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Activating the Network

This is the week to contact your legislators on behalf of Georgia Tech. Please send a brief handwritten note via fax requesting support of Georgia Tech's \$10.2 million FY2009 revised budget request for the Innovative Learning Resource Center. If you do not have fax access, please place a phone



ILRC View from Student Center

relationship with your legislator please contact them on Georgia Tech's behalf. Please fax us a copy of your note at: **404.385.1207**

call to their office. In addition to the names listed below, if you have a personal

Legislators to Contact	Fax	Phone
Rep. Glenn Richardson	404.656.5644	404.656.5020
Rep. Jerry Keen	404.656.5902	404.656.5052
Rep. Ben Harbin	404.463.2247	404.463.2249
Rep. Bob Smith	404.463.2249	404.463.2247
Rep. Earl Ehrhart	404.463.2600	404.656.5141
Rep. Richard Royal	404.463.2634	404.656.0265
Sen. Eric Johnson	404.657.9727	404.656.5109
Sen. Tommie Williams	404.463.5220	404.656.0089
Sen. Jack Hill	404.657.7094	404.656.5038
Sen. Don Balfour	404.656.6581	404.656.0095
Sen. John Wiles	404.657.0459	404.657.0406
Sen. Chip Rogers	404.463.2535	404.463.1378

Capitol Visits

Gov. Sonny Perdue welcomed Georgia Tech Head Football Coach Paul Johnson to the Capitol this week. Johnson was accompanied by Tech President Wayne Clough, Associate Athletic Director Wayne Hogan and Government

Relations director Dene Sheheane. Gov. Perdue and Coach Johnson discussed the upcoming season and Johnson's return to the state. Although both chambers were in recess, Johnson met with House and Senate leaders, staff

ILRC FACTS

- \$10.2 million dedicated to completing design, engineering and site preparation**
- \$25 million in private money toward \$85 million total**
- Facility will integrate technology with innovative teaching**
- Centralize undergraduate academic and support functions**
- Provide improved science labs for all freshmen and sophomores**
- Create 24 labs, 15 classrooms and 2 large lecture halls**
- Provide flexible and adaptable space**
- Improve retention and graduation rate**

and interns and stopped for photos.

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Capitol Visits cont.



Dr. Clough returned to the Capitol later in the week to meet with legislative leaders to discuss Tech's budget priorities, the Innovative Learning Resource Center (ILRC) and the Hinman building renovation. Tech's revised proposal of \$10.2 million for FY 2009 for ILRC has been well received at the Capitol.



Rep. Jerry Keen, top left; Rep. Richard Royal, above; Sen. Don Balfour, left; Rep. Larry O'Neal, right; with Coach Paul Johnson



Sen. Jack Hill renews an old friendship as Coach Paul Johnson visited the Capitol

Legislation

Several pieces of legislation on the watch list this week include:

HB 941 passed the House last week which directs the Board of Regents to establish a program allowing senior citizens, age 60 and over, to attend classes in the University System of Georgia

without payment of fees if space is available.

HB 815 relates to the Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) and provides that the amount of the employer contribution to ORP would be determined by the Board of Regents instead of the current linkage to the Teachers Retirement System (TRS) calculation.

The bill also clarifies that only newly hired employees after June 30, 2008 who are faculty or exempt employees will have the opportunity to elect to participate in ORP rather than TRS. This bill is on the calendar to be discussed at the House Retirement Committee meeting on Wednesday.

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Budget

The House passed the Amended FY2008 Budget last week. Included in the Amended Budget is funding to adjust the debt service payback amount for Georgia

Tech and Georgia State related to the Olympics residence halls. The Amended FY2008 Budget will be received by the Senate and the House will begin discus-

sions on the FY2009 Budget. The House Appropriations subcommittee on Higher Education held their committee meeting this week at Georgia Public Broadcasting headquarters on 14th Street. Presentation of a report by consulting group MGT of America focused on MRR funding calculations.

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Board of Regents

Governor Sonny Perdue has appointed Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., 51, Marietta, Sixth Congressional Dis-

trict Representative to the Board of Regents. Stelling is the president and chief executive offi-

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cer of the Bank of North Georgia. He serves as chairman of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, as a trustee of Kennesaw State University and on the board of overseers of the University

of Georgia Terry College of Business. He is a board member of the Cobb Community Foundation, Wellstar Health Systems and a member of the Development Authority of Cobb County. Stel-

ling earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia and a graduate degree from Louisiana State University.

Tech Alums Show Support for Interns

On January 30, Tech alums and lobbyists Stephanie Carter and Rusty Sewell hosted Georgia Tech's legislative interns for lunch at the One Ninety One Club. The interns were joined by Tech

alums OPB Director Trey Childress, Senator Chip Rogers, Director of Government Relations Dene Sheheane and Legislative Network Steering Committee member Jason Byars. Also

attending the lunch were Senator Don Balfour GT Advisory Board member and USG officials Tom Daniel and Amanda Seals.

Georgia Tech Legislative Interns

Gloria Carlisle is a third year student at Georgia Tech. She is majoring in International Affairs and loves learning about international politics.

This passion for politics has taken her abroad and has now given her an internship with Georgia Tech alumnus and Senator Chip Rogers (R-Woodstock). In her spare time, she leads worship at her church in Woodstock and plays the piano.

Kristi Miller is scheduled to graduate at the end of this semester with a degree in History, Technology, and Society. She has a minor in Pre-Law and a 4.0 GPA. Kristi may be best known around campus as the team captain for Georgia Tech's women's tennis team, which won the NCAA National Championship last year. Kristi plans



Intern Gloria Carlisle with Sen. Chip Rogers and Coach Paul Johnson

to pursue a professional tennis career before enrolling in graduate school. Kristi came to Georgia Tech from Marysville High School in Marysville, Michigan. Her internship assignment is in the office of House Higher Education Committee Chairman Bill Hembree (R-Winston).



Intern Kristi Miller

Legislation cont.

HR1245/HB 1156 these proposals would abolish the current Board of Regents and create a new Board of Higher Education. Georgia

Tech and the University System of Georgia do not support the changes outlined in these proposals.

Please remember to inform us when you contact your legislators.

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