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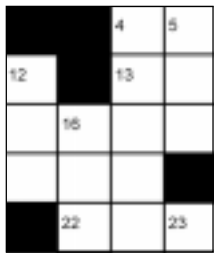
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Ferst Center loses \$1.3 million in '99 season

In an effort to save money, the Ferst Center cancelled 18 upcoming shows. The decision, based on an assessment of the market and of the previous season, opens a discussion on endowments and the role of the arts on campus



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students walk by the Ferst Center for the Arts, which failed to attract the necessary audiences to maintain an extensive performance schedule.

By Jennifer Hinkel
News Editor

In an announcement that surprised patrons and performers alike, Auxiliary Services decided to cut 18 previously scheduled shows from the Ferst Center's season of performances.

"I prefer to think of it as a re-evaluation of our schedule," said Rosalind Meyers, Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services.

The Vienna Choir Boys and the Girl's Choir of Harlem are among the better known performers that were removed from the schedule.

The current schedule of 28 artists and performances is a significant reduction from last season's palette of 45 shows. Meyers called last season's number of bookings "very ambitious."

The shows were removed after Meyers, who met with Ferst Center Director John Talbot and the supporting staff of the Center for the Arts to make the scheduling revision, examined the previous season and considered the needs of the Atlanta market.

"When we [Meyers, Talbot, and Ferst Center staff] got to the end of the year and we looked at the whole picture, what shows had done well, what shows hadn't done well, we all sat down," said Meyers.

"We said, 'Let's assess what we did... Let's see if some of these things, in light of how we did last year, are not really what the market needs.'"

The roughly 1,100-seat Ferst Center for the Arts books performances more than a year in advance; scheduling for the upcoming season began in June of 1999.

"When you're booking that much in advance, you take a big chance," said Meyers. "You don't know what your audiences like."

"Last season, we were testing the market to see what the Atlanta marketplace was really like, to see what the people wanted to see and didn't want to see. Before that season even started, we were booking shows for this year."

The cancellations were chosen "instead of trying to do too much," said Meyers. "Now we had 48 shows booked."

"Last year not only did they undersell, but they overwhelmed the staff. It was just too much, marketing all those shows."

The Ferst Center decided to "pick the things that we thought were

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Stinger service changes include buses in two directions, consistent schedules

By Tony Kluemper
News Staff

With the beginning of every new school year there are many changes that take place around campus, and this year is no exception.

One of the biggest changes that returning students may notice is the number of Stinger buses they see while walking around campus. This change is due to the fact that during Summer Semester, the Department of Parking and Transportation redesigned the Stinger route system to make it more efficient for the student body.

The process began last November when Rod Weis was hired as the new Director of Parking

and Transportation.

"From the first day I started, I began hearing complaints about the Stinger service," said Weis. "The major problem I found with the system was that no one was compiling information on the population of routes and therefore we had no idea which routes were useful and which ones weren't."

During last Spring Semester, Parking and Transportation began rider counts for each route to decide which ones were serving the most students.

"Then we began talking to the students to see what changes we needed to make in the service," said Weis. After the information had been gathered, the need for some type of reconfig-

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Rod Weis

Director of Parking and Transportation Services

uration became clear.

During the summer, plans were made to redesign the routes that the Stinger service took. However, according to Sandra Nelson, alternative transportation coordinator, the plans were not finalized until late July when the funds were finally received from the institute.

"Because the plans were not finalized until late in the summer, we were not able to pub-

lize the changes as much as we would have liked to," said Nelson. When students began arriving on campus on August 17, the new Stinger service routes went into effect. According to Weis, the major change is increase in the number of buses on the campus loop from three to six. In addition, the campus loop is now bi-directional with three

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Physics profs schedule Monday night quizzes

By Kim Holton
News Staff

Students in the first physics class learned last week that their attendance would be required outside of the four lecture hours and three lab hours scheduled on OSCAR, as physics professors have decided to schedule quizzes for Monday evenings.

Physics 2211 quizzes, previously a lecture hour activity, will now be administered during a one-and-a-half hour session on Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

The time had not appeared on OSCAR, and numerous students have scheduling conflicts

due to Tech classes, cross-registered classes, and extra-curricular activities.

"First of all, I have another class on Mondays, so I am having to find another time, which would normally be free time, to take the quizzes for class, said Cristina DeUrioste, a Mechanical Engineering major who has a cross-registered class conflict.

"I think it is too much to ask us to try and fit in another random hour."

