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## GAME, SET, MATCH!

The women's tennis team will go on to compete in the ACC Championship this weekend in Altamonte Springs, Florida. Page 32

## STING BREAK

Tech's annual concert and carnival provided a much-needed reprieve from classes, as Ok Go performed to close out the event. Page 17



# A look back

## Students reflect on a year of progress and change

By Hamza Hasan  
Staff Writer

Life at Tech is always busy. The 2007-2008 school year marks some tremendous dates for the history of the campus. Through the failures and triumphs of the school and its individuals, Tech has imprinted itself in the memories of all the students and faculty.

Of course, the most significant news was Clough's announcement of his departure after a 14 year tenure as President of Tech. While he respectfully left for other opportunities, longtime football coach Chan Gailey left as well, but without the same free will as Clough. For the seventh time in a row, Tech lost to UGA, spurring Gailey's departure.

With the acquisition of the North Avenue Apartments and the completion of Klaus last year, the Institute saw a greater growth with construction projects like the Nanotechnology Research Building.

Many of Tech's commuters felt the wrath of the 14th Street construction, which will last for at least several more years—not to mention the usual renovations along Bobby Dodd and around the stadium, including the Old Civil Engineering Building.

At least buildings at Tech were safe for the most part from this year's natural disasters. While the drought emptied the Campanile and the Library fountains, the infamous Downtown tornado spared campus during Spring Break.

Unfortunately the year contained some remorse, as the deaths of several students and problems concerning violent crimes struck the hearts of many.

However, with the tragedies and successes aligned to form a memorable year for all of Tech's denizens, attendants and caretakers—the students, of course. For those who “got out,” much congratulations; for many others, their stories have just begun.

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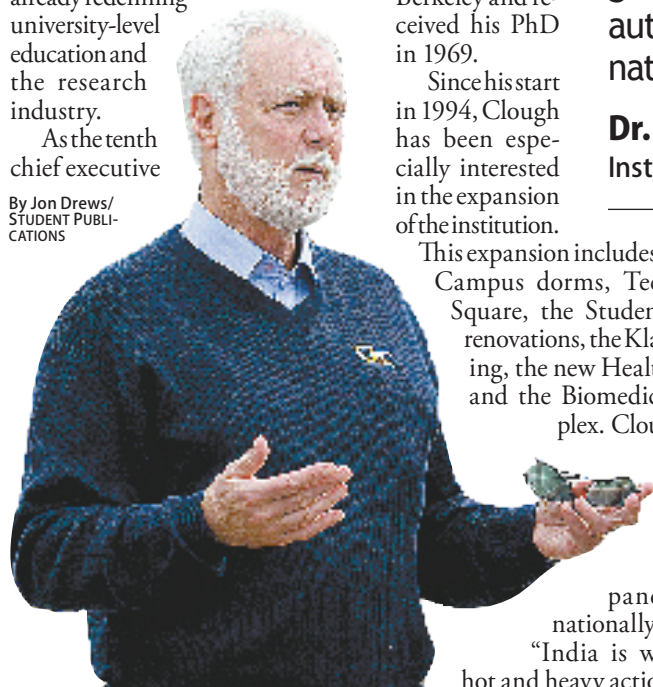
## Clough leaves behind legacy

By Reem Mansoura  
Staff Writer

For the last 14 years, Tech has been graced with the presence of President Clough, who greatly contributed to the progress Tech has made over the past decade. From rapid campus expansion to the steady improvement of Tech's national rankings, Clough is the superlative force behind an institute that is already redefining university-level education and the research industry.

As the tenth chief executive

By Jon Drews/  
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of Tech, President Clough is the first Tech alumnus to serve as president. The first member of his family to go to college, he received his bachelor's and master's degrees in Civil Engineering in 1964 and 1965, respectively. He continued his doctorate work at the University of California, Berkeley and received his PhD in 1969.

Since his start in 1994, Clough has been especially interested in the expansion of the institution.

This expansion includes the West Campus dorms, Technology Square, the Student Center renovations, the Klaus Building, the new Health Center and the Biomedical Complex. Clough hopes the future of Tech's campus also expands internationally.

“India is where the hot and heavy action is now.

It's a tricky thing to do, to make a model that is viable and financially sustainable, and we are doing a lot of work to make sure that as we move forward [this] will be true. We just had the government give us 50 acres...that's a start, but there is still a lot of work to do. When I came we had one [campus] in France. We now have one in Singapore, Shanghai and in Ireland,” Clough said.

A typical day in the life of President Clough is dictated primarily by mandatory activities.

“There are a lot of meetings that the president has to go to that are just automatic by the nature of it. We have a lot of affiliated organizations such as the Alumni Association, the Foundation, our research corporation and Athletic Association...and each one of those organizations have a board. Each one [of the boards] has meetings...and the president is involved with those meetings which absorb a lot of time,” Clough said.

