

Student Center gets facelift; adds Information Desk

Anyone walking into the first floor Student Center can see changes, construction and at the same time a similarity.

"We're updating the Student Center to make it more compatible with the Student Center Commons and giving it a brighter, cleaner presence," said Kim Harrington, associate director, operations, Student Center.

"After renovating the Commons, we received such an overwhelming response from students and everyone who used the Commons, we decided to upgrade the Student Center, making the two areas into a more seamless, one-building flow."

The new tile on the first floor of the Student Center is the same pattern and color as the Commons and does give a unified look. Walking from the Post Office to Pizza Hut, the floor pattern is the same.

Three floors = three phases
The renovation plans include upgrades on all three floors and will be conducted in three phases, creating as little disruption as possible in services, programs and events in the building.

Phase One, first floor, adds a lot of cosmetic as well as utility upgrades.

"Sheetrock and light gold paint are replacing the darker brick walls, creating a room

effect rather than a basement look," Harrington said.

Opening up a storage area adjacent to the Tech Rec entrance gives the ATM (automated teller machine) customers a more private area to make transactions and prevents lunchtime crowds from Pizza Hut and the ATMs from overpopulating the space.

This reconfiguration also projects Tech Rec outward, giving it a more visible entrance.

Heretofore hidden behind two dark blue doors, the 196-seat Student Center Theater is receiving an entranceway that will welcome patrons.

"People had to already know the Theater was there or have someone direct them to the space or they would pass it by without realizing a movie-theater type area was behind those two blue doors," Harrington said.

Combined with the new sheetrock, ceilings, paint, tile, lighting and carpet, a new jumbo television completes the first floor restoration.

Moving upward to the second and third floors, people will see a change in the stairway too.

"We're upgrading the staircase with new handrails and a newer design, raising the rails and removing some of the open space," Harrington added.

Information Desk

Phase Two of the renovation



Kim Harrington (above), associate director, operations, Student Center, shows off the ATMs on the first floor Student Center in the ATMs newly renovated, private space.

is the second floor and likewise phase three is the third floor.

The biggest change to the second floor is the addition of a campus Information Desk.

"We're removing the second floor display cabinets to add an Information Desk," Harrington said.

"Many campus visitors arrive at the Student Center daily, trying to locate places like the Student Success Building, the bookstore and any number of events," Harrington said.

"We're going to make it easier for these people to reach their destinations as quickly as possible by installing the Information Desk immediately inside the building for quick

reference and visibility."

Moving on up to the third floor

Each floor will receive new furniture as needed, and the third floor with the ballroom and meeting spaces could find itself with new wall coverings.

"We might add a mural or some different wall design to the third floor," Harrington said. "We are interested in what our students and faculty and staff think might be appropriate and eye-catching. After all, the students and the faculty/staff are the ones who use this building the most."

Plans are to complete the three-phase renovation by end of spring semester. Stay tuned.

Your Money

Traveling to school and work: gas, MARTA, carpool, vanpool

With gas prices soaring, single vehicle occupancy for school and work is a trend falling by the wayside.

Thanks to Parking &

Transportation's congestion, mitigation and air quality, federal grant issued by the Atlanta Regional Commission, MARTA (Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority) passes and

carpools are more appealing than ever.

MARTA

The grant saves Georgia Tech students, faculty and staff \$10 on their monthly MARTA

cards. October cards are on sale now through Friday, Oct. 7, at the Ferst Center Box Office (2nd Floor, Student Center).

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News Bulletin

by Rosalind R. Meyers
Associate Vice President
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Katrina and Rita crashed into our neighbors at Tulane, New Orleans, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas and other parts of Louisiana. Ophelia likewise slammed along the Carolinas.

With all this destruction around us and while our friends and neighbors reconstruct their lives, Georgia Tech Auxiliary Services is pleased to have shared our Student Center, GT Dining and our staff with our neighbors during the evacuation.

We also welcome the Tulane students who have made Georgia Tech their school this semester. To those students we will give each a 2006 Auxiliary Services T-shirt. E-mail Melissa Moore, Auxiliary Services Communications Officer, at melissa.moore@aux.gatech.edu and say "I read it in The Buzz!" We have a picture of the shirt on page 4.

Renovation

Auxiliary Services continues to renovate. In addition to the Student Center (see page 1), in December we will begin reno-



AUXILIARY SERVICES (l-r) first row, Melissa Moore, communications officer; Bob Furniss, director, Parking & Transportation; Wanda Budaj, assistant to the associate vice president; Rosalind R. Meyers, associate vice president, Auxiliary Services; Rich Steele, director, Student Center; Jerry Maloney, director, Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech; Glenn Boyett, director, Tech Support; back row James A. Pete, director, BuzzCard; Steve Johnson, project manager; Vern Johnson, district manager, GT Dining; Barbara Hanschke, director, Finance; Mike Black, director, Housing; Cindy Smith, M.D., director, Health Services.

vating Armstrong Hall. With an ambitious 10-year capital plan, Housing is working to renovate our residences to four-pipe heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) so that students have direct control of air conditioning in their rooms.

