A legacy remembered
Ivan Allen College honors former Atlanta mayor

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The Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts (IAC) remembered its namesake March 15, at the 10th Annual Ivan Allen College Founders Day. Officially founded in 1990, the College each year honors the legacy of former Atlanta Mayor Ivan Allen Jr. by recognizing individuals within and without the college for their efforts in “Progress and Service.” This year also marks the last such award from the College.

Interim Dean Kenneth J. Knoespel introduced Mayor Allen’s “legacy of action” through a morning symposium showcasing interdisciplinary research.

“In the past 10 years, Founder’s Day has recognized that the College that bears the name of former Mayor Allen has worked to build programs and projects that have participated in change, including and beyond the disciplines represented by this College,” Knoespel said. “Our work has also engaged Georgia Tech, the city and almost every continent around the world.”

Moderated by Associate Dean for Research Susan Cozzens, the symposium highlighted human-centered work within the College and across Georgia Tech in the areas of climate change, security, Africa and in the local community.

After kicking off a celebratory lunch with the poem “The Joy-Bringer” by Professor Thomas Lux, Peter Brecke, assistant dean for Information Technology, Cozzens, and John Tone, associate dean of Undergraduate Studies, presented the Ivan Allen Jr. Legacy Awards to recognize current students and an alumnus, along with a public lecture.

Research director named GTRI’s Stephen Cross named inaugural executive VP for research

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President Bud Peterson has selected Stephen E. Cross as Georgia Tech’s executive vice president for research (EVP), providing leadership, strategic focus, and support for the Institute’s multifaceted research and economic development enterprise.

Cross, who has served as vice president and director of the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) since 2003, will be the first to hold this newly created position. He will assume the role on May 1.

In this capacity, he will serve as the Institute’s principal research officer with direct oversight of the Institute’s interdisciplinary research centers, the Enterprise Innovation Institute, the Georgia Tech Research Institute, and the Georgia Tech Research Corporation. He will work closely with the college, affiliated units and faculty. The EVP will report directly to the president and will be a member of a new executive leadership team consisting of the president, the provost, and the executive vice president for Administration and Finance.

“Not every point in his career, Steve has increased the breadth of the technology portfolio and the size of research budgets under his direction,” Peterson said. “He will be a strong Cross,” continued on page 3

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The Office of Success Programs is seeking faculty and staff volunteers to teach sections of GT 1000 Freshman Seminar in Fall 2010.

Instructors are welcome from any department (discipline, academic, service) at Georgia Tech, provided they hold a master’s degree, have been employed at Tech for one year as of August, and have support from their supervisor, director or department head. Training is provided for all instructors.

The one-credit GT 1000 seminar helps freshmen adjust to college life, learn about their major and related careers, and introduces them to campus resources. Sections are small with 25 to 30 students and are assisted by upperclassmen serving as Team Leaders (peer mentors).

For more information
www.successprograms.gatech.edu

Volunteers needed for Tech Earth Day

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Lend a hand to one of the Southeast’s largest Earth Day events.

Each year, thousands of Georgia Tech students, faculty, staff, alumni and visitors gather at the Student Center and Skiles Walkway to participate in the annual Georgia Tech Earth Day Celebration.

More than 200 volunteers are needed in setting up, providing assistance to visitors and attendees, serving food and cleaning up. Volunteers are needed from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All volunteers receive a free Earth Day Celebration T-Shirt. Register on the Earth Day Volunteer Registration Web site by April 9.

Be a part of the 2010 Georgia Tech Earth Day event. Celebrate Our World.

www.earthday.gatech.edu

EVENTS

ARTS & CULTURE

March 31
Sonic Generator presents The Body Machine at 8 p.m. in the High Museum of Art. Tickets are $16.
www.sonicgenerator.gatech.edu

April 2
Poetry at Tech presents Barbara Hamby and Robert Fanning, at 7 p.m. in the Clary Theatre, in the Student Success Center.
www.poetry.gatech.edu

April 6–9
CultureTech presents the International Film Series, part of 2010 CultureFest, showcasing the Institute’s diversity of students through performances, food and film. Films will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Student Center Theatre and in the Clary Theater, in the Student Success Center. Other events are scheduled throughout the week, starting April 2.
www.culturetech.gatech.edu

April 8
Guitarist/composer Pat Methany will perform at the Ferst Center for the Arts at 8 p.m. Tickets are $44 and $54 ($32.50 and $43.20 with a subscription).
www.ferstcenter.gatech.edu

April 9
The Ferst Center for the Arts presents Tau—The Martial Art of Drumming at 8 p.m. Tickets are $20, $36 and $46 ($20, $30.80 and $36.80 with a subscription).
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The Georgia Tech School of Music
Women’s Chorus performs from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Academy of Medicine Building. There is no cost to attend.
www.coa.gatech.edu/music

