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chairs and carpet because of the wear they take in the Russell House." "Itemized needs" of \$580,000 are

outlined in the proposal. While a \$20 increase per semester per student would produce that much money, a \$12 increase would not.

"We'll have to prioritize funds for partial fulfillment of the activities," said Pruitt.

"Twelve dollars would probably compensate for inflation since 1981 and give us back the same purchasing power," Carothers said.

More programs could be considered with an increased activity fee, said Brewer. Tennis courts and a track will be

constructed in the "bubble" near the

Gravevard soccer field, he said. There also has been some talk about building an outdoor pool, Pruitt said.

"If the fee is approved, we'll get more requests than we've ever had for campus activity funds," Pruitt said.

Brewer said he wants popular lecturers, like Leonard Nimoy, Neil Armstrong and Hugh Downs, who can cost more than \$15,000 each, to speak on campus. The same calibre speakers cost much less in the early 1980 s.

"It's the opportunity to hear the ideas of someone you normally wouldn't get to hear. In order to do that, you have to spend the money,'

## Brewer said.

A recommendation accompanying the proposal suggests the activity fee should increase in proportion to tuition increases.

"Since tuition generally reflects increases in salaries and costs of services, then it makes sense to index it," said Pruitt. If tuition goes up three percent, he said, so would the activity fee, as long as the recommendation is accepted.

If more funding is approved by the state legislature and there is no tuition increase, the activity fee will remain the same, Pruitt said. There might be a shortage of funds if that happens, he said.

## Georgia universities suspend out-of-state tuition waivers

## By ROBERT STEVENSON Staff writer

Universities in Georgia have temporarily stopped providing study programs with out-of-state tuition waivers to students participating in the academic common market.

The academic common market, created in 1974 by the Southern Regional Education Board, allows students to attend an out-of-state university at in-state prices if the course of study isn't offered in the student's home state or the program is significantly different.

"A recent problem has been that the Georgia Board of Regents has placed a moratorium on their program," S.C. Academic Common Market Coordinator Jeanette Deas said

"The moratorium, which has been in effect about two and a half years now, keeps new programs from being placed on the market in Georgia," he said.

The moratorium was established because chancellor of Georgia's university system, H. Dean Propst, wanted to see whether the common market was achieving the intended results, said David Morgan, coordinator of Georgia's Academic Common Market.

Propst said he hopes the moratorium will be lifted soon, but does not know when.

About South Carolina 25 students have been denied admittance to at-

tend universities in Georgia because of the moratorium, Deas said.

Public universities in 14 states par-

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> George Reeves Graduate school dean

ticipate in the academic\_common market. Member states are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia and Oklahoma.

Each participating university has an institutional coordinator responsible for the specific programs offered on the academic common market. At USC, George Reeves, graduate school dean, is the institutional coordinator.

Reeves said of the eight to 10 students participating each year in the academic common market at USC, two programs receive the most interest: the Master of International Business Studies, ranked No. 2 in the nation by the Academy of International Business and the Marine Science program, ranked No. 5 by the Gourman Report.

Students seeking access into the academic common market must first apply to a participating state's university. If accepted, the student then contacts the state's Commission

on Higher Education to request certification to participate in the program.

The student must meet the guidelines for state residency, as defined in a five-page statute available through the CHE titled, "Residency for Tuition and Fees."

Assuming the program of study the student is seeking is already available on the academic common market, a certification form must be completed and notarized.

The CHE then sends the certification form and proof of residency to the institutional coordinator at the receiving institution and SREB.

In about two weeks, the student should receive confirmation that his out-of-state tuition has been waivered. If the student is seeking a program of study not previously offered on the academic common market, the same procedure is followed except admittance to the program takes about one month.

Despite numerous advertisements of the academic common market by the CHE and REB, Deas said, a large number of students don't find out about it until after they are enrolled in a participating university.

"Sometimes we get students at USC that are paying out-of-state prices because they don't know they qualify for a waiver through the academic common market," Reeves said.

"Some universities reimburse qualified students for the semester prior to enrollment in the academic common market," Deas said.

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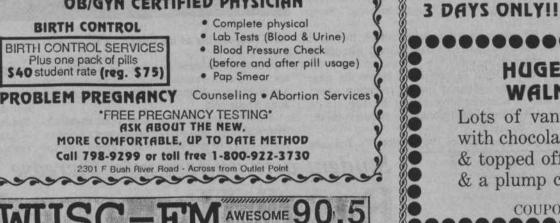
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