George C. Griffin Remembered By His Georgia Tech Friends And Colleagues

Dean of Students Emeritus George C. Griffin, whom Tech football coach Bobby Dodd once called "the most beloved man at Georgia Tech," died April 21 at the A.G. Rhodes Home. He was 93 years old. Funeral services were held April 23 at All Saints Episcopal Church. He was buried at Arlington Memorial Park.

A retired captain in the U.S. Navy Reserve, Griffin spent almost all of his adult life serving in various capacities at Georgia Tech. During his nearly 70-year involvement with the Institute, he touched thousands of students' lives as an instructor and administrator. He also coached football, cross country, track, tennis, golf and swimming.

In 1946 he was appointed dean of students and remained in that position until he retired in 1964. After retirement, Griffin maintained an office at Tech and began a job placement service for alumni over the age of 40. Widely lauded for his storytelling ability, Griffin was retained by the Alumni Association as a consultant, and was a popular and energetic speaker at alumni club events until he was nearly 90 years old.

Many students, colleagues and friends have their own special memories about Griffin. Following are excerpts from their statements:

- **President John P. Crecine:** "Although I only had the pleasure of visiting with Dean Griffin a couple of times, I feel like I knew him well through his pervasive and positive impact on over three decades of Georgia Tech students. Thousands of alumni have their own personal stories of how Dean Griffin helped them academically, financially, socially and athletically. His career personifies the best of Georgia Tech and its alumni."

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“Faculty Forum” Makes Its Debut

**By Bud Foote, Editor, Faculty Forum Editorial Committee**

One of the fringe benefits of being a member of a college faculty, it seems to me, is continuing conversation with colleagues who are interested in ideas, in research, in students and therefore in the future, and in the educational system of our state and nation. An ordinary day will bring me home with four or five new ideas, new concepts, new insights. But the Institute has got so big that there are a lot of people I never see or get to know. There are a lot of departments of which I am ignorant of the location, the personnel, the research projects, or even the precise nature of the subject matter.

That’s why I think the “Faculty Forum” is a good idea. Reading what my colleagues have to say is not as much fun as listening to them, but it may give me some notion of what is going on in some of the many interesting heads sitting on the shoulders around the campus.

Sometimes I sit down for lunch with a noisy group of professors, and the talk ranges from campus affairs to research to foolish jokes to innovations in teaching to the morning news. Math professors have questions and opinions about literature; humanities folk sound off on technology; and everyone has something to say about the Hill. Often witty, occasionally learned, sometimes contentious, the conversation assumes honesty and good will, respects others’ right to disagree, and both proceeds from and builds that collegiality which is such an important part of the job we have chosen to spend our lives at.

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1990 International Festival To Feature Fun And Awareness

The 1990 Georgia Tech International Festival is coming May 9-12, and there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

On May 9, the Office of Human Relations and the Office of International Student Services and Programs will co-sponsor a Cross-Cultural Workshop in the Student Center, Rm. 345 at 1 p.m. The workshop will also be held at 2 p.m. on May 10 and at 10 a.m. on May 11. For more information or to register, call Janice Whatley, Office of Human Relations at 4-8537.

May 10 festivities will include learning opportunities as well as food, music and fun. Dr. Dan Papp, director of the Department of International Affairs, will speak at the festival’s opening ceremony at 11 a.m. From 11 a.m.-2 p.m., the Display of Cultures will be featured on the first and second floors of the Student Center, and the Interna-
doing. One likes to think that Jef- ferson and Franklin would have found themselves at home at that table. Something like that is what we have in mind for the “Faculty Forum,” which will appear twice a month, to start with. An editorial review committee—the chair of the Faculty Public Relations committee (Ruth Hale, Library), plus two members selected by the Tech Executive Board (Foote and Eugene Comiskey, Management)—will select the column from whatever comes in over the transom; and the Managing Editor of the Whistle will do whatever is necessary to adjust the piece to Associated Press Style Book format without, of course, fouling with the content. If you get a Whistle, you can write us a column—some 500 to 750 words, double-spaced. If you read a column and want to react to it, maybe we can run a “Forum” devoted to responses. Maybe there’ll be responses to the responses; maybe we’ll get so much copy we have to go weekly. We don’t have any clear agenda; we want to see what happens, and we hope to be surprised.

