increase over last fall. Undergraduates coming from other states will pay $8,324 per semester to attend Georgia Tech, a 10 percent increase over last fall. Graduate students at Tech experienced a similar increase in tuition: 5 percent for Georgia residents and 10 percent for non-residents. Mandatory student fees at Tech will also rise 5 percent per semester from the previous year.

HOPE scholars will have the complete cost of the tuition increase covered by the program but have to come up with the extra $21 in fees on their own. Legislation passed by the state’s General Assembly froze HOPE payment of fees at their 2003-2004 levels.

Despite the increases, President Wayne Clough said a Tech education is still a bargain. "Georgia Tech remains one of the best educational values in the country, with tuition rates significantly lower than our peer institutions" he said. "Kiplinger’s Personal Finance Magazine ranks Georgia Tech seventh nationally among Best Values for In-state Students."

In fact, Tech would have to increase in-state undergraduate rates by more than 48 percent this year to keep up with the condition of inflation.

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Modern Languages recognized by Regents for teaching excellence

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After five years of launching two new joint degrees, creating 61 new courses, building a strong advising program for its undergraduate and developing new team-taught courses and an international internship program, the School of Modern Languages received the 2004 Regents’ Awards for Excellence in Teaching in a Department from the University System of Georgia at the Board of Regents’ meeting last month. A panel of faculty and department chairs from across the University System independently reviewed the nominations and unanimously selected the School to receive this prestigious award.

"For years now, our School of Modern Languages has been a campus leader in innovative pedagogy," said Bob McNath, vice provost for undergraduate studies and academic affairs. "The faculty have developed programs and courses that respond to the needs of all our students and have delivered them with dedication and enthusiasm. It’s great to see the School of Modern Languages recognized by the University System in this fashion."

"As part of an institution dedicated to the education of future leaders in business and technology, the School of Modern Languages plays a crucial role in preparing students for the global marketplace," said Phil McKittrick, the School’s chair. "Our school’s non-traditional curriculum, with a vast array of applied and interdisciplinary courses, demonstrates faculty attention to current and emerging student needs and reflects our belief in authentic cultural and linguistic experiences and in interactive, non-compartmentalized learning."

The annual Regents’ awards program recognizes and rewards both individual faculty members and Language programs continued, page 3

Ride the slide

With outside construction on the new Campus Recreation Center near completion, work on the inside is advancing in earnest. The $44 million, two-phase construction project is expected to be completed before the beginning of fall semester, complete with a 14,000-square-foot fitness area, a climbing wall and a new, 500-space parking deck.

One of the more unique features of phase two construction involves the leisure pool and its enormous, twisting water slide, featured here. CRC members are invited to participate in a poll on its use at www.campusrecreation.gatech.edu.
Mentor Tech seeks applicants as program begins new cycle

Mentor Tech, an Institute sponsored program, is seeking qualified Georgia Tech faculty and staff who wish to mentor some of its less experienced employees. The program’s mission is to empower individuals to enhance their career development by tapping into wealth of experience and talents possessed by other successful Georgia Tech employees.

Deborah Cowin Wilson, director of career development and coordinator of the program, believes mentoring has become an important tool to continue lifelong learning and is an ideal way to expand leadership skills. Not only do mentors share their expertise with the protégé, but they also learn and grow during the mentoring process. Mentors, she said, are key to the program.

Interested mentors do not have to be a supervisor, but must have a successful job record, possess several years of experience at Georgia Tech and be willing to commit two hours a month to a protégé.

Applications for this year’s program are available online at www.mentortech.gatech.edu. The deadline date for the application is June 25. This year’s program will run from July through February 2005. For more information about the Mentor Tech program, e-mail deborah.wilson@suc cess.gatech.edu or call 404-5850.

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equal the average tuition charged by public universities in the United States.

The increases are necessary to offset some of the budget cuts Tech has endured over the past four years, said Jim Kirk, director of budget planning and administration. Since fiscal year 2001, Tech has had to deal with reductions of $123.6 million for basic operations and $35.7 million for all programs, including the Georgia Tech Research Institute and Economic Development and Technology Ventures.

At the same time the state has reduced funding, enrollment at Tech has swelled by more than 12 percent over three years. This fall, it’s expected to grow even more. According to Deborah Smith, associate vice provost of enrollment services, the size of the freshman class will increase 15 percent.

The result of this slippage in state support and a growing student body has been a reduction in the number of classes Tech can offer, an increase in class sizes and a widening of the student-to-faculty ratio.