Many students are left wondering why another 90 minutes is needed for physics, a four credit

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Hate crime strikes campus



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

In a show of suspected anti-Semitism, the banner of the Jewish Student Union was stolen from the Student Center display case this week. See consensus opinion on page 10.

Update Capital Campaign

Mass fundraising effort approaches December climax

By Jody Shaw
Managing Editor

With the inauguration of President G. Wayne Clough, Georgia Tech began the largest fundraising drive in its history. The Capital Campaign, as the drive is called, began in July of 1995 with an initial goal of \$300 million. Having revised its goal several times, the Campaign is now closing in on the \$600 million it seeks for both capital and operational improvements for the institute.

According to the Campaign case statement, Tech has "been achieving more with less." Despite consistent rankings in the *U.S. News and World Report* top 50 colleges and universities, Tech spends less money per student and has a higher student-faculty ratio than most of the other highly ranked institutions.

One of the main goals of the Campaign is to increase the number and prestige of the Tech faculty. Students will also see improvements in classrooms, laboratories, residence halls, and other campus facilities, as the Institute seeks to solidify its position at the "threshold of a new era."

The Clough administration views this new era as one of unbridled potential. With supportive state and local governments, a strong economy, a distinguished alumni body, and a collective vision, Tech officials believe that the money collected now can allow the Institute to sustain its growth for years to come.

The Capital Campaign is led by a volunteer steering committee made up of twenty-four individuals and chaired by C.J. "Pete" Silas, the retired chairman and CEO of

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OIT moves from Rich Building to 845 Marietta Street

By Matt Smithson
News Staff

From parking to housing, space at Tech is at a premium. Most recently, the space crunch has affected the Office of Information Technology (OIT)

The off-campus expansion trend, demonstrated by the Fifth Street Project plan, continued during the summer when the OIT announced the relocation of some staff members to an off-campus facility.

Located at the corner of Marietta Street and Northside Drive, the estimated \$1.227 million project involves the renovation of the current building into a facility that will house up to 54 OIT and other unit employees. The venture has a dual purpose, relocating OIT resources as well as providing space for personnel and project teams to work on development efforts.

The initial catalyst for the move was “the reallocation of space within Savant,” said Executive Director of OIT John Mullin.

The moving process is already well underway. OIT presence within the Savant Building ended when employees there were moved into the new building during Summer Semester. However, the move will address issues concerning the availability of space within other OIT facilities as well.

“Minor growth in head count associated with increase in services and systems” and “additional workload over the past few years” has made space in the Rich Building a hot commodity, said Mullin.

Currently, OIT has completed one third of its move to 845 Marietta Street. Employees from the other two OIT facilities, located at 811 Marietta and the Rich Building, will be moved along with the Savant

employees.

The 845 Marietta Street facility currently houses the offices of approximately 20 employees, with 12 more scheduled to make the move the first week of September. The new facility will house only offices; no computers vital to informational services at Georgia Tech will be moved. Computer services to the campus will not be disturbed during the transition period.

OIT’s customer service to students will not be affected in any way during the move, said Mullin. The new building will house only those employees who do not directly interact with students, such as OIT’s Planning and Programs group.

“The planning group is moving to make room for the technical support staff,” said Mullin. “We selected the Planning & Programs team

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By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The OIT has outgrown its current location and is currently relocating some staff to 845 Marietta Street. The move will not affect network function.

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Undergrad Student Government positions available

The Student Government Association (SGA) of currently has available positions for Elections Committee Chairman and Community Affairs Committee Chairman. The selection process includes an application and an interview. Applications are available at the SGA Office in Student Services Building. For more information please contact Chris Kavanaugh, Executive Assistant, at chris@sga.gatech.edu.

Undergraduate SGA meetings broadcast on GTCN

All Undergraduate House of Representatives meetings are broadcast on channel 20 in conjunction with the Georgia Tech Cable Network. The meetings take place every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. and are broadcast live. Each meeting will be rebroadcast on Saturdays and Sundays at 8:00 p.m., also on Channel 20.

Coffee house atmosphere comes to Cyber.Cafe

Beth Wood, the NACA 2000 Coffeehouse Entertainer of the Year, will perform at the Cyber.Cafe located in the Houston Bookstore Mall this Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

Techwood Tutorial Project information session

The Techwood Tutorial Project, one of the oldest service programs on campus, pairs Georgia Tech students with local elementary school children. There will be an information session for anyone interested in helping this Thursday at 11:05 a.m. in Student Center room 321. For more information, call 894-2805 or visit <http://www.aux.gatech.edu>.

