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Hightower demolition, SAC II in Master Plan

Tech's Master Plan now includes a schedule for the demolition of the Hightower building to make way for Undergraduate Learning Center, more green space.

By Charlene Chen
News Staff

As part of the Master Plan, the demolition of the Hightower Building is proposed for the spring of next year.

In place of Hightower and the open space around Tech Plaza, Master Plan organizers intend to develop a large grass area. Donations from the alumni class of 1960 have provided partial funding for the project, currently known as Yellow Jacket Park.

"We want to create a main open space with an environment that fosters gathering, socializing, and studying," said Mike Patterson, design and construction director.

This open space will be designed to give the campus more character and identity and to provide a more memorable campus impression.

The area is planned to be well canopied with double rows of trees. It will include places to dine, and also edge the new Undergraduate Learning Center.

While the building has been standing for over fifty years, it has not had any significant repairs or renovations over its lifespan.

Various structural deficiencies, hazardous safety issues, and evidence of rodent infestation are present in Hightower. If the building were to be renovated,



By Andrew Pae

Hightower Building, which has stood near the middle of campus for more than fifty years, will soon be slated for demolition. Green space will replace the building as one part of Tech's Master Plan.

the cost is estimated to be nine million dollars, as opposed to the original construction cost of less than 2 million when Hightower was built in 1949.

Hightower demolition is just one part of the Master Plan, which aims to improve Tech as a living campus, enhancing the educational, research and social environments for the students.

The plan also seeks to make the campus area more pedestri-

an-friendly.

Around campus, especially along Atlantic Drive, major traffic congestion and safety problems arise as student and traffic routes interfere with one another.

Sections of Atlantic and Hemphill may become all-pedestrian walkways in the future.

Before the reconstruction can start, Tech needs to receive certain clearances. Because Hightower is over 50 years old, it

classifies as a building of historical significance. Tech is currently undergoing a public notice period, which entails publication of the planned change to inform the community.

If hearings for the future of the building proceed as planned, Hightower's demolition could soon pave the way to more green space on campus and another milestone in the completion of the Master Plan.

SAC II plans include new gymnasium, track, courts

By Jennifer Hinkel
News Editor

Planning for SAC II, which began more than three years ago, has led to the development of architectural plans for the new recreational center, scheduled for possible completion in 2003.

Because Tech has not yet contracted with a construction company, exact projections for starting dates of the expansion are not available.

Hastings & Chivetta, the firm that designed the SAC II expansion of the Athletic Complex, included a vast redesign of the existing SAC that centers on the enclosure of the Aquatic Center.

The new design will include six basketball courts on a floor built high above the outdoor pool with an elevated running track above that floor.

The "bubble pool" will be enclosed as well and redesigned to include water slides and other recreational components as part of a Recreational Natatorium.

New gymnasium and floor areas will add a rock climbing wall, auxiliary and multi-purpose gyms, and new areas for existing SAC services. A cafe and lounge also appear in the design.

SAC II will include a reduced number of courts for racquetball and squash, with four racquetball courts and one squash court.

However, the addition of more space will add different activities to the palette offered by SAC's current design.

With the new space, Outdoor Recreation (ORGT) will move from its home in the O'Keefe Gym to the SAC II.

Construction of a parking deck between

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Higher fees may come soon for housing lottery

By Elizabeth Costner
News Staff

Due to the increased demand for on-campus housing, the Housing Department is implementing changes to improve the housing selection process for Fall 2001.

As in last year's process, sophomores will be guaranteed housing, while juniors and seniors who want to live on campus will be selected randomly through a lottery. The selection order for this list will be determined by the amount of hours the student has earned at Tech. Students who have the most hours will be the first to choose housing for next fall.

Co-op students, who may have less hours even though they have been at Tech longer than other students, will be given special consideration. Juniors and seniors not selected in the lottery will be placed randomly on

a waiting list.

"[This procedure has] prevented some juniors and seniors from getting apartments and housing that they wanted despite their priority over sophomores," said Associate Director of Housing Dan Morrison.

"Also, late cancellations inhibited our ability to best accommodate each student's specific housing preferences."

To prevent late cancellations and commitments to housing spaces by students who are not seriously interested in on-campus housing, the Department of Housing will require a \$600 prepayment to reserve a housing space, rather than the \$300 prepayment from last year.

A staggered refund policy will be used in cancellations; less money will be returned as deadlines pass.

Last year, the second \$300

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Feature Photo Beating Georgia



By Daniel Uhlig

Chris Young helps Tech's defense overcome the U[sic]GA Dawgs for the third victory over Georgia in three years. The Jackets played a stunning game, holding Georgia to only 15 points while scoring 27 of their own.

