

\$4,000 IMPACT Scholarship application online Jan. 22

The 2010 Auxiliary Services IMPACT Scholarship application goes live Friday, Jan. 22, on www.ImportantStuff.gatech.edu.

Interested? Plan your application package now and write your essays during the winter holiday break.

Do you qualify? The scholarship is open to all full-time Georgia Institute of Technology students who have made a positive "impact" on the Georgia Tech community, have at least a 2.0 grade point average and will be attending Georgia Tech at least two semesters during the 2010-11 school year.

What is "positive impact?"

Kabir Barclay, 2009 Impact Scholarship recipient, described

his impact as [he] "worked to increase the scale of campus programs in order to create a closer community at Tech as well as dedicated time to mentor freshmen and encourage leadership and campus involvement in others."

And Laura Cerully said, "My greatest impact at Georgia Tech is evident through both my active recruitment of women into graduate programs as well as my efforts to increase the interaction of current graduate women within the campus community."

What is the impact package? The application is completely online. There are two essays, "what impact have you made on the Georgia Tech community" and "what changes, if any,



2009 IMPACT SCHOLARSHIPS

Pictured are (l-r) Julie Elion (scholarship coordinator, Student Center), Nicholas A. Wellkamp (Industrial Engineering and Public Policy), Martha A. Lesniewski (Materials Science and Engineering), Brock A. Wester (Biomedical Engineering doctoral candidate), Rose Mary James (Biology), Craig Rawe (Management), Laura B. Cerully (Materials Science and Engineering doctoral candidate), Kabir A. Barclay (Computer Science) and Rosalind R. Meyers, associate vice president, Auxiliary Services.

Not pictured Kevin B. Perry (Masters of Business Administration)

will be receiving the Impact Scholarship make for you while at Georgia Tech."

Eight Impact Scholarships

will be awarded spring 2010.

For more information, read www.ImportantStuff.gatech.edu, Impact Scholarship.

Register for Living-Learning Communities by March 1

by Sarah Gilbreath
Communications Intern
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Students interested in interacting with faculty and other students with similar interests outside the classroom need to check out Housing's ThinkBig programs at www.ThinkBig.gatech.edu.

ThinkBig programs are designed to give a small group of residents a great opportunity to interact closely with a faculty member and live with students who share similar interests.

Fall 2009, four new programs began and two existing programs continued and all six plus new programs will be offered fall 2010.

Current ThinkBig programs:
- Technology and Urban
Outdoor Adventures

- LEGO Robotics and Outreach Community
- Human Alteration: How far is too far?
- Humor and Innovation
- International House
- Women, Science and Technology

Each community has a faculty member and a central topic to research, discuss and explore.

One of the best qualities of these programs is "the sense of community," said Gala Jackson, coordinator, Residential Academic Activities, Housing.

Each group consists of 20-50 people, and that small number helps ensure that the group stays close.

"It gives students a real connection to the faculty member," Jackson said.

These programs follow what Jackson calls "a trend in higher education."

More and more universities are offering these additions to residence hall living, and the students involved have generally had "more of a connection to the university."

Schools involved with these types of programs have also seen an increase in students continuing to live on campus.

Early surveys of this year's ThinkBig programs show that 80 percent are participating in group activities and reporting that "the program exceeds students' expectations."

While the ThinkBig programs are a hit, one area needs clarification. These new programs are not tied to academic course credit.

"[ThinkBig programs] are not academic but they *are* fun!" Jackson said.

Even though no class credit is given and there is no homework from the program, students can choose to take classes that mirror what their ThinkBig programs contain.

Registration for ThinkBig programs coincides with Housing's fall sign-up dates.

"Students will apply for [ThinkBig programs] as they apply for next year's housing, starting February 9, 2010 and going through March 1, 2010," said Dan Morrison, director, Residence Life, Georgia Tech Housing.

For more information, read www.ThinkBig@gatech.edu or contact Gala Jackson at gala.jackson@housing.gatech.edu.

News Bulletin

Rosalind R. Meyers
Associate Vice President
Auxiliary Services

With the holidays upon us and the economy on many people's minds, Auxiliary Services is preparing for both.

To assist with the State of Georgia budget shortfall, this year Georgia college and university employees are taking mandatory furlough days.

Georgia Tech elected to take its four furlough days prior to the normal employee holiday break, providing additional savings through less utility and other resource usage.

