

CAPITOL BUZZ



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Capitol Jackets share legislative priorities



Georgia Tech alumni lawmakers, Rep. Dan Gasaway (left) and Rep. Ronnie Mabry (right), meet with Capitol Jackets to discuss Georgia Tech's 2015 legislative priorities as budget hearings for FY16 take place in the House.

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The Georgia House unanimously passed the amended FY15 budget on the eighth legislative day
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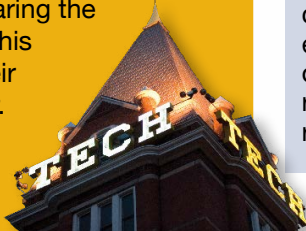
@CapitolJackets:
Chancellor Huckaby addresses joint Higher Ed committee highlighting the future of the university funding formula
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Having passed the amended FY15 budget last week, the House Appropriations Committee will soon meet to vote on the FY16 budget. Please take a minute this week to share the importance of the Georgia Tech Holland Plant request with your House member.

A special thank you to Capitol Jackets members Curt Johnson, Jim Elliott, Larry Toney, Karen Thurman, Tom Gurley, and David Jackson for sharing the importance of this priority with their House member.



Priorities:

Holland Plant upgrade needed to provide cooling to campus

The Holland physical plant, located near Bobby Dodd stadium, provides cooling to 75 buildings on Georgia Tech's campus. Friends of Georgia Tech are familiar with the Holland plant due to its close proximity to the Whistle that can be heard throughout midtown Atlanta. Constructed in 1917, the plant has seen several repairs and updates over the past century but the time has come for an urgent upgrade of the existing system to continue critical operations. This \$5 million capital request is the only Georgia Tech request in the bonds section of the



budget and would provide funds for the replacement of the chiller and the cooling tower. If the system is not upgraded soon, a system failure and replacement could be approximately double the cost to repair.

Meet the Georgia Tech Caucus

Georgia Tech is proud to welcome three new alumni legislators to the General Assembly this session. This feature will highlight these members and recognize our current Georgia Tech state lawmakers.

Senator P.K. Martin

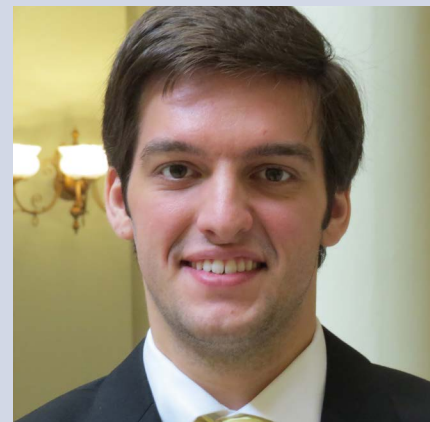
P.K. Martin, sworn-in this January, represents Senate District 9 and resides in Lawrenceville, GA. Martin graduated from Georgia Tech in 2000 with an International Affairs degree. Senator Martin is married to a fellow Tech alum, Amanda Martin, and they are the proud parents of two future Yellow Jackets.

Senator Martin works in downtown Lawrenceville as an insurance agent and serves on the board of the Professional Insurance Agents of Georgia. The Lawrenceville native also served on the Lawrenceville City Council prior to his Senate race last

year. Senator Martin now serves on the Senate Higher Education, Insurance and Labor, Economic Development, and State and Local Government Committees.



Intern Spotlight



Austin Broxterman is a junior Mechanical Engineering student from Ellaville, GA. This session he is working for Senator Judson Hill, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

The Broxtermans are keeping with a family tradition - Austin's brother, Dylan, also interned with Senator Hill last session.

Legislative Roundup

Bills and Resolutions from our Watchlist

- SB 2** Passed Senate; Assigned to the House Education Committee
Allows high school students to enroll in a post-secondary institution and work towards an associate degree, technology diploma, or industry certification, while counting that coursework towards high school graduation requirements.
- HB 3** Not yet assigned to committee
Provides sanctions for persons that enter into or solicit transactions with student-athletes that result in sanctions to the student.
- SB 37** Assigned to the Senate Higher Education Committee
Requires University System law enforcement officers to report any allegations of rape to local law enforcement agencies.
- HB 44** Assigned to the House Public Safety Committee
Prohibits operation of unmanned aerial vehicles in certain areas relating to interference with property rights.
- HB 75** Passed House; Assigned to the Senate Appropriations Committee
Amended Fiscal Year 2015 appropriations bills.
- HB 76** Assigned to House Appropriations Committee
General appropriations bills for Fiscal Year 2016.
- HR 103** Passed by the Senate Science and Technology Committee
Resolution recognizing December 10 as Georgia's Day of Coding.
- HB 107** Assigned to the House Higher Education Committee
Provides for in-state tuition at University System institutions for students from foster care or homeless situations.
- HB 157** Assigned to the House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee
Outlines regulations for the operation of aircraft in certain airspace; provides for privacy against un-warranted surveillance.
- HB 186** Assigned to the Public Safety Committee
Redefines prohibited "weapons" carried on campus to exclude only firearms and expands current law regarding where license holders can bring weapons.