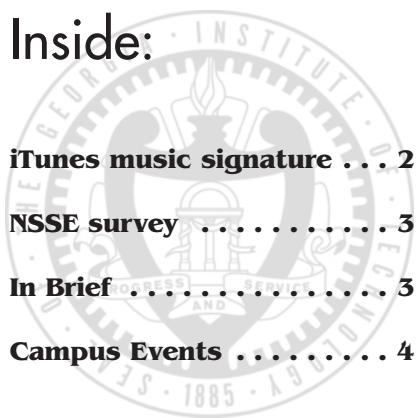


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Citing health concerns, athletic director steps down

Last week, Georgia Tech President Wayne Clough announced its director of athletics, Dave Braine, would retire due to health reasons.

"Dave Braine will leave Georgia Tech with a long list of accomplishments, and his leadership will be missed," he said. "I know Dave as a colleague and friend and he has been a steadfast resource to Tech."

Braine, 62, was diagnosed with Crohn's disease, an intestinal disorder, last summer. He will continue to direct the athletics department until a new director takes over.

"Georgia Tech means a great deal to me," said Braine. "I have always said that it takes a special person to coach at Georgia Tech and a special student-athlete to go to school here, and because of that I have had the opportunity to work with great people. It starts with Dr. Clough, and it continues through our coaches, our administrators, and most importantly, our student-athletes, who all work so hard to make the Georgia Tech program what it is."

"I had fully intended to complete my contract, which runs through June 2007, so it is difficult to leave on these terms, but there really is no other way," Braine continued. "My condition is not life-threatening, but it is necessary for me to step down and take care of my health."

A native of Grove City, Pa., Braine was named director of athletics on June 3, 1997, following a 10-year stint in the same position at the Virginia Institute of Technology. His administrative career also includes two years as athletics director at Marshall University as well as appointments at Fresno State University and the University of Virginia.

He was a football coach, having spent two years at Georgia Tech as an assistant under Pepper Rodgers. He also coached at the University of Virginia, the University of Richmond and the Virginia Military Institute.

Georgia Tech's overall athletics program enjoyed unprecedented success during Braine's tenure,

highlighted by the men's basketball team's 2004 NCAA runner-up finish and a streak of nine straight bowl games for the football program, as well as continued excellence in sports such as baseball and golf and marked growth in women's athletics.

Facility upgrades include the \$75 million renovation and expansion of Bobby Dodd Stadium at Historic Grant Field, the reconstruction of Russ Chandler Baseball Stadium and the new Georgia Tech Aquatic Center, which will host the 2006 NCAA Swimming Championships.

"He will be known for building the strength of our intercollegiate sports programs across the board, and lead-

ing us to our highest overall rankings in our history," Clough said. "He will be remembered for his courage in taking on the challenge to both rebuild our baseball stadium and compete a major renovation of our football stadium. Dave also hired talented coaches — Paul Hewitt of men's basketball, Bond Shamasky of women's volleyball and Byron Shelton of women's tennis — each of whom took their teams to levels never before

reached. He will leave big shoes to be filled, and we will miss his good services and friendship."

Clough said that a national search for the new Director of Athletics would begin immediately. He will chair a search committee that will report to the Athletic Association Board of Trustees. The search committee also includes Dan Schrage, faculty representative for athletics; Joe Irwin, president of the Georgia Tech Alumni Association; Chuck Easley, former Tech football standout and current member of the Athletic Board; and David Anderson, president of the Student Government Association.



Dave Braine is Tech's sixth athletic director since 1904.

For more information...

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America
www.cdfa.org

Library's new buzz



Yellow Jackets have a new place to get their coffee buzz. Located in the east wing of the Library, Jazzman's Cafe opened last week. In addition to coffee drinks, the cafe serves pastries, sandwiches and salads. Jazzman's, part of a 12,000-square-foot renovation project designed to transform First Floor East into an intellectual oasis, is in response to requests by students and staff for a restaurant near the Library.

