



Work on green space continues

by Matt Schrichte
Assistant News Editor

Construction is currently underway to renovate and improve water drainage system in the Burger Bowl. It is expected to continue through Oct. 15 of this year. At the same time, construction to create the new eco-commons is taking place near the Ajax building. Construction for that project is scheduled to end on Sept. 15.

The Burger Bowl, the athletic field located on West Campus, is more officially recognized as Couch Park and is owned by the City of Atlanta.

"The goal of the [Burger Bowl] project is to improve the playing surface of the fields," said Jerry Young, Facilities and Landscape Project Manager.

"We're regrading the whole area, adding a whole new drainage system and adding an improved planting medium for the grass that also helps it drain. It's typical of what they use for sports fields."

Georgia Tech Facilities is in charge of the current construction but is limited in the type of improvements it can make because of its agreement with Atlanta.

Tech students endeared Couch Park with its current nickname, Burger Bowl, to describe its close proximity to a Burger King in the 1970's and it's obvious topographical likeness to a bowl.

Over the years, the high embankments surrounding the four-acre field have led to a number of drainage problems stemming from light



Photo by Basheer Tome / Student Publications

Construction crews commence work on increasing green space in front of Center Street Apartments. Work is also being done to improve the drainage systems in the Burger Bowl.

and heavy precipitation. Large portions of the field were barren and tattered from student overuse, especially during moist conditions. The field is most utilized for Rugby games and practices, intramurals, school sponsored events such as Sting Break and a number of Greek Week events such as Tug. It's also open to the rest of the student population for their enjoyment.

"I'm glad they're doing it so that it will prevent [the Burger Bowl] from being a swamp,

not that I've experienced it personally," said Michael Kersh, first-year CmpE major, "I'm glad that they're getting it done to help out the people on west."

Facilities will also be installing an irrigation system to water the field in warmer months. They are also exploring the option of installing a permanent well system to use groundwater for the new irrigation system. They're currently installing a test well to see if a permanent one will be

feasible.

Overall, the new turf that will line the field will be more resilient to frequent student use. They'll be laying down a specific blend of Bermuda grass, intended for sports and athletic activities.

The eco-commons construction near the Ajax building will eventually convert the affected space from parking spaces into green space. That project is scheduled to finish in Nov., after all of the planting is complete.

Institute recognized for sustainability

by Vijai Narayanan
News Editor

For the third year in a row, the Institute received top marks in the Princeton Review's Green Rating, earning a spot on the Green Honor Roll along with 18 other colleges and universities. In addition, the Institute received 18th place in Sierra Magazine's list of 'cool schools.' The Institute received a score of 81 for its sustainability efforts, with the top school receiving an 88.6. Last year, Tech was placed 21st, just half a point away from the top 20.

"We're really glad to have the recognition, and we want all of campus to feel the benefit because it's their work that we're talking about," said Marcia Kinstler, Director of the Office of Environmental Stewardship at Tech.

According to Sierra Magazine, the rankings for this year placed more emphasis on energy usage at college campuses. Tech recently commenced a massive energy efficiency project on campus. Kinstler said that the Institute received grants from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to perform lighting upgrades in 47 buildings across campus. When completed, it will result in a 15 percent energy consumption drop within those buildings, equivalent to approximately 34 million tons of carbon dioxide each year.

Kinstler said the nature of the projects has allowed Tech to continue to receive funding for sustainability and remain a leader in the field.

"We have received funding for these projects because we have shovel-ready projects. Along with innovative and energy efficient proposals, that is an unbeatable combination," Kinstler said.

Through the stimulus programs Tech has

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Delays caused by long lines at Student Center Commons

by Matt Hoffman
Opinions Editor

Students wanting to try the new dining options at the Student Center Commons food court were greeted with long lines and difficulty in finding a place to eat in the recently renovated area.

"I have certainly observed lines and have been down there many times, and I think much of what we are seeing right now are bigger crowds than we expected because of the novelty of it," said Rich Steele, director of the Student Center.

The Subway, Taco Bell and the expanded Chick-fil-a, relocated from its location on the second floor food court, are drawing larger crowds than expected. Steele points to the novelty of the new options for the spike in traffic.

"We originally anticipated that we would be doing 50 percent of all the business that happens at Food Court on the second floor [at the new area]. Right now we are running at 75 percent of the daily business. So it is much more

than we expected," Steele said.

With the facilities being new, many of the employees are still learning most of the techniques required for efficient operations.

"Our Subway opened last Friday..., so our operations will absolutely speed up, as [the employees] get more familiar with the products," Steele said.

