Techwood revitalized from within

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Communications

Officials broke ground last month on the $3.8 million Techwood YMCA, located near the corner of North Avenue and Luckie Street. The facility is scheduled to open in the spring of 1998.

Operated by the Downtown YMCA, the 23,000-square-foot facility will offer programs that support and strengthen families, enhance health and fitness and enrich lives. Three concentration areas are child development, economic development and character development.

"Georgia Tech looks forward to the construction of the new Techwood YMCA and towards undertaking a role in providing volunteers and mentors for it," said President Wayne Clough. "Personally, I am pleased to be serving as the honorary co-chair of the YMCA's Youth At-Risk Campaign [with Andrew Young], which will provide funds for the construction of the Y and support of the programs to be operated in it."

Although no formal Georgia Tech/YMCA partnership has been forged, Wilde said she hopes faculty, staff and students will utilize the center as consumers and volunteers.

Corporate/private partners include: the Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation, Georgia Power, and the John and Wilhelmina D. Harland Foundation. Civic partners include: the Atlanta Housing Authority, the Integral Group and the City of Atlanta Public Schools.

"Techwood Village will be a model that can be used in other areas of Atlanta or in other cities across the country," said Larry Gellerstedt III, Tech alumnus and chairman of the board of the Metro Atlanta YMCA. "It is a collaboration that is rebuilding and revitalizing the neighborhood from within."

YMCA representatives say their long-range outreach vision was developed in response to four major trends: population growth; family pressures of single parents and working mothers; education shortcomings; and increased crime.

The Techwood project is part of a $6.4 million campaign for Youth At-Risk. Remaining funds raised will be for an endowment to support the YMCA Family Places at the Southeast, Southwest and Techwood YMCAs. Expansion and renovation projects at the Southeast and Southwest branches will require $1 million. And, $100,000 will be used to upgrade the Training Inc. program, an office careers training program for underemployed adults.

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AT&T to facilitate Tech’s All-Campus Card system

Rosalind Meyers
Auxiliary Services

After a thorough evaluation of five vendors, Georgia Tech awarded a contract for the “All-Campus Card System” to AT&T Campus-Wide Access Solutions, Inc. Auxiliary Services will begin implementing the new card service immediately, with the goal of having several applications in operation by the summer of ’97.

ATT’s Optim9000 system cards will replace the Express IDs currently used to access the Student Center, the Student Athletic Center and other campus facilities.

The “All-Campus Card” system allows the development of a single campus card which will provide pre-approved access to a wide variety of services and systems located on the Tech campus.

ATT’s Optim9000 system will replace the Tech Express students ID system, which was leased from Diebold Inc. The Express system allowed students to access and obtain goods from Dining Services, the Bookstore, the Student Athletic Complex, and the Student Center. In addition to performing those functions, the new card will allow students to obtain goods and services from as many as 400 vending and laundry machines, and gain entrance into their own residence halls.

In order to ensure a “seamless” process, said All-Campus Card Office Director James Pete, applications will be implemented in several phases. The first phase will entail designing, developing and naming the new “ID cards.” Second, all Express card systems will be replaced with Optim9000 applications. Next, hundreds of new card readers will be installed throughout campus; all employees will be issued cards, and applications will be installed in the residence halls and the Student Center.

“If all goes according to plan,” said Pete, “we’ll have the new system up and running by July 1—the same day the lease with Diebold expires.”

The All-Campus Card Office hopes to replace all Tech Express cards by Fall Quarter ’98, which is the same time it will begin issuing the new cards to incoming students. However, the Express cards are compatible with Optim9000 card readers.

At this time, there is no target date for faculty/staff procurement, but Pete said he hopes to forge a collaboration with the Office of Human Relations in the near future.

“The next few months may be challenging,” said Pete, “but we’re excited about the prospect that eventually all campus service, access and identification needs will be satisfied with the swipe of one card.”

Future applications will include student elections access, access and debit for outdoor events, parking lots, and athletic events. Eventually, said Pete, the cards may also be used to access informational kiosks, verify student balances, and to transfer student financial aid money.

The All-Campus Card Office is located in the Student Center, between the Hair Cattery and the American Express office. Pete can be contacted at 894-0622.

Editor’s Note: Rosalind Meyers is the associate vice president of Georgia Tech’s Auxiliary Services and head of the task force that began researching the one-card system during the fall of ’95.