FOCUS marks 15 years

Rashida Syed
Institute Communications
and Public Affairs

Last week, FOCUS, a program designed to increase the number of master's and doctoral degrees awarded to minorities, marked its 15th anniversary with four days of programs for nearly 300 invited students. The students were treated to speakers, including Commissioner Michael Thurmond of the Georgia Department of Labor, and given the opportunity to meet with faculty and graduate students, visit classrooms and labs, spend time on campus and visit historical and cultural sites in Atlanta.

This 15th anniversary year is particularly special because Georgia Tech was again ranked first in the number of bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in engineering awarded to African-Americans — a fact that President Wayne Clough attributes, in part, to the success of the FOCUS



Robert Haley has spent the past 15 years directing FOCUS, Tech's minority recruitment program.

program.

"Georgia Tech is committed to celebrating diversity, and the FOCUS program has made an important contribution to our ability to attract minority students," he said. "Diverse Issues in Higher Education recently recognized Georgia Tech as the nation's leader in graduating African-American engineers at all three degree levels, and not for the first time. FOCUS is an important part of that success."

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“QUOTE—
UNQUOTE”

“Our research suggests that the upturn in the stock market and the economy during the last two years of a presidential term is often due to actions taken by the administration in power — be it a Republican or Democratic administration.”
—Fred Allvine, an emeritus professor in the College of Management, on a study that the market goes through regular patterns over the U.S. president's four-year term. (Atlanta Journal-Constitution)

Faculty's audio signature maker creates unique music

A novel response to the common question: “What kind of music do you listen to?”

Matt Nagel
Institute Communications
and Public Affairs

Creating music at Georgia Tech has just become a little easier for those who are tech savvy. Jason Freeman, an assistant professor in the Music Department, recently created a program that utilizes the popular digital music player iTunes to create a unique sonic signature of a person's musical taste.

“I made a java-based application that anyone with a Web browser and iTunes can go to and use this Web site to launch it,” said Freeman. “It takes about three to four minutes to churn through everything and make a signature of their music collection. They can make it their cell phone ring tone. They can e-mail it to people. They can post it on a Web page if they want.”

The iTunes Signature Maker is a free software program that can run with most browsers.

Freeman is a composer by nature and said he wanted to share his passion for music. The application is a way for the average person to have a creative music experience.

“I find it pretty accurate as a representation of the type of music I listen to,” he said. “It is also an interesting piece of music in its own right. It is not something that stylistically would be bought in a bin at Wal-Mart, but it is something that is very interesting to listen to.”

Freeman said he came up with the idea because he didn't have a way to accurately tell people what his unique music tastes were. The program allows him to simply let anyone listen to the signature that depicts his tastes through music.

The program uses iTunes to select the favorite tunes or most-listened-to songs of the individual creating the signature. It then allows the user to select certain criteria for how the signature is made. The signature can

run anywhere from five seconds to five minutes.

It has been a huge hit on the Web and has even been featured in a segment that aired on public radio.

Freeman says he received a Rhizome Commission for the iTunes Signature and is proud of how many people have been touched by his latest invention.

“There have been about 36,000 hits on the Web site, and I'm amazed,” he said.

The Rhizome Commissions Program is made possible by support from the Jerome Foundation in celebration of the Jerome Hill Centennial, the Greenwall Foundation, the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts and the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs.

