NEWS BRIEFS

Charitable Campaign Breaks Campus Fundraising Goal

Paper submissions are still being tallied, but, as of Nov. 17, contributions from 1,309 employees totaled $337,930 in this year’s State Charitable Contributions Program, surpassing the Institute’s monetary donation goal of $330,000. A final count of contributions will be available in December.

charitable.gatech.edu

Hall Building Now Certified LEED Gold

The Stephen C. Hall Building, which houses the Writing and Communication Program in the School of Literature, Media, and Communication, earned LEED Gold from the U.S. Green Building Council. The building was renovated in 2013.

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FEEDING THOSE IN NEED

Tommy Klemis, whose family owned and operated Junior’s Grill on campus for more than 50 years, returned to campus Nov. 20 for the ribbon-cutting of Klemis Kitchen, a student-led initiative that will develop a food pantry for students in need. At Junior’s, Klemis was known for serving students whether or not they were able to pay, being more concerned with their well-being than his own profit. Klemis was joined by students, faculty, staff, and alumni at the ribbon-cutting, including (L-R) Sid Sinha, Walt Ehmer, and Carli Walker.

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Sexual Violence Resources, Support Continue to Grow

VOICE, an initiative of the Women’s Resource Center and Office of Health Promotion, spearheads Tech’s advocacy, support, and prevention initiatives to make Tech a safer place for all students.

VOICE’s newly revamped website provides information about the definition of various types of sexual violence, contact information for those who have experienced sexual violence or know someone who has, and tips for how to be an engaged member of the campus community on this subject, including ways to prevent sexual violence and policy and legal resources.

As sexual assault on college campuses continues to be in the national spotlight, Georgia Tech is working to enhance survivor support programs, campus resources, and prevention initiatives to make Tech a safer place for all students.

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Site Preparation Begins on Joint Library Service Center

Construction to be complete in 2015

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INSTITUTE COMMUNICATIONS

Georgia Tech and Emory University will break ground soon on a new joint Library Service Center (LSC). The LSC will house a shared collection of materials, provide delivery services, and free up space on the main campuses at both universities.

The majority of collections in the Georgia Tech Library will move to the LSC, providing space for the Library Renewal Project, a multi-year plan to reimage Tech’s library spaces and services for the 21st century.

Site preparation for the LSC, located at Emory’s Briarcliff Road property, is underway, with building construction starting this fall and completion expected in fall 2015.

The ultimate goal of the LSC partnership is to create a seamless collection with all Tech and Emory resources available to students, faculty, and staff in both institutions, according to Catherine Murray-Rust, vice provost for Learning Excellence and dean of Libraries at Georgia Tech.

The intent is to collaboratively manage a single collection while providing the best possible service and access to materials with a focus on user needs.

“By relocating the collection to the LSC, we’re able to maximize the utilization of campus space and transform the Georgia Tech Library into an inspiring place for people to create their best scholarly work,” Murray-Rust said.

The Library Service Center will feature:

- A secure, climate-controlled facility with state-of-the-art equipment and technology to house library collections, provide access to them, and ensure long-term preservation.
- A first module to house approximately 4 million volume equivalents at a site that can accommodate additional modules as needed.
- A reading room, allowing users to consult materials on site, so that they can make more precise selections of materials to be delivered to a campus library for use.
- Multiple deliveries per day of print materials to campus locations, and electronic delivery of scanned content such as journal articles and conference papers.

Learn more about the full scope of the project at renewal.library.gatech.edu.

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Steven Girardot, associate vice provost for Undergraduate Education

Tech has already seen demand for legal education among undergraduates on campus. Current offerings include a pre-law certificate and a minor in law, science, and technology offered by the School of Public Policy, a law and ethics program in the Scheller College of Business; and, for the first time this year, a pre-law section of the GT1000 first-year seminar course.

Students will be able to apply for the law master’s program during their junior year and will be required to take either the Law School Admission Test or an internal exam from Emory for admission. Applicants also will be interviewed by Emory faculty and asked to sit in on an Emory law class session, at which point they may be offered a provisional acceptance. Students will then continue into their senior year to complete their undergraduate degree requirements at Tech, along with five to seven credit hours of law classes at Emory. Performance in these classes will be evaluated prior to an official acceptance from Emory, where students will spend two semesters to complete the master’s degree.

Participants in the program will receive a discounted tuition rate from Emory, which will charge the equivalent of Tech’s out-of-state rate rather than its own rates, equating to a scholarship of around $10,500 per year. In addition, six credits of law courses will be counted as free electives toward the bachelor’s degree.

Students will be able to specialize in areas such as intellectual property, environmental law, real estate, architecture/construction, and mergers and acquisitions. The master’s degree does not qualify students to practice law, nor is it a pathway to a juris doctor degree, but is meant to supplement their professional pursuits with legal studies.

“We expect this to give students a leg up on certain career paths, particularly those where legal expertise will enhance their skills,” said Girardot. “It will give them a technical understanding and the ability to develop professional knowledge of legal principles and issues.”

The program is designed to support Tech’s strategic plan as well as build on its existing partnership with Emory, which includes the joint Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering and the cross-registration program that lets students enroll in Emory classes while at Tech.

“We’re both elite universities, right next door to each other — it’s a great opportunity to strengthen our collaboration to the benefit of our students,” Girardot said.