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**Dr. G. Wayne Clough**  
Institute President

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## Peace Corps volunteer shares lessons learned

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Staff Writer

While many college students decide to go on to graduate school or enter the workforce after graduation, a handful decide to join the Peace Corps, a government agency dedicated to promoting peace and friendship throughout 139 countries. Since its establishment in the 1960s by Executive Order 10924, the Peace Corps has sent over 190,000 volunteers around the world in an attempt to help developing countries meet their need for trained workers. Last Tuesday, returned Peace Corps volunteer Kyle Jessop spoke to several interested students, encouraging them to consider the Peace Corps as an option after graduation.

Jessop graduated as a manufacturing engineer and worked as an industrial engineer for several years before joining the Peace Corps. His

first assignment was in Lesotho, a land-locked country surrounded by the Republic of South Africa. His first project, which involved hospital maintenance, incorporated aspects of his engineering degree.

As a volunteer, Jessop had to adjust to different cultures, languages and traditions. “My [work] day did not involve the typical 9-to-5 day that is found here, so I really had to adjust,” Jessop said.

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**Kyle Jessop**  
Peace Corps volunteer

“One of the most important lessons I learned during my first assignment is to allow people to take ownership of ideas and to learn how to do

things themselves. Often, people from different cultures will come in and show [developing] countries the right way to plant corn, for example... the next year, foreigners from a different country will come in and show the developing country a different

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"The president will attend most faculty meetings, meetings with students and meetings with external constituencies like the Metro Chamber, the Board of Regents and the Georgia Research Alliance," Clough said.

Clough was recently asked to serve as the 12th Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute on March 15, 2008. He will begin serving in this position on July 1, 2008, the day he steps down as president of Georgia Tech.

Provost Gary Schuster will serve as interim president until the Board of Regents is able to find the next president.

Clough believes that Tech can continue to improve. "I would like to think that we have laid the groundwork for the next president to really continue to move Georgia Tech up to that next level...we have really solidified [our] reputation as

a true and highly respected global entity that cares about its students. Georgia Tech is seen as a national and international resource on important issues," Clough said.

Clough also discussed his hopes

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Institute President

for the next president to 'be with the times.' "I think the next president needs to be somebody who understands and lives and breathes technology. [He or she] needs to be someone who understands clearly the special characteristics of Tech students and faculty and supports

their aspirations. I think [he or she] needs to be a person who can interact with the players in the regional, state and international level in a way that can continue to enhance the region of Georgia Tech," Clough said.

Like any person, President Clough is still trying to figure out what he wants to do when he grows up. He hopes to have more freedom in making decisions about his future than he has in the past.

"I was very lucky; part of it I attribute to the fact that I have had good friends. I attribute part of it to the fact that I had good parents, people who supported me and that I worked hard. Ten years from now, I suspect I will still be doing something related to technology, education and public policy. It could be at the state level or I might do some part-time teaching," Clough said.

However, Clough also has an appreciation for the finer things in life.

"Otherwise, I might just be writing poetry and working on my golf game," Clough said.



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President Clough, the first Tech alumna to become Institute President, helps freshmen move into their residence halls last August.

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way to plant corn. This creates a dependency on the foreigner to help the community," Jessop said.

"When you just give someone something, they won't take care of it. They don't care if it breaks. It's better to drop hints and ideas and have them gain ownership of the idea," Jessop said.

By the end of his assignment, Jessop decided to extend his service in Zambia. There, he taught blind and deaf children farming techniques.

In collaboration with Tech's Think Green Week, Jessop discussed the environmental initiatives the Peace Corps offers. Environmental projects range from water resources and engineering to applied agriculture science.

Interested volunteers go through a long application process. If qualified, volunteers are assigned to projects in developing countries. Volunteers serve a minimum of 27 months on a

project and a maximum of 6 years. Health, safety and security are always a top priority, and volunteers are never sent anywhere politically unsafe. In case of political unrest, volunteers are usually cleared out of the country within 24 hours.

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**Kyle Jessop**  
Peace Corps volunteer

Volunteers can also take several steps to ensure their own safety.

"Having the knowledge of the language and culture separates you from being a tourist...by understanding the culture, you're telling

the people around you that you know what is right and wrong," Jessop said.

Volunteers returning from their 27-month service will find ample resources to help them reintegrate into society. Returning Peace Corps volunteers have the option of going to graduate school, finding a job or recruiting members into the Peace Corps by traveling around the country and speaking of their experiences. Along with the benefit of experiencing life in a different country, volunteers gain health benefits, federal retirement and can even earn college credit for their Peace Corps Service.

"It's one of those opportunities in life which really opens up your eyes to big concerns in the world... a commonality I found among returning volunteers is that the Peace Corps gives you a direction in life," Jessop said.