Crowds are also expected to decrease as people adjust their schedules to avoid the high volume times, which makes the overcrowding problem more pronounced during the early part of the semester.

"Typically in the beginning of the fall semester there is a period of time where people are determining what time they will go to eat lunch.... [The crowd] has a tendency to naturally sort itself out as people self-regulate when they go to lunch based on the crowds," Steele said.

There have also been complaints from students that the area that encompasses the food court has had sanitation problems, with tables being dirty and trash litter-

ing the floors.

"Our staff met [Wednesday] afternoon about better solutions to keep the place clean and policed. We are absolutely aware that the volume of traffic is drawing more trash, and we are changing some things to stay on top of it," Steele said.

The food court on the second floor experienced similar situations in previous years before the opening of the separate food court on the first floor. The new options were designed to help alleviate such congestion issues. The second floor food court also saw new options roll out this week. Zaya, serving Mediterranean cuisine, and Spice Cafe, which offers Indian food, opened.

"Our mentality in developing the Commons court was based on the fact that the food court was overcrowded. There were too many of people trying to get food. There were too many lines of people trying to check out. Trying to find a seat was too difficult. So we knew we needed to off load some of that volume," Steele said.

The new offerings also hope to provide easily accessible options for people at the new Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons (CULC), when it opens next year in the fall.

"The front door of the Clough building will be just a few steps from the Student Center, so if students want more substantial food they can just walk right down the side walk," Steele said.



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Students wait in front of Subway in the Student Center Commons. The Student Center has seen a 10 percent jump in traffic this year.

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From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime

By Matt Schrichte
Assistant News Editor

Hydrogen hijinks

An officer responded to a chemical spill at the Aerospace Engineering Combustion Lab on the evening of Aug. 16. Upon arriving, the responding officer met with the student involved in the chemical spill. The student stated that he was trying to open a cylinder of hydrogen, when he noticed that the top was rusted on. He then used a wrench to examine the canister of hydrogen. Once opened, the canister malfunctioned and sprayed hydrogen all over the student and the inside of the lab. The student then held his breath and fled the contaminated

lab. The student was given a medical evaluation on scene and transferred to Grady Hospital.

Diverse cocktail

Two Tech students were taken into custody in relation to a narcotics investigation on the night of Aug. 18. An officer arrived at an apartment on 950 Marietta Street, where he spoke with an Atlanta Narcotics Investigator already on the scene. The investigator explained that one of the students was arrested for the purchase of a controlled substance. The student then gave the investigators consent to search her residence. Dur-

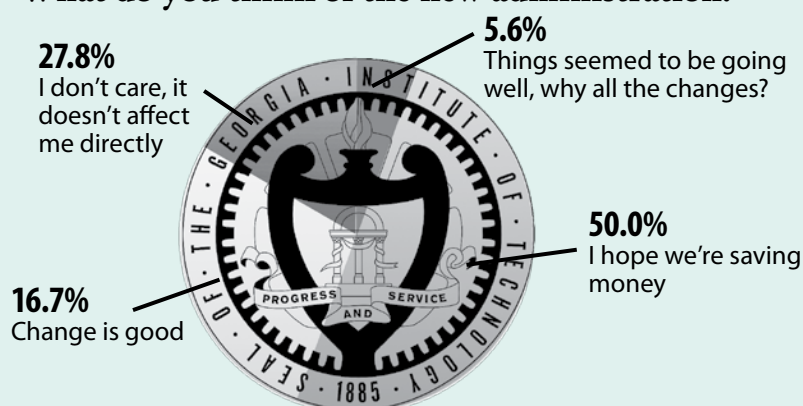
ing the search, investigators found distribution amounts of Ecstasy, LSD and Marijuana, as well as \$8,000 in cash. Another student, in the apartment at the time of the search was subsequently arrested. One of the students was in possession of a receipt for a locker rental at the CRC, but the investigators decided against obtaining a search warrant for the locker but insisted that the GTPD could do so.

Gate attack

On Aug. 17, at approximately 9:30 p.m. an officer was dispatched to the scene of a one-car motor vehicle accident at the Klaus parking deck. Upon arriving on the scene the officer made contact with the involved driver. She explained that the parking deck's gate arm suddenly came down, striking her car as she was entering the deck. No injuries were reported in this incident.

