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Tech Square ribbon-cutting today

By Stephen Baehl
Senior Staff Writer

The Technology Square grand opening celebration takes place tomorrow afternoon, and it’s open to the members of the community. Free food, entertainment, building tours and more. Festivities began yesterday with a forum on the globalization of technology. A reception started this morning as part of the festivities. A process was scheduled to include President G. Brown, Atlanta-Milay Shirley Franklin, and Susan Mendheim, President of the Midtown Alliance. They were scheduled to cross over the interstate from the Carnegie Building in the Eastside of the city. Also included in the process were Tech students dressed in colorful dignitaries.

Student Center Director Rich Steele said it was meant to be a symbolic crossing of the intestate for the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Once the procession arrives, a ribbon will be cut to mark the official opening of Tech Square.

"This is a huge deal," Steele said. "Tech Square is the most ambitious construction project that Georgia Tech ever has done." A associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services Rosalind Meyers said a commitment transformed six months ago to plan the event.

"[Tech Square] is such a big project...we felt we needed to have some kind of formal recognition and celebration...." Rosalind Meyers
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By Narayana Varahabhatla
Contributing Writer

After over a year of planning, Tech now offers a program that allows graduate students to publish their theses and dissertations online.

First placed male and female non-CAA athletes finishers in each student will receive gift cards with credit for use on-campus dining locations. Various prizes including health club memberships, restaurant gift certificates and airline tickets will also be given out.

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After months of speculation and rumor, Boston College announced Oct. 2 that it was accepting the Atlantic Coast Conference’s invitation to become the league’s 12th member. The ACC’s nine presidents voted unanimously to extend an invitation to Boston College.

A recent modification to the Big East Conference’s bylaws means Boston College may not join the ACC until 2006. After the University of Miami and Virginia Tech left the Big East to join the ACC, the Big East presidents modified their bylaws to increase the exit fee from $1 million to $5 million should a school give less than 27 months notice of its intention to leave. However, Boston College will try to join the ACC as soon as the Big East will legally allow them to leave.

"I would imagine with all the reshuffling going on in all the conferences that it would be a year or two. They will not be in it the ACC next year," Athletic Director Dave Braine said.

Boston College was a key part of the ACC’s expansion plan for many reasons. "[Boston College] is a school that is academically very comparable to the schools in the ACC," Braine said. "It is also in the sixth best television market in the country.

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"Right now we’re on a pilot project where electronic submission isn’t required. We’re hoping that it’ll just be facto become required," Jannik said. Even as a pilot project, ETD offers several benefits in comparison to the current system.

"It’s not so much a remodeling of the Student Center but a move into Midtown," Howard said.

"It would be good to make it a more of a community space because the library has always paid for the space—Mortal Combat III, Area 51 said. "Three of them are already in here. The library has always paid for the space—Mortal Combat III, Area 51."

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Last week's question garnered 37 responses:

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**From the files of the GTPD ...**

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UHR treasurer Amy Phuong began the evening with a report of allocated funds to the entire house.

She compared the amount of money spent in previous years with the $750 initiation fee for a Computer Science honor society. The organization was an allocation to the Water Polo team for dues and equipment. However, senators did cut short after the body lost quorum. However, senators did not submit its budget on time.

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Vice President of Campus Affairs Ben Leader, Student Body President N wiel abson and D ran of Students Gail D. Sabatino continued the trend during their reports.

They reminded representatives that while the money left may look like a great deal, in reality it quickly moves through the hands of undergraduate representatives every year and would be gone before the end of next semester if they were not fiscally conservative with the funds.

The first bill up for consideration was a conference committee joint allocation to the Cycling Club for the purpose of competition.

This bill was amended to a smaller amount because of a mistake in the amount of cyclists it was written for. The bill was then passed by the house with little debate.

The next bill up was an allocation to IEEE Hardware Team Eric Clopper passed.

CS honor society funding bill fails

By Daniel Amick
News Editor

Again this week, the Graduate Student Senate meeting was cut short after the body lost quorum. However, senators did manage to deal with eight bills before adjourning.

Senators rejected a joint allocation bill that would have paid the $750 initiation fee for a Computer Science honor society. The Association for Computer Machinery requested the funding.

Several senators questioned whether student government should pay when potential members of the society have not been asked to contribute any start-up funds.

