Christopher Klaus, the 26-year-old founder and chief technology officer of Internet Security Systems (ISS) (NASDAQ: ISSX), has donated $15 million for the construction of an advanced computing technology building to be part of a new information technology complex.

The donation is one of the top five largest gifts in Georgia Tech's history (see box below) and is the largest single outright gift to Tech by a living donor. It also may be the largest donation on record by anyone of Klaus' generation. If approved by the Board of Regents, the building will be named in honor of Klaus.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our college and unprecedented generosity from an outstanding young man," said Peter A. Freeman, John P. Imlay Jr., Dean of Computing. "With this gift, we will be able to create a complex for the students, faculty and staff who will help define the future of computing."

Klaus' gift pushes Georgia Tech over the $500 million mark in its five-year Capital Campaign, which has a total goal of $600 million and an end date of Dec. 31. The total price tag for the information technology complex will be more than $70 million, with $32 million slated to come from the state.

"Although taking leave from Georgia Tech prior to graduation to jump-start Internet Security Systems, I have a strong affiliation with the College as it provided the advanced knowledge and inspiration I needed to pursue my computer science ambitions," said Klaus. "My financial contribution is a result of both my desire to pay back Georgia Tech and the Atlanta community as well as enable future students to follow their dreams with the resources they need to be successful."

Much has been written about the philanthropic habits of today's high-tech leaders. Some have lauded the efforts of a few high-profile givers like Bill Gates or Michael Dell. Others criticize what they see as somewhat stingy charitable habits of the nouveau riche. But the debate over high-tech philanthropy has focused almost exclusively on the baby boom generation. Klaus' donation may signal an entirely new era of giving for the very youngest founders, CEOs and managers of the world's technology companies.

"We read a lot about middle-aged executives who establish their own foundations or leave their jobs in their late 40s to work for charitable causes," said Freeman. "It's a very encouraging sign for our society. But I'm not aware of anyone who's been this generous at such a young age. At a time in his life when many would be focusing on personal gain," Freeman said, "Chris has chosen to make a major, charitable investment in education and research. I think that says lot about the kind of person he is."

Prior to founding Internet Security Systems, Klaus foresaw the growth of the Internet and developed a first-of-its-kind software program, Internet Scanner™, an integral component of ISS' current SAFEsuite® software portfolio, while attending Georgia Tech. Having a glimpse of the demand for this technology, Klaus left Tech in 1994 to found ISS with the intention of helping organizations around the world safeguard their critical data from the ever-growing number of Internet security risks. Today, ISS is credited as being a true Internet security pioneer and has grown to serve more than 5,500 customers worldwide, including 21 of the 25 largest U.S. commercial banks, 10 of the largest telecommunications companies and more than 35 government agencies. Through the years, ISS' mission has remained synonymous with Klaus' vision to provide the technology and service solutions necessary to protect digital assets and ensure safe and uninterrupted e-business.

Klaus was recently honored by the MIT Technology Review as one of the top 100 young innovators for 1999, was one of the youngest to be included in the 1999 Forbes Top 100 list, and received the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award in the category of Internet products and services.

Advanced Computing Technology Building and the Information Technology Complex

The need for a new computing complex on campus is overwhelming, noted Peter Freeman, John P. Imlay Jr., Dean of Computing. Established as a separate college in 1990, the College of Computing has experienced a 200 percent increase in undergraduate enrollment since its founding. Last year, the average starting salary for graduates of the College was $48,500, a sign of strong demand for its students.

The $15 million donation from Christopher Klaus to name the Advanced Computing Technology (ACT) Building at Georgia Tech will enable the Institute to further solidify its leadership role in the information technology arena. Klaus' is the lead gift in a campaign that intends to raise a total of $40 million in private funds for a new $70 million IT Complex at Georgia Tech. The state of Georgia has committed $32 million.