For more information...

iTunes Signature Maker
www.jasonfreeman.net/itsm

Tech teaching high school students calculus via distance learning

Elizabeth Campell
Institute Communications
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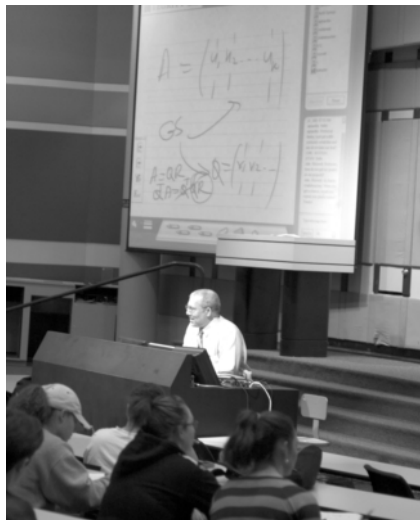
How do high schools provide advanced classes to one or two bright students who have completed all the math classes their high schools offer? Fulton County Schools has found a solution — partnering with Georgia Tech to provide college-level calculus classes through distance-learning technologies.

Georgia Tech is piloting an effort to provide advanced calculus courses to students at five Fulton County high schools via distance learning. Through live two-way videoconferencing technologies 34 high school seniors, juniors and sophomores are able to continue their math studies, after completing all the math courses offered at their high schools.

“We approached this partnership with the mindset of how can Georgia Tech reach out and help the state of Georgia assist students who have the academic desire to achieve beyond what's available at their local school,” says Nelson Baker, associate vice provost for Distance Learning and Professional Education.

“This joint venture is one of many we hope to develop with Georgia Tech,” says Judy Dennison, director of core academics for Fulton County Schools. “We have many students who need the challenge of college-level classes, and through this distance learning effort, we're able to provide that in a cost-effective way.”

The high school students taking the calculus distance learning courses have already completed advanced placement calculus and passed the



Professor Tom Morley lectures to Tech students and to Fulton County high school students through distance learning.

exam for college credit. The distance learning class is a good deal for the high school students, since they receive both high school credit as well as college credit for the class. The HOPE Scholarship program pays the tuition costs to Georgia Tech, and Fulton County Schools pays the transmission costs and provides the videoconferencing equipment required for each school.

“It was a little tough getting used to the fact that your teacher isn't in the room and is on the screen, but I've gotten used to it,” said Molly McLaughlin, a senior at Roswell High School who is interested in studying chemical engineering. “The distance learning calculus classes are going to prepare me for college so I'll know what to expect next year.”

“We face the double challenge of finding qualified math teachers to teach higher level calculus and the logistical challenge of serving the small number of exceptionally advanced students sprinkled throughout the county. We're finding that distance learning is a great solution,” says Dennison.

“The students enrolled in the distance learning calculus class are highly qualified students who we would be interested in recruiting to Georgia Tech for college,” says Rick Clark, assistant director in Georgia Tech's admission office. “Through this program we're able to provide them a glimpse of life at Georgia Tech, so it's important that this be a positive experience for them.”

Just like the traditional Tech students enrolled in Calculus III, the high school students attend three lectures per week and a smaller recitation period with a teaching assistant between lectures.

“These students are incredible,” says Tom Morley, professor in the School of Mathematics who teaches the distance learning calculus class. “There's a big gap between high school and college in terms of expectations, and they are doing well. They don't seem intimidated by the Tech students or the videoconferencing dynamic.”

“This partnership is providing a service to Georgia students that they couldn't get elsewhere,” he added. “There are many small and large counties that have the same issues. I'd really like to grow this program to address the specialized needs of students throughout the state.”

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Freshmen, seniors weigh in on national college survey

Eighty-six percent of first-year students and 83 percent of seniors at Georgia Tech rated their entire educational experience as "good" or "excellent" in a recent national survey of students at more than 500 universities.

The show of support was reflected in the 2005 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), administered by the Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research. The survey report, "Exploring Different Dimensions of Student Engagement," compiles information from approximately 237,000 first-year and senior students at 528 four-year colleges and universities. All 35 University System of Georgia schools participated in the study, which helps administrators gauge how well students are learning and what they put into and get out of their undergraduate experience.

Georgia Tech participated in the 2003 NSSE study and, having compared the two, found the results to be relatively stable.