While the program has been approved by Georgia Tech and Emory Law faculties, the final step in the approval process will be review by the Board of Regents and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

OTHER SENATE NOTES

The Student Regulations Committee (SRC) approved changing the deadline for withdrawal from a course from the 50 percent point of completion in the semester to the 60 percent point. This allows students two additional weeks to determine whether or not to withdraw from a course and aligns the single-course withdrawal deadline with the deadline to withdraw from all courses for the semester, which was already set at 60 percent.

Changes were also approved to wording in the policy regarding student email accounts. The policy now states that students must have a Georgia Tech email address and check it once a day, but not that they must have a Georgia Tech email account.

The last SRC item approved was a change in academic renewal for readmitted students, who now can receive renewal after three years of absence from Tech, rather than five. The Board of Regents recently changed its policy to allow flexibility in this area, so Tech chose to respond in kind. Academic renewal signals the initiation of a new grade-point average and allows students who earlier experienced academic difficulty to make a fresh start on their academic record.
WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE WE?

(Above) The campus kicked off International Education Week by having students, faculty, and staff mark where they are from or have been on a map in the Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons on Nov. 17. The week of events celebrated all facets of international education and is part of a national initiative from the U.S. Department of State and U.S. Department of Education. Around 48 percent of undergraduates participate in an international experience while at Tech.

(Below) Students participate in an origami workshop during the week. Students, faculty, staff, and alumni also shared personal stories of their global adventures online at fullcircle.gatech.edu.

FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Steve Cross received a Distinguished Alumni Award from the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT). The title is the highest honor bestowed upon an AFIT graduate. Cross was one of three to earn the award this year, and one of only 30 awarded in the past 50 years.

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Dec. 4
The fall Capstone Design Expo will feature student projects from several areas of discipline on campus, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at McCamish Pavilion. Admission is free.

Dec. 5
Last day of classes for the fall semester.

Dec. 6
The men’s basketball team hosts the University of South Carolina Upstate.

Dec. 11
Graduating students will participate in Tech’s final Campus Lantern Walk, a last chance to walk campus and share memories as a class, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Kessler Campanile. Studentcenter.gatech.edu

Dec. 8–12
Students will take final exams for the fall semester.

For a more comprehensive listing of events updated daily, visit calendar.gatech.edu.
Class of 1964 Sets Reunion Giving Record

Philanthropy focuses on Wreck, need-based scholarship

DAN TREADWAY
INSTITUTE COMMUNICATIONS

Generous alumni from the Class of 1964 have set the bar for future Reunion Giving at its highest point ever — $32.7 million — leading the way toward the most successful year in more than three decades of Reunion Giving at Georgia Tech.

“It couldn’t be more proud of my fellow alumni from the Class of 1964,” said William W. “Bill” George, a 1964 industrial management alumnus who chaired this year’s 50th Reunion Committee. “Our classmates decided very early on that we wanted to make this the best year in Tech history for reunion gifts. Thanks to their determination, generosity, and love for Tech, we accomplished our goal.”

In honor of their 50th reunion, the Class of 1964 supported a vital aspect of Georgia Tech’s rich history and cherished traditions: the Ramblin’ Wreck. This icon, a 1930 Ford Model A sports coupe, has led the football team onto Grant Field for every home game since Sept. 30, 1961.

Aside from football games, the Wreck makes numerous appearances throughout the year, at special Georgia Tech functions, alumni weddings, and many other events. The physical, financial, and mechanical care and maintenance of the Ramblin’ Wreck are the responsibility of the Ramblin’ Wreck Club, and this endowment will provide the resources the organization needs to preserve and promote this beloved tradition on behalf of the entire Georgia Tech community.

The Class of 1964 also has funded a need-based scholarship that will bear the class name. More than one-third of Tech undergraduates have demonstrated financial need, and private philanthropy is critical in picking up where state and federal programs leave off.

This year’s two other milestone reunion classes, the Class of 1974 and the Class of 1989, created Innovation and Entrepreneurship Endowment Funds as their class projects. These endowments are designed to support efforts that enable undergraduates to more fully develop their powers of creativity and enterprise — such as the annual InVenture Prize competition. The Class of 1989 also created a G. Wayne Clough Georgia Tech Promise Scholarship in the class name.

In addition to funding class projects, gifts and commitments from alumni celebrating families are invited to attend.

President’s Graduation Celebration Friday, Dec. 12 3 – 5 p.m. Student Center Ballroom All graduates and their families are invited to attend.

Ph.D. and Master’s Ceremony Friday, Dec. 12 7 – 9 p.m. McCamish Pavilion Speaker: Zhong Lin (Z.L.) Wang, Regents Professor and Hightower Chair in Materials Science and Engineering

Bachelor’s Ceremony Saturday, Dec. 13 9 a.m. – noon McCamish Pavilion Speaker and Honorary Degree: E. Roe Stamps IV

commencement.gatech.edu/ fall2014

Alumni from the Class of 1964 are giving $32.7 million, some of which will support maintenance and upkeep of the Ramblin’ Wreck. milestone reunions also support vital ongoing efforts such as Alumni Roll Call, the Alexander-Tharpe Fund, and special gifts to the college, school, or program of choice. Results of all three milestone reunion classes appear below.

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