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payment was due in July; failure to pay this second fee notified the Housing Department of the student’s decision to cancel.

In light of the fee change, some students feel the increase is excessive and untimely. The deposit is due four weeks after the deadline for Spring Semester tuition and fee payment.

“I’m concerned that Housing is losing sight of the fact that they are a student service,” said student body president J.R. Spriggle.

“This process puts the cancellations in the Bursar’s office while we would rather control these cancellations through housing,” said Morrison.

“Now the student is in charge of the housing assignment and will have to request in writing that the space be cancelled. Also, many students missed the deadline for payment and had their spaces cancelled even

though they wanted on campus housing.”

“We want students to realize that this a serious commitment. Using this staggered refund policy will discourage students from late cancellations, so that we will be able to

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Student Body President

better accommodate the housing demands. We are going to offer a delay of payment plan if this fee is a burden for some students.”

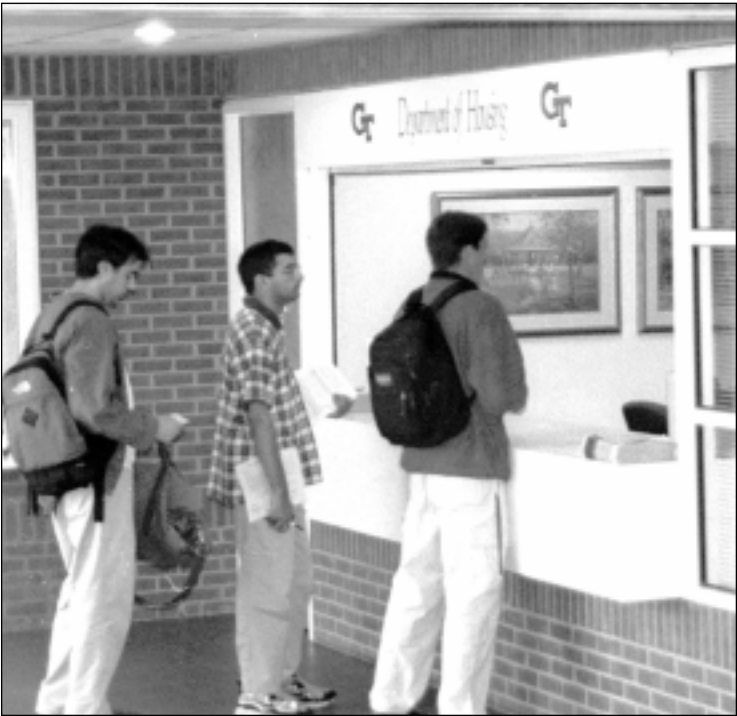
To ensure that juniors and seniors receive apartments before sophomores, sophomores can sign a guaranteed overflow space contract.

Through this contract, sophomores are guaranteed space in a traditional or suite style room. This process will increase the number of apartment spaces available for upperclassmen. Roommate and room preferences are also taken into account when these overflow spaces are assigned.

Another available option is block housing.

“[In block housing,] a group of four students can decide that they want to try to get an apartment if they are juniors or seniors or traditional or suite style housing if they are sophomores. We take the average of each of their selection numbers [based on hours] to place them in a new assignment list. However, juniors and seniors cannot bring sophomores into apartments with them, but upperclassmen can move down to be with sophomores,” said Morrison.

“We hope that these changes will make sure that students get the housing that they want,” said Morrison.



By Dale Russell

Students wait outside of the main Department of Housing office. New fee changes could double the original required deposit for fall housing.



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News briefs

No library fines levied during upcoming transition

The Georgia Tech Library & Information Center is undergoing a comprehensive software transition in conjunction with a mandated University System-wide effort to place all 35 university and college libraries on the same computer system. The upgrade, to take place from late November through January 2001, will not interrupt service to students and faculty, and adjustments are being made to minimize any temporary inconvenience.

While the new system is being customized, the library will not levy standard overdue fines, beginning Monday, November 27. Students will remain responsible for existing fines of \$10 or more. When the system becomes operational in late January, Tech students will once again be responsible for accrued fines. Students, faculty and staff are urged to return all books on or before the due date.

An immediate benefit of the upgrade is that Georgia Tech users will be able to renew books online. Some time in 2001, users will be provided a streamlined system for identifying and ordering books held among the University System institutions.

For more information, please contact the Circulation Desk at 404-894-4500.