Since the 2003 study, several programs and plans have been introduced or expanded that provide students with more opportunities for research with faculty, prompt feedback from professors and active classroom discussion. According to Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies Anderson Smith, "After several years of listening to our student needs and developing programs that help students integrate and apply knowledge, freshmen and seniors ranked the Georgia Tech academic experience higher than other doctoral extensive schools on these dimensions."

Last fall, Tech introduced the Undergraduate Research Option, a program that provides students with the opportunity to work on intensive research projects with a professor. The research option is displayed on the students' transcripts.

Tech students gave high marks to the Institute in the "enriching educational experience" category. Student opportunities for study abroad, community and volunteer service, and working with faculty outside the classroom surpassed the mean for other doctoral extensive universities.

"Engagement is a critical factor in the educational process because the more time and energy students devote to desired activities, the more likely they are to develop the habits of the mind

that are key to success after college," says George Kuh, NSSE director and professor of higher education at Indiana University at Bloomington.

When students were asked if they would go to the same institution if they could start over, 84 percent of freshmen and 78 percent of seniors said they would. That ranking also compares favorably to other doctoral extensive institutions.

A snapshot of campus character

The NSSE report reflects the character of the universities it covers. For Georgia Tech, the report shows a community of analytical thinkers who are comfortable with technology, collaborate on projects and are challenged in the classroom. The picture it paints of the Tech campus is also one of community service and diversity.

Freshmen report an active and collaborative learning environment. The issue of support for upper-level students has been one of concern for faculty and administrators since the 2003 report. However, on the benchmark scores, Georgia Tech exceeded other participating institutions in both first-year and senior students in the level of academic challenge, and Tech's first-year students exceeded doctoral extensive schools in active and collaborative learning.

Overall, Georgia Tech students express high levels of satisfaction with the Institute's challenging educational experience, which they cite as important to preparing them to solve real-world problems, use technology and analyze quantitative problems. However, this challenging experience is accompanied with lower levels of interaction with faculty than at other participating doctoral extensive schools, and a perception of a relatively low degree of support from the Institute for their academic and social needs.

Smith added, "Tech has completed a number of campus improvements, such as the Student Center Commons and the Campus Recreation Center, that foster personal growth and a sense of community for students. These, combined with initiatives as a result of the Quality Enhancement Program such as the Undergraduate Research Option and the International Plan, make us feel confident that we will continue to provide students with high overall satisfaction ratings for their Georgia Tech years."

FOCUS, cont'd from page 1

When FOCUS was launched in 1991, Georgia Tech was faced with the challenge of increasing the number of advanced degrees it awarded to minority students. As then-director of Special Projects in the College of Engineering, Special Assistant to the President Robert Haley was charged with developing a first-class program to attract potential minority graduate students. He founded FOCUS not only to meet the goal of increasing Georgia Tech's minority graduation rates, but also to place a special emphasis on encouraging minorities to get an advanced education no matter which institution they chose.

Clough is particularly pleased with the precedent that FOCUS has set for other universities. "I am proud of the work that Robert Haley and his staff have done to make FOCUS what it is today. This program has become a model that other institutions want to emulate," Clough said.

But Haley is already looking ahead. "Going forward, I think the charge is to continue the leadership that we have established and build on a very successful program so that we can maintain that leadership as we move into the next 15 years," he said.

"My responsibility now is to focus on growing

the program. The key is not to grow it incrementally by individual numbers but to really grow it significantly, and I think the way to do that is to concentrate on the (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) for African-American students in all disciplines."

The increasing number of universities that now have a program like FOCUS reflects the ongoing effort of businesses to increase diversity in the workplace. As the U.S. population shifts and companies begin to conduct more business internationally, diversity is a benefit that industry can't ignore. Haley believes that universities play a big role in increasing diversity in industry.

