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Timeless classic remembered

The 'Nique Entertainment staff goes back in time to review Jane Austen's classic novel *Pride and Prejudice*. Page 12

Just another face in the crowd

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"College town" kicks off with bookstore

By Joshua Cuneo
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Tech is about to catch up to its red-and-black rival in one important way: the Institute is finally getting its own college town.

At least, that's what Rosalind Meyers, Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services, is calling the new multi-block facility whose stores are opening sporadically throughout the next few months.

Originally proposed by President Clough and his senior administration in 2000, Technology Square was designed to meet several objectives. One, Meyers said, "was to create a retail hub...where students could go and have the feel of a college town that was off campus but on campus at the same time."

But the Square was also born with other intentions in mind. "One was to integrate Georgia Tech more with the Midtown community so that we felt more a part of Midtown and Midtown felt more a part of Georgia Tech rather than have us isolated on the other side of the interstate," said Meyers.

This, she said, is why they chose a site across the Fifth Street Bridge. Also, the shortage of campus space demanded expansion, and transferring the College of Management and the Global Learning Center to a new facility would afford more breathing room for the remaining departments.

The project seemed promising from its outset. There were unusually few obstacles, none of which, according to Meyers, deterred anybody from the original timeline. In fact, the biggest impediment was campus skepticism concerning the location of the square.

"If you had seen this site two years ago, even though it was so close to the campus, it looked like a big wilderness," explained Meyers. "It was just vacant space with no buildings...and the people said, 'Why do you want to go there? There's nothing. It's so far from the campus.' But actually, now, it is the campus."

The total cost of the project was \$191 million, which includes "the architecture's fees, getting all the permits and licenses...[and] getting



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Textile and Fiber engineering major Josh Norton and Civil Engineering major Kindel Kaelke have fun trying on Tech apparel in the sportswear section of the new bookstore. The bookstore, part of Technology Square, is set to open tomorrow. Other areas of the development are expected to open before students return in the fall.

this site ready for construction," said Meyers. "The rest of the costs are people who work here at Georgia Tech, and they worked a few extra hours, but it didn't cost any money...It's so exciting. We didn't mind the extra time."

The project was funded through the purchase of bonds by the various departments associated with the Square, and the departments have made individual plans to repay the bonds.

The College of Management, for instance, has actively pushed fundraising since the Square was first conceived, and the Georgia Tech Hotel and the Global Learning Center will raise the money through the revenue earned from regular business.

The project has also benefited

from constant student input. "Way back, let's say two and a half years ago, there was a big student committee that...came up with a study of all the things that they would like to see here," said Meyers. "All the time that we've been working with retailers, we've had a student representative from the Student Government...come to all of our retail meetings."

That input helped the project team make a selection of restaurants and other retail outlets that "are going to be reasonably priced, appeal to student and to the surrounding community, and all work together, don't compete but sort of complement each other."

Barnes and Noble at Georgia Tech
The centerpiece of the Square is

opening its doors tomorrow: Barnes and Noble at Georgia Tech, a fully stocked, official Barnes and Noble bookstore with every major genre of literature (including an extra-large science fiction section for its Tech customers) and plenty of lounge chairs for the leisure readers.

Along one side is an expanded collection of Georgia Tech paraphernalia, which sits beneath a mural illustrating Tech's culture and history.

An information center sits in the middle of the store, ready to help customers, and extra cash registers crowd the front entrance in preparation for the great textbook rushes that precede fall and spring semesters.

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Civil Engineering major Kindel Kaelke pretends to toss a football as she looks through the Georgia Tech paraphernalia in the new bookstore.

Tech's international population grows despite restrictions

By Michael Handelman
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Tech's incoming freshman class will have the most international students in the history of the Institute. The class will include 104 international students; currently, Tech has 2,825 enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs. This is a 57% increase in the number of international students from last year. The majority of international students this year come from India, with China and South Korea following. This increase in students arrives with the implementation of tough new guidelines regarding restrictions and reporting requirements for international students.