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Did you know

PPC GETS NEW NAME

The Printing and Photographic Center (PPC) is now the Office of Information Technology (OIT) Printing and Copying Services (PCS).

PCS will absorb all of OIT’s laser printing functions, and add new laser printing equipment. The new printers will enable PCS to provide print-on-demand services beginning in fiscal year 1998.

PCS will continue to provide free pickup and delivery service on campus, as well as a wide variety of printing services including desktop publishing; black and white and color copying; single and multicopy offset printing; and various types of binding and finishing services. However, effective immediately, PCS will no longer provide photography services, such as film processing, slide making, and passport photos.

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In addition to its Marietta Street location, PCS operates a satellite facility, the Research Copy Center (RCC), which is located in the Centennial Research Building. RCC’s primary function is to support the research reports and proposals process. However, options for copying services from any campus unit can be processed by RCC.

PCS is also accessible via the World Wide Web at <http://sheba.ppc.gatech.edu/ppc_home.html>. Customers can view price lists, submit requests for quotes, as well as place orders for business cards on-line. PCS is currently working to expand its on-line ordering capability.

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While you were working

Editors Note: The following letter was submitted by Kimberly Oden, Tech student and member of the National Engineers Week (NEW) Committee.

Many feel there is a need to increase the faculty/student interaction outside the classroom on Georgia Tech’s campus. During National Engineering Week, which took place Feb. 16-22, several professors joined with the student committee to do just that. The collaboration was a success.

School children from throughout Metro-Atlanta came to Georgia Tech campus for demonstrations, competitions and programs illustrating industrial, mechanical, chemical, environmental, ceramic, and computer Science. NEW ended with a Black History Celebration of “Engineering the Dream.”

Everyone that participated in the activities of the week enjoyed themselves and found it a rewarding experience. We hope there is more faculty and student participation in this event next year.

The committee would like to thank the following professors:

Dr. Robert Lowry, Aerospace Engineering
Dr. Ronald Rousseau, Chemical Engineering
Dr. Arnold Stancell, Chemical Engineering
Dr. Vijay Madisetti, Electrical and Computer Engineering

The following organizations also participated in the event: the National Society of Black Engineers, American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Society of Women Engineers, Georgia Society of Mechanical Engineers, Phi Psi, the African American Student Union, Tau Beta Pi, and the Honorary Textile Fraternity.

For more information about National Engineering Week or the NEW Committee, contact Brent Runyan at gt1237c@prism, or 881-1628, or Kimberly Oden at gd809a@prism, or 206-4007.
Standing committee deadline looms

The nomination deadline for statutory standing committees of the General Faculty and the Academic Faculty has been extended to March 24. The following positions are to be filled by election during spring quarter.

Standing Committees of the General Faculty

Faculty Benefits Committee
To replace John Stasko (COMP)

Faculty Status & Grievance Committee
To replace Fait Al-Khayyal (ISyE)
To replace A. Christian Nelson (ARCH)

Academic Services Committee
According to the Statutes [section 2.5.7.2(c)] this committee must have two members who are "...administrators elected from the General Faculty...."
No current members of the committee qualify.
To replace Donald J. Estep (MATH)
To replace David Leonard (COMP)

Welfare & Security Committee
According to the Statutes [section 2.5.7.2(g)] this committee must have two members who are "...administrators elected from the General Faculty...."
No current members of the committee qualify.
To replace Kathryn S. Brackney (LIBR)
To replace Katherine L. Schleg (GTRI)

Faculty Honors Committee
To replace Tanya Barber (LIBR)

Statutes Committee
To replace Charles Radolph (ARCH)
To replace Tim L. Long (EAS)

Public Relations Committee
To replace James W. Cofer (GTRI/ITTL)

Standing Committees of the Academic Faculty

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
To replace Ronald C. Arkin (COMP)

To replace Lloyd Byrs (MGT)
To replace Rufus Hughes (ARCH)

Graduate Committee
To replace Sue Ann Bidstrup (CE)
To replace Edward R. Oniecinski (COMP)
To replace Peter Rogers (ME)
To replace Richard Serfoss (SyE)

Student Activities Committee
To replace Bill Read (PURP)
To replace C. Michael York (PSY)

Student Grievance & Appeal Committee
To replace Bill Applebe (COMP)

