Congressman Praises Student Ideas On Southwest Neighborhood Revitalization

By Vera L. Dudley

Congressman John Lewis was recently in town to tour the neighborhood surrounding the Atlanta University Center and to learn more about the role Georgia Tech will play in revitalizing the area.

A group of ambitious students in Tech's College of Architecture have developed models and sketches of various development plans to be used by Atlanta residents as well as some 12,000 students in attendance at the six schools that make up the Atlanta University Center. These models, displayed in the atrium of the Architecture Building for Lewis, are examples of projects required to complete a fourth year architecture design sequence over a period of three quarters. In this situation, however, the models are part of an effort to draw attention to issues concerning the redevelopment of the area.

The students are working in partnership with Atlanta Housing Services Inc., building contractors, activists and community leaders to provide possible realities for the renovation of an inner-city neighborhood bounded by Northside Drive, Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Ashby Street and 11th Street. These models illustrate what can be done.

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Campus Committee Seeking Ideas, Volunteers For EDUCOM Conference

By Jackie Nemeth

Plans for EDUCOM’s 26th annual conference on information technology in higher education—EDUCOM ’90—are underway in collaboration with Georgia Tech, this year’s host institution. Focusing on the theme, “Preparing for the Renaissance: Computing and Communications for Technology, Science and the Arts,” Program Chair John Gehl, who is Tech’s director for development in Information and Computer Science, and the EDUCOM ’90 program committee promise an exciting and innovative event, scheduled for Oct. 14-17, 1990 at Inforum.

AT&T President Robert Allen will speak at the conference proceedings and will highlight the role that corporate associations will play in the conference. This publication will cover preliminary reports on the Irish. The Irish Institute, which has supported cultural ties between the United States and Ireland, has established a $31,000-per-year budget to finance the project.

Bayor To Serve On Advisory Board For Book On The Irish

By Vera L. Dudley

Ronald H. Bayor, history professor in the Department of History, Technology and Society, has been selected to serve as an editor of a book on the Irish in New York City, the first collaborative effort of its kind to record the history of the Irish and their impact on the huge metropolis.

Bayor, who is one of 17 historians, authors and educators on the project’s recently assembled advisory board, has written extensively on different ethnic groups in the North and South. This account is expected to involve about 25 contributors and will take four years to complete.

“There was such a large number of Irish in New York, and they have had a tremendous impact on the city,” Bayor says. “I think there is an interest in them now because nobody has ever done a book on this influential group.”

According to Bayor, a number of historians and community leaders who make up the New York Irish Roundtable originated the idea. The roundtable was established six years ago to assist in the research, promotion and publication of preliminary reports on the Irish. The Irish Institute, which has supported cultural ties between the United States and Ireland, has established a $31,000-per-year budget to finance the project.

Bayor is currently completing a biography of Fiorello Laguardia, former mayor of New York and has been researching Atlanta’s past for yet another book, entitled Race.
Professor Randal Roark and Associate Director and Professor George Johnston, both of the College of Architecture, are among faculty members teaching the courses in which this challenge is being made. While the thought of this project becoming reality in the near future is intriguing if not exciting to all involved, the two professors emphasize that the primary purpose of this endeavor is to educate.

"This is a point of constant confusion," said Johnson. "These are undergraduate students who are being guided by professionals, their instructors. We are concerned with the teaching value of the project. We're not in the business of designing buildings and neighborhoods. In the undergraduate program, our chief concern is teaching the student."

Members of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), an organization which represents the profession of architecture in planning and other issues, introduced the idea of student involvement to the college and organized a meeting of professors and community group leaders to initiate the effort.

The involvement of the College of Architecture benefits all parties. It helps the AIA stimulate concern on issues that help to serve the public interest. Community groups and Atlanta Neighborhood Housing Services Inc. gain innovative ideas on the kind of architectural changes that would enhance the site and students are allowed to test theory in the simulation of practical application.

Obituaries

Patricia J. "Patsy" King, an assistant in the President's Office, died Monday, April 9, in Spartanburg, S.C., She was 53 years old.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, April 11, at Christopher's Episcopal Church in Spartanburg. On May 2, a memorial service will be held for King at Tech in the Wardlaw Center's Gordy Room at 2:30 p.m.

King, a native of Lancaster, S.C., graduated from Spartanburg Technical College and was a licensed practical nurse. She came to Tech in April 1984 as a secretary in the Rambler Program and became an administrative secretary for the Vice President for Academic Affairs in July 1984.

