New and improved athletic facilities to put Tech on par with other universities

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Tech’s baseball and football programs will begin their 2001 seasons ranked among the top teams in the nation. Georgia Tech’s athletic facilities will not.

The Alexander-Tharpe Fund and the Georgia Tech Athletic Association have announced the beginning of two new initiatives to strengthen their intercollegiate athletic programs: the creation of a new baseball stadium and the renovation and expansion of Bobby Dodd Stadium.

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Swift and compassionate action from faculty, staff and students resulted in a short-lived crisis on the Tech campus. Staff from the Georgia Tech Police Department, Institute Communications and Public Affairs, the Office of the Dean of Students, the Student Health Service, the Georgia Tech Athletic Association announced it had selected Carter/Turner, a joint venture of Carter and Associates and Turner Construction, to oversee and manage the design and construction for a $70 million expansion and renovation of both facilities. HOK Sport has been selected as the project’s architect.

Playing at the highest level

The Jackets’ baseball program, which competes with the very best in the nation for recruits, has outgrown its home at Russ Chandler Field.

“Intercollegiate athletics provide the physical embodiment of the Georgia Tech spirit. The successes of our student athletes who compete in one of the nation’s top sports conferences are inspiring. Our facilities must be worthy of Tech’s storied traditions and the commitment put forth by our coaches and student athletes,” said Athletic Association and Institute President G. Wayne Clough.

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New ‘critical incident’ response program in place

The current Russ Chandler Stadium has limited seating and concourse space, poor amenities, and a small pressbox that is not handicap accessible. The new stadium will seat 5,000 — doubling the current capacity — and all of the new seating will feature chairs with arms and backs. New concourse areas will include additional restrooms, concession facilities, and ticketing windows.

“We’re thrilled to proceed with the expansion of these two facilities. Given Tech’s national recognition in both sports, the Athletic Association felt it was necessary to upgrade our stadiums and expand their capabilities,” — Dave Braine, Director of Athletics

Construction will begin following the 2001 baseball season and will be finished in time for the first pitch of 2002.

Facilities to match reputation

In the late ’80s, there were substantial renovations to the western portion of the football stadium, which is the oldest on-campus facility at a Division I-A institution, and Tech is now planning to rebuild the other parts of the stadium. Current plans call for additional athletic office space and stadium support facilities, including new concession stands, locker rooms and coaches’ offices, suites, boxes, and broadcast facilities.
Georgia Tech celebrates anniversary with prominent speakers

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On February 28, Ivan Allen College presents Julian Bond, chairman of the NAACP and well-known civil rights activist, as the second of three distinguished speakers participating in the College’s 10th anniversary celebration. Bond’s extensive ties to Atlanta and the state of Georgia, as well as his academic, political and legislative experiences, make him a perfect complement to the line-up of speakers celebrating Tech’s liberal arts college.

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On March 15 — birthday of former Atlanta Mayor Ivan Allen Jr. — the Ivan Allen College’s celebration culminates with several events, including a luncheon address by Harvard University’s Henry Louis Gates Jr. on “Technology, Social Change and the Future of Education.”

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Later that day, the D.M. Smith lecture hall will host a discussion about the future of education, led by two national leaders in the area — Shirley Malcom, director of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Directorate for Education and Human Resources Programs and Jim Duderstadt, director of the Millennium Project, a research center at the University of Michigan concerned with the impact of technology on research and teaching.

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Tech’s Critical Incident Response Program:
1. Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) dispatch receives a call about an incident.
2. The Police Department determines whether or not the incident merits implementation of the plan. If yes, then:
   a) GTPD pages the Office of the Dean of Students, the Georgia Tech chief of police, and the office of Institute Communications and Public Affairs.
   b) The chief of police and the executive director of ICPA constitute the Evaluation Team.
   c) The Evaluation Team conducts an immediate assessment and determines what campus and/or community resources need to be deployed. This could include contacting family or friends, or making arrangements for shelter and food.
   d) Once the immediate needs of the situation are addressed, the Evaluation Team decides whether or not to call a meeting of a larger group — the Critical Incident Management Team. This group is convened for larger scale incidents and consists of representatives from the president’s office, legal affairs, student health center, student counseling, residence life, and the registrar’s office. The group may include other representatives depending on the nature of the incident.
   e) This group assesses the scope of the incident and mobilizes resources to address the relevant issues, ranging from physical plant needs to academic coordination and grief counseling to internal and external communications issues.

