

Dr. Peterson
McCamish Pavilion Groundbreaking
2 p.m. Thursday, May 5, 2011

- On behalf of the entire Georgia Tech family, I would like to welcome each of you. For some of you, this brings back memories of days at Georgia Tech, and for others, this may be your first time to visit our 400-acre campus in the heart of Atlanta. We're delighted that you could join us today.
- Today we would like to recognize and thank Hank and Margaret McCamish for their generosity and for their vision for the future. While Georgia Tech has a national reputation for academic excellence, much of the college experience occurs outside of the classroom. Our 21,000 students enjoy resources and facilities to learn and grow, in large part thanks to the people who are committed to giving back to the Institute.
- This year we celebrated Tech's 125th anniversary. For more than a century, Tech has been preparing graduates not only for outstanding careers, but for leadership in the communities where they live and work.
- Georgia Tech has more than 350 student athletes who compete in 17 intercollegiate varsity sports. While we're proud of their athletic accomplishments, we're very proud to participate in the Total Person Program, based on the premise that excellence is the result of a balanced life that encompasses academic excellence, athletic achievement, and personal well being. We're in the business of investing in futures and developing leaders.
- I did a little homework before I came, and want to share as an example the things Hank McCamish was involved in while at Tech in the late 1940's. He was a member of a fraternity, an honor society, the Rambling Wreck Club, the Tech Management Club, and the Gold and White Club, among others. He was manager of the baseball team, wrote for the Technique, the student newspaper, and was editor of the Blue Print, the annual. He graduated in Industrial Management in 1950 with highest honors. After graduation, he remained involved with Tech, chairing reunion committees, and serving on various boards.

He's been active in the community, serving in numerous leadership positions to help children, and to live out his faith. Hank, we at Georgia Tech are very grateful for your lifetime of leadership in your community.

- The McCamish Pavilion will not only be the home for men's and women's basketball. It will become a part of our students' lives from the minute they step on campus. In addition to games, they'll come here for convocations and other special events, and will return to cross the stage and receive their Georgia Tech degree. The generous gift of the McCamish family will be a blessing and a source of wonderful memories for students, faculty and staff for generations to come.
- Thank you for making a difference at Georgia Tech.