Therefore, Auxiliary Services will observe the furlough days with department hours of operation as follows:

Auxiliary Services

Administration (Suite 227, Student Services Building)

- Closed Dec. 19-Jan. 3, 2010

Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech **Hours of Operation**

- Mon-Fri Dec 14-18: 8a-6p

- Sat-Sun Dec 19-20: 10a-6p

- Mon-Wed Dec 21-23: 8a-6p

- Thu Christmas Eve: 8a-4p

- Fri Christmas: **Closed**

- Sat-Sun Dec 26-27: 10a-4p

- Mon-Thu Dec 28-31: 8a-6p

- Fri-Sun Jan 1-3: 10a-6p

BuzzCard Center

- Open from 7:30am - 4:30pm weekdays, Dec. 1 - 18

- Closed Dec. 19 - Jan. 3, 2010

GT Dining

- All retail operations including Food Court (Student Center) and Jazzman's (Library) closed by 3 p.m., Fri., Dec. 11. For specifics, go to

www.gatechdining.com

- Brittain and Woodruff Dining Halls will close, Friday Dec. 11, 3 p.m. for the fall semester.

- Brittain and Woodruff Dining Halls will re-open, Fri. Jan. 8, 10 a.m. for spring semester.

Housing (Suite 102, Student Services Building)

- Closed Dec. 19-Jan. 3, 2010

- Residence Halls will remain open with staff providing coverage for the students who reside on campus and remain in residence halls during this time.

Parking & Transportation

- Administrative Offices



Auxiliary Services departments will operate reduced hours during December, observing mandated staff furlough days. Pictured above is Rosalind R. Meyers, associate vice president, Auxiliary Services, with Kyle Spengler (Mechanical Engineering major) in the Student Center. Georgia Tech students, faculty and staff with active BuzzCards may access the Student Center 24 hours daily.

(Technology Square) 828 West Peachtree Street, N. W. , Atlanta - Closed, Dec. 19-Jan. 3, 2010.

- Tech Square Deck (E81) will continue to operate fully to meet hotel and other visitor parking needs.

- Remaining lots will not be staffed and gates will be raised.

- Bus & Trolley service will be suspended Dec. 19-Jan. 3, 2010.

- Stingerette and dispatch services will continue to operate in a limited capacity (3-11 p.m.), Dec. 19-Jan. 3, 2010.

Stamps Health Services

- Open regular hours in December, Mon - Wed, Fri - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thurs - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Closed Dec. 19-Jan. 3, 2010

- Reopen Monday, Jan. 4, regular hours

Student Center

- Active BuzzCards will allow building access 24 hours daily.

- Regular hours - Dec. 1-12, 7 a.m.-11 p.m.

- Reduced holiday schedule - Dec. 13-24, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

- Closed - Dec. 25

- Reduced holiday schedule - Dec. 26-Jan. 9, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

- Resume regular hours - Jan. 10 - 7 a.m.-11 p.m.

Stamps Health Services Lab achieves perfect score

By Sarah Gilbreath

Everyone knows that Georgia Tech's academics are impressive, but how do the other fields measure up?

In the case of Stamps Health

Services, the results are in: flawless. The most recent lab inspection reported not only zero deficiencies (a remarkable achievement in itself) but no recommendations for possible improvement.

All laboratories that do human testing are inspected every other year under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments '88 (CLIA), and this year was an inspection year for Stamps Health Services laboratory. The process itself is "an exhaustive and comprehensive survey of our capac-

ity and capability to perform accurate and timely diagnostic testing," said Jack Horner, supervisor, Laboratory and Radiology Services, Stamps Health Services.

While Georgia Tech has always performed well in CLIA inspections, this year is the first year that the school has not received a single recommendation for change.

This kind of score is very rare and reflects the hard work and dedication of the entire Stamps Health Services team.

Though the scores are generally kept private, and therefore no national average score

is known, Georgia Tech is clearly one of the best.

And what does this mean for Georgia Tech

students?

"Just because we are small doesn't mean we are less capable or less accurate than a major laboratory," Horner said.

"We must meet or exceed the same standards that Emory or Piedmont or Grady does."

Being held to that same standard means that Stamps Health Services provides excellent service with the added bonus of being small enough to ensure individual care.

The focus of Stamps Health Services has always been the students and it continues to be dedicated to the Georgia Tech community.

As Horner himself said, "To all students: if you want superior medical care, come here!"



Jack Horner, supervisor, Laboratory and Radiology Services, Stamps Health Services, in his CLIA-approved lab.

Delicious Changes in Dining

By Sarah Gilbreath

People on campus are buzzing about some of the big changes in GT Dining this year.

