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A review of the ultra-publicized big screen adaptation of the *War of the Worlds* puts the movie on the losing side. Page 9

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12 players from the Regional Champion baseball squad are headed to summer leagues around the country. Find out who's going where. Page 16



# Following Master Plan, construction continues



By Jamie Howell/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Heavy machinery has been a common sight on campus lately with the renovations of Fifth Street and Ferst Drive underway.

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If there's one thing students are used to seeing on campus, it's construction. Since the Master Plan was first put into effect in 1997, some part of the campus has been continuously under construction.

Maneuvering around these projects on a daily basis to get to class, there are two major questions that often run through the minds of students: "What is going on?" and "How long is this going to last?" The project's purpose is often unclear, and information about these projects, while available, is often scattered, out of date, or not easily accessible.

For those reasons, the *Technique* presents the following guide to construction projects currently in progress.

**Name:** The Fifth Street Improvements Project  
**Where:** Fifth Street, from the intersection at Fifth and Techwood to the intersection at Fifth and Fowler.  
**What's Going On:** Utilities work, mostly. Construction crews are installing new utilities beneath the road and are also moving the utility lines formerly mounted on telephone poles underground. There will also be some aesthetic improvements to the road once the utility work is finished.

The Fifth Street Improvements Project is part of an ongoing effort by Facilities to renovate all of Fifth Street and Ferst Drive to meet a specific design. The improved streets will feature bicycle paths, trees running down both sides and new sidewalks, among other things.

"Ferst [Drive] is the major vehicle as well as pedestrian route around campus, so [the construction] just brings in that part of the Master Plan," said Mike Patterson, director of Design and Construction within the Facilities Department.

The renovations will be completed in stages along with other construction projects occurring along that route. For example, when the newly renovated baseball stadium was erected, improvements along the part of the road by Russ Chandler Stadium were made.

The Klaus building, Nanotechnology Building, and other projects are expected to follow the same path.

**Expected Completion Date:** For Fifth Street, mid-August 2005, just in time for the arrival of students. Patterson said that some additional landscaping may still be underway at that time, but the road will be open to facilitate move-ins.

The entire Ferst Drive renovation depends on when money becomes available and when other Master Plan projects reach completion and make the changes feasible.



By Robert Combier/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Klaus Building's construction is slated to continue through April. The building should be finished for the 2006-2007 school year.

**Name:** The Klaus Advanced Computing Building (KACB)

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**Mike Patterson**  
Facilities

**Where:** On Ferst Drive, across from the baseball stadium and the Biotechnology campus.

**What's Going On:** The Klaus building is a new facility designed to house research in computing and communications. The building's facilities will appeal primarily to research and graduate education and will include faculty from both the College of Computing and the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

All structural requirements have been met, and construction crews have started enclosing the building.

**Expected Completion Date:** Mid-April 2006. The building should be fully operational in time for the 2006-2007 school year.

**Name:** The Molecular Science and Engineering Building  
**Where:** On Atlantic Drive, behind the Biotechnology Building.  
**What's Going On:** This will be the fourth and final building of the Biotechnology Campus, a collection of buildings that includes the Biotechnology Building, the Environmental Science and Technology Building, and the Biomedical Engineering Building.

The new building will house some classrooms but will be primarily dedicated to research involving the

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# Not thinking in a straight line? Try DeviantArt

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Sure, a lot of people come to Tech because they can't draw, and they choose Math or Computer Science or Engineering instead of a field that requires a broader range of artistic knowledge. However as I have discovered, there is such thing as art for the straight-line-impaired in the form of Photoshop, fractals and abstract art.

This journey brought me to DeviantArt, a popular site nearing its fifth birthday. It is a top-500 ranked website, with an average of 14 million page views from 750,000 visitors every day.

At the most basic level, it's about posting and viewing art. With infinite web space, you can post as many pieces of art as you please.

Sure, it's nice to have a personally managed website. But with DeviantArt, you can go beyond the PRISM webspace limit, and have a professional-looking gallery.

Even if you do have all the skills to code something just as nice look-

ing, DeviantArt gives you complex interaction with other users.

"One thing about DeviantArt that I like is that I have pretty much unlimited space for free! I have something like 160 high-quality photographs on there that I share with the world, and it didn't cost me anything," MSE major and DeviantArt user Nathan Johansen said.