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Library liberates campus with anywhere, anytime access

The Georgia Tech Library and Information Center has joined with the Office of Information Technology to unveil the Local Area Wireless Network, or LAWN, which grants employees and faculty easier access to campus computing services in the Library. In addition to walk-up ports — cabled connections to a network hub via the user's personal laptop, which are already operational in study stations throughout the Library — wireless antennae are now also available for even greater mobility.

Users can check out a wireless card for a maximum of 24 hours at the library’s circulation desk to access the Library’s online services from anywhere on campus where there is wireless coverage.

“The Library has always taken great pride in its rich collection of electronic information,” says Richard Meyer, dean and director of the Library and Information Center. “We are pleased to offer extended access to our more than 2,000 electronic journals and 200 databases, including GALILEO and databases offered exclusively at Georgia Tech.”

A desire for wireless access and walk-up ports has existed in the Library and elsewhere on campus for some time now, but concerns about security and authentication of users needed to be addressed before implementation. In conjunction with the College of Computing, OIT has developed this distributed networking system, which provides user-based network authentication via individual PRISM accounts and passwords.

Currently there are 200 walk-up ports at the Library on the first through fourth floors west, which will expand to 220 when the project is complete. Instructions on connecting to walk-up ports are available at reference desks on the first, second and third floors east and posted near walkup ports in the Library. Wireless antennae instructions are also available at the reference desks, as well as within instructional packages that accompany the antennae upon check out at the Library’s circulation desk. Instructions for both systems are also available at the Library’s website: www.library.gatech.edu/lawnaccess.htm.

“The Library and OIT share a common goal: to provide users with information anywhere, anytime.” says Gordon Wishon, associate vice president and associate director for Information Technology. “This project was a natural outgrowth of the partnership. To use the system, the user must first have a valid PRISM account, obtained through OIT’s PRISM service or information specialists can contact Courtney Dubois at Systems Office at 894-4191.

For more information about using wireless access and walk-up ports at the Library, contact the Library’s Systems Office at 894-4191.

Library and Information Center

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Life lessons: LeaderShape develops complete student

In forging the university’s vision and mission, the Georgia Tech Strategic Plan identifies the importance of developing the leadership capacities in students. “Opportunities must be enhanced for student leadership,” it says, adding that those opportunities should “facilitate the transition of students from the academic environment to the outside world.” For this institution, LeaderShape is proving a key component in that development.

The essence of LeaderShape centers on an annual retreat for undergraduates that focuses on the principles of leadership and integrity. Lee Wilcox, vice president of Student Affairs, has called the LeaderShape Institute “the premier leadership development program on campus.”

Jack Lohmann, associate dean of Academics in the College of Engineering, agrees. “Good leadership always seems in short supply,” he said. “This program is about developing one’s own leadership abilities and engaging the leadership talents of others for more effective results.”

Originally created in 1986 by a non-profit organization in Illinois, LeaderShape believes that every person in the world has the capacity to effectively lead — a capacity that can be developed in people committed to doing so. Its primary thrusts teach students to develop a vision for success, set goals and build cooperative relationships. Due in part to their experience, faculty and staff are an integral part of the program’s success. Each August, five members of the Tech community volunteer to spend six days as cluster facilitators in the LeaderShape Institute. Serving as a bridge between theory and application of the leadership practices, volunteers guide group discussion, challenge current thinking and encourage reflection. Most importantly, cluster facilitators act as a model of the leadership and integrity lessons being applied.

“What everyone gets out of the program is different,” said Lohmann. “But the common experience is that it is a week well spent.”

Full-time faculty and staff are eligible for spring intramurals. Phase two play begins on February 26, with registration scheduled on February 20 and February 21. Participants may choose from tennis, softball, racquetball, co-rec volleyball, 3-on-3 basketball or floor hockey. For more information, visit www.campusrec.gatech.edu/IP or call 894-5437.

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New seating will be erected in front of the Wardlaw Center in the south end zone, connecting the east and west stands. To accommodate this, the field will be moved 15 feet to the north and closer to west stands.

The plan also includes a brand new east stands structure, with new concourses and restroom facilities. A lower level concourse will connect the Edge Athletics Center to the Wardlaw Center in the south end zone, and will include multi-use recreational and fitness space. When completed, the stadium will have a total capacity of 55,000 seats, up from its current capacity of 46,000.

“This is about more than a stadium. It is about Georgia Tech’s commitment to the direction of our football program. Everything on this campus is first class, and our athletic facilities should be no exception,” said head football coach George O’Leary.

The stadium renovations will occur in three phases before football seasons beginning following the last game of the 2001 season with completion before the first game of 2003.