With bookstore moving, Houston to get a makeover

Creating a 'social crossroads' for student life on campus

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When the Georgia Tech Bookstore — now operated by Barnes and Noble — heads over to Technology Square in June, it leaves behind a 50,000-square-foot vacancy in the center of campus. What will fill that vacancy has proved to be one of the more lively debates between students and the administration.

As the development of a student-focused complex — defined by the Student Center and Houston Building to the west and the undergraduate learning center and an outdoor green space to the east — gets under way, student groups who have been clamoring for more space to meet, study and gather should be pleased to find many of their suggestions incorporated in the final design, presented two weeks ago to the planning committee.

In describing the vision, Rich Steele, director of the Student Center, recalled the description of a Tech alumnus, who envisioned the project as being at the very center of student life.

"We’re creating a complex that will be the heartbeat of the campus," he said. "When students come to campus, the undergraduate learning center is going to be the academic crossroads, and this is going to be the social crossroads."

Auxiliary Services, which oversees the operation of the Houston Building, has spent more than a year making plans for the space, soliciting the advice and feedback from those who stand to benefit the most.

Rosalind Meyers, associate vice president of Auxiliary Services, said, "We invited a host of student representatives to be a part of the discussions from day one, and I’m happy to say their input was invaluable to shaping the plan’s final design. I think we’ve arrived at the best possible plan.”

When completed, the Houston Building will include:
• two new food service outlets;
• a lounge with a performance stage;
• facilities for both student government and organizations;
• a general store; and
• a covered concourse connecting the Student Center to the Houston Building.

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Safety concerns prompt security reminders

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The recent kidnapping and sexual assault of a Georgia State University student near the GSU Village dorms was a reminder that crime can happen anytime, anywhere, even in places where we normally feel safe. To help Tech employees and students reduce their chances of becoming a crime victim, the Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) has put together this list of tips. To report a crime, call the GTPD at 894-2500.

Basic Rules:
• Be aware of surroundings; stay alert and don’t get distracted.
• Choose well lit, busy streets and areas and walk with a friend.
• Know where the police station is and what buildings are open late.
• Use body language to communicate that you are calm, confident and know where you are going.
• Make eye contact with those around you and walk tall.
• Trust your instincts.
• To escape danger, cross the street, and walk away.

A campus safety alert has been issued in response to the recent attack of a GSU student. More information is available on page 3.

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Current retail options such as the Cyber Cafe will remain a fixture of the renovated Houston Building, as well as new gathering spots for students to socialize.
MacArthur Foundation funds International Affairs fellowship

Providing technical advice on international peace and security policy

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Under a new fellowship program funded by a $1.3 million grant from the MacArthur Foundation, Georgia Tech will play a small part in limiting the spread of weapons of mass destruction, safeguarding dangerous materials, controlling advanced delivery systems, protecting information systems, combating terrorism, and sustaining critical natural resources.

They are among the subjects to be covered over the next three years to help bring a new generation of scientists and engineers expertise to bear on these critical security issues. The grant enables the School of International Affairs to create a structured fellowship for young and mid-career scientists, computer scientists and engineers to study international security policy in the 21st century. Social scientists with expertise in the formulation, execution and teaching of security policy and recognized national security scientists will act as faculty to the fellows.

"Georgia Tech is already one of the nation’s leading universities in research related to Homeland Security," said President Wayne Clough. "This significant grant from the prestigious MacArthur Foundation will allow us to capitalize on our expertise and extend the reach of our research and instruction."

"We are very excited about the opportunities this grant gives us to serve as a bridge between international policy and technology studies and research," said William Long, chair of the School of International Affairs. "We are in excellent company in this program and will be working hard to recruit the best and the brightest scientists, computer scientists and engineers to join our program."

Selected fellows will receive useful exposure to national security subjects through weekly seminars, professional field trips, research projects and a two-week summer workshop. Participants will also have the opportunity to showcase their research under the MacArthur program fellowship in Washington and at a forum held at Georgia Tech in 2004.

Participants will be recruited nationally at the mid-career, post-doctoral and pre-doctoral levels from computer science, sciences and engineering. Georgia Tech, in its commitment to sustain this program beyond the three-year grant, will add a faculty member to the School for a jointly appointed associate professorship — with either the College of Computing, the College of Sciences or the College of Engineering — to direct and coordinate the program.

Co-principal investigators are John Endicott, professor of international affairs and director of the Center for International Strategy, Technology and Policy; and Seymour Goodman, a professor jointly appointed to International Affairs and the College of Computing.

Other lead faculty in the School of International Affairs include: William Hough, Robert Kennedy, former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn and others.

"The faculty leading the program bring incredible depth of knowledge and real-world experience to the issues related to national and international security," said Endicott. "We feel the participants will benefit greatly from their fellowship experiences."

"The fellows will benefit from a complete mentoring environment and have opportunities for extensive peer interaction and long-term professional bonding," said Goodman. "This experience will give scientists and technical experts a strong understanding of the issues and help them better understand how to best apply their specialized technological knowledge."

Nine other schools receiving grants under the Foundation’s Peace and Security Program include Harvard University, Princeton University, Stanford University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Potential applicants may contact the School of International Affairs for more information at 894-3195 or e-mail william.long@inta.gatech.edu or john.endicott@inta.gatech.edu.

The Advanced Technology Development Center’s ATDC new headquarters building at Technology Square moved a step closer to reality this month, with a ceremony celebrating completion of the building’s concrete structure.