For more information about the Peace Corps, projects, volunteers' accounts or environmental initiatives, visit [www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov).

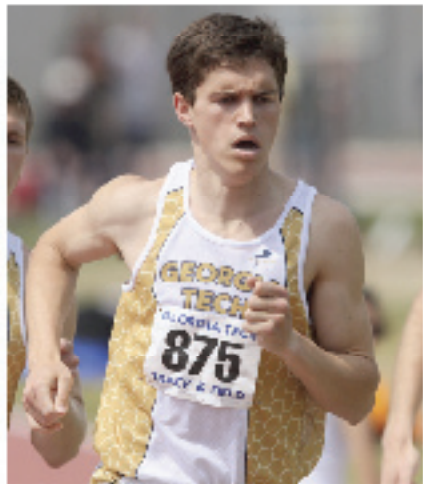


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Ambrose Tandongfor, Success Center building coordinator, grew up in Cameroon where Peace Corps volunteers helped his community.

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# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF Basketball coach Paul Hewitt

By Vivian Fan  
Staff Writer

When the name Paul Hewitt is mentioned anywhere on campus, most Tech students immediately think about the illustrious basketball coach. However, Hewitt's career was not always geared towards basketball. Rather, it took a high school bet to change his life.

"I was a baseball player up until 10th grade, and someone bet me [that] I couldn't make the JV basketball team for a Burger King Whopper," Hewitt said.

Hewitt won the bet, and has been in the world of basketball ever since.

Although this year's basketball season ended early for the Yellow Jackets after losing to Duke in the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament, Hewitt's work was far from over. Rather, he attended the Final Four as a member of the coaches' convention there. In addition to his duties as coach (such as practices, training, etc.), Hewitt is also responsible for recruitment, academic advising, and personal counseling throughout the course of the year.

"[Former coach of the Chicago Bears George Ravlin] said, 'There's always something you can be doing to improve your program and your players.' In college basketball, there's always something. As opposed to say pro-basketball, where you can only practice so much, or you can only watch so much film on your team.

In pro-basketball, there's no recruiting, there's no academic advising, there's no personal counseling of your players. In college basketball, there's always something that you can do to help your players and improve, fundraise, just any number of things you can do," Hewitt said.

Since playing for St. John Fisher College, he has gone on to serve as head coach for Siena College and Tech. In his ten year career as a college basketball coach, he has taken two teams to compete at the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) and five teams to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Tournament. Hewitt even took the

team to its first championship game for the NCAA Tournament, losing to the University of Connecticut by a mere nine points. While Hewitt has served Tech for only seven years, he has revitalized the basketball program into one of the top

in the nation. However, with that prestige comes hard work.

"[Passion is] everything that goes into [basketball]. Everything you realize. Again, everything from the recruiting of the players, to the counseling of the players, to the coaching of the players, to the personal relationship you build with them. When you put that much into it, that does create a higher level of passion for good results," Hewitt said.

While the madness of college basketball season has wrapped up, Hewitt's whirlwind of a life is far

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**Paul Hewitt**  
Head Coach, Men's Basketball



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In 2000, Paul Hewitt was named the 14th Head Coach of Tech's mens basketball team through the 2010-11 basketball season. Hewitt led the team to the championship game against Connecticut in 2004.

from a standstill. Life with Hewitt not only means athletics, but also being husband for his wife and a father for his three daughters.

"My kids. I've got three kids. Thirteen, twelve and nine, and I spend a lot of my free time going to see them involved in different things. My youngest Kayla plays soccer. My oldest is involved with volleyball and track and field. My middle one plays the piano. So you spend a lot of time with them, especially this age. That's one of the reasons why

I like college basketball, because while it's busy, and you do have a lot of things to do, you do get a chance to go home at night and see them before you go off on your next trip," Hewitt said.

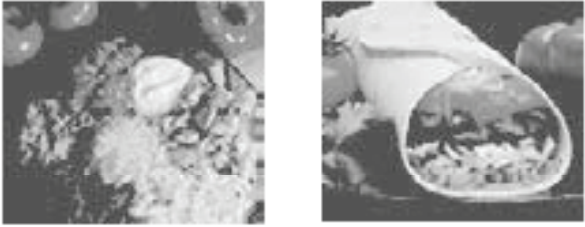
Home for Hewitt is far from the world of basketball as it is at work. Rather, he contends that with three daughters, not all of them are involved in basketball. "My little one likes to play basketball. The older two [are] not that much into it. The little one watches the game. She's more of

the sports fan," Hewitt said.

Throughout the last decade and a half, Hewitt has developed into a successful basketball coach and dedicated family man. Although the last few years for Hewitt have changed career-wise and family-wise, Hewitt still stays true to his values and virtues of constant improvement.

"Don't ever sit back on your laurels and don't ever let failure stop you from trying the game... you should know failure, and recognize failure," Hewitt said.

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