You asked for it! You got it!

Jackets

Culminating three years of planning, countless hours of student, faculty and staff focus groups, committee meetings and discussions, the Student Center Commons opened spring 2004 with student organization space, meeting rooms, new food options (Pandini's opened in March), service areas, study and entertainment space.

"We followed the guidelines of our Student Center Expansion Task Force Final Report issued May 4, 2001," said Rich Steele, director, Student Center.

"We converted the space vacated by the bookstore move to Technology Square in the way the students wanted, including new food service options."

Page 6 of the report lists three items in the category of Food Service, comfort foods, extended hours, a warm and inviting atmosphere with multifunction potential.

Opening its second new dining concept in the Commons, GT Dining stepped up to the plate and hit a home-run in the restaurant, Jackets.

"We more than met the task force's goals in Jackets," Steele said.

"The students wanted a burger and fries place opened into the evening where they could visit, study and just hang out. Jackets is that place and more."

"We wanted our diverse population to have a unique place that would be more than a hamburger joint, an interesting site drawing customers for the food, definitely, but for its distinction from other restaurants and gathering places too," Steele added.

Patterned after an original Irish Pub (there's no alcohol at Jackets but you can get root beer on tap), the authenticity goes beyond a picture of a pub. "Architects had a difficult time transferring the desired 100-year-old look from the conceptual drawings for Jackets to traditional blueprints for construction and so we hired Raydeo, a high-end wood finishing and cabinetry shop, who worked with our contractor, ASJ, to give us the pub-like realism," Steele said.

A cozy, intimate setting, Jackets has a bar running along its back wall that seats 10 and 14 tables throughout, seating an additional 42.

Irish street signs, golf clubs, County Clare hurling jersey and hurling clubs give customers an Irish feeling.

Look for Irish stew, shepherd's pie and a roaring fire in the fireplace during the winter. "We'll have genuine Irish music as long as the students want it," said Todd Schram, operations manager, GT Dining.

How late is late night? Jackets is scheduled to be open:

Sundays 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Mondays through Thursdays 10:30 a.m. - midnight
Fridays 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday nights and Saturdays
Open for reserved, private parties only. So, plan those pre-game football and basketball parties and committee and class get-togethers at Jackets. Reserve Jackets with Cynthia Jackson, Student Center event coordinator, at “Reserve a Room” site www.studentcenter.gatech.edu.

"The customers will dictate the hours of operation," said Vern Johnson, district manager, GT Dining. "If there is the demand, we'll be open."

Market yourself:

The Impact Scholarship

A communications plan, a marketing plan, we all use them.

Maybe now is the time for you to put together your Impact Scholarship Plan, compiling what you need to be eligible for one of the Impact Scholarships this year.

In January 2005, Auxiliary Services will announce the online site for submitting Impact Scholarship applications.

During the '03-'04 year, Auxiliary Services received 63 applications for 10 Impact Scholarships ($3,000 to be used during two Georgia Tech semesters in fiscal year '04-'05). Are you ready? The number one requisite is that you make a positive impact (thus, the name) on the Georgia Tech Community.

Become involved in your favorite organization or committee and show how your involvement influenced Georgia Tech in a good way! Then, look for the Impact Scholarship announcements in January!

See page 4 for eligibility guidelines.
News Bulletin

by Rosalind R. Meyers
Associate Vice President
Auxiliary Services

Welcome first-year Georgia Tech students and welcome back to students who have already been studying with us!

As with every summer, Auxiliary Services used the time when fewer students are on campus to spruce up our facilities, plan programs, introduce new services and in general get ready for the larger numbers arriving now. It is easier to build and renovate when we have fewer students on campus. Thank you, summer semester students, for walking around our construction dust!

Opening during spring semester, the Student Center Commons continued to be the recipient of change during the summer. Our Irish pub, Jackets, is open now after much construction and even more planning.

Today, I think I’ll walk over for a thick, corned beef sandwich for lunch and because I have an evening meeting tonight, I might go back for a hot, juicy hamburger and onion ring. Did I forget to mention I started my day with an Einstein Bros. Bagel and much more.

If it sounds like we think about food a lot in Auxiliary Services, we do because we know students do. We are also thinking about new services and programs. Scan the list of Grand Opening events and other programs listed on-line. We are continually updating our programs, services and facilities, making your GT stay what you want it to be.

You need remember only one web address and that’s www.importantstuff.gatech.edu to access all Auxiliary departments, news, and programs.

Remember, Auxiliary Services Loves Students!

“Georgia Tech, mark your calendars!”