Career fair liaison meeting changed to Tuesday

The meeting to receive more information about becoming a career liaison has been rescheduled. Originally slated to take place on Monday, September 4, the meeting will now be held on Tuesday, September 5 because of the Labor Day holiday.

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buses traveling south around campus and the other three traveling north.

Many students feel the increase in buses is the best aspect of the changes.

"The Stinger service is better this year because more buses are running around campus," senior Deedee Bennett said. "Plus, they run in both directions so the ride doesn't have to be as long."

However, the changes do not end there. Because the number of riders was so low last spring, the west loop has been phased out, and the service to the North Avenue MARTA station has also been dropped.

According to Nelson, most of the negative feedback originates in the discontinuation of these routes.

"Many students are complaining about the fact that we don't run a service to the North Avenue station," Nelson said. "However, we felt that providing a service to the Midtown MARTA Station was a

better idea because it was more populated in the spring and there is much less traffic than from North Avenue."

The route to the Midtown Station will also provide those students parked in the remote parking lot a bus to campus every 15 minutes.

Although the new changes have been implemented for only a week, many students have realized that changes have taken place.

"I have noticed that there are always a number of buses sitting in front of Fitten so I don't have to wait as long," sophomore Danny Sanders said. "Plus, the buses aren't one behind the other on the routes as much as they were last year."

Many changes were implemented because of the lack of safety in the old procedures. According to Stinger driver Ronald Kight, one of these procedures deals with the places where students board the buses.

"Last year, we used to stop before the stop light which caused a lot of confusion and accidents," Kight said. "This year we let the students board after the intersection which creates much less confusion." Kight

also felt that most of the changes seen this year have been implemented very smoothly over the past week.

With all the changes taking place within the Stinger service, many are wondering what is proposed for the future.

"I would like to see the routes of the Stinger go through more parts of the campus instead of just around it," freshman Kent Bouts said.

Although not all ideas and suggestions can be considered due to monetary constraints, the Department of Parking and Transportation encourages all students to submit their views and opinions on how to improve the Stinger service. Weis and Nelson are now beginning to look to the future to see what other changes can be made.

"Hopefully, by monitoring the routes and seeing how long it takes each driver this fall we can figure out a set schedule for the Stinger service," said Weis. "Then maybe by spring we will be able to give all students a bus schedule so that they can walk out of their dorm and know exactly when a bus will come to pick them up."



By Dale Russell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Two Stinger buses pass through campus on their daily routes. Changes this semester include a bi-directional campus loop, elimination of service to the North Avenue MARTA station, and regular departures from Fitten.

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to move in order to ensure there would be adequate room in the Rich building for the teams that most directly affect students, faculty and the technology that provides the information technology services.”

In terms of customer service, the opening of the new facility will not be disruptive, but only helpful.

After the second round of employees has settled in during early September, there will be room left for expansion. However, no one else is planned to move to the new facility at this time. The last change of scenery for OIT occurred in 1998, when the office moved to their 811 Marietta Street location.

Although no future moves are currently planned, Mullin does hold the long-term hope that one day it will be possible “to consolidate all OIT personnel into one facility in or near the Rich Building.”

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hour class that now requires up to eight and a half hours a week in lecture, lab, and quiz time.

“Only Physics 2211 is having the quizzes in the evening so far. This decision was reached by all of the instructors for that course this semester. Professor Mike Schatz oversees the course and chaired the decision session,” Said Dr. Robert Fox, Professor of Physics.

“After semester conversion, Physics 2211 lost an hour of lecture time per week and three quarter courses had to be reduced to two semester courses,” said Fox.

“To make certain that the students get enough coverage of the material, an experiment was suggested in which quizzes would be given in the evening rather than during what would be a regular lecture time. Instead of an hour, the evening quizzes are given one-and-a-half-hours. Several other leading universities with comparable service loads in physics do the same already.”

Dr. Eric Murray shed some light on the perspective of the professors in changing the class structure.

“The five of us teaching PHYS 2211 this semester are making a concerted effort to improve the course in both the areas of student learning and student satisfaction,” said Murray.

“One of the things we are doing is making all policies and assignments the same, to reduce the impression of unfairness due to differences between sections. For test security reasons, if the tests are the same, the must be given at the same time.”

“An analysis was made of the schedules of the 700 or so student who had pre-registered for the class,

and Monday at 6pm generated the fewest conflicts. There was some discussion of difficulties that might arise from ‘springing’ this on students, but we decided that we could

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Dr. Eric Murray
Physics 2211 professor

take care of these by being fairly liberal in making special arrangements for students who have conflicts,” said Murray.

