President Clough to address ‘Intersections of Innovation’ at annual State of the Institute

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Next week, President Wayne Clough will deliver his annual State of the Institute address at the fall meeting of the General Faculty and General Faculty Assembly. It will be the first of three such events: he will speak to alumni on Oct. 3 and to students on Oct. 21. The title of his address, “Intersections of Innovation,” concerns Georgia Tech’s future direction. The Institute has opened more new and renovated facilities during the past year than at any other point in its history, and his remarks will focus on the reshaping of campus to enhance the Institute’s image and serve as a tool for achieving excellence.

The event will commence in the complex that has come to symbolize change — Technology Square — Sept. 30 at 5 p.m. in room 236 of the Global Learning Center.

More information, including text, slides and video, may be found at www.gatech.edu/president/soi.

Safe Space provides havens for discussion of gender and sexuality

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A new resource for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning (GLBTQ) people — and for anyone with questions about homosexuality — is available in various areas of the Institute.

Georgia Tech’s new Safe Space Program provides a way for people supportive of GLBTQ concerns to identify themselves to the campus and to help gay or questioning students, faculty and staff.

The program’s overarching goal is to educate the public and provide a safe atmosphere and open environments for people who have questions about gender and sexuality, whether in their own lives, in the lives of family and friends, or in the wider culture. “This program was suggested a number of years ago, but for a host of reasons we were not able to get it off the ground,” Dean of Students Gail DiSabatino said. “Through effective partnering by the Department of Housing and the Office of Diversity Programs and issues in Student Affairs, we were finally able to move forward.”

Participants in the program take a one-hour training course and are issued small postcards or stickers featuring the Safe Space logo. They also are encouraged to display the logo in a prominent place in or around their office or work area. Displaying the Safe Space logo conveys to the public that the person in that office is informed about various gay-oriented topics and resources. It also means that person is open to discussing related GLBTQ questions; respects the confidentiality of others; and is willing to make referrals to other resources and contacts, typically for people who are coming to terms with their sexuality.

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Georgia Tech’s new color: green

New Management building cited as model of sustainable construction

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Georgia Tech will save money, and faculty and students will breathe easier in Georgia Tech’s new Management building, the second in Georgia to be certified as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building.

This cornerstone project of a significant achievement for a building project. The added significance of LEED continued, page 3

Campus candids

A team from the School of Mechanical Engineering strutted away with top honors for their performance of “I Heard It Through the Grapevine” and “Midnight Train to Georgia” during the College of Engineering’s annual staff appreciation day.
Elaine Baran says if she had known she would be the only person from Georgia Tech to receive a commission to paint a cow for the Cow Parade, she might have gone with an engineering theme. As it is, though, her idea was one of 170 submissions to be commissioned for Atlanta’s Cow Parade, the enormously popular international public art project that has spawned civic pride in towns where cows have no particular legacy.

But Baran, who has been a fan of these aesthetic animals though “never dreamed I’d get to paint one,” won’t take all the credit for her creation. She points to her friend Kathy Gilbreath, who works alongside her in the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI), as the one who came up with the name and ranged her support. In fact, the two began working at Tech on the same day, 16 years ago next month.

Heartfield — an homage to the city’s airport, featuring airplanes among a field of hearts blooming like flowers — was designed on a computer, transferred with a projector, and took a week to paint.

The cows will all be auctioned off Nov. 13 at the Georgia World Congress Center, with proceeds benefiting the Southeast Division of the American Cancer Society. To see all the cows, refer to atlanta.cowparade.net.

Full Name: Elaine Marie Baran
Age: 64
Occupation: Graphic Specialist in the Signature Technology Laboratory, GTRI

What I find most rewarding about my job: Collaborating with staff members to create excellent products.

What I find most challenging about my job: Coming up with ideas to illustrate a concept.

Education: Bachelor of Fine Arts in graphics and an associate degree in advertising

Hobbies: Collecting Cow Parade figurines, maintaining Maureen McGovern’s Web site

The last book I read for pleasure: “In Tuscany” by Frances Mayes

The CD in my stereo right now: “Frances Zander" by Maureen McGovern

My first paid job: Sold fruits and veggies at a stand in 1953 in Youngstown, Ohio, for $1 per hour.