Music of the Seasons concert tonight at Ferst Center

The GT Music Department brings you its final concert of the semester tonight, entitled *The Music of the Season*. Come hear holiday favorites performed by the GT Symphonic Band, Chamber Chorale and Symphony Orchestra. Bring family and friends, and help kick off the holiday season. The Ferst Center will be festively decorated and the musicians will be full of holiday cheer.

The concert begins at 8:00 p.m. in the Ferst Center for the Arts. Tickets for GT Student, faculty, and staff are \$5, tickets for the general public are \$10. All tickets can be purchased at the door.

News? Announcements? Send them via e-mail them to the News Desk at news@technique.gatech.edu

Editor's Note

Due to upcoming Dead Week, Finals Week, and the Winter Break, this issue is the last of the *Technique* for Fall Semester 2000.

Our regular publishing schedule will resume in Spring Semester, with the first issue of next semester available on Friday, January 19, 2001.

Regular staff meetings will resume on Tuesday, January 8. As always, those intersted in joining the *Technique* staff are welcome to attend staff meetings on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in room 137 of the Student Services Building.

Council Clippings UHR

UHR charts three new organizations

By Mary DeCamp
News Staff

The November 28 meeting of the Undergraduate House of Representatives marked the last meeting for the Fall 2000 semester.

President J.R. Spriggle announced that on Tuesday, December 5 the Chancellor of the Board of Regents would speak in the Student Center Theater.

Spriggle also mentioned that the parking deck by the new Biotechnology building would be open in January.

Several bills were presented before the House.

The first bill was to appoint four new justices to the Undergraduate Judiciary Cabinet. The bill passed allowing Adam Starr, Daniel Crook,

Heather McLeod, and Caitlin Tilley to be sworn in as justices.

The next bill proposed to elect six new representatives into the Undergraduate House of Representatives. The bill passed. The six new representatives are Niraj Pate and Carolina Andrade, Industrial Engineering; Charlotte Conrad, Management; Suzanna Sayre, Math; Brian Bolton, Biology; and Patrick Curry, STAC.

In the next bill, the Georgia Tech Panhellenic Council asked for an allocation to help it rent the Robert Ferst Center for its annual fashion show. All of the proceeds from the fashion show go to the American Cancer Society. The bill passed.

The next bill was for an allocation to the Georgia Tech Air Force ROTC to help fund the expenses

incurred with its annual dinner. The bill passed.

Each of the next three bills dealt with chartering a new organization. All three bills passed.

The first new organization is the Latin American Student Organization.

The second new organization is the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, which recognizes sophomores, juniors, and seniors with a certain grade point average and grants them lifetime membership in the organization. Among other things, this organization reaches out to volunteer in the community.

The National Panhellenic Council was the third new organization chartered.

The purpose of this organization is to take groups that are currently affiliates or associates of the Georgia Tech Panhellenic Council and help make them full charter organizations.

The next bill was for proposal of the Student Government Association budget for the upcoming year. This bill passed to go to a conference committee.

A bill proposing resolution in support of expanding existing Student Advisory Boards for each majors school and creating new Advisory Boards was presented next. The bill passed.

The next bill was for an allocation to Cyberbuzz to help pay for costs for some supporting material to its new server. The bill passed.

The final bill presented before the representatives was to redistribute student activity fees. Under redistribution, a lesser amount is paid by students attending in the Summer semester due to the fact that activity times are more restricted then than during the Fall and Spring semesters. This bill passed as well.



By Brian Oxford

Officers and reps pack room 117 of the Student Services Building in the last Undergraduate House of Representatives meeting of Fall Semester.

‘One Night Stand’ will open SAC for round-the-clock rec

By Derek Haynes
News Staff

The first ever One Night Stand, which has a variety of activities, begins 9:00 p.m. tonight and lasts till 5:00 a.m. Saturday.

Some of the highlighted athletic activities include 3-on-3 basketball, dodge ball, powder puff football, 5-on-5 soccer, volleyball and a canoe race across the length of the pool.

The halftime festivities include a Krispy Kreme donut eating contest and a slam dunk contest.

Prizes will be awarded for most events, including contests, races, and games.

Registration for the donut eating contest was filled as early as Wednesday evening.

The Athletic and Recreation Services Committee, SAC, and Freshman Cabinet wanted to try an event like the One Night Stand because many other schools have had high levels of success with all-night athletic events.

However, unlike Tech, those schools were in rural environments, and did not have the wealth of activities that Atlanta provides.

Public Relations member Stephan Martin is optimistic for a high turnout though.

“Registration is going very well, we are expecting around 400 to register, and another 200 to attend to the event,” Martin said.

