Hoping for a ‘Resurrection’
Junior’s Grill Closes its Doors

This isn’t the first time Junior’s Grill has had to shut its doors, and owner Tommy Klemis is hopeful that it won’t be the last.

“All I’m asking for is for someone to help me find a way to keep Junior’s going for another 37 years, so I can be around when we celebrate our 100-year anniversary,” Klemis said. “I would be a part of any initiative that gets us there.”

The grill has a long history of being “resurrected” — as Klemis likes to say — in the 1960s and again in the 1990s, which is why he is hoping for one more miracle.

In early April, Klemis came to the conclusion that he couldn’t afford to keep Junior’s open. April 21 was the “break-even” day in terms of the restaurant’s expenses and revenue, so his intention was to quietly close and make a formal announcement to the campus community.

But news got out. Although Klemis wanted to avoid the publicity that would come with a public closing, he now thinks that the outpouring of support from Tech’s community may be for the best.

Klemis has been an important member of the Tech family for most of his life, said Georgia Tech President G. P. “Bud” Peterson.

“Through the way that he related to thousands of students, faculty, staff and alumni over the years, he has become a cherished part of the Junior’s tradition,” Peterson said.

According to Rich Steele, acting executive director for Auxiliary Services, conversations will soon get under way with Klemis to decide the future of Junior’s.

For now, Klemis’ first priority is ensuring that his former employees are taken care of.

“Then, maybe I’ll start a weekly card game with [former Junior’s icon] Anne, or I would love to be a greeter at Chick-Fil-A,” he said. “But even as the doors to Junior’s close, there’s always hope that it will come back. We’ll just have to wait and see.”

This week, faculty and staff members have shared some of their favorite Junior’s memories with The Whistle. Turn to page 2 to see what they said.

Changes Approved to Freedom of Expression Policy

Proposed changes to the Freedom of Expression Policy and Campus Use Procedures outlined in section 47 of the Faculty Handbook were approved during the April 26 meeting of the Academic Faculty and Senate and the General Faculty.

Some of the reasons Jeanne Balsam, acting chair of the statutes committee, provided for updating the section included a need to reflect actual campus practices and address findings from a legal review.

Modifications include providing a more comprehensive statement on freedom of expression, an updated method to invite speakers to campus, specific reasons for denying an application for campus use and an updated process for appeals. The revisions also create a committee on use of Institute facilities and designate facilities that have their own scheduling officer.

In other business, the following topics were addressed:

• Degree candidates were approved for spring graduation
• Donna Llewellyn, director of the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, discussed updates to the Course/Instruction Opinion Survey, which CETL hopes to implement.

From the time news got out that Junior’s was closing on April 21, the grill was packed with customers wanting to come by for one more meal.

President’s Update Celebrates 2010-2011 Accomplishments

President G. P. “Bud” Peterson is starting a new Institute tradition: an annual spring President’s Update, which will complement his fall Institute Address.

“I fully recognize that the many successes and accomplishments highlighted in this spring update are the result of the efforts of many, and I thank you all,” he said.

Find out what successes and future challenges are highlighted at

http://tinyurl.com/presupdate

http://tinyurl.com/3kps4rv

www.ipst.gatech.edu/amp

http://www.lcs.gatech.edu

http://www.whistle.gatech.edu
Faculty, Staff Reminisce about Junior’s

In the week since Junior’s closed its doors, here are some of the memories that Tech employees have shared.

I still remember one time I was on campus during the summer and tried to go to Junior’s after their summer hours were over. Tommy saw me at the door, let me in, and served me after they were closed.

—James Headley, College of Management

On the day I asked my wife to marry me, I got Junior’s Grill to go, and we ate on the top of Brittain Tower. After finishing our orders, we strolled over to Tech Tower, climbed up behind the neon letters, and I popped the question. I’m glad that Tommy and crew were part of that special day for Lauren Weatherly McDow and me!

—Randy McDow, President’s Scholarship Program

Tommy and Anne both knew what food I liked, so they’d call and let me know when my favorites showed up on the menu. I’d get back from a morning meeting and there would be a message saying something like, “Sandi, we’ve got buttered spinach today!”

—Sandi Bramlett, Instructional Research & Planning

Junior’s icons Owner Tommy Klemis and “Miss Anne” (Anne Pamfilis) pose for a photo before the grill closed its doors on April 21.