Student Regulations Committee
According to the Statutes [section 2.5.7.3(e)] this committee must have two members who are "...administrators elected from the Academic Faculty...."
Only one current member of the committee qualifies.
To replace Erian A. Armanios (AE)
To replace Laurence J. Jacobs (CE)

Student Academic & Financial Affairs Committee
To replace Sid Gordon (CHEM)
To replace Patrick Kelly (IA)
To replace Scott Willis (ISE)

Student Honor Committee
To replace Barbara Walker (LBRR)

Nominations or expressions of interest in being a candidate should be forwarded to: kent.barefield@chemistry.gatech.edu, or Kent Barefield
College of Sciences
MC 0365.
Barefield can be reached at 894-7532, or 894-4034.
Nominations Committee members are Carol Colatrella (LCC), Jack Lowrey (GTRI/TTTL), R. Gary Parker (SyE), Sam Piper (GTRI/SEAL), and Marilyn Williamson (Library), Joe Levert (Student).

Crisis counseling available 24-hours a day

Amy Fraser
Communications

Like medical emergencies, emotional crises do not always occur during office hours. Understanding this, the Georgia Tech Counseling Center recently established an after hours consultation phone line. The new line, which can be accessed by calling 894-2575, is staffed by licensed professionals after 5 P.M. during the week and on weekends while school is in session.

Dr. Scott Friedman, center director, said he thinks the new line will be especially helpful for students who are considering counseling but may be hesitant to do so. Their contact with the counselor through the phone line may help them to feel more comfortable pursuing help, from a Tech professional or an outside referral.

The center, which is staffed by seven full-time, two half-time professionals and several mental health trainees, also provides individual and group counseling and psychotherapy. Ongoing psychoeducational offerings have included relaxation/stress management workshops, women's groups, gay, lesbian and bisexual support groups, and a bereavement and loss group. Workshops and groups are open to all Tech students.

In addition, the center provides career/interest counseling, assists students to reduce test anxiety, and offers study skills training. "Our goal is to facilitate the personal growth of Georgia Tech students so that they can learn to the best of their abilities and get the most out of the college experience," Friedman explained. "We see faculty and staff at Tech as partners in our work with students."

Currently, Friedman (pictured upper right) is assembling a Counseling Center Advisory Board made up of representatives from Student Affairs, Auxiliary Services, academic units, parents, and the student body. The board's primary responsibilities will be to assess student needs, monitor the effectiveness of current offerings and to help educate the campus community about mental health and student developmental issues.

Friedman joined the Tech staff in December. He holds a doctorate in clinical psychology, is a fellow of the Academy of Clinical Psychology, and holds a diploma from the American Board of Professional Psychology. His current research interests include how clinicians learn to do counseling and psychotherapy.

To find out more about the consultation line or other Counseling Center services, contact Friedman at 894-2575, or scott.friedman@vpss.gatech.edu. The Counseling Center is located on the second floor of the Student Services Building.
March 19
The Georgia Center for Advanced Telecommunications Technology (GCATT), the DuPree Center for Entrepreneurship, and the Business and Technology Alliance present Light—Linking Investors to Georgia High Technology at 6:00 p.m., in the GCATT Auditorium. To RSVP, contact Sharon at 894-9211, or visit the LIGHT Web site at <http://www.gcatt.gatech.edu/light>.

March 20
The Broadband Residential Services Lecture Series presents "Broadband Access Technologies in a Competitive Environment," at 2:00 p.m. in room 198A of the GCATT Building. For more information, call Valerie Johnson at 894-1404.

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**To find out more about OHR development classes, contact Wansley Stallworth at 894-2249, or refer to the 1997 Development Catalog.

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March 18
The Executive Board will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the Poole Board Room of the Wardlaw Center. For more information, contact <russell.hix@syb.gatech.edu>.

Ongoing
Technogists, Georgia Tech's version of Toastmasters, meets every Thursday in MRC, room 102 from 7:30-9:00 a.m. Faculty and staff are invited. For more information, contact Ed Nelling at 894-3963.

The Bereavement Support Group meets the first and third Mondays of each month from 12:00-1:00 p.m. for a brown bag lunch. Faculty, staff and students are welcome. For more information, contact 894-3758, or <claudine.nickens@me.gatech.edu>.

Performing Arts
March 28-29
The Robert Frenst Center continues the New York City Opera National Company "La Boheme". Showtime is 8:00 p.m. For more information, call the box office at 894-9600.

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