Tech’s costs are going up as well. Like most of Atlanta, Tech has seen its utility bills skyrocket. Since 2001, utility cost per square-foot has risen 43 percent. With 2 million square-feet of new space since 2002, it’s getting very expensive to heat, cool and provide water to Tech’s facilities. Despite all that, Kirk said some parts of campus are still cramped for space.

This year’s tuition increases should help soften the blows of the budget cuts Tech experienced throughout fiscal year 2004. Kirk. This past session, the legislature made its 2004 cuts permanent, then approved an additional 5 percent cut across the board. “We’re making an effort to restore some of those cuts in every college in the 2005 budget,” he said.

As for the fee increases, the bulk of those come from the student activity fee, which rose from $86 per semester to $98. Ben Lawder, former vice president of campus affairs for the student government association (SGA), said most will fund the expansion of the Campus Recreation Center (CRC). The SGA proposed the increase to cover the CRC as well as other projects such as a new Student Center Commons, student organizations and student publications.

Smith said she understands some students and parents may be anxious about the rising costs but that students will benefit in the long run.

“Much of this money will be redirected to the students in the form of more and smaller classes, better facilities and more instructors,” she said. "A Georgia Tech education is still one of the best investments students and their parents will ever make.”
Two new joint degrees — An international internship

The extraordinary growth of Modern Languages (GEML) and Global Economics and Modern Languages (GEML) reflects their particular policies, which are closely correlated to the quality of our faculty members.

The growth of Modern Languages supports one of the goals of Tech’s Strategic Plan: offering a student-focused education by increasing the number of students who work or study abroad.

The extraordinary growth of our programs has resulted from a shared and dedicated effort to develop a community of teacher-student, student-student and teacher-teacher collaboration by forging connections within and across disciplines, inside and outside the classroom, and by building international connections with academic institutions and global companies,” McKittrick said.

among the achievements cited by the Board of Regents:
• Two new joint degrees — International Affairs and Modern Languages (IAML) and Global Economics and Modern Languages (GEML)
• An international internship program in Germany, Mexico, France and Japan
• Team-taught courses through the languages Across the Curriculum program, funded by the U.S. Department of Education
• 61 new courses in the curriculum

Language Offices.

More than 200 alcohol licensees have already expressed their intention to participate in the program. Managers and owners can customize the program to reflect their particular policies, added Brinkley. “For example, if one bar decides employees need to ID every customer, the training can reflect that, while another bar can have the training teach employees to ID people who look younger than 30.”

The entire program takes an average of two hours and can be completed in increments. Every person who passes the course has a record sent electronically to the Georgia Department of Revenue, where it is available to prospective employers. The employee can also print out a passing certificate after completing the training.

“We think that employees who have completed the training will be more attractive to prospective employers who want to practice responsible alcohol sales,” said Brinkley.

Remaking the Tech Tower lawn

With mosquito season drawing near, the Department of Facilities’ Landscape Services have been working for the past several weeks to improve the drainage of surface water on the lawn in front of the Tech Tower.

The work involves installing French drains, grading the earth and planting new sod.

IN BRIEF:

New advisory board to improve student recruitment efforts

Enrollment Services and the Office of Undergraduate Admission hosted the first High School Counselors Advisory Board meeting on April 16 at Tech Square. The board, made up of public and private high school guidance counselors from around the Southeast, will meet twice a year with Admissions staff to help develop recruiting strategies as well as learn more about the Institute’s academic initiatives in order to better represent Tech to their students.

As part of the first meeting, the board met with representatives from various colleges and heard a presentation by Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies Bob McMATH. Board members also attended sessions with the Admissions officers and toured the campus.

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for fall semester, November 11 and 12.

GTISC renewed as NSA Center of Excellence

The National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security have announced that the Georgia Tech Information Security Center (GTISC) will remain among the National Centers of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education. Designation as a Center is good for three academic years, after which a university must reapply. GTISC was initially designated as a Center in 2001, reapproved and was successfully evaluated against strengthened criteria.

Ten additional university centers, including Tennessee State University’s Center for Information Security Education and Awareness, were added to the fraternity, bringing the total number of such centers to 59 in 27 states.