One place I’ve always wanted to visit: Italy, the home of my ancestors! Finally went in 2000 and even took a cooking lesson in Tuscany.

One talent I would most like to have: To be able to sing.

What I consider my greatest accomplishment: After raising a family of six, going to college and getting a bachelor’s degree in art.

My pet peeve is: Motor mouths

My day would not be complete without: Music

What I most value in my friends: The three L’s — love, loyalty and laughter.

My motto: I’ll never know unless I try.

Full Name: Kathryn Lynn Gilbreath
Age: 44
Occupation: Graphics Manager in the Signature Technology Laboratory, GTRI

Job description: All sorts of graphics; from simple line drawings to 3D modeling and animations,

What I find most rewarding about my job: The creative aspect.

What I find most challenging about my job: Juggling multiple tasks with quick turn-arounds; but luckily it doesn’t happen too often.

Education: Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in commercial design.

Hobbies: Going junkin’ — the modern-day version of treasure hunting.

The last book I read for pleasure: Stories from “Best of the South: From Ten Years of New Stories from the South”

Another occupation I’d like to try: Interior designer

My first paid job: I had to jump out in front of unsuspecting guests at Six Flags and yell “Stop and Smile.” Then I would take their picture. These photos were put into key chain viewers, and the guests could purchase them on their way out of the park that day. A lot of the guests resented the aggressive sales methods, which is not my nature either. That plus minimum wage made for a very short career as a “paparazzo.”

The best advice I ever received: When it comes to raising your kids: “Choose your battles.”

One talent I would most like to have: I’ve come to appreciate people that are gifted story tellers. There is a real art to sharing experiences, or telling jokes, in a way that can be extremely entertaining.

What I consider my greatest accomplishment: Being a single mom for 12 years of my son’s life.

My pet peeve is: Tailgaters — not the ones at football games, but the drivers who follow waaaay too close. And litterbugs.

My most treasured possession: My two dachshunds, Rex and Dante, though they seem like part of the family instead of possessions.

What I most value in my friends: A great sense of humor.
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boasts one of the first LEED-certified buildings. “Georgia Tech is proud to receive LEED Silver certification for its newest building, which is located in Technology Square, as well as to have included many of the LEED requirements in all the buildings that were recently constructed there,” said Bob Thompson, senior vice president for Administration and Finance. “Sustainability and environmental consciousness are major elements in Tech’s education and research programs, and this project is an example of our efforts to ‘walk the talk’ in all our building projects.”

The four-story LEED-certified building serves as the new home for the DuPree College of Management and also houses the Institute for Sustainable Technology and Development, the Environmentally Conscious Design and Environmental Assurance Program, and the campus bookstore. The project incorporates many environmentally friendly features such as an energy-efficient heating and cooling system, and water-saving fixtures that serve as a model for future construction on Tech’s campus. In order to achieve a LEED certification, a building must fulfill several requirements for sustainable design, construction, and operation. The project must earn additional credits drawn from six categories — sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality, and innovation in design process.

Environmental features range from the high tech to the mainstream. A computerized control system continuously monitors energy use in both mechanical and electrical systems.

“The indoor air quality of the Management building will have long-term benefits to the people who occupy the building,” said Bill Miller, project manager of the LEED program. “We used low-emitting interior paints, sealants and adhesives in the construction process, green-label carpeting, and non-urea/formaldehyde materials in the wood furniture and doors. Special high-filtration systems were installed in the air supply, and copier rooms are separately vented to remove fumes. Also, carbon dioxide monitors alert the mechanical systems to supply more outside air as needed.”

Most of the indoor air quality and energy efficiency features used in the LEED-certified Management building were also incorporated into the other buildings and parking deck at Technology Square, according to Miller.

However, the presence of the Safe Space logo does not necessarily indicate the person is gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or questioning.

What is "GLBTQ?"

The acronym GLBTQ — for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/ Questioning — has become popular in recent years as a way to quantify or abbreviate the diverse groups that sometimes are lumped together as "the gay community." It’s not a perfect umbrella term. For example, the meaning of "Q" is debated. For some, it stands for "Queer," itself meant to be an all-inclusive term that many homosexuals and their allies have co-opted from what sometimes is a negative connotation for gay people. For others the "Q" stands for "Questioning," which typically identifies men or women who have questions about or who are struggling with their own sexuality. It also can refer to heterosexuals experimenting with their sexuality.