All events are free, and registra-

tion is open till 7:00 p.m. this evening.

Free long-sleeve t-shirts will be given away to everyone who registers.

In addition to the t-shirts, there will be plenty of pizza and, according to Ryan McPherson of the Athletic and Recreation Services Committee, and an almost unlimited supply of liquid refreshments.

“Coca Cola is giving us all the Powerade we can handle,” said McPherson.

Other sponsors include Quizno's Subs, All Star Pizza, Kroger, and Galyan's sporting goods store.

The event has received the backing of SGA, RHA, and the Georgia Tech Student Foundation. Many felt it was simply time for an event like this to take place.

“I’ve been waiting for an event of these proportions — lots of other schools have events like this,” remarked sophomore Ben Snively.

“I can’t wait to get my face in some donuts.”

Events similar to the One Night Stand have drawn fairly high attendance. Last year’s SAC Attack had a large turnout in the spring semester.

“I enjoyed SAC Attack, and there seems to be even more hype about this event,” added sophomore Elizabeth Sanders.

Students can register for tonight’s SAC’s One Night Stand on-line at <http://sga.gatech.edu/sac>.



By Andrew Pae

SAC’s first ever One Night Stand will take place tonight, beginning at 9:00 p.m. Activities are varied, including swimming races, basketball and soccer games, and a donut eating contest sponsored locally by Krispy Kreme.

SAC II

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SAC fields and the outdoor pool, currently a gravel parking lot, will add 620 parking spaces on West Campus. The location or size of SAC fields will not be changed in the project.

The current Student Athletic Complex was built in the 1970s and is considered outdated in comparison to other universities’ athletic facilities. SAC II will update the current complex with state-of-

the-art design and more amenities for students.

In a 1999 interview with the *Technique*, Vice President of Student Affairs and Chair of the SAC II Planning Committee Lee Wilcox spoke of the reasons behind the Athletic Complex expansion and redesign.

“Georgia Tech has half as much recreation space as an institution our size should have,” Wilcox. “Students [today] are more health-conscious, fitness-conscious than they were twenty years ago. Current fa-

cilities are totally inadequate,” continued Wilcox.

The demand for athletic facilities on campus shows in lines for equipment and exercise machines and crowded gyms from SAC’s 6:00 a.m. opening to midnight closing on most weekdays.

Construction on SAC II will begin in phases, with different parts of the current SAC being available for student use as the buildings are redesigned.

Fall Semester 2000 Final Exam Schedule

Class Meeting Time	Exam Period	Day	Date	Examination Time
MWF 11:00	1	Mon	12/11	8:00 -10:50
TTH 12:00 & 12:30	2	Mon	12/11	11:30 - 2:20
TTH 1:00, 1:30, 2:00 & 2:30	3	Mon	12/11	2:50 - 5:40
MWF 10:00 & TTH 10:00	4	Tue	12/11	8:00 -10:50
TTH 4:00 & 4:30	5	Tue	12/11	11:30 - 2:20
TTH 3:00 & 3:30	6	Tue	12/11	2:50 - 5:40
MWF 9:00	7	Wed	12/11	8:00 - 10:50
MWF 12:00	8	Wed	12/11	11:30 - 2:20
MWF 2:00	9	Wed	12/11	2:50 - 5:40
MWF 1:00	10	Thu	12/11	8:00 - 10:50
TTH 9:00 & 9:30	11	Thu	12/11	11:30 - 2:20
MWF 4:00 & 4:30	12	Thu	12/11	2:50 - 5:40
TTH 8:00 & 8:30	13	Fri	12/15	8:00 -10:50
MWF 8:00	14	Fri	12/15	11:30 - 2:20
MWF 3:00	15	Fri	12/15	2:50 - 5:40
PERIOD FOR CONFLICTS	----	Sat	12/16	9:00 - 11:50

NOTE: For a class meeting at irregular times, the examination period is determined by the day and hour at which the regularly sequenced class meets.

EXAMINATIONS FOR COURSES SCHEDULED DURING EVENING HOURS (5 p.m. or later):Examinations for courses scheduled during the evening hours will be conducted either during the regular evening class hours during the period December 11-15 or during the examination period for a daytime section of the course if one is available and the instructor approves.

EXAMINATIONS FOR CLASSES MEETING A STAGGERED SCHEDULE: Examination for classes meeting a staggered schedule should use the examination period for the days of the week that the majority of course meets. Should the exam period be changed to the period for the other days, then it will be the responsibility of the instructor making the change to accommodate all conflicts created.

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