Central Campus Construction Nears End

Following months of detours and construction noise, the Tech community will soon reap the rewards of a new and improved central campus.

The projects that will be winding down in July and August include the construction of the G. Wayne Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons and a transit hub near the Student Center Commons, and renovations to Tech (formerly known as “Skiles”) Walkway and the Campanile. The latest details about each project follow:

**Clough Commons**

**ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE:** All furniture, security systems and audio/visual systems will be completed in time for building occupants to begin moving in on Aug. 1. Starbucks will be

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**Fowler Street Construction**

June 22 through mid-September, the existing power and communication lines between Ferst and Tenth Streets will be moved underground. For details, go to

http://tinyurl.com/3sp66xz

**ASK AWAY**

**Does Georgia Tech have an official Facebook page?**

As a matter of fact, the Institute does. Find it at facebook.com/georgiatech. The page features information for all members of the Tech community — not just students — and is regularly updated and features weather/closing information, noteworthy achievements, event information and other interesting tidbits of news.

If you have a Tech-related question that you’d like answered, email it to editor@comm.gatech.edu.

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Tech Names New Executive Director of MaRC

Starting Jan. 1, 2012, Ben Wang will assume the role of executive director of the Manufacturing Research Center (MaRC). He will be introduced to the Tech community on Oct. 6 at a 20th-anniversary event for MaRC.

“Dr. Wang is an internationally renowned scholar and leader who will oversee Georgia Tech’s interdisciplin- ary manufacturing programs and their impact on economic development,” said Steve Cross, executive vice president for research. “Through his leadership, we will see a renaissance in manufacturing in this state.”

Wang will follow in the footsteps of Steven Danyluk, who served as the center’s director from 1994 to 2010. In addition to his work at MaRC, Wang will also hold an appointment as a professor in the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering.

“Over the last 30 years, I have worked in various positions related to manufacturing — from operations and planning to strategy and policy,” Wang said. “The approach we will take to reaching the center’s goal of becoming the world’s manufacturing thought leader and trendsetter is to create an innovation ecosystem. We will add substantial commercial, economic and societal values to Tech professors’ inventions to license the technology to a company, create a joint venture or form a new spin-off company.”

Currently, Wang is director of the High-Performance Materials Institute at Florida State University. He also serves as an assistant vice president for research in engineering and holds the following three distinguished professorships: the Simon Ostrach Professor of Engineering, the FSU Distinguished Research Professor and the U.S. Department of Energy Samuel P. Massie Chair of Excellence.

Wang earned his bachelor’s in industrial engineering from Tunghai University in Taiwan and his master’s in industrial engineering and PhD from Pennsylvania State University.

www.marc.gatech.edu
Barrelhouse Set to Open by Early July

AMELIA PAVLIK COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

If you have regularly peered in the windows of the old St. Charles Deli location, hoping to see some sign that the opening of the new gastropub the Barrelhouse is near, good news — it is.

“Within the next few weeks, we will finally open our doors to the Tech and Midtown community,” said co-owner Philip Christensen. Chef Tim Magee, who has worked at Atlanta restaurants including South City Kitchen and Parish, has worked with Christensen and co-owner James Brooks to develop a menu that appeals to everyone from students wanting a snack to foodies looking for the next taste trend.

Patrons will be treated to items including an arugula salad with toasted almonds, peaches, burrata cheese and cumin vinaigrette, and toasted almonds, peaches, burrata cheese and cumin vinaigrette, and warm and comforting. For example, sid- ing from an old barn in Tennessee lines the walls of the restaurant, and the light fixtures are handcrafted from old Ford vehicles. The restaurant and patio will be nonsmoking, although there will be a smoking area off the patio. Free Wi-Fi will be available throughout the restaurant.

Barrelhouse will be open Monday through Wednesday from 11 to 1:30 a.m., Thursday through Saturday from 11 to 3 a.m. and Sunday from noon to midnight. For more information, contact General Manager Tara Christensen at tchristensen@barrelhouseatl.com.

Bike Sharing Program Seeks Beta Testers

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Parkinson and Transportation has partnered with viaCycle, a startup in the Advanced Technology Development Center spearheaded by Georgia Tech graduates, to bring bike sharing to campus. The company creates technology that enables more efficient bike sharing systems and is looking for summer beta testers.

“Bike sharing isn’t new, but at universities it’s always been manual before,” said Kyle Azevedo, CEO of viaCycle and a 2010 master’s graduate from Tech’s Mechanical Engineering program, in regard to a payment structure. “We never expected the same environment as Grayyed. The overall decor of Barrelhouse plays off of the name, which stemmed from a line in the tune “I’m a Ramblin’ Wreck from Georgia Tech,” and is meant to be simple, warm and comfortable. For example, sid- ing from an old barn in Tennessee lines the walls of the restaurant, and the light fixtures are handcrafted from old Ford vehicles. The restaurant and patio will be nonsmoking, although there will be a smoking area off the patio. Free Wi-Fi will be available throughout the restaurant.