POLL OF THE WEEK

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Greek rush numbers increase

by Matt Schrichte
Assistant News Editor

Another year of Greek Rush and Recruitment formally came to a close on Wednesday, Aug. 25. The total number of new members rose, while the overall number of recruits and rushees actually declined. Formal recruitment for the seven campus sororities began with Recruitment Kick-Off on Aug. 20 and ended with Bid Day on Aug. 24. The last day that rushees were allowed to accept bids from fraternities was on Aug. 25.

Roughly 370 girls went through recruitment. Each chapter took at least 41 new members.

"This year, every girl that attended a preference party got matched. That was something the Panhellenic community was really proud of," said Amanda Boothe, a fifth-year ChBe major and the Rush Chair for Alpha Phi sorority.

This year saw a number of changes in the recruitment process.

"On the logistics side, we started on Friday instead of Saturday," said Lauren Melim, a fourth-year MGT major and Phi Mu Rush Chair.

Other changes include one in recruitment button regulation. Every year, all Potential New Members (PNMs) are required to wear and display white buttons while current sorority members wear pink ones. These visual aids



Photo by Sierra Schmidt / Student Publications

Sorority recruitment ended on Wednesday with the Running of the Roses. Roughly 370 girls went through recruitment this year.

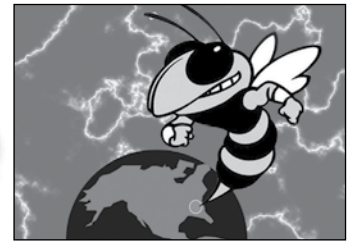
help prevent both groups from accidentally talking to each other during the formal recruitment process.

However, in past years those pink buttons worn by sorority members could display their sorority's letters. In an increased effort to decrease any effort to

unfairly sway PNMs, every sorority received identical pink buttons this year.

"It really brought us together as a whole and allowed for Potential New Members to not notice our affiliation and just see us as one big Panhellenic community," Boothe said.

Breaking *the* Bubble



A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Here are a few important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

Carter arrives in North Korea on mercy mission

Former President Jimmy Carter arrived on Wednesday in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang on a mission to free a captive American. Earlier this year, Aijalaon Gomes, a 30-year old American was sentenced to eight years of hard labor for crossing the border into the country. Gomes is a former English teacher in South Korea. His visit marks the first from a high profile American since former President's Bill Clinton's visit to the country last year. The White House maintained that the trip is a "private, humanitarian mission."

Judge blocks Obama's stem cell policy

On Aug. 23, a federal district judge struck down President

Obama's executive order to expand funding for embryonic stem cell research, saying that the move violated a ban on federal money being used to destroy embryos. The Judge's ruling imposes a preliminary injunction of federal funding for research, pending a final outcome of a lawsuit filed to stop the U.S. government from sponsoring embryonic stem cell research. The NIH will stop reviewing grants for embryonic stem cell research but will allow scientists who have already received federal funding to exhaust those funds. The ruling has no effect on research conducted using private funds.

WikiLeaks releases CIA report

WikiLeaks published a three-page memo written by the CIA in February 2010 which claimed that the United States has long been an exporter of terrorism and explored what would happen if that perception became widely held around the world. CIA analysts downplayed the leak, saying such reports are purely analytical.