Sheila Schulte, director of OIE, said in a press release, "It's nice to see that

"...Our reputation was able to outweigh any difficulties they might have with the visa process."

Sheila Schulte
Director, OIE

the high caliber of our reputation was able to outweigh any difficulties they might have with the visa

process."

Ingrid Hayes, interim director of the Office of Undergraduate Admission said, "Diversity doesn't just apply to African-American, Hispanic-American and Native American students...having a truly diverse campus means that you have students from all over the world, with vastly different backgrounds contributing their ideas, culture and ways of viewing the world to your campus."

Supporting these efforts, the Georgia Tech Cable Network is providing 24 new international channels to its standard lineup as a component of its recent upgrade. Money is also being raised to fund a planned International House. "The new facility would house the Office

of International Education, student groups and activities and a kitchen," according to a press release by

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the Institute.

Also, Tech is looking to broaden the entire student body's horizon

by offering a wider variety of foreign language classes. Courses in Korean began last fall, and Tech is planning to offer Arabic this fall. This joins the current curriculum of Spanish, French, Chinese, Japanese, Russian and German classes.

BCIS, the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, under the newly formed Department of Homeland Security, administers the new laws and regulations for international students that were implemented following 9/11 as part of the USA Patriot Act of 2001.

One of the most notable restrictions have been special reporting requirements for students from

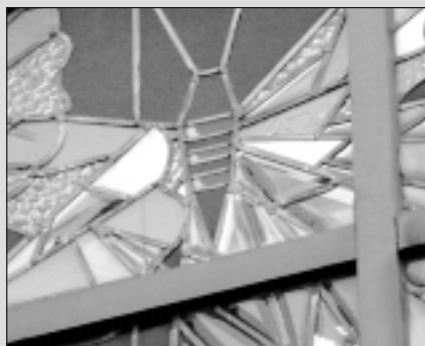
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Tech Up Close

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Last week's Tech Up Close:
Stained glass window in the
Houston Bookstore Mall

There was no winner for Tech Up
Close this week.



By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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North Korea, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, or Yemen. Among these countries, Tech admitted seven students from Pakistan.

In addition to these specific requirements, the SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information Program) provides new tracking requirements and guidelines.

According to the BCIS, "the sys-

tem will reflect international student or exchange visitor status changes, such as admission at Port of Entry, change of address, change in program of study, and other details".

The Office of International Education at Tech, whose responsibilities include international student concerns, has actively been working on implementing SEVIS at Tech.

According to Sheila Schulte, the director of OIE, "The implementation of SEVIS resulted in OIE's hiring two temporary staff members just for data entry of the necessary docu-

ments into Banner, which is connected with SEVIS...It also meant that we needed to rethink our business practices, since these practices are now tied to SEVIS."

However, some schools such as Rutgers University have faced difficulties, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education. The network itself can be painfully slow; the SEVIS software is idiosyncratic and error-prone.

At Rutgers, it has saved completed files as drafts, not official documents, refused to print out forms,

and befuddled administrators with its counterintuitive design.

One of the more visible protests of the immigration reporting requirements occurred from the submission of a resolution to the Student Government Association condemning then recently imposed guidelines.

Recent biology graduate Srikantha Banerjee, author of the resolution, sought to send the resolution to members of Congress and heads of Federal agencies responsible for enforcement of SEVIS. Although

the resolution ultimately failed the Undergraduate House, the ensuing debate called into question potential violations of privacy and academically detrimental provisions of the international student reporting guidelines.

In spite of these new requirements, Schulte says, "I don't think that SEVIS has created a radical shift in behavior for the students." Her office has also conducted workshops with faculty, students and staff to increase awareness about the SEVIS system.

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Opposite this is another collection of lounge chairs, this one surrounding a floor-to-ceiling, 360-degree gas fireplace for the winter months. This setup sits before a wall of windows that look out into the outdoor plaza in the center of the building. Double doors nearby provide direct access to the new DuPree College of Management complex.