The Safe Space Program provides students with some relief to that pressure and gives them the knowledge that there are offices on campus that they can enter without fear of being marginalized or persecuted because of who they are," said Pitini.

“Heterosexual students, faculty and staff will benefit from the Safe Space program by learning more about GLBTQ people and how to make Georgia Tech an inclusive place for everyone,” said Georgia Tech Community Service Coordinator David Pennebaker, another Safe Space facilitator. “The program also will provide a network of allies that are interested in assisting GLBTQ people but who did not previously have a way to do so.”

Vice President for Student Affairs Lee Wilcox was among the first to attend a Safe Space training session at Georgia Tech. He said he chose to participate because he believes the program has value. “Georgia Tech strives to provide a supportive campus environment for all members of our community,” Wilcox said, “and Safe Space is both a visible and a substantive effort to ensure GLBTQ students, faculty and staff feel that support.”

DiSabatino also attended one of the first training sessions for Safe Space. “I went to the training seminar because I wanted to learn more about issues facing GLBTQ students and employees, and I wanted to earn my Safe Space sticker,” she said. “I think it is extremely important for the dean of students to be clearly identified as an ally for all types of students.”

Pitini said that she decided to participate in the Safe Space program because she feels it addresses an issue that must be brought to the fore at Tech and throughout higher education. “If we are to provide a place where all students can learn, grow, and succeed, this program is crucial in making sure we do in fact do that for all students, not just the majority of them,” she said.

For more information... Safe Space www.safespace.gatech.edu

IN BRIEF:

GT grad named top innovator
Paul Judge, chief technology officer of Atlanta-based CipherTrust, was recently named to the 2003 list of the world’s 100 Top Young Innovators (TR100) by Technology Review, a magazine published by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The list is chosen by the magazine’s editors and an elite panel of judges, consists of individuals under age 35 whose work in technology has a profound impact on today’s world. Judge, 26, earned his doctorate in network security from the College of Computing in December 2002.

Judge is CipherTrust’s lead inventor on seven patent-pending technologies in secure messaging and anti-spam. He will be honored later this month at The Emerging Technologies Conference in Boston.

OIT offering more assistance
The Office of Information Technology’s Customer Support Center is contending recently that customer service requests are at an all-time high. During fiscal year 2003, the center handled more than 81,000 problems, representing a 6 percent increase from the previous year and a 42 percent increase over two years.

Incoming requests, they said, generally fall into three categories: account management, e-mail configurations and connectivity issues.

Remembering SAC
The Campus Recreation Center (CRC) has announced the last call for submissions to its project “Reflections of SAC, the Georgia Tech Student Athletic Complex.” A memory wall is being erected in the new CRC, and a panel of campus recreation employees is selecting memorials that will remain a part of Georgia Tech history. To submit a reflection on “What SAC Meant To You,” refer to www.sac.gatech.edu/sacreflections.php. The deadline is Sept. 30.

Fraternity honored for blood donations
The American Red Cross and blood transfusion company Baxter Healthcare honored Theta Xi last week for its extraordinary record of donating blood platelets. The fraternity has won the Red Cross’ platelet donation competition between metro Atlanta universities for the past three years and has continued its support by donating platelets every month. Theta Xi is one of 12 donor groups across the country being inducted into Baxter Healthcare’s Donor Hall of Fame this year. Platelets, the component that causes blood to clot, are always in demand because they only last for five days. They are an important tool in treating cancer, blood disorders and for making bone marrow.

“Pursuing LEED certification definitely added extra costs to the project, but we felt the additional investment of time and money was well worth it to gain better buildings for everyone,” said Miller.
Oct. 4  
The Fleet Center for the Arts presents Shanghai Symphony Orchestra, featuring soloist Tian Jiang, at 8 p.m. Faculty and staff receive a 10-percent discount. For tickets, call 894-9600 or visit www.ferstcenter.org.

Oct. 9  
The School of Literature, Communication and Culture of Ivan Allen College hosts the second annual Bourne Poetry Reading, featuring Edward Hirsch, Marilyn Nelson and Ellen Bryant Voight, at 7:30 p.m. in the LeCraw Auditorium of the DuPree College of Management. No tickets are required. For more information, e-mail www.iac.gatech.edu/poetry.html or call 385-2760.