King was named as a staff assistant in the President's Office in July 1986, and in February 1990, she was reclassified as secretary to the Vice President for Strategic Planning/Executive Assistant to the President J.E. "Tim" Gilmour. Gilmour remembered King as a tremendously effective person who had the ability to handle tremendous tasks, but who never forgot the "people" side of her work.

I have never encountered a more supportive person; she was my first sense of warmth that I experienced here at Georgia Tech," Gilmour said. "She was tremendously dedicated to Tech, and we are going to miss her."

Vice President for Planning, Budget and Finance Linda Martinson described King as "unflappable, calm, and competent, and very funny, too. She was a wonderful person who made everyone feel like they were important."

Diane Newman, of the Office of the Vice President for Information Technology/Strategic Planning and Development, said King was very generous and always remembered people. Janice G. Sangster, assistant to the executive director for the Alumni Association, echoed many of Newman's thoughts.

"Patsy was a loving and considerate person," Newman said. "Her love for her friends was unconditional; she liked you for who you were."

Anthony Sherrod, Tech student and former Georgia Tech basketball player, died Friday, April 13, in Clayton County. He was 23 years old. Funeral services were held April 17 at Zion Baptist Church in Millen, Ga.

A 6-foot-7 forward from Jenkins County High School in Millen, Ga., Sherrod was one of the top 40 high school prospects in the nation when he came to Tech in 1985. According to an article in the April 14, 1990 Atlanta Journal and Constitution, he was used mainly as a reserve but started 18 games as a senior, averaging five points and 3.2 rebounds a game for the season.

One of the highlights of his career was during his junior season, when he scored a last second shot to defeat the University of Georgia 78-77 at The Omni. Sherrod remained at Tech after his playing career was over and was expected to graduate this June with a degree in management.

Associated Athletic Director for Academics Bernie McGregor said Sherrod was nine semester hours away from earning his degree.

Head Basketball Coach Bobby Cremins said that Sherrod will be missed by everyone in the basketball program.

"I'm deeply saddened by Anthony's death," Cremins said. "Anthony was a great kid and very well-liked. My thoughts are now with his mother and his brother. You can never explain why things like this happened. It brings you back to reality very quickly."

"We will all miss him very much. While Anthony was finishing school, he was always a part of our program."

"He was always a fine individual and got along with everyone well," Trainer Crandall Woodson said.

"Every memory of Anthony is special."

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Tech. Tech will also host a booth at EDUCOM.

For more information about volunteering in specific areas with the EDUCOM '90 conference, contact the following people: Mathiasmeir, chairman for local arrangements, 4-6007; Linda Cabel, information and scheduling, 4-6145; Tom Kirby, transportation, parking and security, 4-5510; Gary Watson, corporate Associates coordinator, 4-4410; John Claveland, project facilities coordinator, 4-3838; Al Hoover, network manager, 3-9044.

Also involved with EDUCOM '90 are Ruby Inabnitz, campus and local tours, 4-9804; Ray Moore, VIP/speaker arrangements, 4-3876; George Adams, registration coordinator, 4-2302; Betty Parker, registration coordinator, 4-3177; Mike McCracken, software fair coordinator, 4-6172; Charles Harmon, publicity, 4-2452; and Don Alexander, construction coordinator, 4-4106.
Nominees Being Taken For Inaugural Interdisciplinary Activities Award

Do you know of someone on the Tech campus who has shown outstanding capabilities in interdisciplinary activities? With the support of the Class of 1934, the Faculty Honors Committee would like to reward those accomplishments.

The new Outstanding Interdisciplinary Activities Award recognizes faculty who have made significant interdisciplinary contributions to teaching and research. It is becoming increasingly clear that many opportunities for innovative teaching and research involve intellectual efforts from more than one discipline. The Institute, through its opportunities for joint appointments, is encouraging such activity.

This award is not restricted to tenured faculty, however. Nominations of multiple names to share in the award, due to distinguished collaborative activities, will be accepted. Where possible, this award will be used to recognize activities by young, untenured faculty. This award, which has been made possible through the generosity of the Class of 1934, includes a stipend of $5,000.

Nominations should be sent to Dr. Ronald A. Bohlander, Faculty Committee Chairman, Georgia Tech Research Institute, campus mail code 0600. Nominations must be received by April 26, 1990. The Faculty Honors Committee should receive nominations and seconding letters which describe how the individual(s) have distinguished themselves with respect to the judging criteria. Additional documentation which would assist the committee in its deliberations is invited. The committee requests six copies of each item in the nomination package.