This summer, ATDC will move its headquarters to the Centerey One development, located at the new Technology Square campus on Fifth Street. ATDC will occupy four floors of the 12-story, 487,000-square-foot building, which is part of nearly $400 million in new construction in the Fifth Street corridor of Midtown Atlanta.

Centerey One is within sight of the ATDC’s first incubator facility in the former O’Keeffe High School, across the Downtown Connector from Technology Square. From that first facility — opened in 1993 — came well-known ATDC companies such as Sales Technologies and MindSpring Enterprises.

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"It will be a service-intensive space and a cornerstone of the student body," Steele said. Existing retail services will remain, possibly with extended hours, to accommodate an increase in demand.

Though originally scheduled to be a $60 million, inclusive project, financial constraints may now dictate otherwise. If that happens, construction will commence in phases, with the second level — consisting of meeting facilities and student organization space — beginning at a later date. It will not impact the 22-week timetable for constructing the first level, or its planned January 2004 opening.

Now that the core design is in place, future meetings involve the more mundane aspects of executing a project of this size. Steele, who is encouraging continued feedback from the campus, said that a Web site is currently being developed by Auxiliary Services that will contain project plans in detail.

"The conversations from here get a lot longer, a lot more detailed and a lot more complicated," Steele said. "It’s where the architects earn their money."

For more information

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Financial Aid director answers some common questions

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Working at a university doesn't necessarily translate into knowing how to get academic financial aid from one. So, if you find yourselves just as confused as your friends when trying to figure out how to get your child's prospective colleges to offer up some assistance, don't worry. Director of Student Financial Planning and Services Marie Mons has the answers to some common questions.

Should I apply for financial aid, even if I think I won't get it because I make too much money? Absolutely. We can't promise that if you apply for aid you'll get it. But we can promise you won't get it if you don't apply.

Is the admissions application the same as a financial aid application? In most cases, no. At most schools, you will still need to fill out a financial aid application if you want to apply for scholarships and federally financed student loans and grants.

What is a FAFSA and do I really need to fill it out? The FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and as the name implies, it isn't necessary to fill out one for each school that a son or daughter has applied to, because the Department of Education will send the form to all the requested schools.

Once I fill out the FAFSA, do I still need to fill out a financial aid application? Every school is different, but in most cases you'll need to fill out both forms. When in doubt, call that school's financial aid office.

I understand you look at my tax statements. What if I haven't filed yet, or I need an extension? Be careful about filling for extensions, because it can delay your award. If we find we need to "verify" your statements then that could add even more time, which could end up affecting your award.

How much financial information do I need to put on those aid forms? All household income and most assets. Some schools require additional information, such as the student's grandparents income and/or income from divorced parents.

What happens if my financial circumstances change after I've submitted my forms? For instance, if someone in the household loses a job? If that happens, contact your school's financial aid office and let them know. They'll be able to tell you the procedure they use for documenting changes in financial status. Of course, if you win the lottery, the financial aid office will want to know that, too.

What if my student has special needs? If your student has needs that will make the cost of his or her education more expensive than the typical student — for example, special materials for the visually impaired — then you might be eligible to receive more aid.

Can't I just declare my child financially independent and be done with it? Nice try, but unless your child is older than 24 years of age, applying to graduate school, a veteran with an honorable discharge, married, has legal dependants of his or her own, or is an orphan, the federal government considers your child to be financially dependent on you.

Applications and Financial Aid

Mons has the answers to some common applications and financial aid questions.

For additional safety tips, refer to the GTPD Web site at www.police.gatech.edu

RELAY FOR LIFE: G. Tech hosts tips session

The sixth annual student-organized Women's Leadership Conference will take place on Feb. 7-8, at the Student Center. In honor of the 50th anniversary of women at Tech, the speakers are all Tech alumnae who epitomize this year's theme, "The Essence of Success." These keynote speakers include: Marge Lewis (Nuclear Engineering, 1979), Avenue Love-Stanley (Architecture, 1977), and Sandra Magnus (Materials Science and Engineering, 1996).

The conference opens Friday evening at 6 p.m. with a reception and concludes with the Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony, which honors an undergraduate, graduate student, faculty member, staff member and alumna who have demonstrated exceptional leadership.

Saturday's activities include more than 20 workshop options ranging from "Leading from Where You Stand" to "Forget Perfect: It's the Road To Here."

More information about the conference can be found at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/wlc or by calling the Women's Resource Center at 585-0230. Registration is being handled in person through the Ferst Center Box Office in the Student Center or by phone at 894-9600. The deadline to register is Thursday, January 30.

Relay for Life

Relay for Life is an overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society. Starting the evening of March 29 through the morning of March 30, teams will camp out at the SAC Fields and take turns walking or running laps. Each team has a theme, and a campsite, and the whole night is filled with food, entertainment and games.

Committee members are willing to speak to any organization about Relay for Life. To have someone speak at one of your meetings, contact Anna Gibson at anngibson@students.gatech.edu. A Relay for Life at Georgia Tech Information Session will be held Tuesday, Jan. 30, in the Clary Theater, Success Center at 6 p.m. A team captain meeting will begin immediately following. For more information, refer to www.relay.gatech.edu.
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### FURNITURE

- **Empire-style "shabby chic" dining chairs:** cherry finish, upholstered seats. 3 side chairs, 1 arm chair. Will include custom-made, off-white slip-covers for side chairs. $60. E-mail leslee.trammell@ibb.gatech.edu.

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