March 30
Cornell University Professor Pen Chen presents “Single-Molecule Nanocatalysis and Bioorganic Chemistry,” at 3 p.m. in room 320A of the Molecular Science and Engineering Building.
www.chemistry.gatech.edu

March 31
AdAPTS and Pi Kappa Phi presents “Current and Future Trends in Higher Education for Students with Disabilities,” from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in room 117 of the Student Services Building.
www.adapts.gatech.edu

April 1
Agilent Technologies President and CEO William S. Sullivan presents “Global Megatrends for the Coming Decades,” the James R. Camerler Distinguished Lecture for 2010, from 11 a.m. to noon in the Van Leer Building Auditorium.
www.ile.gatech.edu

April 1
University of Houston Professor George E. Fox presents “Timing Events Provide Insight to the Evolutionary History of the Ribosome,” at 3 p.m. in room G011 of the Technology Square Research Building.
www.cc.gatech.edu

April 4
Dan Pocu from the American Association for the Advancement of Science presents a Science and Technology Policy Fellows Information Session, from 4:30 to 5:30, in room 110 of the Smith Building.
www.fellowships.aaas.org

April 5
University of Wisconsin-Madison Professor Ben Shen presents “How Much Do We Know About Polyketide Biosynthesis—A Journey of Constant Surprises,” at 3 p.m. in room G011 of the Molecular Science and Engineering Building.
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The Center for Health and Humanitarian Logistics was established in 2007 under the umbrella of the Supply Chain & Logistics Institute (SCL) in the H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISyE), presided over its second international conference in as many years.

The 2010 Conference on Health and Humanitarian Logistics built on the success of last year’s inaugural effort, offering panel presentations and discussions, workshops and poster sessions, with speakers and registrants from non-governmental organizations (NGOs), industry, government, military, foundations and academia. Spread over one-and-a-half days, the main sessions of the conference contained three parallel focused workshops in the afternoon of the second day, compared to a one-day program and two workshops last year.

“We had two panels similar to last year, one on Disaster Preparedness, Response, and Post-Disaster Operations’ and the other on Long-Term Development and Sustainability,” said center co-director and ISyE Associate Professor Pinar Keskinocak. Attendees of the conference represented organizations from government, industry and academia.

More than 175 representatives from NGOs, academia, industry and governmental organizations came from Iraq, India, South Africa, Switzerland, Kenya and Mexico, to name a few.

“Almost unanimously the attendees said that they would participate in this conference again, and recommend it to others,” Keskinocak said. “They liked that the panels had representatives from different types of organizations, providing different perspectives on a variety of topics. They also appreciated that the posters represented a broad set of research topics and applications, and that the conference provided a venue for discussions and making connections.”

The conference was held March 4 and 5 at the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center. Speakers included Rear Admiral Scott Deitchman, with the National Center for Environmental Health and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and Armond Mascelli, vice president with the American Red Cross.

ISyE Associate Professors Ozlem Ergun, Keskinocak and Julie Swann co-founded the center to improve logistics for humanitarian efforts around man-made or natural disasters. By working with non-governmental organizations, governments and private industry, the center strives to improve communications between these groups, as well as present them with the research and practical applications to improve logistics.

Both the conference and the center, Swann says, are serving to present the Institute’s expertise to solve problems and to educate students. “Both students and these organizations became aware of what Tech can offer,” she said. “Georgia Tech is a practice-oriented institution. We’re solving real-world problems.”

By building on expertise and activities around its key pillars—education, outreach, and research and applications—the center focuses on both research and hands-on projects with various organizations, works to create an environment for networking and communications among these organizations, and advances the science and technology behind health and humanitarian logistics.

“Our main interest is in improving the human condition through the applications of analytics,” Keskinocak said. “Quantitative tools, such as simulation, optimization and statistics, as well as methods in logistics and supply chain management within the domain expertise of ISyE, can inform and support decisions in various areas such as resource allocation or long-term development.”

The center’s genesis was in a graduate course offered in Spring 2007 where teams of students engaged governments, NGOs, and private industry with projects on disaster preparedness and response and health applications such as infection control and vaccine scheduling. “Some of these organizations had never worked with a university or with ISyE before,” Keskinocak said. “We also found out that the collaboration among these organizations has been very limited when it comes to relief efforts.”

At the center’s outset, the three co-directors and contacted and explored areas for collaboration with several organizations and companies active in humanitarian response. Ergun, Keskinocak and Swann acknowledge the support of several other ISyE faculty members, such as Professors Dave Goldsman and John H. Yande Vate, in helping them make connections with some of these organizations, such as CARE and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In the past two years, the center worked with the World Food Programme (WFP) and provided assistance in modeling and improving the largest humanitarian organization’s entire global network. “We help model [the WFP’s supply chain] to see what we can do to improve it, in the interest of cost and efficiency, for the people they serve,” Ergun said.