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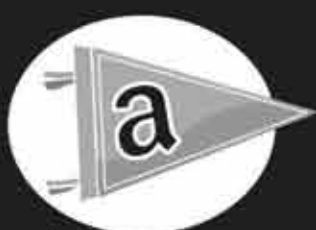
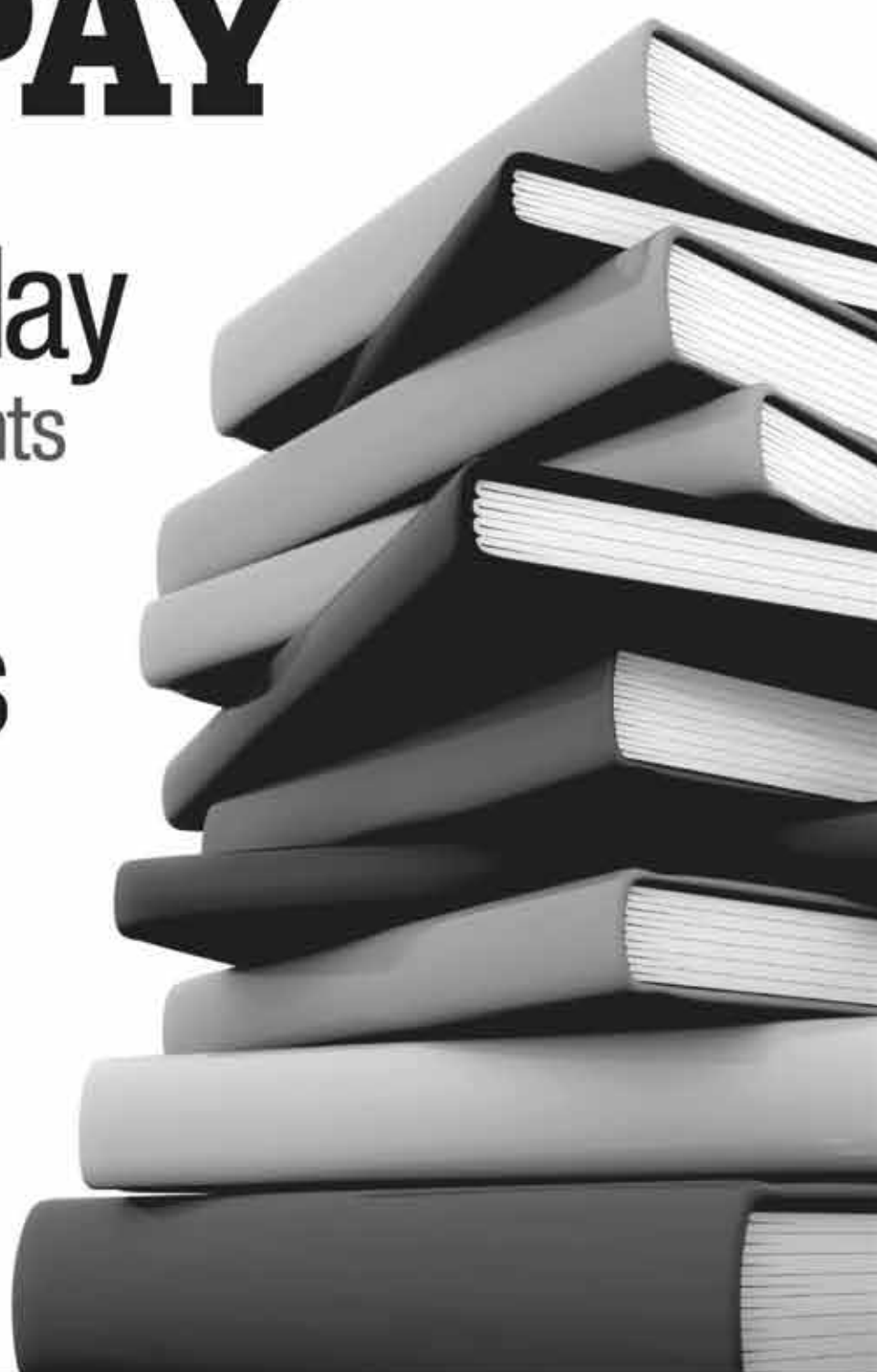
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CoC, IAC Deans discuss plans

by Matt Schrichte
Assistant News Editor

As it prepares to announce a new Strategic Plan in the coming days, the Institute welcomed two individuals crucial to the execution of the plan and achieving its goals. Dr. Zvi Galil assumed his role as the Dean of the College of Computing (CoC) on July 1, following a two year vacancy at the post. In addition, Dr. Jacqueline Royster will begin her tenure as the Dean of the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts (IAC) on September 1. This transfer of leadership represents just a few of the many changes to senior level administration in recent weeks.

Prior to becoming the Dean of the CoC, Galil served as the President of Tel Aviv University in Israel for two years. He also served as the Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences at Columbia University from 1995-2007. One of the things that attracted Galil to Tech was the structure of the CoC within the Institute.

"The College of Computing has a very unique, very special setup. It's a separate college, which is very rare. I believe that in the 21st century we should be a college. Computing is important in real life, everywhere we turn, but it's also everywhere in scholarship: science, engineering, health care, law even the humanities," Galil said.

Royster will officially assume leadership of the IAC on September 1, after fulfilling her obligations at her previous post at the Ohio State University. As a native of Georgia, Royster completed her undergraduate coursework at Spelman College, before pursuing graduate degrees in Literature at the University of Michigan.

"I think what Tech is trying to do with liberal arts is quite fascinating, given the world that we live in. Even by the modest assumptions is a highly technological world, and I believe that the liberal arts have an even more vital role to play than they have ever had," Royster said.

Royster and Galil shared an interest in pursuing more interdisciplinary work with different academic units across campus. Royster noted that while the IAC already offers a set of interdisciplinary programs, it is important to make sure that educational enterprises are well linked to other academic units on campus in order to advance the quality of research and improve the role of liberal arts within a technological institution like Tech. Galil stated that the size of the CoC allows room for interdisciplinary work.