This award will be presented at the 1990 Faculty/Staff Honors Luncheon at noon, May 30, 1990.

New Optics Center To Be Established On Tech Campus

An organizational meeting of the new Center for Optical Science and Engineering will be held on Wednesday, April 25 at 4 p.m. in Room 102 of the Pettit Microelectronics Research Center.

Planning for an inaugural symposium based on the theme, "Optics in the Year 2001," will begin at this meeting. In addition, preparation for a brochure on the center and formation of a local section of the Optical Society of America will be discussed. Any faculty or staff member interested in the development of optics on the Tech campus is encouraged to attend this organizational meeting.

The organizing committee for the Center includes Devon Crowe (GEI), Donald O'Shea (Physics), William Rhodes (Electrical Engineering), Rajashri Boy (Physics), and Carl Verber (Electrical Engineering).

Have A Heart...Give Blood! - The Red Cross, Delta Sigma Phi and the Student Center Programs Area will sponsor the Spring Quarter Blood Drive April 23-25 in the Student Center Ballroom. In order to better accommodate a large demand, we have extended response and to encourage faculty and staff participation, blood drive hours will be from noon-3:30 p.m. For more information, call 4-2965.

Slogan Contest - The Ambassador Committee for the Georgia Tech Olympic Coalition is sponsoring a contest to create a slogan which will capture the spirit of the GTOC in promoting Atlanta as the site for the 1996 Summer Olympics. Entries for the slogan can be sent to Joanne Lewis, mail code 0205 (4-4100). The winner of the contest will receive an Olympic gift package.

Job Hunting?

If you're looking for employment opportunities, call the Job Line in the personnel office—ext. 4-4592.
What's next

ACADEMICS
April 24 - General Faculty, General Faculty Assembly Meeting, 3 p.m., Physics Bldg., Lecture Rm. 1
April 30 - Regents Testing Program, through May 1

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
April 24 - Modern Dance, "Moving in The Spirit." 11:05 a.m., Student Center, Steps
Blood Drive, noon-3:30 p.m., Student Center Ballroom, through April 25
April 27 & 28 - Movie: "The Abyss," 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. & midnight, Architecture Auditorium, $3
April 30 - TNT, "The Golden Child," through May 6, Student Center, 1st floor

LECTURES & SEMINARS
April 22 - Chemical Engineering Series, Joseph C. Mullins, Clemson University, "Characterization and Treatment of Fitch to Produce Better Carbon Fibers," 3 p.m., Bunker-Henry Bldg., Rm. 311
April 27 - Institute Of Paper Science & Technology Series, K. Papadopoulos, "The Importance of Colloidal Interactions and Their Estimation for Unusual Shapes," 11 a.m., Paper Science Facility (on 14th Street and Hempfill Avenue), Rm. 270

For Sale - Professional Center, "Conversation With Malcolm Brownlee," pastor of Riverdale Presbyterian Church and former ethics professor in Indonesia, 11 a.m., lower floor, lunch $2
Structural Mechanics Seminars, Dean Christensen, chief of Structural Analysis & Design, U.S. Army Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, "Structural Aspects of Army Missiles," 3:35 p.m., SST no 2

For Sale - Professional Center, "Investigation of Polycrystalline CdZnTe, CdMnTe, and CdTe Films for Photovoltaic Applications," Solar Cells, pp. 219-230.

Petersen To Deliver First Mechanical Engineering Distinguished Lecture

Donald E. Petersen, former chairman and chief executive officer of the Ford Motor Co., will be the speaker for Tech's first George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering Annual Distinguished Lecture on April 26.

The distinguished lecture will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the Electrical Engineering Auditorium. Because of limited seating, tickets will be required; however, there is no charge. A reception will follow the lecture at 4:30 p.m. For more information, call the School of Mechanical Engineering at 4-3200.

Petersen served as Ford's chairman and chief executive officer from February 1986 until his retirement this March. He first joined the company in 1949, went on to serve as vice president in several areas of operation, and was elected to the company's board of directors in 1977. He was named president and chief operating officer in 1980.

People

Management
The fifth edition of a book entitled Marketing Management Strategy and Cases by Professor Leonard Parsons, was recently published. Surveys have shown this book as the second most widely used graduate marketing management text. Consistent with the international thrust of the Ivan Allen College, the book not only has a chapter on international marketing, but 25 of the 46 cases are set in foreign countries. Parsons is currently visiting a professor at the University of California-Los Angeles.

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