When I was an architecture student, we’d been working all night on our projects. When it was clear there was no way we were going to finish before class, we hiked over to Junior’s. I never had ordered the French toast before and couldn’t believe the amount of sugar, syrup and whatever else passed for sweetener that was piled on there. We went to jury with our projects unfinished but full. As an employee, I ordered anything with bacon on it — and they didn’t skim on the bacon.

—Robert Nesmith, Georgia Tech Research Institute

All I know is that they served the BEST BLT’s in the entire world. When I walked in Tommy would always ask, “The usual?” Wonderful weight-gain memories.

—Sandra Golden-Baylis, Controller’s Office/Accounting Services

No more Junior’s? How am I to survive without a regular dose of “meat and 3” or a “dress 2 cheese side?”

—Scott Bryant, College of Management

Countless relationships were forged, fostered and eventually flourished while sipping sweet tea in a booth in “my other office.” Nine years ago, before Junior’s started staying open in the evenings, I was picked up in the Ramblin’ Wreck at the Student Center and driven to Junior’s for a surprise, after-hours, 50th birthday celebration — what a sweet memory!

—Billie Pendleton Parker, President’s Scholarship Program

Take or Teach an Upcoming OPTIONS Class

By day, Kendra Albers is a research engineer for a lab at the Georgia Tech Research Institute. But in her spare time, she indulges her interest in less technical areas such as music and foreign languages — thanks to the Tech OPTIONS program.

“I chose to take OPTIONS classes because I graduated last May from the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, and it was weird to not take classes last fall,” said Albers, who works in the Electro-Optical Systems Lab at GTRI. “Those classes offer a relaxing environment where you get to learn the things you have always been interested in but never got to take in college because you were too busy studying for your major.”

Albers has taken both piano and Italian language classes through OPTIONS. However, the program offers courses that change each semester in subjects including dance, religion, art and life skills.

Tech began offering the noncredit courses about 20 years ago as a way to provide classes for students that were low-stress and “fun,” said Tasha Myers, who oversees OPTIONS. Most classes are held in the Student Center or elsewhere on campus. Anyone, including people from outside of the Tech community, may take the classes. The course schedule for the summer session, which will run from May 4 to July 22, will be posted on the OPTIONS website by May 6.

For more information about taking or teaching a class, email Myers at tasha.myers@stucen.gatech.edu.

http://tinyurl.com/techoptions
2011 Faculty/Staff Honors Recipients

A lot has happened in the years since 1986. The first cell phone was invented, the Concorde made its last commercial flight, Tech appointed its first female deans — and this year’s 66 25-year service award winners began working for Georgia Tech. These faculty and staff members, along with 216 10-year service award winners and other faculty/staff award recipients, were recognized at the annual Honors Luncheon, held on April 19. Congratulations to the following honorees:

25-Year Service Awards

- Victoria Anderson
  Information Technology

- Dina S. Andreasen
  General Services

- Vernice Bailey
  Enterprise Innovation Institute

- Ephraim A. Bassey
  Financial Services

- Gretchen E. Belgium
  Distance Learning

- and Professional Education

- Barbara Blackburn-Janama
  Modern Languages

- Tony G. Blaek
  Facilities

- Terry G. Blum
  Management

- Willie Mae Brooks
  Housing

- Beverly J. Burton
  Architecture

- Katherine L. Calhoun
  Library

- J. Michael Cathcart
  GTRI

- Jung Ho Choi
  Biology

- Joanne Cook
  Mathematics

- Bruce L. Crumbley
  Facilities

- John E. Doss
  GTRI

- Andrew D. Dugenske
  Manufacturing Research Center

- Paul Edmonds
  Biology

- Arthur J. Ford
  Enterprise Innovation Institute

- Diana L. Fouts
  Electrical and Computer Engineering

- Kathryn Muir Friedman
  Sciences

- Darrell K. Garner
  Physics

- Gary G. Gimmestad
  GTRI

- Michael Thomas Glyn
  Information Technology

- John W. Graham
  Mechanical Engineering

- Robin Lynne Greene
  Mechanical Engineering

- Fakhrul Haghani
  Library

- James G. Hampton
  GTRI

- Lorrie S. Harrah
  Facilities

- Adrienne J. Harrington
  GTRI

- Patricia M. Head
  Sponsored Programs

- Dobra Peevy Hobbs
  Sponsored Programs

- Dewey H. Hodges
  Aerospace Engineering

- Joseph L. A. Hughes
  Electrical and Computer Engineering

- Narayanan Jayaraman
  Management

- Charles A. Jenkins
  Information Technology

- Chemistry and Biochemistry

- David N. Ku
  Mechanical Engineering

- Teffie L. Maynard
  Facilities

- Patricia J. McKenna
  Risk Management

- David L. Moore
  Sciences

- George Dodson
  GTRI

- Edward R. Omiecinski
  Computer Science

- Tina Lovins Payne
  Professional Practice

- Samuel O. Piper
  GTRI

- Kathy S. Plummer
  Earth and Atmospheric Sciences

- Kimsey S. Polland
  Microelectronics Research Center

- Morris Power
  Post Office

- Umakshare Ramachandran
  Computer Science

- Barbara A. Rodgers
  Architecture

- Raymond R. Scott
  Electrical and Computer Engineering

- James E. Seals
  Enterprise Innovation Institute

- Brian L. Shirley
  GTRI

- Jeffery J. Sitterle
  GTRI

- Richard Steele Jr.
  Student Center

- Wilbert Stewart
  GTRI

- Gordon L. Stuber
  Electrical and Computer Engineering

- Elizabeth M. Thomas
  Library

- H. Venkatesswaran
  Computer Science

- Teresa A. Vinson
  Biology

- Charles L. Wondard
  Facilities

- Tracy S. Woods
  GTRI

- Donald E. Woodyard
  Chemistry and Biochemistry

Andrea S. C. Be receives an Outstanding Staff Performance Award.

CETL/BF Junior Faculty Teaching Excellence Awards

- Michael A. Filler
  Chemical and Biomedical Engineering

- Eric M. Overby
  Management

Academic Advisor Awards

- Outstanding Undergraduate Academic Advisor: Primary Role
  Lindsay A. Green
  Management

- Outstanding Undergraduate Academic Advisor: Faculty
  Amy V. D’Unger
  History, Technology and Society

Faculty Honors Committee Awards

Class of 1940 W. Howard Ector Outstanding Teacher Award

- Carrie G. Shepler
  Chemistry and Biochemistry

Class of 1940 W. Howard Ector Outstanding Teacher Award

- Steven M. Potter
  Biomedical Engineering

Outstanding Service Award

- Barbara J. Ericson
  Interactive Computing

- Mark Guzdzial
  Interactive Computing

Outstanding Professional Education Award

- David M. Collard
  Chemistry and Biochemistry

- Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor (Faculty) Award

- Melissa L. Kemp (Biomedical Engineering)

- Ozdem Ergun (Senior)
  Industrial and Systems Engineering

- Class of 1934 Outstanding Innovative Use of Education Technology Award
  Ashwin Ram
  Interactive Computing

- Class of 1934 Outstanding Interdisciplinary Activity Award

- Craig A. Tovey
  Industrial and Systems Engineering

- Class of 1934 Distinguished Professor Award

- Mark Hay
  Biology

Classification of 1934 Outstanding Interdisciplinary Activity Award

- Andrea S. C. Be
  Civil and Environmental Engineering

- Nancy M. Gimbel
  Undergraduate Programs Management

- Julia M. Sonnenberg-Klein
  Georgia Tech-Savannah

- Kathy B. Cheek
  Interactive Computing

- Angela L. Hicks
  Mechanical Engineering

- Mark Hay
  Biology

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SAMUEL PIPER RECOGNITION OF THE GEORGIA TECH CHAIR SIGMA XI AWARDS

Young Faculty Awards

- Hyunwon Kim
  Computer Science

- Cheng-Yun Karen Liu
  Interactive Computing

- Faculty Best Paper Awards

- Mark R. Preusselt
  Chemical and Biomedical Engineering

- Cheng Zhu
  Computer Science

Sustained Research Award

- Dewey H. Hodges
  Aerospace Engineering

- Faculty Research Awards

- Outstanding Achievement in Research Program Development
  Mark R. Preusselt
  Chemical and Biomedical Engineering

- Outstanding Faculty Research Author
  Christopher W. Jones
  Chemical and Biomedical Engineering

- Outstanding Faculty Leadership for the Development of Graduate Research Associates
  Thomas Orlando
  Chemistry and Biochemistry

- Outstanding Achievement in Research Innovation
  Henri I. Christensen
  Interactive Computing

- ANAK Award
  Doug Plamann
  History, Technology and Society

CETL Undergraduate Educator Awards

- Klara J. Grodzinsky
  Mathematics

- Wayne E. Whiteman
  Mechanical Engineering

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Events

May 6

Find out what the next generation of architects and urban designers have in mind for metro Atlanta at the Retrofiting Atlanta (and Other Urban Delights) Open House 3 at 9 a.m. in the second floor atrium, West Architecture Building, www.coa.gatech.edu

May 8

Commencement for master’s and undergraduate students will be held at noon. Michael Dukes, president and chief executive officer of Wal-Mart Stores Inc., will be the commencement speaker.