THE COMMONS GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION
Saturday, Aug. 14, 9pm-1am
NightLight -- Student Center Programs Council
Monday, Aug.16
Welcome/Goodies 9 am-2pm
Midnight Movie on Stage
Tuesday, Aug. 17
Live @ WREK 10-11pm
Wednesday, Aug. 18
Acoustic Afternoon 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Trivia 8-10 pm
Thursday, Aug. 19
Live Lunch - Student Center Programs Council Concert Committee, 11am-noon
Friday, Aug. 20
Midnight Movie
Sunday, Aug. 22
Movie Matinee on Stage 3 pm
Monday, Aug. 23
Grand Opening, Food Samples
Student Government Association Open House
Tuesday, Aug. 24
Involvement Fair
Wednesday, Aug. 25
Einstein Bros. Grand Opening Poker Night 8-10 pm
Thursday, Aug. 26
Dinner & a Movie/Pandini’s
Friday, Aug. 27
St. Jackets Day-live Irish music
And more, read www.fun.gatech.edu.

Auxiliary Services. Front row (l-r) Michael Black (director, Housing), Wanda Budaj (special assistant to the associate vice president), Rosalind R. Meyers, associate vice president, Auxiliary Services), Glenn Boyett (director, Technical Support), Robert Furniss (director, Parking & Transportation). Second row Barbara Hanschke (director, Finance), Richard Steele (director, Student Center), Vern Johnson (regional director, GT Dining), Dr. Cindy Smith (director, Health Services), Gerard J. Maloney (director, Barnes & Noble at Georgia Tech). Back row James A. Pete (director, BuzzCard), Sharon Ahmed (financial analyst), Melissa Moore (communications officer). Not pictured Steven C. Johnson (project manager).

Your Money

Why summer conferences?

Like many college campuses, the Georgia Institute of Technology welcomes groups, during the summer, to hold camps, athletic events and programs in its facilities. These groups use Tech’s housing, meeting space, parking and dining just like Georgia Tech students.

Because many of the participants are elementary and high school students, the programs are held during the summer months when these students are out of school.

Likewise, college campuses historically have fewer students on campus during the summer months and can better accommodate the groups. Thus is the case at Georgia Tech too with less than half the fall enrollment on campus summer 2004 (7,248 students compared with 16,643 in fall 2003).

Students: what’s in it for me?

Simply stated, better buildings. Students living in Georgia Tech Housing are one of the biggest recipients of Summer Conference Programs. Because these programs generate revenue, Housing has more money to invest in building renovations and upgrades. Larger groups generate more revenue than smaller groups.

We need your help!

At the end of conference season, the department meets, discussing improvements for upcoming years. If you would like to be part of this committee, e-mail melissa.moore@aux.gatech.edu, and say, “I want to review summer conferences!”

Read www.importantstuff.gatech.edu for news, events, contests and programs.
Did you Know?
Department Highlights

GT Dining
- Three GT Dining chefs, Lorenzo Soto, Christopher Munkel and Michael George, entered the National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS) regional cooking competition, finishing first, second and third places at the competition. As the first place regional winner, Soto traveled to Las Vegas in July to the national competition where he finished third in the nation against eight other regional chefs. His salmon creation earned him a silver medal for total competition points. Three other chefs also received silver. No chef scored enough points to bring home a gold.
- GT Dining also earned a gold and a silver Loyal E. Horton award (pictured at right). Darcy Tice, marketing manager, and Lorenzo Soto, executive sous chef, in the large school category for main menu dining hall and special event catering, respectively, in regional competition.

Housing
- The new Family Housing apartments are on schedule to begin opening early in 2005. Housing is accepting applications now on-line at www.housing.gatech.edu for the utility-included, cable-network included, washer-dryer included units.
- The Emerging Leaders Program is entering its third year teaching first-year students leadership and Georgia Tech involvement techniques. Freshmen interested in this program should apply on-line at www.leaders.gatech.edu.

Student Center
- The Student Center might resemble the Cable News Network (CNN) studio when it places plasma television screens in the Commons near the Post Office and possibly other sites, announcing news, events and programming in the Student Center and other departments.

Tech Square Retail
- Opening in July, Ray's N.Y. Pizza-Cedars Mediterranean joined other Auxiliary Services Tech Square restaurants (Tin Drum Asia Café, 5th St RIBS n BLUES, St. Charles Deli, Volcano Smoothie & Tea Room, Starbucks), offering the Georgia Tech community dining options.
- 5th St RIBS n BLUES now has live music Thursday through Sunday evenings.

BuzzCard
- It's coming this fall. Another you asked for it! BuzzCard users wanted on-line account management and they will get it during fall semester. In addition to adding funds to their BuzzCards, beginning this fall BuzzCard users can access their account, viewing account balances and transaction reports. Look for the announcement on www.importantstuff.gatech.edu and the account management site on the award-winning BuzzCard web site, www.buzzcard.gatech.edu (The National Association of Campus Card Users) selected Georgia Tech's BuzzCard web site as its first-ever recipient of its annual award for "Best Web Site" at its 2004 annual meeting.