The brand new Dunkin' Donuts is a huge success, and the Waffle House planned for Tech Square is sure to be another hit. So what else does Dining have up its sleeve? Here to let us in on their plans are Dori Martin and Andrea Preininger from GT Dining's marketing department.

Some of the biggest changes can already be seen on campus. Students burning the midnight oil in the Library have probably already taken advantage of Jazzman's new hours which have been extended to 24 hours a day Monday through Thursday. Both Brittain and Woodruff dining halls are now open for brunch on weekends

and their menus have expanded to include more vegetarian and vegan options.

"Approximately 30 percent of our student body is either vegetarian or vegan and we wanted to make sure they are included," said Dori Martin, marketing manager, GT Dining.

In fact, the Dining website now has a page devoted entirely to these students, which includes feature recipes, a place for students to submit their favorite recipes and health information of interest.

Following the campus-wide initiative, Dining is also going green and working toward campus sustainability.

By setting up a composting program, Dining has eliminated an annual 146 tons of waste that would be going to the landfill. The compost made in this program is then used as

fertilizer all over campus.

The group is also working to eliminate Styrofoam, and has weekly meetings with the campus group, Students Organizing for Sustainability (SOS).

"We made The Princeton Review's Green Honor Roll," said Andrea Preininger, assistant marketing manager, GT Dining. "We were the only university to get an A in dining in 2008."

There are also a lot of great events on the calendar. For Earth Day, Dining plans to hold a full farmers' market.

Brittain Dining Hall is going to host Brittain's Got Talent which was a huge success this past year. In April, a contest called Tech Chef is slated to happen. Plus, the seasonal table in front of the Student Center Food Court will be changing frequently and the Sustainability Wall will have all of the latest information.

Additionally, the three newest meal plans, the Unlimited +5, the Ramblin' 200 and the Ramblin' 400, all have new retail options for more variety.

Student organizations have the option of using the new student catering menu. It includes student-friendly food at student-friendly low prices, from \$5 to \$7. There is no delivery fee which helps to keep the costs down.

"You normally don't find costs this low," said Preininger. "We worked very hard to get the best prices for the students."

Of course, everyone has heard various rumors about what will happen at North Avenue. Though the plans are still underdevelopment, "watch this space!" said Martin. Updates can be found on Dining's Facebook and Twitter pages as well as the official website. Bon appétit!

25% off hoodies, GT Victoria's Secret, nook - all at Bookstore

Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech has so many sales and new items it is difficult to list them all, but here goes.

All **hoodies** (except Ralph Lauren) in both the main store at Technology Square (48 5th Street, NW, Atlanta) and Burdell's in the Student Center Commons are discounted 25 percent through Saturday, Nov. 28.

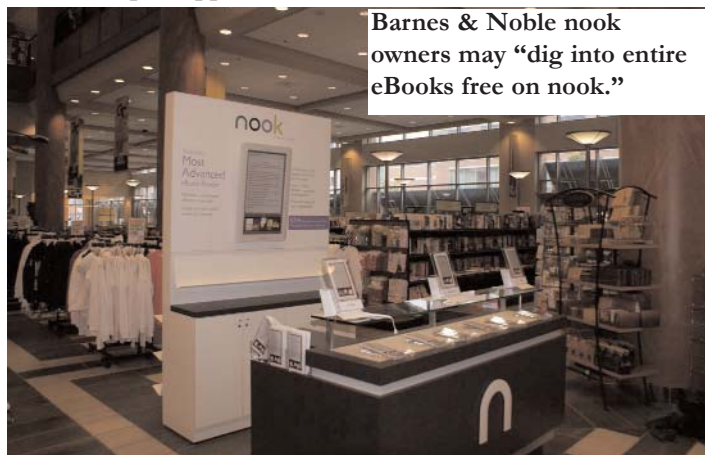
The **Campus Appreciation**

Sale is two complete weeks, Sunday, Nov. 29, through Saturday, Dec. 12.

Georgia Tech community members (students, faculty, staff) with valid BuzzCards will receive a 20 percent discount on most items in both stores, making it a great time to purchase holiday gifts.

Sale exclusions include textbooks, graduate regalia and computer software and hardware.

Barnes & Noble nook owners may "dig into entire eBooks free on nook."



Looking for some of the **Georgia Tech Victoria's Secret Pink® collection**?

Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech has that too.

And last but certainly not least, sharpen your pencil for your holiday gift list.

Barnes & Noble is introducing its new **nook** and the Technology Square location has a huge display announcing it. nooks (all lower case) are Barnes & Noble's newest and hottest item.