The ACT Building will be the keystone of a new information technology complex in what is becoming the new academic center of campus. The ACT Building will be visible to anyone traveling from the Biltmore Hotel at Fifth and West Peachtree Streets, across the I-75/I-85 Connector into the Tech campus. Campus planners envision a landmark, high-tech building that will enhance future collaboration by re-integrating faculty from both the College of Computing and the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering who are now scattered across campus.
Surf 'n park: Register for parking online

Elizabeth Campbell
Institute Communications and Public Affairs

The new parking registration web site at www.applyparking.gatech.edu walks employees through five simple steps to register for their 2000-2001 parking permit.

Elders' speech stresses perseverance, leadership

Former U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders stressed the importance of leadership and perseverance in effecting change in her March 23 speech at Georgia Tech as keynote speaker for Women's Awareness Month. “See the world as a moving picture, not as a still photograph,” she said. “Just because there's a bend in the road, doesn’t mean it's the end of the road.”

Elders also spoke passionately about preventing teen pregnancy, one of her hallmark issues. “In driver’s ed, we teach kids what to do in the front seat…now we need to teach them what to do in the back seat,” as an example of the importance of teaching children responsibility. In addition to responsibility, she listed honesty and empowerment as the most important concepts children should be taught.

To close her speech, Elders listed six things she learned after entering the political arena:

- Power is never given; it needs to be taken away, you have to fight for it.
- Rely on your common sense; it will direct you to do what makes good sense.
- You must have gumption—ask for what you want and you might get it.
- Be clear about your own goals.
- Stick to them.
- Keep your eye on the prize—and make sure you know what the prize is.

For Elders, her prize was “for all children to be healthy, educated and motivated.”

Legislative wrap-up

Lynn Durham
Government Relations

The final gavel brought the 2000 session of the Georgia General Assembly to an end but not before legislators approved a record $14.4 billion state budget for fiscal year 2001 and Gov. Roy Barnes’ K-12 education reform package.

After years in the spotlight during Gov. Zell Miller's administration, higher education slipped into the background this session while the K-12 education system was overhauled. However, all those years of focus on higher education improvements and initiatives have had an indirect benefit for higher education that is still being felt today.

Legislators, particularly House and Senate leaders, have been educated about the benefits that a strong system of higher education can bring to the state’s people and economy. “The support and understanding that the University System and Georgia Tech are receiving may be at an all-time high,” said Andrew Harris, director of Government Relations. “That is thanks to Gov. Miller, Gov. Barnes and legislators who have made the effort and taken the time to fully understand and appreciate the University System’s objectives,” he said.

The 2000 session can be considered another successful one for all University System of Georgia (USG) institutions. The General Assembly addressed the urgent needs of the System
Tech retains prestige in U.S. News rankings

Georgia Tech's College of Engineering maintained its powerful national stature in the most popular college rankings released in recent years. The College of Engineering is currently ranked number one for the 10th year in a row. The College of Computing ranked 13th overall, with two of its programs ranked in the top 10. The College of Architecture remained in the top 20 with a number 15 ranking, while the DuPree College of Management ranked 42nd in this year's survey, down from 33rd in 1999. One physics program in the College of Sciences, nonlinear dynamics, was again ranked fifth nationally.

"I'm pleased with the quality and breadth of our overall rankings," said President Wayne Clough, "and I'm confident future rankings will reflect the excellent new leadership team and strategies we now have for the DuPree College of Management. Higher education has become intensely competitive, and for us to continue to maintain our high rankings from last year is a good sign of consistency."

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while giving strong support to the Board of Regents' economic development initiatives such as Yamacraw and the Georgia Research Alliance (GRA). Yamacraw (the effort to make Georgia the leader in the high-bandwidth communications) will receive $12.7 million overall, and the Georgia Research Alliance will receive more than $34 million for the support and its research projects. Georgia Tech is heavily involved in both of these programs.

Legislators supported the governor's proposed 3 percent average salary increase for University System of faculty and staff. Raises, however, won't take effect until the fall. Teaching faculty will be eligible to receive their increase Sept. 1, and all other personnel will be eligible Oct. 1.