Health Services
- The quickest, most convenient way to schedule appointments at the Health Services Medical Clinic is on-line at www.myappointment.health.gatech.edu. Likewise, appointments may be cancelled in this same manner. "Students can schedule or cancel appointments anytime," said Dr. Cindy Smith, director, Health Services. "They can do it [schedule appointment] at 2 in the morning when they are up sick." Students should remember this appointment scheduling is for non-emergencies. Emergencies should be called to 911. Specialty clinics, like dental, psychiatry (call both at 404-894-1420), and women's clinic (404-894-1443), still require appointments by phone.
- Students can also register themselves at the self-check-in modules when they arrive at the Health Services Medical Clinic.

Bookstore
- Students, did you know that when you register for classes on the Oscar web site there is a link that allows you to order the books you need for those classes on the web site? Log in to https://oscar.gatech.edu/; register for classes and see the "Reserve/Order Course Textbooks." Click the link; your schedule should appear. Look for the "Reserve/Order Your Textbooks Now." The students may then add the books and any supplies to their shopping cart, pay for the items via credit card and pick up their order at Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech.

Parking & Transportation
- After a year of piloting its SmartPark Discounted Parking for Georgia Tech Commuters, Parking & Transportation is adding a second deck, the North Deck (W23), for SmartParkers. (Technology Square is the other site.)
- Program participants pay a $20 permit fee at the Parking & Transportation office (875 Hemphill Avenue) and then use their BuzzCard accounts for daily parking.
- There is no in and out privilege with SmartPark. Participants swipe their BuzzCard as they enter and exit the garage with $4 deducted with each entrance. Read more at www.parking.gatech.edu.

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Confessions of an Addictive BuzzCard User

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I'm standing in the Food Court line, feeling pretty proud of myself because while the lines are going fast, I can go even faster. I'm in the "BuzzCard & Cash Only" line and it's really fast, a glance at my tray and a swipe of my BuzzCard and I'm on my way to eat. I'm really hungry too; just finished a long meeting with the boss.

The line stops for just a second as I reach for my BuzzCard from the cashier and then I get that secretive smile that I've seen before. She whispers, "Melissa, you have no money on your BuzzCard!" Horror. I look around to see how many people are behind me. Horror still. I have no money because I'm an addictive BuzzCard user; I never carry cash. Why should I? I have my BuzzCard.

A friend saves me, paying for my lunch.

Payroll Deduction to the rescue

James A. Pete, director, BuzzCard, must have realized that there are those of us (faculty/staff) across campus with BAS (BuzzCard Addictive Syndrome). The BuzzCard Center introduced a really cool program, BuzzCard Payroll Deduction. What a great idea! Each payday money is automatically deducted from my paycheck and placed on my BuzzCard. How wonderful!

Faculty/Staff: For more information on BuzzCard payroll deduction, visit www.buzzcard.gatech.edu.

Get Ready: Impact Scholarship

Eligibility Requirements

1. Must be a full-time student currently enrolled at Georgia Tech or a co-op student on work semester with *at least sophomore status.
2. Must plan to be enrolled at Georgia Tech for the 2005-06 academic year (at least two academic terms, Summer 2005 through Spring 2006).
3. Must be in good academic standing with at least a 2.5 overall grade point average.
4. Must fulfill all deadlines and requests listed on the Impact Scholarship web site.
   *Definition of class level is based on hours earned and anticipated at the end of Spring Semester 2005.

Amy Phuong (president, Student Government Association, and senior, management) is looking for clues to The Buzz contest in this issue. The first three Georgia Tech students to e-mail melissa.moore@aux.gatech.edu, telling when BuzzCard on-line account management will be available wins a $25 gift card from Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech. Note: Time determination is realtime on receiving computer. Must be current Georgia Tech student to win.

Students, faculty/staff: E-mail Melissa Moore your fun story (like BuzzCard Addiction) for inclusion on the Important Stuff web site, www.importantstuff.gatech.edu! We will write it or you can! Kasi David (left), president, Graduate Student Government Association and graduate, materials science and engineering, knew about The Buzz contest. He's in the Technology Center at Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech. Will you be one of the three winners? Read The Buzz and win!

Students win Reading The Buzz

Three students (below, l-r), Sheng Xu (doctorate, industrial engineering), Geoff Sosebee (freshman, architecture) and Seth Ogram (freshman, computer engineering) won Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech gift cards for being the first three to correctly identify the six new campus restaurants (Pandini's, Jackets, Jazzman's Cafe, H20 Cafe, Ray's N.Y. Pizza/Cedars Mediterranean, Cyber.cafe (w/ Einstein Bagels) in The Buzz spring issue.

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