The Institute has no formal policy on the scheduling of such quiz times, said Dr. Robert McMath,

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs.

“The only rule that would stand is that any time instructors the initiate such quizzes, alternatives must be provided for those with scheduling conflicts,” said McMath.

“From the student learning perspective, night exams free up 6 lecture periods, so the course won’t be at ‘quite’ so frantic a pace as we try to cover the topics required by the Physics Advisory Committee of the Board of Regents and the engineering schools,” said Murray.

“Also, it makes it possible for us to allow 90 minutes for most exams, without asking any more questions than were on the 50 minute exams given in the past, which should improve student performance as some of the time pressure is reduced.”

The decision on whether or not future physics students will see a similar schedule in upcoming semesters “all depends on how well the experiment works this semester,” said Fox.

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Phillips Petroleum Company. Larry Gellerstedt, chairman of the Executive Committee Beers, Inc., serves as vice-chairman, and Bill Moore, president of Kelly-Moore Paint Company is the honorary chairman. The steering committee has organized roll out events throughout the past two years, in locations from San Diego to Paris, that have introduced Georgia Tech, its mission, and its Campaign to the nation and the world. Because of the sheer size of the donations, most of the Campaign’s soliciting is done face to face by the professional staff of the Development Office. Other groups and individuals such as the Alumni Association and the Alexander-Tharp Fund also play significant roles in the process. As of July 31, \$542.1 million had been raised towards the goal. The majority of the donations,

\$259.2 million, have come from alumni, while other individuals have contributed \$71.5 million. Several corporations and foundations have also played important roles in the Campaign, contributing \$143.4 million and \$60.2 million respectively. Of the monies collected, \$111.9 million will go towards new facilities and equipment, while \$251.2 million has been earmarked for current operational budgets. A permanent endowment of \$234.2 million has also been allocated, while the designation of the remaining funds is yet to be determined. Intercollegiate athletics has received almost \$110 million in earmarked funds, far more than any other program and exceeding its goal of \$75 million. The Colleges of Architecture and Computing have surpassed their initial goals, as have the Biomedical, Electrical, Computer, and Mechanical Engineering departments. Almost \$70 million has been acquired to improve the library and

other student life facilities. If all goes according to plans, every academic program at Tech will receive at least some sort of benefit from the capital campaign. The Bioengineering building and Stamps Fields are two projects students can see that have been completed using funds from the Campaign. According to Barrett Carson, Vice President for Development, “a fifty endowed chairs whose research will be funded by interest from the funds raised. The belief is the endowed chairs will in turn attract more and better instructors to campus. “I think the quality of teaching and research are improved by having endowed chairs,” said Carson. whole lot is being done directly for students. Almost everything is for them. Student life will be dramatically affected [by the Capital Campaign].” One such project is the Environmental Science and Technology building. At a cost of \$58 million,

it will be, according to Carson, “the most expensive thing we’ve ever built on campus.” SAC II is another project that will be paid for, at least partially, with funds from the Campaign. At least \$50 million of the permanent endowment will be allocated for student support. The Institute, which has struggled to compete with other universities that offer large amounts of financial aid, will use this allocation to increase need-based, merit-based, and athletic scholarships. “A lot of kids who are here are receiving scholarships as a result of this Campaign,” said Carson. Another \$75 million of the endowment will be used to attract and retain new faculty. According to *U.S. News and World Report*, Tech currently ranks seventy-eighth in faculty resources, far below such competitors as Cal Tech, MIT, Emory and Stanford, which all rank in the top fourteen. The Institute will establish fifty endowed chairs, whose research will

be funded by interest from the funds raised. The belief is that the endowed chairs will in turn attract more and better instructors to campus. Carson and others are confident that by the time the five-and-a-half year Campaign winds down in December they will have reached their goal.

Capital Distribution

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Update Orme Street Sewer Project

by Mary Beth Holley
News Staff

Construction on the Orme Street Combined Trunk Relief Sewer has begun, and students have begun to notice major changes on East Campus during the past week.

The new north entrance to Peter’s Parking Deck was made operational Wednesday, and the fence that will completely surround construction area should be finished today. When the fence is complete, the Fowler and Fourth Street intersection and Britain Drive will no longer be open for traffic.

“Detour signs are in place, and if necessary, will be fine tuned,” said Fred Dolder, Senior Project Manager, Office of Facilities Design and Construction. The Director of Transportation, along with Dolder, has reviewed the signs and feels they will be effective. However, should confusion arise among motorists, the signs will be altered.