A top priority for USG officials this year was a $47 million appropriation in "hold harmless funding." This is to help offset the decrease in formula funds caused by lower student enrollment during the semester conversion process. The total loss of formula funds is expected to be $103 million, so University System officials will ask for the remaining funds in next session's supplemental budget.

A somewhat unexpected new budget item for Georgia Tech is a $50 million appropriation for the new Office of Education Accountability (OEA), an integral part of Barnes' education reform. This office will be attached to the State Data and Research Center, which is currently housed at Georgia Tech. The OEA will use the funds to develop a student information system to track the progress of K-12 schools and students throughout the state.

The Georgia Tech Regional Engineering Program will receive another $2 million this year to continue its engineering education program in Southeast Georgia and via the Internet.

Other Georgia Tech items approved by the Legislature included $545,000 for the Job Development Program at the Center for Rehabilitation Technology, $4.5 million in equipment funds for the Environmental Sciences and Technology Building, and $400,000 for research being conducted on an early storm warning system by the Georgia Tech Research Institute. Other Georgia Tech items approved by the Legislature included $545,000 for the Job Development Program at the Center for Rehabilitation Technology, $4.5 million in equipment funds for the Environmental Sciences and Technology Building, and $400,000 for research being conducted on an early storm warning system by the Georgia Tech Research Institute. Other Georgia Tech items approved by the Legislature included $545,000 for the Job Development Program at the Center for Rehabilitation Technology, $4.5 million in equipment funds for the Environmental Sciences and Technology Building, and $400,000 for research being conducted on an early storm warning system by the Georgia Tech Research Institute. Other Georgia Tech items approved by the Legislature included $545,000 for the Job Development Program at the Center for Rehabilitation Technology, $4.5 million in equipment funds for the Environmental Sciences and Technology Building, and $400,000 for research being conducted on an early storm warning system by the Georgia Tech Research Institute.

The State Data and Research Center received $1 million in the supplemental budget for census work. The Advanced Technology Development Center (ATDC) will receive $230,000 to administer Yamacraw's seed capital fund, as well as $375,000 to staff the joint Georgia Tech/Emory University Biotechnology Development Center which is affiliated with the Georgia Research Alliance but will be housed at ATDC.

Overall, Tech's rankings are almost identical to 1999, the best year in school history for U.S. News rankings. The College of Engineering remained a number one in its specialty rankings from U.S. News & World Report. Seven of the 11 programs within engineering also ranked in the top 10, with industrial engineering ranked number one for the 10th year in a row. The College of Computing ranked 13th overall, with two of its programs ranked in the top 10. The College of Architecture remained in the top 20 with a number 15 ranking, while the DuPree College of Management ranked 42nd in this year's survey, down from 33rd in 1999. One physics program in the College of Sciences, nonlinear dynamics, was again ranked fifth nationally.

"Rankings can easily be over-emphasized," said Clough. "But the trends are useful to watch. We've maintained our reputational strengths in architecture, computing and engineering, which shows that Georgia Tech is achieving greater breadth of quality in our programs. While rankings are sometimes a poor way to measure progress, there is no question our engineering programs are unquestionably among the best in the nation and other areas are getting stronger."

U.S. News & World Report's "Best Graduate Schools" issue hits newstands April 3. The rankings are also available online at www.usnews.com.

(GT)² Club adds third scholarship for 2000

Richard Hermes
Institute Communications and Public Affairs

ook out Regis Philbin and Who Wants to be a Millionaire!—Georgia Tech may soon be grooming a future quiz show whiz.

At a March 28 luncheon, the (GT)² Club awarded three scholarships to sons and daughters of Tech faculty and staff, and this year's list of impressive recipients includes the captain of the state champion Woodward Academy academic team. He says he's ready for College Bowl. In fact, while the three exceptional recipients vary widely in their interests and activities, they do share one thing in common: They are all looking forward to college in the fall.