May 9

Georgia Tech’s Advanced Technology Development Center will graduate nine technology companies at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference One Building. http://adtcc.arts

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When it comes to engaging students in the classroom, Wendy Rogers is thankful that she has a head start because of the subject she’s teaching.

“Psychology is the science of human behavior — so most students start off interested,” said Rogers, a professor in the School of Psychology. Other strategies she employs include linking research studies to real-world examples students can relate to and providing context for the research by covering who the researchers were, who funded it and why it is important.

Her research is focused on understanding how older adults can acquire new skills and the conditions that best facilitate such learning. But then she began to address questions involving older adults’ interactions with technology. For example, she’s assessed user challenges for a range of technologies including automatic teller machines, blood glucose meters, computers and personal robots.

What is the greatest challenge you face associated with teaching, and how have you dealt with it?

Understanding the individual needs, capabilities and motivations of students and helping them succeed is a challenge. For example, at the undergraduate level, I try to use everything from multiple-choice tests to oral presentations to assess performance, since certain evaluations work better for some than for others.

What piece of technology could you not live without as an instructor?

PowerPoint really changed the nature of lecturing in large classrooms. It makes it easier to provide content in an interesting, engaging way, and it helps to keep the students’ attention focused on the learning goals of each lecture.

Tell us something unusual about yourself.

I received my Ph.D. in experimental psychology from Tech in 1991 and then worked in faculty positions at the University of Memphis and the University of Georgia. When the position here opened, I jumped at the chance to return. The opportunity to join the Tech faculty was exciting. Plus, it allowed my husband, Dan Fisk, who is also a member of the faculty, to live in Atlanta — not halfway between Atlanta and Athens.

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When are the most popular time to grab lunch (on or off campus), and what do you order?

I like First Place. The food is always good, the staff is pleasant and the environment is nice for hosting off-campus guests. I usually eat a little bit of everything on the buffet.

What are three things everyone should do while working at Tech?

Enjoy the beauty and character of the campus. For example, I like to sit in the garden Skiles under the Mickey Mouse clock. Attend a football game or other sporting event on campus. Take in an event at the Ferst Center, since it’s an intimate venue where you can see world-class performances.

Where is the best place to eat a little bit of everything on the buffet.

I think I’d be a good copyeditor. I can’t help but notice grammatical and typographical errors — so I’m a stickler for grammar.

Tell us something unusual about yourself.

I am the youngest of six children, with only nine years separating the oldest to the youngest. We were all very close, I learned to read in a small third-bedroom — one-bathroom — house and still are very close today. I also climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in 2007 with my husband and friends to raise money and awareness of the 22QR3 Deletion Syndrome, which is a rare condition that my friend’s son has.

If you weren’t in your current line of work, what would you be doing?

I’d be the only pet. Please call Stefan Roth at 404-667-7051 or email stefan.roth@gtri.gatech.edu.

MISSCELLANEOUS

Free for pickup — no delivery. Toshiba 56-inch projection TV. May need new power supply. Owner’s manual included. stefan.roth@gtri.gatech.edu.

Members of the Georgia Tech Bridge Club invite students, faculty and staff to join them to play bridge, both socially and competitively. Everyone is welcome, from complete novices to seasoned players. Contact georgia.caspio@ece.gatech.edu for more information.

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to implement this summer.

• A change that was approved at the Feb. 15 meeting was reversed. When a formal hearing committee is generated by the Faculty Status and Grievance Committee, the number of potential members will once again be 24, not 25. Also a statement has been added to the section on the formulation of a hearing committee that clarifies that the Faculty Status and Grievance Committee is not involved in formal dismissal hearings.

• Changes to the Grounds for Removal section of the Faculty Handbook were approved, including the addition of a paragraph stating that the president may at any time remove any faculty member or other employee “for cause.” A change was proposed to another section of the handbook that would eliminate a list of reasons why a tenured faculty member could be dismissed and instead direct readers to the section on grounds for removal. In addition, a sentence would be deleted that states that, “Unless legal considerations forbid, any such relief from duties will be with pay.” These changes must be read at the next meeting before further action can be taken.

To view the agenda for this meeting and the supporting documents that were provided for each agenda item, go to http://tinyurl.com/3ursrwn

Ramblin’ through time

And the Oscar Goes to... Georgia Tech

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