NCAA ruling levies probation, fewer athletic scholarships

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n Nov. 17, the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions announced its decision to place Georgia Tech on two years probation, vacate records in several sports and adopt scholarship reductions imposed by the Institute. The violations and penalties involve 17 student-athletes in four sports over a six-year period who were improperly certified as eligible to compete due to an inadvertent misapplication of NCAA eligibility certification rules by Athletic Association and Institute staff members.

The NCAA vacated Tech’s records in the sports between the 1998-99 and 2004-05 academic years and issued a public reprimand and censure. Georgia Tech already reduced its 2005 football signing class by six and also will reduce its 2006 signing class by six.

In a statement, President Wayne Clough reacted to the Committee’s decision.

“We are disappointed with the severity of the ruling of the NCAA Infractions Committee,” he said. “We had an extremely qualified staff visit with each of the finalists site visits with each of the finalists expressed interest in leading the University System, which speaks volumes to the USG’s reputation and national preeminence.”

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To remain competitive, colloquium advocates a global education

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t the annual International Colloquium on International Engineering Education, educators, recruiters and executives from across the country and world discussed the hot topic of educating globally competent engineers.

Originally founded eight years ago by the faculty of the University of Rhode Island’s International Engineering Program with the support of a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, the event had always been held at the University of Rhode Island until this year.

“Preparing leaders for an increasingly global society is an important goal for Georgia Tech, so we are particularly pleased to host this year’s Colloquium,” said Jack Lohman, vice provost for Institutional Development and professor of Industrial and Systems Engineering.

Paul Carstil, president and CEO of Corporate Research for Siemens, set the tone for the conference with his keynote address, ‘Engineering the Future: Staying Competitive in the Global Economy.”

Search committee announces final three candidates for next USG chancellor

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oard of Regents Chairman J. Timothy Shelnut has announced the names of the three finalists for chancellor of the University System of Georgia.

One of the three named finalists will be selected to serve as the System’s 11th chancellor during a special called meeting of the Board of Regents scheduled for early December.

The finalist named Chancellor Elect of the University System will replace current Interim Chancellor Corliss Cummings. Cummings has held the post since October, when she was appointed to the role upon the departure of Thomas Meredith. She will continue to serve in an interim capacity until the start date is determined for the new permanent chancellor.

“The national search that we conducted has yielded just the type of candidates we expected,” Shelnut said. “We had an extremely qualified pool of diverse leaders who expressed interest in leading the University System, which speaks volumes to the USG’s reputation and national preeminence.”

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The candidates are:

Erroll Davis Jr., chairman of Alliant Energy Corporation. Davis has served as chairman of the board of Alliant Energy Corporation since 2000 after joining the Madison, Wisconsin-based company in 1998 as president and chief executive officer. Prior to joining Alliant Energy, Davis served as president and CEO of WPL Holdings from 1990 to 1998. From 1978-1990, Davis rose through the senior management ranks at Wisconsin Power

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ATDC joins national incubator network for security companies

John Toon
Research News

Georgia Tech’s Advanced Technology Development Center (ATDC) has joined a unique national network of business and technology incubators that is focusing the power of entrepreneurship on the nation’s most pressing security challenges.

The Technology Acceleration for National Security (TANS) Network includes seven founding incubators from Alabama, Colorado, Georgia, Maryland, New York, Texas and Virginia. Additional applications are being processed and the Network is expected to reach 10 states by early 2006.

Selected for their superior services and capabilities, these incubators represent 106 resident small businesses. The incubators will work with these and future member companies to meet the emerging technology needs of major government organizations and corporations. The TANS Network will create a channel into the security marketplace, providing advanced technologies to improve national security while helping the incubator members advance their local economic development goals.

Companies represented by the Network provide solutions such as high-beam X-ray scanning for containers, nanotechnologies, multimedia search, wireless antenna technology, transcription data mining, IT user authentication, data visualization and a treatment for anthrax.

Business incubators and accelerators provide support services — often including consulting and office space — to accelerate the success of small businesses. TANS Network members will provide proprietary services to help their residents succeed in the often complex world of government contracting and security technology. Services will include market intelligence, focused networking, and teaming on contracts.

“We are proud to be chosen to participate in this network of elite incubators,” said Tony Antonides, general manager of the ATDC. “This effort will make it much easier for our companies with homeland security technologies to get in front of the right audiences. The use of their innovative technologies will ultimately lead to a safer America.”

Prior to joining Texas Tech, Smith served for five years as the commissioner of the Texas Department of Health from 1992 to 1996. From 1989 to 1992, Smith served as the senior vice president of Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, and as the chief executive officer and medical director of Parkland’s Community-Oriented Primary Care Program.

Smith also served in the federal government from 1987-1989 as deputy director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Division of Special Populations and Program Development in Washington, D.C. During this period, he also was commissioned as an officer in the United States Public Health Service.