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**Tech-Savannah campus opens**

By David Amick
News Editor

A Tech campus in Savannah will officially open for business at a ribbon-cutting ceremony next Friday. "The campus is literally sort of a microcosm of the campus in Atlanta," said David Frost, Director of Georgia Tech-Savannah.

The 50-acre complex, called Georgia Tech-Savannah, includes three buildings with 25 laboratories and six classrooms.

The campus is designed to support students enrolled in the Georgia Tech Regional Engineering Program (GTREP).

Under the system, Tech partners with three area universities: Armstrong Atlantic State University, Georgia Southern University and Savannah State University.

Students take core classes at one of these partner schools for two years. They then transfer and become official Tech students. However, instead of uprooting and moving to Atlanta, these students will now be able to take courses from Tech professors who live and work in Savannah.

"Admissions criteria [at the Savannah campus] are the same," Frost said. "This is not 'Tech light' or 'anything like that,'" he said. "This is not 'Tech light' or 'anything like that.'"

Lawler spoke about upcoming events on campus. He highlighted the necessity of football teams, including football and volleyball, and encouraged all students to attend games in support of the teams.

He also mentioned the grand opening of Tech Square this day and that there will be music at the event, no group could be secured for the event on such short notice.

He said that $9,000 in funding given to the Tech Square for two weeks ago for the purpose of securing a band for the event has been returned.

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Members argued that the charity should cover the costs themselves, while others spoke of the need to send a message that Georgia Tech supports its community and humanitarian organizations. Debaton on this bill went on for quite some time, but it was passed in the end.

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With only 11 teams, the conference would not have been able to hold a lucrative championship football game, a venture that can net up to $8 million.

In addition, having captured the large and lucrative Boston market, the ACC will now be in a better bargaining position when the conference renegotiates its television contract in 2005.

In athletics, many feel Boston College brings a rich history and tradition of success to the conference. Boston College has consistently ranked highly in many sports ranging from football and men’s basketball to ice hockey and women’s basketball.

“It only adds to our league and strengthens our competition,” said MaChelle Joseph, head women’s basketball coach. “Definitely now we can rival the SEC as the premier conference in women’s basketball without a doubt. Boston College and Miami and Virginia Tech are all three NCAA tournament teams with the potential to beat anybody on any given night,” she said.

In addition to financial benefits, Tech may reap other rewards from the ACC’s expansion.

“One of the reasons I like it is because we can get into the northeast market to recruit,” said Paul Hewitt, head men’s basketball coach. “We’ve always been able to get into it but now we have the opportunity to offer things like the ability to go home. Going into the Boston area to recruit will help us,” he said.

Boston College was one of the original three schools the ACC targeted for expansion last June. Miami and Syracuse University were also targeted but, due to a series of complications, the league invited only Miami and Virginia Tech on June 30. Boston College received six votes at the presidents’ meeting in June, only one vote short of the necessary number for acceptance. Duke, North Carolina and North Carolina State had voted against Boston College originally.

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In the wake of Boston College’s decision, four Big East schools have filed a lawsuit against the ACC, Boston College and four ACC officers. West Virginia, Rutgers, Connecticut and Pittsburgh allege in the suit that the ACC and Boston College conspired to weaken the Big East and gain a larger share of television broadcast revenue. The lawsuit also makes several claims of unfair trade practices, civil conspiracy and breach of contract.

The four schools and the Big East had already filed a lawsuit against Miami and the ACC. Miami remains a defendant in the suit, but the complaint against the ACC was thrown out last week on jurisdictional grounds.

A judge ruled the plaintiffs could not prove the conference did enough business in Connecticut to merit a lawsuit in the state. In both lawsuits, the Big East schools seek unspecified damages.

On Monday, Miami filed its own lawsuit against the Big East Conference and the four schools in which it claimed it suffered monetary damages by remaining in the league. The school has also filed a separate lawsuit against the University of Connecticut for defamation. Both lawsuits were filed in state circuit court in Miami. Miami Tech and its new members may be facing lawsuits. “Georgia Tech is not part of any lawsuit at the present time,” Braine said. When Boston College becomes a full member, the conference will split into two divisions. Tech will be in the same division as Virginia, Virginia Tech, Duke, Miami and North Carolina. Boston College will be with Clemson, Maryland, Wake Forest, North Carolina State and Florida State.

With a conference that now spans the entire eastern seaboard, the ACC’s expansion plans appear to be complete.