Along with the HVAC upgrade comes new furniture, paint, carpet and upgrades in restrooms and other facilities.

Armstrong will be ready for occupancy fall 2006 and those students who moved while renovation occurred will have first choice at the new Armstrong.

Savings

In its third year of its Student

Textbook Savings Initiative, the bookstore saved Georgia Tech students more than \$300,000 by increasing used textbook availability by 67 percent from fall 2004.

Thanks to the faculty, students and the bookstore for creating a used textbook savings plan. Jerry Maloney, director, Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech, produced a presentation showing how early textbook adoption and buyback during finals week works hand-in-hand to allow the bookstore to have more used textbooks and thereby save students money. If your group would

like to see the Student Textbook Savings Initiative, e-mail Jerry Maloney at jerry.maloney@bks.gatech.edu.

Also, Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech is a preferred member of Dell and, full-time Georgia Tech employees, may save on their Dell purchases.

If you are thinking of purchasing a new computer or any peripherals sold by Dell, contact Melissa Moore, Auxiliary Services Communications Officer, at melissa.moore@aux.gatech.edu for details on how to save money on your next purchase.

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Student Cards (after \$10 discount) are \$30; Faculty/Staff Cards (after \$10 discount) are \$39.50. Faculty/Staff may also take advantage of pretax payroll deduction for MARTA cards. Visit the Human Resources web (www..ohr.gatech.edu), MARTA Pass Discount.

A current, valid Georgia Tech BuzzCard is required at time of purchase and there is a limit of one card per student, faculty or staff.

Mark your calendars.

November MARTA cards are on sale at the Box Office, Oct. 24-Nov. 4; December cards Nov. 28-Dec. 9 and January

cards Dec. 22-23 and Jan. 3-10.

Carpool

Georgia Tech students, faculty and staff also save money carpooling to Tech. In addition to the gasoline savings, carpoolers pay half (\$259.50) the annual Georgia Tech parking permit rate.

Carpool rules are on www.parking.gatech.edu - Alternative Transportation, Carpooling FAQs; people considering this option should first read the rules.

The first rule, "Subsidized carpools may only be formed during registration April 15 - June 30," has been waived for the 2005-06 fiscal year. While

record-keeping is easier when carpoolers start at the beginning of the parking fiscal year, Georgia Tech students, faculty and staff may begin carpooling at any time during the 2005-06 year and receive the half-rate parking permit.

Vanpool

There are several vanpools that transport riders to Atlanta. The Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA), www.grta.org reported two vans, when this article was written, traveling to the Georgia Tech area, one originating in Newnan and the other in Fayetteville. Interested parties should visit the GRTA web for

more information.

The Douglas County Rideshare (770-949-7665) also has vans that travel to the Georgia Tech area.

Share Transportation Ideas

Go to www.parking.gatech.edu - Alternative Transportation for more options and e-mail melissa.moore@aux.gatech.edu your ideas.

DID YOU KNOW ...

- Health Promotion is the new name for the department formerly known as "Wellness."
- Take a Prof to lunch -Tues., Oct. 11; make reservations at 404.894.2805 no later than Fri., Oct.7, \$6 per pair.

Leading by Example

Dr. Diane Heath, Health Services

by Manas Khadilkar
Graduate Student Assistant
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Met Dr. Diane Heath - a fresh new face at Health Services who brings with her a new surge of energy.

Here is a person who practices what she preaches and how! Be it running, rowing or gardening this doctor of internal medicine shows how great it is to live healthy and stay healthy.

Always being inclined towards fitness, Dr. Heath felt a calling at the age of 15 which made her aspire to be a doctor.

Having done Internal Medicine at Washington University and worked at Piedmont Hospital, she decided to move to Tech to experience the work environment of a school setting.

She also wanted to promote health to a larger population.

At Tech, Dr. Heath works as a Staff Doctor, diagnosing and treating general medical disorders of students and their spouses (Spouses must also pay

the student health fee to be seen).

She likes Atlanta; she loves Georgia Tech and she compliments the Food Court for maintaining a salad bar.

She finds Health Services very well equipped, but what impresses her most is the Campus Recreation Center, a place which she describes as "phenomenal, I have never seen any recreation center like this one before."

Dr. Heath who exercises six days a week plans to soon start making use of the facilities at CRC.

One of the most interesting parts of being a doctor according to Dr. Heath is "the intellectual stimulation and the relationships which one gets to develop with one's patients."

A warm and charming person, Dr. Heath received a wonderful farewell from her colleagues and patients when she left Piedmont Hospital for Georgia Tech.

She enjoys working with Georgia Tech students, a young, dynamic group.



Diane Heath, M.D. (above), joined Georgia Tech Health Services September 6 as a staff physician. In addition to treating students, she enjoys the three Rs - running, rowing, raking (gardening).

While not at work, she enjoys exercising. Her exercise regime includes running for three to 8.5 miles, rowing practice on weekends and rigorous gym workouts from time to time. She started running at the age of 16 and has been rowing for the past six years.