The viaCycle summer trial period precedes a fall launch that will bring 35 bikes to campus. The Birta “Easy Boarding” bikes will be stationed at west campus housing, the Instructional Center, the Library and Howey Physics Building, but can be locked and unlocked at any bike rack while checked out and in use around the city.

Those interested in participating in beta testing can sign up at http://gt.viacycle.com.

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the campus services unit was established in February 2010 as part of the administration and finance organizational realignment. Meyers accepted her current role where she oversees auxiliary services, business services, and human resources functions.

In her current position, Meyers has directed the rollout of BuzzMart, a national search will begin in the near future to identify a replace- ment for Meyers, who will remain actively engaged in her current role until the transition is complete.

The search for a new vice president, who will continue to oversee the auxiliary services, business services, and human resources functions, will be supported by Julie-Anne Williamson, assistant vice pres- ident for administration and finance. Questions regarding the transition or search may be directed to juleanne@gatech.edu.


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Student Center Commons.


The conference will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center Commons.

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Wayne Whiteman

“T’ve always been fascinated by flying, and free flying — without an engine — is about as cool as it gets,” said Whiteman, who is director of the Office of Student Services and a senior academic professional in the School of Mechanical Engineering.

For four years, Whiteman has flown hang gliders as a hobby. “My wife and I rent a cabin year-round at the Lookout Mountain Flight Park, near Chattanooga. Tenn., and usually fly about three weekends a month,” Whiteman said. “The nice thing about hang gliding is that you are living in the moment. You don’t worry about the past or the future. You are really and truly alive and living in the now.”

Recently, The Whistle sat down with Whiteman to learn more about him and his time at Tech. Here’s what we learned:

How did you get to Tech?
I graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1979 and started teaching mechanical engineering at the institution, working my way up to program chair. By 2003, it was time for something new. Since I’d completed my PhD studies at Georgia Tech and had kept in touch with folks here, it just made sense to come to Tech.

Tell us about your research.
Mechanical engineering is about finding creative solutions to difficult problems. For example, we design and develop machines ranging from robots to cars. These days, I’m not as heavily involved in research as I once was, due to my administrative role in the Office of Student Services. My focus is more on scholarship and research in the areas of engineering education, and teaching and learning initiatives.

What are a few professional accomplishments that you are most proud of?
I’m most proud of my 24 years of Army military service and of being commander of a 660-person U.S. Army engineer battalion.

What do you do to make learning more engaging for students?
I use a lot of group work in class to encourage students to work together. Also, I’m not a big fan of clickers. Instead, I will hand out pieces of green and pink paper and have students raise one or the other in response to a question. And I’ve learned that the sure-fire way to get students to ask questions is to say, “Does anyone have any questions?” Instead, after we discuss a topic, I will have students get into groups and formulate questions related to what was just discussed. This approach seems to elicit some of the best questions. Lastly, I try to make fun class so. We will have “commercial breaks” throughout class where we chat about good movies or upcoming concerts to lighten the mood.

What piece of technology could you not live without as an instructor? I would rather say the piece of technology I could live without — PowerPoint. A lot of PowerPoint presentations can be as painful for students as watching a bad A-list movie. I’m still a fan of the old blackboard.

What are three things everyone should do while working at Tech?
Get involved in a student club or activity and interact with students. Go to a sporting event. And try biking around campus.

Tell me something unusual about yourself.
I bike eight miles to and from work daily.

If you weren’t in your current line of work, what would you be doing? I can’t imagine doing anything else with my life.

Professor Doesn’t Shy Away from Adventure

AMELIA PAVLIK
COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

Anyone who thinks that college professors are all mild-mannered people who spend most of their time with their noses buried in a book or squirreled away in a lab hasn’t met Wayne Whiteman.

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Peterson also wrote, “While I know that much of the work focused on Georgia Tech’s operations and physical presence in Savannah, it is very clear that the task force took great care to consider how its recommendations might ultimately affect the lives and careers of our students, faculty and staff as well as the community we serve in the coastal region.”

Highlights from the task force report include recommendations that will allow Georgia Tech-Savannah to continue to have a strong presence in Southeast Georgia by creating a new academic and operational model for the campus while phasing out current degree programs. The proposed organization, designed to be viable and self-sustaining, includes a portfolio of programs ranging from co-curricular undergraduate activities to instruction for the military and executive and other non-curriculum educational programs to professional master’s degrees. In addition, the recommendations included the option of developing regional research opportunities.

During the 10-day comment period, Peterson had the opportunity to review comments regarding task force recommendations. The vast majority of comments were submitted by current Georgia Tech-Savannah students voicing support for the undergraduate program and expressing concern regarding their individual circumstance.

According to Peterson, the concerns of students, faculty and staff underscore the importance of developing a comprehensive and supportive transition and implementation plan. The Georgia Tech-Savannah campus will operate in a “business-as-usual” mode during the summer and fall semesters of 2011. Academic advisors will work individually with Georgia Tech students in Savannah to provide the support necessary to aid them in completing their degree programs, according to Brasc.