As the marketing material lists, "What if you could hold Barnes & Noble in your hand and carry it with you everywhere you go? Now you can."

"With just one simple tap on a color touchscreen you can wirelessly download your favorite books, newspapers and magazines within seconds...nook, the world's most advanced eBook reader." nook is so new that at print-



Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech has the Victoria's Secret Pink® Georgia Tech collection.

ing of this newsletter it had not arrived in the store. Check out the store display; nooks are scheduled to be shipped Nov. 30 for arrival the first week in December.

For more information, on all of these offers, visit www.shop-gatech.edu.

New Visitors' Parking Lot; New Trolley Stop & More!

Parking & Transportation is adding services for its customers. To name a few:

Visitor Parking Lot at Bobby Dodd Way & Brittain Drive
Parking & Transportation opened its newest visitor lot, Monday, Nov. 9. It is in Area 7, at Bobby Dodd Way and Brittain Drive.

This new lot supports visitors to the athletic department, the Library, surrounding student housing and other area departments.

The parking rate is \$1.50 per hour and is controlled by a multi-space meter. The spaces are numbered; remember to look for the space number before going to the pay station.

Tech Trolley Stop at Academy of Medicine

Parking & Transportation added a permanent Tech Trolley stop at the Historic Academy of Medicine at Georgia Tech along the intersection of West Peachtree Street and 7th Street.

The Academy of Medicine was acquired by the Georgia Tech Foundation, Inc. in July 2008 and has become a premiere location for campus social events and meetings. The stop is also conveniently located near the Palomar Hotel and Post Biltmore Apartments.

Get new glasses in 24-48 hours at Tech Optical Express

Students, need new glasses quickly? Faculty/staff, still have money in your flexible spending accounts?

Get those new frames or contact lenses at Tech Optical Express (formerly College Optical Express).

Tech Optical Express now has its own grinding machine,

To view the Tech Trolley route, visit http://www.parking.gatech.edu/transportation/1_Campus_Transit/2_trolley_route.php.

For more information about the Academy of Medicine, visit www.academyofmedicine.com and to see a 360-degree picture of the facility, go to http://www.conference.gatech.edu/pano/popup_pano.cfm?pano=AcademyMed

LED Signs & More

There are lots of other major changes coming from Parking & Transportation this year. More LED (light-emitting diode) screens will be added to some of the bus stops and a fleet of brand new Stingers and Tech Trolleys will be debuting soon thanks to a new transportation contract.

All of these changes are funded by student dollars. The fees that students pay are "reinvested back into the system," said Lance Lunsway, director, Parking & Transportation. A large portion of the fees is put towards safety initiatives, such as renovating parking lots, lighting areas and improving the safety phones around campus.

When asked about the future, Lunsway simply stated, "We want to work with the campus community to meet their needs."

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Or, for those who want an even wider variety, check out Tech Optical Express's partner, Frames Direct, online at www.FramesDirect.com.

For more information, visit www.StudentCenter.gatech.edu, Tech Optical.



BUZZCARD EMARKETPLACE RECEIVES NACAS AWARD

James A. Pete (above, left), director, Auxiliary Technical Services for Georgia Tech Auxiliary Services, received the first-ever Technology Award for the BuzzCard eMarketPlace from the National Association of College Auxiliary Services (NACAS) at its annual conference, Sunday, Nov. 8. Frank Mumford, NACAS President-elect (director, Finance & Administration, Auxiliary Services, California State University, Fullerton) presented the award.

Annual Student Center Arts & Crafts Fair, Dec. 3-4

Student Center Arts & Crafts Fair

Thursday, Dec. 3, & Friday, Dec. 4, 10am-4pm

Stop by the Student Center and visit the Arts and Crafts Fair. Vendors will be selling handmade goods including soaps, candles, jewelry, paintings, glasswork, scarves and more throughout the Student Center and the Student Center Commons. Be sure and visit all the booths on both the 1st and 2nd floors of the Student Center for great holiday gifts for yourself or others. Most booths are cash only.

Win an Auxiliary Services T-shirt. The first 50 people to email melissa.moore@gatech.edu the correct answer to: add the number of IMPACT scholarships awarded by Auxiliary Services + the annual tons GT Dining saves by composting + the year the CLIA act was passed and win a 2010 T-shirt. Good luck!



Coupon

Present this coupon to Tech Rec in the Student Center for 2 free games of bowling

Only one coupon per customer. Must present valid BuzzCard at time of redemption. Coupon expires 12/11/09. Altered or damaged coupons will not be accepted.