

CAPITOL BUZZ



Georgia Tech Updates from the State Capitol
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Despite snow, Capitol is business as usual



The legislature officially went back to work on Friday, keeping in step with the recently adopted adjournment resolution that has the General Assembly scheduled through legislative day 24 on February 18.

(Photo from Governor's instagram page, instagram.com/governordeal)

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Budget update: Georgia House passed the amended FY14 budget before adjourning on Jan 24, now moves to GA Senate

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Senate Science & Tech Cmte references technology policy research by Georgia Tech's research arm @GTRI #GApolitics

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Having passed the amended FY 2014 budget for the current fiscal year, House Appropriations Subcommittees are reviewing the FY 2015 budget this week.

As the House conducts appropriations hearings for FY15, please take a moment to read more about Georgia Tech's top legislative priorities this session online at <http://b.gatech.edu/1dexVYN>



Priorities:

Library renewal project to enhance space utilization

A top priority for Georgia Tech this year is securing \$1.7 million in bonds for planning and design of the Price Gilbert Library/Crosland Tower renewal project. Currently occupying a central campus location, renewal of the user-driven library complex could double utilization of this core space without constructing a new facility. While these facilities have been properly maintained for about 50 years, many building components and systems are in need of critical improvements in infrastructure, safety, and efficiency. Beyond these enhancements, Georgia Tech is pursuing joint print collection management to create room for more



effective collaborative space while expanding access to resource materials for the Tech community. Georgia Tech has committed \$3.6 million toward the first phase of the proposed three-phased funding schedule to leverage state bond funds with private and Institute funds. This plan for project sequencing is key to preserving utilization and accommodating growing enrollment to educate more Georgians.

Intern Spotlight



Laura Margaret Burbach is a sophomore Public Policy major from Madison, GA. This session she is working in Rep. Brooks Coleman's office, Chairman of the House Education Committee.

Updates from GT interns' experiences are posted to the Twitter feed, @CapitolJackets.

Positive Momentum

Capital project secured in 2002 promotes growth in advanced computing

The Klaus Advanced Computing Building houses some of the most advanced computing labs and innovative educational technology in the world. This accomplishment was made possible through the efforts of Georgia Tech's advocates in securing \$32.54M in funding from the state in 2002. Combining these funds with \$21.76M in Institute and donor funds, the total \$54.3M funded building is now home to two schools in the College of Computing, three research centers, and 20 research labs.

Even if you have not seen the Klaus building first hand, you

may recognize some exterior and interior shots of the building from scenes in the movie, *The Internship*, that was filmed here in summer 2012. Beyond famous actors, Klaus is also a hot spot for high demand job recruiters. Last week, the College of Computing held one of its two career fairs here with more than 80 companies in attendance.



Legislative Roundup

Bills and Resolutions from our Watchlist

- HB 516** Assigned to House Retirement Committee
Allows members of the Optional Retirement Plan the opportunity for a one time switch into the Teacher's Retirement System.
- HB 788** Assigned to House Ways and Means Committee
Extends existing tax-exemption of USG property to private partners who operate student housing for public colleges and universities.
- HB 743** Assigned to the Senate Appropriations Committee
Amended Fiscal Year 2014 appropriations bill.
- HB 744** Assigned to the House Appropriations Committee
General appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2015.
- HB 697** Assigned to House Appropriations Committee
Extends Technical College student HOPE grants to cover full tuition.
- HB 875** Assigned to House Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee
Changes current provisions relating to the carrying of weapons and maintains the prohibition of concealed carry on college campuses. Reduces the penalty for carrying weapons on campuses to a fine of no more than \$100.