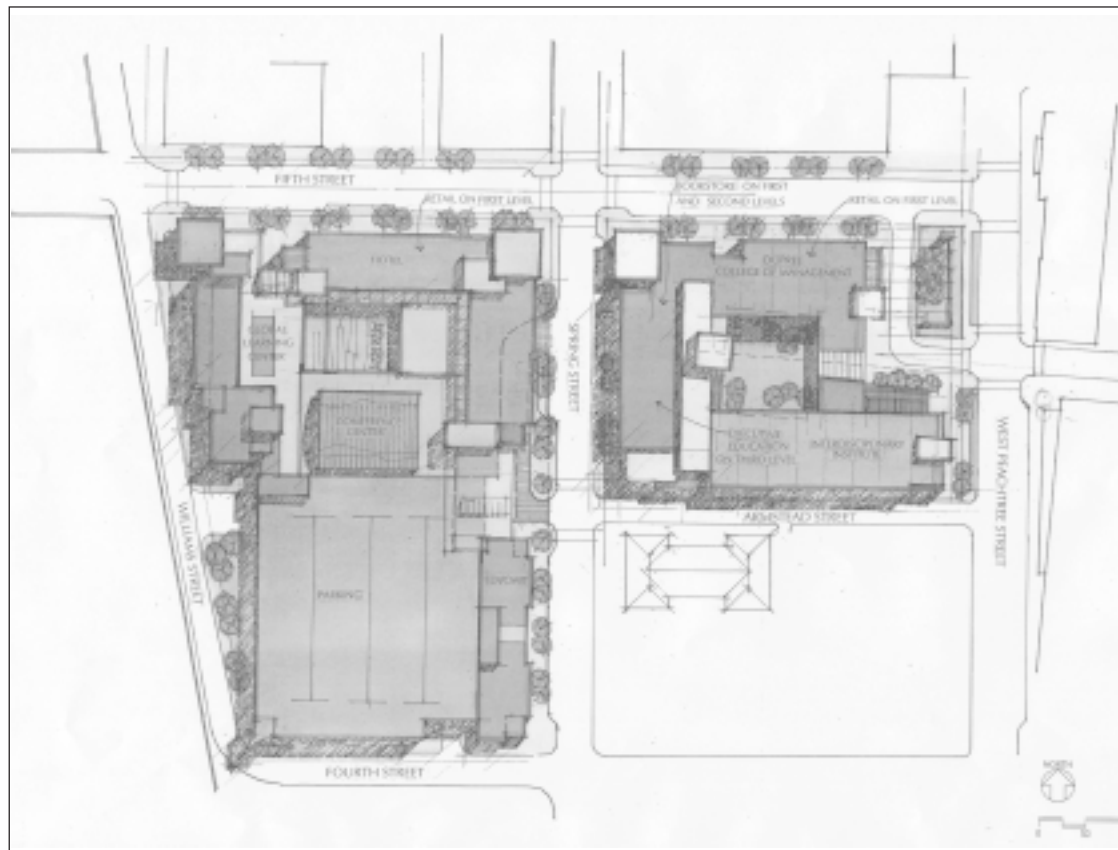


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Students, employees, and visitors can also enter the College through its front glass double doors that open into a glass-lined lobby. Staircases on either side lead to hallways lined

"The hotel has 250 sleeping rooms, a club room, which is really a bar and lounge area, a dining room,

The Square has also leased 17,000 feet of retail space to a number of companies. For eatery, students can look forward to a St. Charles' Deli, a Tin Drum Asian Café, a Fifth Street Ribs and Blues and a Marble Slab Creamery, among others. A day spa, an LA Fitness and a Copy Club will also be at hand, and a salon, a smoothie and tea shop, and a pizza parlor are presently under negotiations. For students 21 and

Construction begins this summer and is expected to be completed by January 2004.

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