Clough building plans finalized for construction

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Opinions Editor

After about ten years of planning, the G. Wayne Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons is finally going to be built. Actual construction will start this fall, and Tech administrators and planners hope the Commons will be completed by Fall 2010.

The building will be located next to the library in the place of the old textiles building and parking lot next to Skiles. Not only will the building be located near the library, but also the two will be connected as one similarly purposed learning space.

"The building will be the academic counterpart to the Student Center. It should be a place where students can go to have all their academic needs fulfilled... Not only will resources be available to students there, but it should push learning to new heights," said Brandon Kearse, chair of the student committee that is helping with the plans for the building.

Inside the building, all academic resources will be housed to make them easier for students to access. Tutoring centers, OIT, undergraduate Learning Commons, the Clough Learning Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning (CETL), undergraduate Learning Commons, and presentations. A concierge desk will be located on the main floor to help students find any resource that they need. Also on the floors containing academic resources will be various classrooms and breakout rooms that students will be able to reserve at night for study groups or team meetings.

A new communication center will also be added, where students can get help writing papers, speeches and presentations. A concierge desk will be located on the main floor to help students find any resource that they need. Also on the floors containing academic resources will be various classrooms and breakout rooms that students will be able to reserve at night for study groups or team meetings.

Two 300-person lecture halls will be on the bottom floor of the building, which will be the largest lecture halls on campus. The lecture halls will have real, movable chairs and full cables.

"This will allow a student to sit forward and listen during a lecture and then the professor can tell them to break into small groups and students can simply turn around to use the table behind them," said Anderson Smith, senior vice provost of academic affairs.

The rest of the building will be filled with various labs. All first- and second-year science labs will be located within the Clough Learning Commons.

Klaus building wins LEED award

By Sijia Cai
Staff Writer

The Klaus Advanced Computing Building has received the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification. Originally financed in 2000 by a $15 million donation from Internet entrepreneur and Tech alumnus Chris Klaus, the building houses an array of environmentally friendly features.

Currently, the building is home to the College of Computing’s School of Computer Science and Computational Science and Engineering Division, and three research centers.

The U.S. Green Building Council originally developed the LEED certification to standardize the improvement of environmental and economic performance of buildings in 1998. Architectural firm Perkins and Will had to meet standards in several areas during to receive a LEED certification such as sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality, and innovation and design process. Points were awarded for observance of each area.

A silver certification ranging from 33 to 38 points was the initial goal according to project team meetings.

Tech, South African university introduce joint master’s degree

By Sijia Cai
Staff Writer

Tech and the University of Pretoria in South Africa have introduced a new joint masters degree program in Water Resource Management. This is the first program of its kind between an American university and a South African university.

The new degree program was launched at the University of Pretoria three weeks ago, in time for its centenary celebration. The delegation from Tech included Anderson Smith, senior vice provost of academic affairs; Steve McLaughlin, vice provost of international initiatives; Stephen Fleming, director of commercialization services; and Aris Georgakakos, director of the Georgia Water Resources Institute.

Tech has been involved in water, energy, and environmental resources planning and management in Africa for over 25 years. Countries that have collaborated with Tech in these projects include Egypt, Kenya, Ethiopia, and Uganda.

"The current world water crisis is largely due to governance issues. To combat the problem, we must improve the dissemination of water-related information throughout the world," said Eugene Cloete, head of the Department of Microbiology and Plant Pathology at the University of Pretoria.

The program will begin in February 2009. From that point on, Tech faculty will be teaching courses at the University of Pretoria in the summer, so as not to disrupt regular Tech courses. Students who apply to this program would have to be accepted..."
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manager Ron Leroy. However, the Klaus building ultimately received enough points—42—to win a golden certification. Leroy explained that since anticipating points proved difficult, architects decided to aim for more points needed for a silver certificate.

The Klaus building features 70 laboratories and a three-story parking deck, stretching 414,000 square feet of surface. Environmental amenities, which are responsible for the LEED gold certificate, include an extensive green space, which covers over half of the six-acre site, as well as a storm water collection system for irrigation. Other services include energy-efficient heating and cooling systems, waterless urinals, and extensive use of recyclables.