Smith received his bachelor’s degree from Cornell University and a medical degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. In January, he began serving on the board of directors of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

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of engineering students studying languages and studying abroad. University of Cincinnati’s international co-op program created its own language program to prepare students for their international co-op experiences. Boston University decided a language requirement was a barrier to students due to the limited flexibility of the engineering curriculum and opened its program to all engineering majors regardless of language competence.

“As more Georgia Tech students participate in the new International Plan, it’s important for us as educators and recruiters to be aware of what other universities are doing to prepare students for a global workplace and to remain aware of what major company executives define to be essential characteristics of the future global workforce,” said Phil McKnight, chair of the School of Modern Languages.
Art & Culture

Dec. 2
The Fertl Center for the Arts welcomes Big Bad Voodoo Daddy to perform. For tickets or information, visit www.fertlcenter.org or call 770-630-2727.

Dec. 3
The Fertl Center for the Arts welcomes Broadway singer Barbara Cook for an 8 p.m. performance. For tickets or information, visit www.fertlcenter.org or call 894-9600.

Dec. 8-10
DramaTech Theater presents evening performances of the David Mamet play "Speed-the-Plow." For tickets and information, visit www.dramatech.org or call 894-2745.

Dec. 9
The Fertl Center for the Arts welcomes guitarist Peter White, saxophonist Mindi Abair and trumpeter Rick Braun for an evening of holiday jazz.

Dec. 10
The Fertl Center for the Arts hosts a benefit for the Bright Horizons Foundation for Children, featuring an 11 a.m. performance by Dan Zanes and Friends.

Brown Bags/Conferences/Lectures

Nov. 29
The Library’s Tuesday Talks lecture series continues with Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering Professor Tom Fuller, on "The Energy Challenge and Fuel Cells," at 2 p.m. in the Willy Room. For more information, call 894-4530 or e-mail prgroup@library.gatech.edu.

Dec. 1
The Office of Sponsored Programs hosts a brown bag lecture on "Export Control," with Associate Vice Provost Jilstra Garton. For more information, contact Kevin Wozniak at 894-7588. To reserve a seat, e-mail nadia.zitman@osp.gatech.edu.

Dec. 1
The School of Chemistry and Biochemistry’s seminar series continues with Harvard University Associate Professor Xiaowei Zhuang at 4 p.m. in room B6A, Doggs Building.

Dec. 6
The monthly meeting of the Healthy Places Research Group (HPRG) will explore the effects of indoor and outdoor air quality on public health, 7:30 - 9 a.m. in the Center for Quality Growth and Regional Development at Technology Square. For more information, visit www.coa.gatech.edu/cqgrd/projects.htm.

Dec. 11
Faculty/Staff Development

Nov. 30
The Office of Sponsored Programs hosts a workshop on "Material Transfer Agreements (MTAs) and Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs)" at noon in the Engineering and Technology Building. For more information, contact Kevin Wozniak at 894-7588. To reserve a seat, e-mail nadia.zitman@osp.gatech.edu or call 894-6944.

Dec. 6
The Office of Sponsored Programs hosts a workshop on "Philanthropy and Proposal Writing," from 2 - 4 p.m. To attend, call 894-6944.

Miscellaneous

Ongoing
The annual Georgia Tech Best Practices Challenge begins. Applications will be accepted until Dec. 19. For information on criteria, awards and entry forms, call 894-1065 or visit www.orgdev.gatech.edu/bp.

Nov. 30
The Georgia Tech Women’s Forum hosts its annual silent auction from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Proceeds benefit the GTWF Scholarship Fund.

Dec. 2
Deadline for students to apply for the Spring 2006 President’s Undergraduate Research Award (PUR). Application available online. For more information, visit www.undergradresearch.gatech.edu.

Dec. 7-8
A representative from TIAA-CREF will be on campus conducting one-on-one financial counseling sessions. To schedule an appointment, call 800-842-2003 or visit www.tiaa-cref.org/moc.

Dec. 17
Fall commencement, with undergraduate keynote address by Mayor Shirley Franklin, at 9 a.m. in Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Guest faculty members will be appointed at 3 p.m. For detailed information, visit www.gatech.edu/commencement.

Dec. 26-30
Campus closed for winter break.

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Computers
IBM Thinkpad42. Like new, still under warranty. 512MB RAM, 50GB hard drive, Mobile Centrino technology. $2,150. E-mail prgroup@library.gatech.edu.

Furniture
Jenny Lind baby crib and mattress by Simmons. Solid black maple, excellent condition. $110. Call 770-923-1048.

Brown Bag/For Sale

Nov. 28
Macy's sofabed with queen-size mattress for sale in Adamsville, on bus line. $50 OBO. I want this out of my house. Call 404-484-3298.

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Dec. 3
3BR/2.5BA home for sale in friendly neighborhood, 11-foot ceilings, central HVAC, no smokers or pets, perfect for single person. $600/month. Available November. $154,900. E-mail michael@gatech.edu or call 770-630-2727.

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