"We must ensure going into the future that we continue to emphasize advanced degrees in all disciplines," he said. "We have to have a diverse workforce that mirrors the consumer. The leading companies will be the ones that have a diverse workforce, that really concentrate on diversity. That will be what defines them."

For more information...

FOCUS
www.focus.gatech.edu

IN BRIEF:

Radio club scheduled to contact space station

On Thursday, Jan. 19 at 10 a.m., the Georgia Tech Amateur Radio Club is scheduled to make contact with the International Space Station as they speak with Tech graduate and astronaut member of ISS Expedition 12 Bill McArthur. Interested individuals may join the club in room E560 of the Van Leer Building. A live simulcast on WREK (91.1 FM) will also be available, as well as a live Internet audio stream through www.wrek.org.

Winter blood drive

Georgia Tech holds its winter blood drive at the First Center, Jan. 17 - 19. To schedule an appointment, visit www.givelife.org, enter sponsor code "gait" and click the search function. The Georgia Tech blood drive should be found through a search, then click on the day you want to donate and then the time. For more information, call 894-2002.

Library signs on to assist in digital preservation project

The MetaArchive Project is a collaborative venture of the libraries of Emory University, Georgia Tech, Virginia Tech, Florida State University, Auburn University, the University of Louisville and the Library of Congress. In September 2004, the MetaArchive Cooperative received one of eight partnerships founded by the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP) supported by the Library of Congress and the U.S. Congress to fund \$100 million for digital preservation efforts to capture digital content that is at risk of disappearing.

Tech's Library and Information Center is one of an elite group of technologically advanced libraries leading the way in this national effort. The partner institutions of the MetaArchive Project are engaged in a three-year, \$1.4-million process to develop a cooperative for the preservation of at-risk digital content and establishing a network infrastructure to sustain this effort. The initial content focus of the project is to preserve digital resources documenting the culture and society of the American South.

The ultimate goal of NDIIPP is to build a nationwide network of partners to share responsibility for digital content and to seek national solutions for digital preservation. For more information see the MetaArchive Cooperative Web site, www.metaarchive.org, or the Library of Congress' NDIIPP Web site at www.digitalpreservation.org.

CRC launches new Web site

In an effort to improve usability, Georgia Tech's Campus Recreation Center recently launched a new Web site, featuring a revamped format and a standard layout. Other added features include Web videos, live Web cams, a new calendar and online reservations. To view the site, visit www.crc.gatech.edu.

C A M P U S E V E N T S

Art & Culture

Jan. 21

The American Museum of Papermaking hosts a workshop on “Basics of Japanese Papermaking,” from noon - 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.ipst.gatech.edu/amp. To register, call 894-5726.

Jan. 27

The Ferst Center welcomes The Flying Karamazov Brothers, who will perform “Life: A Guide for the Perplexed,” at 8 p.m. For tickets and information, visit www.ferstcenter.org or call 894-9600.

Jan. 31

The Music Department welcomes Columbia University Professor Tristan Murail, at 2:30 p.m. in room 104, Couch Building. For more information, visit www.music.gatech.edu.

Feb. 2

The School of Literature, Communication and Culture’s annual H. Bruce McEver Poetry Reading features Chard deNiord, Kurtis Lamkin and H. Bruce McEver, at 4:30 p.m. in the Clary Theater.

Brown Bags/Conferences/Lectures

Jan. 18

The School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering welcomes Julia Higgins, director of the Graduate School of Engineering and Physical Sciences at Imperial College, London, as the featured speaker for the annual Ashton Cary Lecture

at 4 p.m. in room L1255, ES&T Building. Her topic will be “The Responsibility of Being a Scientist.”

Jan. 19

The School of Mechanical Engineering welcomes John Kim, a professor in the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at the University of California, Los Angeles, on “Physics and Control of Wall Turbulence,” at 11 a.m. in the MARC Building Auditorium. For more information, e-mail minami.yoda@me.gatech.edu or call 894-6838.