This year's scholarships were awarded to Jessica St. John, daughter of James St. John, research scientist, School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences; Andrew Pilsc, son of Thomas D. Pilsc, assistant dean, College of Computing; and Isaac Clements, son of Mark Clements, professor, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering. The one-year, $3,000 scholarship is also supported by the Alumni Association.

Pilsc, the academic team champ, will let his love of computers guide his major choice at Tech. Until then, he said, he'll be "looking forward to getting out and experiencing something new." As a participant in the Connect with Tech program, Pilsc was smitten with the campus. "I was amazed," he said. "It did not feel like the campus was in a big city, it's that nice. Also, it's close to home."

St. John, who plans to major in biochemistry, serves as editor-in-chief of the Woodward High School yearbook, which is the favorite fact show what Woodward Academy is all about.

"This is a great honor," said Mark Clements. "Isaac has accomplished so much, and we are very proud of him."

This year, responding to an increasingly impressive applicant pool, (GT)² Club added another scholarship. "We had the largest and strongest field of candidates since we started this scholarship four years ago," said Club President Paul Hurst, director of Special Programs, Enrollment Services. "The extra funds were available because we had so much success with fundraising this year." In addition to some traditional outlets such as the Faculty-Staff Fund and old-fashioned merchandise sales, the Club tried their hand at e-commerce; they sold Georgia Tech memorabilia on eBay, the Internet auction site.

(2)² meets quarterly to promote interaction between alumni, faculty and staff. It has several active committees in areas such as scholarship, community service and campus projects. For more information, contact Paul Hurst at 404-894-1944 or paul.hurst@success.gatech.edu, or visit the Club's web site at www.enrollment.gatech.edu/ gt2/.

Celebrating the scholarship awards at the (GT)² Club luncheon were (l to r): Mark Clements, Jim St. John, scholarship winner Jessica St. John, Beth St. John, scholarship winner Andrew Pilsc, Judy Pilsc and Thomas Pilsc. (Scholarship recipient Isaac Clements was unable to attend.)
**April 7**
Comedian Paula Poundstone. 8 p.m., Robert Fister Center for the Arts. Tickets for faculty/staff: $32.30 and $28.90. Call 404-894-9600.

**Through April 15**
Drama/Tech Theatre presents Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing. 8 p.m. Drama/Tech Theatre, Robert Fister Center for the Arts. Tickets: $4 students, $6 faculty/staff, $8 general. Contact: 404-894-2745.

**Brown Bags/Lectures**

**April 6**

**April 7**
"Internet-Based Engineering Courses: Statics and Dynamics Case Study," by Kurt Grams. Ph.D., Hughes Centennial Professor and Engineering Media lab director, Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering, University of Oklahoma. 11 a.m. – noon, Student Center, Rm. 319. Contact: Cindy Gallon, 404-894-4474.

**Symposium on Quantitative and Computational Finance.** Sponsored by the DuPree College of Management, the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering, and the School of Mathematics. 12:30 – 6:30 p.m., Manufacturing Research Center auditorium. RSVP to Robert Kertz, 404-894-3431.

**"Atmospheric Transport: Products Derived from Mesoscale Meteorological Simulations of NASA's SONSEX Data,"** by Dr. Henry Piffelburg, Dept. of Meteorology, Florida State University. 3 – 4 p.m., Student Success Center, Clary Theater. Contact: Susan Ryan, 404-894-3893.

**April 14**
"Foresnic Finance," by Dr. Stephen A. Ross, Franco Modigliani Professor of Finance and Economics at MIT. Part of the Sixth Annual Georgia Tech/Fortis Conference on International Finance, Swissôtel, 3391 Peachtree Rd. Contact: 404-894-4367 or christine.lang@mgt.gatech.edu by April 7.

**"Treatment and Disposal of Inorganic Hazardous and Industrial Waste,"** by John T. Corcia, CERES '67, '69, president and chief executive officer, Staples Canada Inc. No charge. 3 p.m., MARC Auditorium. Limited seating. RSVP to Karen Hutcheson, 404-894-2888 or karen.hutcheson@mse.gatech.edu.