“We’ve had some successes in that several of our recommendations have been taken.” From both the educational and research perspective, Ergun said that 15 students are currently working or had worked with the WFP over the last two years.

In addition to forming the center, the three co-directors had worked together and separately on several related efforts. Keskinocak and Swann have created the subgroup “Public Programs, Services and Needs” for the professional organization INFORMS (Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences) focusing on societal impact issues. Ergun was the co-chair of a committee that established a student paper competition focused on promoting research with societal impact, “Doing Good with Good Operations Research” within INFORMS.

Sponsors for the 2010 Health and Humanitarian Logistics Conference include the Coca-Cola Co., United Parcel Service, Kuehne + Nagel and various units at Georgia Tech including SCL, Health Systems Institute, ISyE, College of Engineering, Distance Learning and Professional Education, the College of Computing and Georgia Tech Research Institute.

The conference is gathering momentum, with the variety of participating organizations and countries increasing,” Keskinocak said. “We received great feedback from the attendees about additional topics we could cover at the conference next year, as well as going more in-depth in some of the topics.”

For more information
www.scl.gatech.edu/research/humanitarian
In the past year, Georgia Tech has sponsored faculty- and student-led diversity forums aimed at showcasing, attracting, and developing the tremendous pool of diverse talent from across the Institute.

On April 14, the Offices of the President, Academic Diversity and Human Resources will host an inaugural diversity roundtable luncheon focusing on the topic of mentoring for Tech staff members.

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During the next 100 days, Cross plans to seek the counsel of senior administrators and faculty, conduct a baseline review of budgets and research operations, and develop a plan for moving forward.

"My approach to the decision-making process centers around clear communication to those within our research enterprise in order to foster a shared understanding of the issues, goals, priorities and actions in front of us," Cross said. "It is through this process that we can collectively move our research enterprise from its current state to an envisioned state that is being articulated as part of Georgia Tech’s new strategic plan."
In the chilly February air, Georgia Tech Police Captain Regina Rogers was one of hundreds taking a dip in Lake Lanier while raising money for Georgia Special Olympics.

As part of the inaugural Polar Plunge fundraiser for Georgia Special Olympics, hundreds of gatherers took their icy dip Feb. 20 at Lake Lanier Islands Beach and Waterpark. To participate, attendees raised money via pledges, with a minimum of $50 needed to jump in. Captain Rogers not only raised nearly $2,700, but she also received the award for the individual raising the most money. Her goal, as part of Team Buzz, is to raise $5,000 by July 15, when the fundraising year closes out. “I’m pretty sure we’ll surpass that goal,” she said. “Since the Polar Plunge, I’m getting more members of our department involved in the effort for Team Buzz.”

Most of the time, outdoor swimming is accomplished in warmer weather. Not so for the Polar Plunge. “The water temperature was 42 degrees,” Rogers said. “Most people wait until their swimming pools reach 80 degrees before they get in. It was pretty darn cold, but ‘Freezin’ for a Reason’ was a lot of fun.” Rogers first began involved in raising money for Georgia Special Olympics three years ago, when she says other members of the department were coordinating fundraising efforts. “I participated in the ‘Cops on Donut Shops,’” she said. “This is the first year I’ve been the coordinator for our department, and I just decided to literally jump in feet first with our drive to raise money. I think Special Olympics is one of the most noble causes around, and the athletes are true heroes for being so brave to compete when they face so many challenges every day.”

Will the Georgia Tech Police officer brave the cold water again? “I plan on doing it again next year,” Rogers said. “And I’m trying to convince some of my fellow officers to participate with me.”

For more information visit www.specialolympicsga.org.

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with a faculty member, for their accomplishments.

Economics and International Affairs student Trey Birch won the undergraduate 2010 Ivan Allen Jr. Legacy Undergraduate Student Award for his establishment of the Youth Enrichment Coalition as a Tech alumnus.

Adam Stulberg won the 2010 Ivan Allen Jr. Legacy Faculty Award. Stulberg is co-director of the Center for International Strategy, Technology and Policy. Students and faculty members each received a glass sculpture and a check for $1,000. Ferdinand A. “Ski” Hilenski, development officer for the Ivan Allen College, died in July of last year. His wife, Lu, and daughter, Cate, accepted an honorary Legacy Award on his behalf, in recognition of his vision and work with the Allen legacy and to expand the legacy to all of Georgia Tech.

Ivan Allen, son of former President Bud Peterson introduced 2010 recipient of the Ivan Allen Jr. Prize for Progress and Service William J. Todd. Peterson described the president and CEO of the Georgia Cancer Foundation. The award is endowed by the Wilbur and Hilda Glenn Family Foundation, and includes a stipend of $100,000 for its recipient.

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