"When you are large [in number], you can cover many sub-fields of computing in a decent manner. You can also venture into other fields and be interdisciplinary. And you can move in new directions and take risks. Only that

way can you lead," Galil said.

Both Royster and Galil take leadership of their respective academic units at a time of economic uncertainty, as the nation continues to experience a deep recession and funding from the state and federal level declines.

"These are difficult times. We are asked to do more with less. Every cut is more painful, and you really have to find efficient ways to do things. Fortunately I think there are some ways we can operate more efficiently," Galil said.

Galil hopes to conduct a strategic planning process within the CoC over the coming year, setting the direction of the college in a way that helps it achieve the goals set out by the strategic plan. Royster said that Tech is well positioned to be a leader in many fields. "Tech is really positioned in such a relevant way to the way the world is now, by being technological and at its core a fine institution for anybody to get an education. I'm impressed by what Tech wants to do with the people here [in the Strategic Plan]," Royster said.

Royster and Galil both shared their interest for meeting with students over the coming months and include their input for the decision making process.

"At Columbia, I was called the 'email dean' because I answered all my emails from students. I like students, and I like to participate in their events and interact with them regularly," Galil said.

Awards

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received \$6.7 million for energy efficiency and \$10 million for the new Carbon-Neutral Energy Solutions Laboratory in the North Avenue Research Area. The building will be the first on campus built to be carbon-neutral and will house research projects for energy and sustainability technologies.

However, with increasing funding cuts at the state level, it will become harder for the Institute to pursue an ever expanding number of projects.

"We would all do more if we had unlimited budgets. Money will continue to be an issue. Currently, there are over 350 projects going on across campus. There's signs of construction everywhere you look," Kinstler said.

In its effort to make buildings on campus more sustainable, Tech has been building and renovating buildings to meet the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) standards. Tech

currently has four LEED certified buildings, with many more buildings in the pipeline to become LEED certified. The North Avenue apartments are currently under review, and if certified, will be one of the biggest buildings to receive LEED certification.

Tech was also recognized for its leadership in sustainability research and offering courses in sustainability. Pursuing research at the forefront of sustainability allows the Institute to implement and adapt new technologies in its day to day operations.

Sustainability will play an even greater role as part of the Strategic Plan that will be released next week. Kinstler hopes that with the new plan the Institute can continue to improve sustainability efforts.

"Every year the bar gets raised, and it gets harder and harder to move up. We have to not only beat the competition in front, but also get ahead of the ones moving up," Kinstler said.

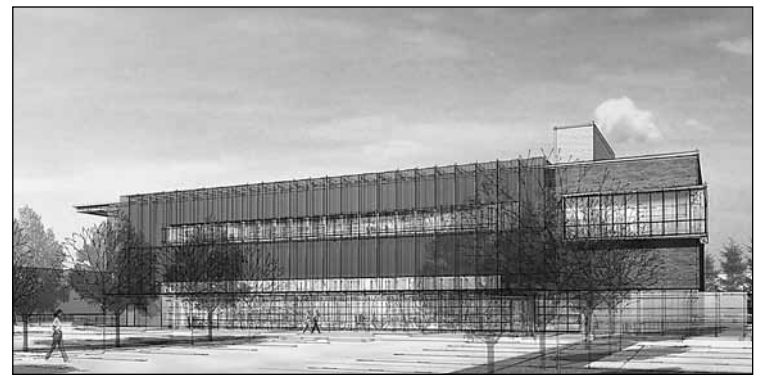


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The new Carbon-Neutral Energy Solutions Laboratory will be the first building on campus built to be completely carbon neutral.



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Thomas Lux holds the Bourne Chair in Poetry in addition to being the director of the McEver Visiting Writers Program at Tech. His eleventh, and most recent book, *God-Particles*, was published in 2008 by Houghton Mifflin Co. The same publisher will be bringing out a new book in 2012.

Robert E. Wood teaches in the School of Literature, Communication, and Culture. His film studies include essays on Fosse, DePalma, and Verhoeven, as well as *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. He is the author of *Some Necessary Questions of the Play*, a study of Hamlet. His poetry has appeared recently in *Blue Fifth Review*, *Minnetonka Review*, *Jabberwock Review*, *Sojourn*, and *Prairie Schooner*. His chapbook, *Gorizia Notebook*, was inspired by time spent in the summer Italian Film Studies Program.