**SPORTS/FITNESS/RECREATION**

**April 8**
Catch a glimpse of the Georgia Tech football team in Bobby Dodd Stadium at Springfest. Activities will begin in the Callaway parking lot at 10 a.m. with face painting, clowns, minis and interactive games. The football team will begin the scrimmage at 11 a.m.

**Miscellaneous**

**April 11 - 13**
Spring Blood Drive. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Student Center Ballroom. Sponsored by the American Red Cross, FII and the Student Center MOVE Office. The drive is dedicated to the memory of Ralph V. Campbell, Georgia Tech blood drive volunteer for more than 12 years. Contact: 404-894-1197.

**April 15**
Spring Challenge 2000, featuring free food and beverages, games and live entertainment. 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Kessler Campusline and plaza. Hosted by students enrolled in a hospitality class at Georgia State University. This is a class project in which students engage in a hands-on approach to learn the business of contracting and coordinating an event. Contact: Debra Robb, 404-651-3673, or e-mail Shuykinlee@hotmail.com.

**April 13 - 14**
Georgia Tech Alumni Career Conference, Cobb Galleria Centre. All alumni are invited to attend, as well as undergraduates and graduate students who will receive their degrees by May 2000. For more information, see www.gtalumni.org or contact Alumni Career Services, 404-894-2394.

**Courses/Workshops**
The Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning is hosting student workshops on various topics helpful in creating course materials for computer-based delivery or distribution. Faculty, staff and students are welcome. Upcoming courses include: "Understanding HTML Codes," April 7 and 21, noon – 1 p.m.; "HTML Basics II: Using Editors and Converters to Create Web Pages," April 14, noon – 1 p.m.; "Scanning Documents and Images," April 7 and 21, 11 a.m. – noon; "Overview of WebCT Software Features," April 14, 11 a.m. – noon. For a full schedule, see http://www.ceel.gatech.edu. Registration is requested via the web page. All sessions are in the Rich Building, Rm. 242.

**APPLIANCES**

Magic Chef microwave. Black front, white sides and back. $60. Leave message at 770-984-1755 or saylor@eas.gatech.edu.

White Kenmore 1/2 size dryer, excellent sides and back. $60. Leave message at 770-577-6267.


Black entertainment center; 4x4 w/ glass doors, satin bumpers, mattress, heater, sheets, and chief executive officer, Stablex Canada Inc. No charge. 3 p.m., MARC Auditorium. Limited seating. RSVP to Karen Hutcheson, 404-894-2888 or karen.hutcheson@mse.gatech.edu. 

**REAL ESTATE**

For sale: 3 BR/2.5 BA, completely renovated condo, to include hardwoods, new kitchen and bath. Parking, alarm system, central a/c. Avail. May 1. References, security deposit req. $400 + half util. Contact 404-894-1711, 404-876-0231 or nicole.galbra@facilities.gatech.edu.

For sale: 3 BA/2.5 BA house in Lawrenceville, 3.5 years old located off Ronald Reagan Pkwy, well maintained inside and out. Contact 770-717-1055 or mgulhar@mindspring.com.

For sale: 3 BR/2.5 BA, completely renovated condo, to include hardwoods, new kitchen and baths, new paint and wallpaper; French doors; attached garage; between Blackbeard and Sandy Springs. Call 404-849-839 or 404-257-9679.

**SPORTS/FITNESS/RECREATION**

Big Bertha driver, 9 degree left, new Grafityl stiff shaft. $190 OBO. Contact Kevin, 404-894-9842 or kevin.doune@oit.gatech.edu.

Trainwreck R-9075 Airstrip treadmill with rubber floor mat. Board display shows speed, distance, time, calories, pulse. Great condition, $350. Contact 404-894-2560 or juliana.sigman@vps.gatech.edu.

1991 Coleman Arcadia pop-up, sleeps 7, a/c, stove, sink, shower, eating and cooking area. $3,200. Contact 770-977-8291 or bob.lang@gtri.gatech.edu.