Jan. 24

The Materials Council welcomes Vanderbilt University Assistant Professor Harold Park, who will speak on “Concurrent and Hierarchical Multiscale Modeling of Solids,” at 3 p.m. in room 183, Love Building.

Jan. 25

The College of Management IMPACT Speaker series continues with J. Paul Raines, southern division president of The Home Depot, at 4:30 p.m. in the LeCraw Auditorium.

Faculty/Staff Development

Jan. 18

The Language Institute offers three, six-week classes in “Grammar and Writing Skills for Non-Native Speakers of English,” “Preparation for the Test of Spoken English (TSE),” and “English Conversation: Popular Culture in America” at the Global Learning and Conference Center. To register, call 385-3500 or visit www.eslclasses.net.

Jan. 19

The Office of Sponsored Programs offers a two-hour workshop on “NIH Budgets,” beginning at 10 a.m. To register, call 894-6944 or e-mail nadia.zitman@osp.gatech.edu.

Jan. 26

Facilities’ Environmental Health and Safety department offers a free training course called “Right-to-Know,” concerning how chemicals are regulated on Tech’s campus and what the rights and responsibilities of employees are, at 2 p.m. in MiRC. To register, visit www.trainsweb.gatech.edu.

Miscellaneous

Jan. 24

The Georgia Tech Women’s Forum welcomes Calvin Bennett, owner of CVI Ergonomics, on “The Hidden Cost of Repetitive Stress Disorder,” for a lunchtime forum. Registrants may choose to purchase lunch or bring their own. To attend, e-mail maude.robinson@business.gatech.edu before Jan. 20.

Feb. 8

A series of pre-retirement meetings will be held by the Office of Human Resources for employees who are within ten years of retirement. This section, covering Social Security benefits and Georgia Tech benefits, will be held in room 117, Student Services Building from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. To register, visit www.trainsweb.gatech.edu.

E-mail calendar events to editor@icpa.gatech.edu.

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APPLIANCES

Haier portable dishwasher, 18-inch (mid-size), 1.5 years old, \$125 (new \$250). Call 385-2248 or e-mail lucja.iwanska@gtri.gatech.edu.

AUTOMOBILES

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1993 Honda Accord SE. Power everything! Four-door, nice CD stereo, runs great. \$2,500 OBO. Call 385-4483 for information.

1996 Lexus 400, Excellent condition rating from CarFax, beige leather interior, gold exterior, luxury vehicle features, 132K miles, \$8,700. All reasonable offers considered. Call 404-349-1329 or e-mail jcaka81@earthlink.net.

1999 Acura 3.2 TL. Champagne exterior, leather interior. 4-door, CD player, sunroof, 125K miles, fully loaded. \$8,300 OBO. E-mail susana.walker@modlangs.gatech.edu.

2000 Ford Explorer, Eddie Bauer, fully loaded w/ leather seats, privacy glass, CD, sun roof, a/c, dual front air bags, excellent condition. 55K miles. \$9,500. Call 706-754-5287 or e-mail cgnga@alltel.net.

2002 Nissan Frontier 4-door shortbed pickup. 46K miles, 5-speed. CD, bed liner, extended warranty, new tires, \$13,000. Pictures at www.prism.gatech.edu/~sp119. Call 678-895-8096 or e-mail sabrebiker@sprintpcs.com.

FURNITURE

Moving sale: Sofa, chair and ottoman set. All in great condition. E-mail vrood@gatech.edu for pictures.

Four dining chair covers, burgundy cotton velvet, cover legs to floor, tie in back. \$80 OBO. Call 894-0065 or e-mail eileengram@juno.com.

Moving sale: Storehouse Java queen bed, night stands; Ethan Allen Entertainment unit and coffee table; Crate & Barrel dining table and chairs; crib and bedding set; nursing rocking chair; futon. All less than 5 years old. E-mail anping@bellsouth.net for pictures.

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