Gardening is also one of her hobbies and she is proud to be one of those few people in Atlanta growing kiwis in her garden.

One of Dr. Heath's former patients is a Georgia Tech staff member. When she learned Dr. Heath was leaving her practice to be a Georgia Tech Health Services doctor, she e-mailed Dr. Heath, whom she often referred to as "The Bomb," saying, "So, the Bomb got stung by a Yellow Jacket."

Go Jackets ... for successfully recruiting the Bomb!

Meet your laboratory staff

by Manas Khadilkar
Graduate Student Assistant
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Students visiting Health Services Laboratory and Radiology will see three friendly staff members.

They enjoy their work and it shows. They especially like serving students and making them feel at ease.

"We are here to observe the first signs of a disease and prevent it from harming the students," said Jack V. Horner, Jr., certified medical technologist.

Cross-trained in radiology and general laboratory work, the three do more diagnostic

work when compared to lab staff members in hospitals, Horner said.

They also advise Health Promotion (new name for the Wellness Center) on issues and provide service to the biomedical researchers.

When describing their work in lab tests and x-rays, Horner said, "The result is only as good as the sample collected."

"There is no room for error in our work."

Pictured (l-r) Erica D. Waller (phlebotomist and certified nursing assistant), Horner, and Patricia A. Peterson (certified radiology technologist).

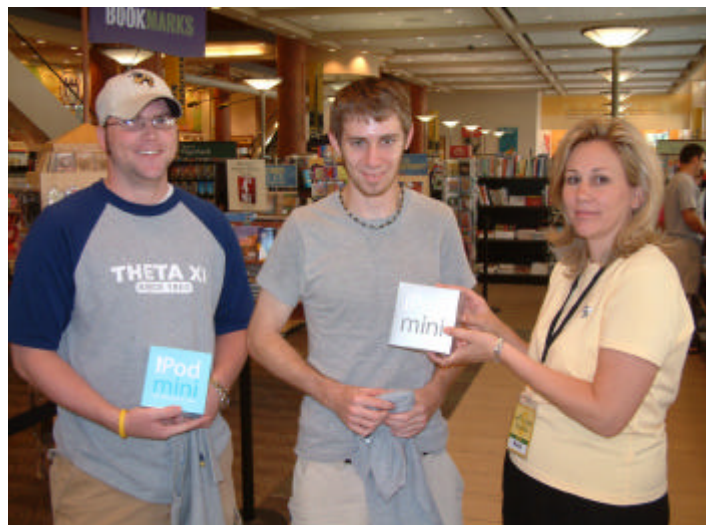
Students win!



Residence Hall Association (RHEA) members (above) won *The Buzz* contest in the spring issue. Sarah Hancock (l-r), David Fernandes and Tim Gallagher, were the 10th, 11th, and 12th students to correctly identify one of the Parking

Permit "Perks," listed in the Your Money article. They each won a USB memory key.

To read about the "Parking Perks," visit the Parking & Transportation web at www.parking.gatech.edu.



Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech gave three students mini iPods as winners in the Tech Squared Welcome Home and RATS (Recently Acquired Tech Student) Week promotion.

Pictured (above) Adam Dean (sophomore, Earth & Atmospheric Sciences), Robert McCarthy (sophomore, Computer Science), Barb Headley, assistant director, Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech, and (left) Monique Webster (senior, Management).



News Bites

Want to park on campus evenings and weekends only?

Buy an EW parking permit. An Evening Weekend Permit is valid on campus after 5 p.m. and before 8 a.m. Monday - Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday.

It is not valid in residential areas. EW permits are always available at the parking office during the year; there is no wait list for EW permits.

Because EW permits are always available and are NOT considered when determining registration priority, owning an EW permit does not elevate priority status to that of a permit owner. Cost: \$145 annually.

Hot dogs and apparel coming soon to Technology Square

For hotdogs, bratwurst, snacks and drinks, visit Brother Love's Hot Dog Cart on the corner of West Peachtree and 5th Streets. Get a Magic Dog with toppings: chili, cheese, kraut, onions, tomatoes, relish, mustard and ketchup. Cost: Magic Dogs \$1.85; soda \$0.93. Look for Brother Love's mid-October.

American Apparel at Georgia Tech www.americanapparelstore.com, "basic, no-nonsense T-shirts, tank tops, swimwear, jackets, underwear and other comfort apparel for men, women and children." Opening soon at Technology Square. Stay tuned.



Seeing double? No. Sarah Hancock, president, Residence Hall Association, modeled the new 2006 Auxiliary Services T-shirt and she won *The Buzz* contest (pictured above).

Want to win one of these cool T-shirts? The first 50 people to e-mail Melissa Moore, communications officer, Auxiliary Services,

(melissa.moore@aux.gatech.edu) and say "I saw Sarah Hancock twice in *The Buzz*!" wins a T-shirt.

Read www.ImportantStuff.gatech.edu for breaking news.

Plan now to apply for an Impact Scholarship. Make a positive Impact on Georgia Tech. Announcement on Important Stuff in January.