A change that has been in effect since the beginning of Fall semester is the transformation of Fowler Street on the east of Peter’s Parking Deck into a two-way road. Other work that has already begun is the relocation of utilities including telecommunication, Georgia Power, At-

lanta Gas Light, and United Water. This work will be completed by mid September. Per contract with Bradshaw Construction Corporation, M.C., Inc. there will be a dedicated Safety Superintendent that will supervise safety for the job site and surrounding campus.

Massive amounts of dirt and materials relocation, sewer trenching, and a large 30-foot shaft at the intersection of North Avenue and Techwood Drive should be visible by the end of September. The noise, although clamorous, will be lessened by the fact that workers will be drilling instead of hammering.

Workers will be limited to a 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. work day, Monday through Friday. Students will be notified in the case that construction, and therefore noise, will occur on Saturdays. East Campus residents are promised that Saturday work will be limited to excavation and not include noisier demolition.

“The good news is that the project should be finished by September 2001, so only one football season will be affected by construction,” said Dolder. “The students and residents of Tech, Georgia State University, Centennial Homes, and the Roosevelt House will be very well served with the completion of this project.”

Feature Photo Earth’s Moon



By Alisa Hawkins / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

An Aerospace Engineering student took this stunning photograph of the moon at night through an amateur constructed telescope during her Summer Semester co-op with NASA in Houston, Texas.



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
A view from outside of the Ferst Center, where the Dean Griffin statue watches student passerby. The Center lost over \$1 million last season.

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successful, and present them as a series—strategically, it matches,” said Meyers.

“This is the direction we want to go in the future.”

In spite of the cancellations, Meyers called the present schedule a “heck of a line-up,” featuring classical performers such as cellist Yo Yo Ma, the Eroica trio, percussionist group Jellyeye Drum Theatre, and several well-known operas.

The Ferst Center, unlike other departments of Auxiliary Services, is not expected to turn a profit.

“Ever since the building opened, it’s had a deficit. It’s always lost; its never made any money,” said Talbot. “Last year, it was proportional to the number of shows. The arts need to be subsidized, whether through corporate sponsorship, through membership/subscription based, or an endowment.”

“Spivy hall has a \$9 million endowment, and they give free tickets to students. Emory has a \$6 million endowment and they, again, subsidize their tickets for students.”

“Unfortunately, the Rialto and Ferst Center are in the same situation: no endowment and no corporate sponsorships,” said Talbot.

“While other auxiliary services are self supporting, the Ferst Center doesn’t generate enough revenue from ticket sales to support itself, and it never will,” said Meyers.

“It will never have revenue that exceeds expenses until it has an endowment, and then the endowment

will provide that revenue. In an ideal situation, we would have a break-even budget.”

The Ferst Center has a small endowment, titled the Dean Dull Endowment, which is based on one performance each season, usually an opera, at which time patrons can offer contributions. Revenue from this endowment covers the singular performance expenses.

The Ferst Center staff, along with Auxiliary Services, gives high priority to securing an endowment in the future.

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John Talbot
Director, Ferst Center

“Without an endowment, student activities fees will always be the only avenue by which to get lower student ticket fees,” said second-year student Rusty Johnson, Chair of the newly created Student Advisory Board for the Ferst Center.

The board, advised by Talbot and formed with help from the Spriggle administration, encourages student involvement in the arts.

“My short term goals [for the board] would be, obviously, to try

to expose students to the arts in any way possible. That would include getting student programming where we would be able to have shows that we know attract students and lower student ticket rates,” said Johnson.

“My long term goals are to attempt to get an endowment and try to use the Ferst Center in ways not originally thought of, such as through collaboration with other student organizations to promote events and promote participation.”

“We’ve only had 2 meetings of the council, and we’re definitely going in the right direction. We’re going to see the students having more involvement, having a voice... we’re off on the right foot on that,” said Talbot of the board.

Talbot and Johnson share an interest in seeing the arts become more of a priority at Tech.

“Students that graduate from Georgia Tech need to have been exposed to culture and the arts in order to further develop themselves career-wise within their positions,” said Talbot.

“We finally have the opportunity to say from the student standpoint ‘get more arts,’ a good opportunity to expose the arts to the students... a great opportunity for the students voice to be heard and the arts to become a part of students lives in that manner,” said Johnson.

“I hope that we can get all of the organizations and the administration behind our feeling that the arts are necessary to broaden the scope of a student’s career and professional development.”