If you are the type of person who wants feedback, there are plenty of people who enjoy giving constructive criticism and plenty more who will compliment you. If they're a big fan,

they'll often elevate you in the site's popularity ranking or use a feature of the site that automatically notifies them when you post more.

"I like it because it gives me a chance to get some unbiased feedback about my work... if people don't have to look you in the eye when they talk about your work, they feel less obligated to cater to you so they give a more honest answer about how they really feel about it," Tech student and DeviantArt user Mark Moreno said.

You can also browse. If you have a particular type of art in mind such as wallpapers, fashion portraits, or sketches, you can easily find something similar to what you're looking for.

The site also lets Facebook ad-

dicts have their time in the sun with a chatroom, a Facebook wall-type display, a popular forum and a journal. If you're not getting enough attention, just post a thumbnail of a few particular works in the thumbshare forum and many happy "deviants" will be glad to have a look. Or, if you're having a bad day and want to rant, a forum and a chatroom for that purpose exists, as well.

If you (or your admirers) are ready to see your work on your wall at home, DeviantArt offers a prints service which lets you easily submit and sell prints of up to 30 inches by 40 inches in size as well as other art products. DeviantArt offers two types of print accounts, including a free one, which allows you to earn 10 percent of any profit above the cost of the print.

I found that it was worth it to simply buy several of my own prints; they make excellent gifts, you can buy your own prints at cost, and the print quality is very professional.

Also, DeviantArt has a subscrip-

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DeviantArt allows aspiring artists and people simply looking for a creative outlet the opportunity to display their work. Some of the work closely mirrors real life, while other is a bit more abstract.

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tion service that provides additional services such as larger thumbnails, faster browsing and no ads. If you become a serious addict like I have, you might find it worth the \$30 per year investment.

Even if you aren't on the path to selling artwork, DeviantArt has plenty to offer—you'll be sure to find excellent new wallpapers, application skins and friends with common interests.

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study of materials at the atomic and molecular levels.

The first floor slabs have been poured, and construction of the building's framework is continuing at a steady pace.

Expected Completion Date: On or around July 1, 2006.

Name: The Fifth Street Bridge

Where: The bridge leading into Technology Square, where Fifth Street passes over Interstate 75/85.

What's Going On: In an innovative move by the Department of Transportation, the Fifth Street bridge will be transformed into a green space overpass.

The expanded bridge will run approximately 250 feet wide and will feature turf, plants and trees on both sides of the road. The south side will also sport a trellis.

The bridge will be a continuation of many of the design elements of Technology Square and should integrate the Square more cleanly into the rest of campus.

"It's going to make a campus entrance off of Tech Square [and will] really make Tech Square even more a part of the campus," Patterson said.

Expected Completion Date: Fall 2006.

Name: Folk Renovation

Where: West Campus

What's Going On: Approximately every other year, the Department of Housing does a complete renovation of one of their buildings. The building is gutted and rebuilt to

include new bathrooms, utilities, infrastructure, carpeting and other features. This year's building of choice is Folk, with Woodruff next on the list.

Expected Completion Date: July 22, 2005

None of these completion dates are absolute. All construction and renovation projects on campus are subject to funding and logistical concerns, as well as the successes of the Institute's Capital Campaign.

There are many other small-scale projects underway around campus as well, including building renovations and relocating labs and departments, but Patterson said these usually pass unnoticed.

Although Facilities has received several complaints about the construction, Patterson and Leslie M. Saunders, Sr., Director of Capital Planning, said that most students and faculty on campus understand that this is the price of progress.

"Construction projects will always be an inconvenience to those who are here now and a benefit to a later generation of students," Saunders said. "That's the way it works. It takes several years for a major project to be realized."

"I think we've made a tremendous change in Georgia Tech over the last 10 years with the building that we've been doing," Patterson said. "Some of the direction we're really trying to accomplish now is some of the landscaping and some of the circulation elements that go with the campus, and the more of those that start happening, the more you're going to see the campus really start to take form."

# Tech Up Close

THIS WEEK'S PHOTO:

**CAN YOU FIGURE OUT WHERE ON CAMPUS THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN?**

Email [focus@technique.gatech.edu](mailto:focus@technique.gatech.edu) if you think you know the answer.

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A Sign on a Recycling Bin

Correct submission for last issue:  
Jie Chai



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