Oct. 13  
South Asia Festival of the Arts: 2 p.m. in the Auditorium, Woodruff Library. The event will include music, dance, film and art presentations from several South Asian countries.

Brown Bags/Conferences/Lectures  
Oct. 1  
The School of Psychology's Distinguished Lecture Series welcomes Kevin Murphy, professor of psychology at Pennsylvania State University and editor of the Journal of Applied Physiology, on "Testing the Hypothesis That Something Important Has Happened," at 3 p.m. in Room 250, J.S. Comin Building.

Oct. 1  
The DuPree College of Management’s IMPACT speaker series presents Barbara Christmas, CEO of the Tech High Foundation, at 4:30 p.m. in the LeCraw Auditorium.

Faculty/Staff Development  
Oct. 14  
The Office of Sponsored Programs hosts a class on "Philanthropy and Proposal Writing," from 2 - 4 p.m., in Room 119, Centennial Research Building. To register, e-mail nadia.zitman@osp.gatech.edu.

Miscellaneous  
Oct. 16  
CELT's Faculty Development Seminar series presents "Maintaining Passion for In, and About Your Teaching," from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch will be provided for those who pre-register at 894-9418.

Sept. 27  
The Fleet Center for the Arts opens its 2003-04 season with jazz pianist and singer Peter Cincotti in his inaugural Atlanta performance. Faculty and staff receive a 10-percent discount. For tickets, call 894-9600 or visit www.ferstcenter.org.

Sept. 30  
The annual meeting of the General Faculty and General Faculty Assembly combined with a meeting of the Academic Senate will be from 5 - 7 p.m., in Room 256 of the Global Learning Center. The main agenda item will be the State of the Institute Address by President Clough. A full agenda is posted at www.facultysenate.gatech.edu. For more information, e-mail said.abdelkhalik@me.gatech.edu.

Oct. 6  
A representative from Fidelity Investments will be on campus from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. for core retirement information and consultation. Call 800-642-7131 to make an appointment.

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2000 Mitsubishi Eclipse GT. Original owner, silver with black leather, 5-speed, nose bra; installed laser/radar detector; loaded; all service records; brakes replaced this year; $10,500. E-mail rick.duley@edl.gatech.edu or call 770-664-6771.

Furniture  
Large handmade, 1-shaped oak desk, $500 OBO; 5-piece rattan seating suite, $400 OBO. Call 770-655-9766.

Couches, loveseats, recliners, tables & bedroom suite for sale. All in great condition. Pictures available. Pieces sold together or separate. Prices negotiable. E-mail runi@housing.gatech.edu.

New oak dining table w/wrought iron base. Round, w/leaf to extend to oval, $1,875. Also, 4 matching dining chairs, new, $140. Take all for $300. Call 770-351-7407.

Very nice 6-piece bedroom suite. $275 OBO. Dining room table set w/4 fabric chairs, $100. Other items are available upon request. Pictures available. Call Shirley at 894-3012.

Real Estate/Roommates  

1BR apt. for rent in Home Park duplex. Newly renovated by owner. 10-foot ceilings, central air, new washer/dryer, security system, off-street parking. Walk to campus. $675/month + utilities. Call 404-876-7042.

Two attractive aps. in former single family home in Home Park. $950 for 2BR upstairs; $900 for 1BR down stairs. Deep lot on quiet street, ample closets. Call 404-816-8370.

ABR/3.5BR house in Smyrna for rent or sale. Built in 2001, this house has 3 fireplaces, granite counters, hardwoods, stacked stone, etc. Appraised for $346K, will sell for $329K. Call 404-515-9087.

Room for rent in furnished house less than 1 mile from Decatur Square. Seeking female, non-smoker graduate student or professional who likes animals. Rent $317/month + utilities. E-mail marsha.allen@catea.org or call 385-0871.

Sports/Fitness/Recreation  
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Callaway Great Big Bertha Hackshey VPT 10-degree driver, regular, graphite shaft, titanium head. Hardly used. Paid $399, asking $200 OBO. Call 678-614-8111.

Miscellaneous  
Taboret cart, $75 OBO. Call 678-403-0766.

Free: two house cats, approximately 4 years old. One orange male, one black female. Both declawed and spayed. Less than 1 mile from Decatur Square.