Klaus is the second building to receive a LEED certification, after the College of Management building, the 2nd floor of the College of Computing building and the upcoming Women’s Softball Field, Old Civil Engineering building, the 2nd floor of the College of Computing building and North Avenue apartments. Currently, over ten buildings on campus boast green technologies.

In addition to the Klaus and Management buildings, the upcoming construction and renovations to the Engineering building, the 2nd floor of the College of Computing building and North Avenue apartments are also LEED registered.

From the files of the GTPD...

By Vivian Fan, News Editor

A man driving on North Avenue on June 5 was pulled over by police for a suspicious license plate. The man, who was driving a Chevrolet Impala, had a license plate registered for a Dodge Neon. When GTPD pulled him over, police found that the man also was driving with a suspended license.

The man’s license was suspended in early April for controlled substance violation. His vehicle was towed to the GTPD vehicle impound lot. After being towed, police also found a marijuana cigarette in the ashtray of the car.

The man was arrested and taken to the Fulton County Jail. His marijuana cigarette was placed as evidence at the GTPD.

Police were called to the Skiles Classroom Building. A Tech academic faculty member called police after finding multiple musical compact discs next to the center elevator. The discs were then gathered by the police officer. The discs had no ownership information attached to them.

Ten discs were found and then placed in GTPD’s found property.

Growing under the Couch

Two marijuana plant stalks were found by a facilities employee growing behind the Couch Building. The plants were brought to the police station and placed as found property and stored as evidence.

PhD, Master’s, and Undergraduate Ceremony

DATE: Friday, August 1, 2008
TIME: 10:00 AM - Noon
LOCATION: Thomas Murphy Ballroom, Georgia World Congress Center

RSVP by July 25: www.gatech.edu/commencement
New FASET programming developed

By Reem Mansoura
Focus Editor

The fall FASET orientations began yesterday for incoming freshmen students. This year marks the 56th year of the orientation program at Tech, and also brings with it new changes. This year, the program estimates over 450 students at every FASET session.

Begun in 1972, the FASET program provides orientation to the freshmen at the beginning of each semester for incoming students. Including a new director of the program, Bethany Naser, this year’s presenters and former FASETs have been marked with change in its programming.

“The biggest, noticeable change for the freshmen is the location of our evening session. Instead of the Student Center Commons, the Campus Recreation Center has opened its doors for our use for FASET’s 1-3. This opens up several opportunities for our incoming freshmen to be entertained through sporting events, poker tournaments, and trivia, while still enjoying FASET traditions, such as Club Love,” said Robert Ellis, membership chair of the FASET cabinet.

In addition to the changing locations for the programming, unique learning,” Smith said.

The building is proposed to be composed of two parts that will be linked by a glass atrium with connecting crosswalks.

“The atrium will allow students to look out and see anything that is going on in the building. We hope that this will promote not only interest in perhaps other disciplines, but unique learning,” Smith said.

This idea of unique learning is “The atrium will allow students...”

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“He made it a primarily state-funded building, and really pushed forward. It’s due to his efforts that we can start building this fall,” said Nick Wellkamp, undergraduate student body president.

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“They’re trying to teach them what’s it’s like to be a parent of a college student specifically,” said Craig Rawe, training and development chair of the FASET cabinet.

95% of the freshmen class indicate a strong piece, because FASET is an opportunity and not required, and so students are self selecting to be part of the FASET program this year said, Dan Eric Tack, FASET orientation coordinator.

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“Parent orientation is a huge new initiative... [giving] attention to programming to parents, that parent programming is a way of teaching diversity awareness...”

This program is not only about the technical aspects of water management, Georgakakos said. “It is equally focused on the institutions, ecosystems and policies that govern water resources. Only in this way can misconceived challenges be overcome.”

The Georgia Water Resources Institute, established by public law in 1964, operates on the state, national, and international levels.

CWRRI has been working closely with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to combat the current drought. In addition to regional initiatives, however, CWRRI also regularly collaborates with agencies in California and elsewhere in the U.S. and abroad to provide policy advice on water management all over the globe.

“We hope that this program will make a difference in Africa and the world at large,” Cloete said.