“I think 12 is where we need to be,” Braine said.
A lot of things went on outside of the bubble of Georgia Tech this week. Below are summaries of a few of the important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

**Bush praises Indonesia for anti-terror efforts**

On Wednesday, President Bush concluded a tour of Southeast Asia with a trip to Australia and Indonesia. During his visit, Bush stopped at the site of the October 2002 nightclub bombing in Bali that killed over 200 people. He applauded efforts by Indonesian leaders to combat global terrorism. Earlier in the week, Bush attended the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in Thailand. The ongoing nuclear standoff with North Korea and the war of terrorism dominated Bush’s agenda.

**China launches manned spacecraft into orbit**

China became the third nation, along with Russia and the United States, to successfully launch a man into space last week. A Shenzhou-5 rocket carried Yang Liwei into orbit last Tuesday. He landed safely in Inner Mongolia late the next day. The capsule was carried by train to Beijing, where it will be put on display. Chinese officials plan a second space flight as soon as next year.

**UN condemns construction of Israeli wall**

The United Nations General Assembly passed a nonbinding resolution Tuesday which calls on Israel to halt construction of a security barrier in the West Bank, a barrier some Israelis see as a vital protection against Palestinian terrorists. Despite the resolution, Israeli officials said they would continue construction. The resolution passed with the support of 144 countries. The United States and four other countries voted against the resolution.

**Man survives plunge over Niagara Falls**

Early this week, a man jumped over Niagara Falls without any type of safety device, and survived. Kirk Jones, from Canton, Michigan, is the first person known to survive such an unprotected fall over the waterfall. Jones called it an impulsive decision, but his friends and family claimed that he had been talking about the stunt for years. Jones fell headfirst down the falls and sustained no serious injuries. He will be charged by police with illegally performing a stunt and could be fined $10,000.
**Out of class connections**

**Square**

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this be a grand opening celebration to say, "Hey, we're here," said Katie Shoemaker, president of the Student Center Programs Council. "We also wanted to showcase Tech to the Atlanta population to show we're ahead in technology."

"To accommodate the day's carnival-like activities, Fifth Street will be closed from Williams to Spring streets and from Spring to West Peachtree," Steele said.

However, not all of the events planned for the grand opening worked out successfully.

Originally, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) planned to host a 9-30 p.m. concert, free to students, at Tech Square to go along with the event, even though the council was not a participant in the grand opening's planning committee.

With an allocation from student government, IFC placed a bid of $5,000 to $8,000 to book Butch Walker, former lead singer of Marvelous Three, to play at Tech Square.

"He did not accept our offer," said Adam Callner, social co-chair of IFC. "When we started the planning for the event we had set some goals, and one of them was to get a band that would draw in the crowd," he said. Callner said that bands without good name recognition lead to poor overall turnout.

"Since Walker's rejection of the bid came only a week and a half ago, "we felt it would be better to just cancel the concert instead of trying to put on a show with a band that no one has heard of and have a poor turnout," Callner said.

IFC hosted a large block party in 2000, featuring the band Black Hawk. Caliner said the organization has tried to organize a similar event each year since, but has not been successful.

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"This is basically a dream come true for me—coming back here and starting a restaurant. When I was here in 1988 to 1992, there was nothing here. I'm excited to see the changes," said Steven Chan, owner of Tin Drum Asian Café and a 1992 Tech graduate.

Retailers in the square plan to continue to accommodate students by accepting the BuzzCard, Steele said. He added that some of the retailers planned to help student groups by either catering or hosting meetings.

Steele said the grand opening planning committee hoped 5,000 students would attend in addition to 2,000 community members.

"It's walking distance to a free event, and I'm excited," Shoemaker said.
The main problem they have with putting new stuff in, like a pool table, is people stealing," said P. Alitz, president of RHAA. "I would add a lot of entertainment stuff in there where probably cause a lot of security problems," security is an issue which is still being discussed, along with the possibility of a Westside Market and diners-type venue within Brittain Rec. "The Student Center and Dining are throwing out the idea of putting some type of food or store in there. It's in the brainstorming process right now. It may or may not happen," H. Oward said.

"I would like to see that area used as a campus resource," H. Oward said.

"I'd be really excited if I walked in there every night and saw twenty to thirty residents using it as a recreational space and not just a place to do laundry," T. Head said.

The additions are expected to be completed within a month's time.