Baseball players receive post-season accolades

In addition to closing out the regular season with 17 consecutive wins, an Atlantic Coast Conference title and a top-10 national ranking, six players were named as among the best in the conference. Outfielder Brandon Boggs, pitcher Marc Robinson and infielders Eric Patterson were named to the All-ACC First Team, while pitcher Andrew Kown, and outfielders Steven Blackwood and Clifton Remoe were second-team selections. The conference announced the All-ACC Baseball teams as voted on by the league’s nine head coaches last week.

The Yellow Jackets had three first-team All-ACC honorees for the first time since 2000.

MOVE’s new address

The MOVE Office has moved to room 141 of the Student Services building. For more information call 894-2002 or e-mail move@gatech.edu
C A M P U S  E V E N T S

Arts & Culture

June 9
The bookstore welcomes Pamela Holm, who will be signing copies of her new memoir “The Toaster Broke, So We’re Getting Married” at noon. For more information, visit www.gatech.bookstore.com.

Faculty/Staff Development

June 2
The Office of Organizational Development sponsors a half-day seminar on “Public Communications for Women,” beginning at 8:30 a.m. in room 308, Savant Building. To register, visit www.trainsweb.gatech.edu/mastcal.

June 9
The Office of Organizational Development sponsors a one-day seminar on “Improving Interpersonal Communications,” beginning at 8:30 a.m. in room 308, Savant Building. To register, visit www.trainsweb.gatech.edu/mastcal.

June 11
The Office of Organizational Development hosts a brown bag on “IT Certifications,” at 11:30 a.m. in room 308, Savant Building. Find out more about certifications such as Microsoft, Cisco, Novell, Lotus, Wireless, Security, CompTIA and CIW. To register, visit www.trainsweb.gatech.edu/mastcal.

June 15
The Office of Organizational Development sponsors a brown bag seminar on “Using Our Educational Assistance Programs,” from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 308, Savant Building. To register, visit www.trainsweb.gatech.edu/mastcal.

June 24
The Office of Organizational Development sponsors “Foundations of Diversity Awareness for Office Professionals” a course to aid participants in gaining an understanding and awareness about diversity, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in room 308, Savant Building. To register, visit www.trainsweb.gatech.edu/mastcal.

Miscellaneous

June 2-3
Registration for summer intramurals — softball, kickball, sand volleyball or 5-on-5 basketball — will be online from 8 a.m. - noon. All full-time faculty and staff are eligible, provided they are eligible to gain entrance into the new Campus Recreation Center (CRC). For more information, visit www.crc.gatech.edu/im.

Ongoing

Technmasters — Tech’s chapter of Toastmasters International for faculty, staff, students, alumni and spouses — meets every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. in room 102, MIRC. For more information, visit www.techmasters.gatech.edu or e-mail terry.nolan@business.gatech.edu.

June 7
The Georgia Tech Young Alumni Career Network hosts “Assess Your Career,” a reception that includes guest speaker Richard A. Van Haveren, discussing “Career Assessment: How It Can Benefit You,” from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Alumni Faculty House. Space is limited. Call 894-7085 or e-mail kate.pientka@alumni.gatech.edu for information.

June 30
The last day to register for campus parking. For more information, visit www.app Toll parking.gatech.edu.

C L A S S I F I E D S

Appliances
Kenmore washer and dryer, approx. 4 years old, both work great, $150 for both or best offer. Call 894-3646 or e-mail william.robinson@gti.gatech.edu.

Maytag window air conditioner, used only two months with thermostat, 5,200 BTUs excellent condition, $60. Call 404-680-5856.

Automobiles

1992 Honda Prelude. 120,500 miles, clean, very reliable, all records, 5-speed, silver, special wheels, spoiler, $3,499. Call Glen 770-972-1123.


Furniture
Solid oak futon frame with futon matress. Converts from couch to double-size bed. $75. Call 404-529-0630.

Antique clawfoot tub, extra long (5.5 feet), $500 OBO. Antique white pedestal sink, $125 OBO. Both in very good condition. Call 404-225-5615.

Real Estate/Roommates
Men’s/women’s bicycle, 27-inch, 7-speed, like new, $250. Call 404-630-7385 or e-mail lthornberg@yahoo.com.

Sports/Fitness/Recreation
Men’s/women’s bicycle, 27-inch, 7-speed, like new, $75. Call 404-388-6960.

Miscellaneous
Eureka Nighthawk 2 performance backpacking tent with stormshield, $244,900. Large front and screened porch. Beautifully landscaped yard with privacy fence and stone patio. Asking $12,500. Call 404-500-6176.

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