Nor do we have any preconceptions about subject matter, except that we hope to choose those offerings which will be of widest interest and greatest importance to readers of the Whistle. We think that opinions about national and state affairs may find a better forum; but we could be wrong. We expect a variety of opinions on such matters as core curricula, the traditional role of the Institute in the University System and whether it needs modifying or not, the role of the humanities in the education of engineers, and the like; but what we get may be distracts about the parking situation.

We encourage a focus on issues and ideas rather than criticism of individuals, and we assume normal academic civility; but it may be that you will opt for shrillness and outrage. We think that some areas of current campus contention may already have been beaten to death, but we could be wrong about that, too. The Tech family is always full of surprises.

We invite your participation. The deadline is Friday, 10 days before the Whistle appears, which makes May 4 the deadline for the May 14 issue in which we expect the first “Faculty Forum” to appear; if you’d like to contribute, please get your copy to me, Bud Foote, 328 Skiles, before the date. We cannot literally hold our breaths until then; but figuratively speaking, believe us, we shall do so.

Editor’s Note: In each issue in which a “Faculty Forum” appears, there will be a “disclaimer box.” The box will list members of the Editorial Review Committee, information telling interested editorial writers where to send their essays for selection, topic matter for essays and this disclaimer: “Opinions expressed on this page (or these pages) do not necessarily reflect the views of the administration of the Georgia Institute of Technology, the Editorial Review Committee, or the Whistle staff.”

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• James E. Dull, dean of Student Affairs: “How appreciative I was of Dean Griffin permitting me glimpses of his insight into human nature. He had hundreds and hundreds of stories based on his experiences with Georgia Tech and the Navy. Being the dean of Stu- dents, you can’t help but have a lot of experiences that result in a lot of stories. That was part of his per- sonal approach to the kind of job he was in. He always had a twinkle in his eye and a smile.”

• Bill Curry, head football coach, the University of Ken- tucky: “Dean Griffin was the most dominant person in my academic life. He was like an uncle to me. I loved him very much, and I will truly miss him.”

• Dr. Homer Rice, director of athletics: “I met Dean Griffin in 1980. I remember he said to me, “How about building a track for our track team?” One thing led to another, and we built the George C. Griffin Track in his honor. Wherever I was, people would always ask about Dean Griffin. They always had Dean Griffin had Dean Griffin stories. They always said he would help them make it through school.”

• John Carter, vice president/executive director, Alumni Association: “I never met someone who didn’t love Dean Griffin. He truly had no enemies. He was always making speeches on behalf of Tech and the Alumni Association. When children of alumni and visitors came to campus, he would always meet with them and encourage them to come to Tech. He was a mentor for many.”

• Former Atlanta Mayor and Tech alumnus Ivan Allen Jr.: “Dean Griffin was the spirit of Georgia Tech. He was part of the school during the very trying times of the 1930s, and he made it possible for a lot of our classmates to stay in school.”

• Dr. Mack A. Moore, professor of economics in the Ivan Allen College: “George was on this cam- pus in one capacity or another for some 70 years. Indeed, Tech was a youthful 28 years of age when he arrived. But aside from his seven decades of service, he was a truly warm and genuine person who befriended untold thousands.”

Griffin was born on Oct. 9, 1896 in Savannah. In 1908, he and his family moved to Atlanta, where he attended Boys High School and Peacock Fleet School. He enrolled at Georgia Tech in 1914, and follow- ing service as an ensign in the U.S. Navy during World War I, earned a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering in 1922. He also earned a master’s degree in industrial management in 1927. As a college student, Griffin was a member of Pi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa and ANAK, the leadership honorary at Tech. He was president of his sophomore and junior classes, and also played on the cross country, track and football teams.

Griffin was a backup quarterback for the Yellow Jackets under Football Coach John Heisman and was the last surviving member of the famous 1916 team that defeated Cumberland College 22-0, the most lopsided score in football history.

In 1920, while still working toward his college degree, he was offered the positions of assistant football coach and math instructor at Tech, which became the start of his lifetime affiliation with the Insti- tute. Soon after graduation, he volunteered to serve as secretary of the alumni association and editor of its magazine. In 1923, he and Agnes Scott graduate Eugenia Johnston were married. Mrs. Grif- fin died in 1985.

In 1929, Griffin accepted a position as coach and mathematics department head at the Georgia State College for Men in Tifton. The next year, he moved to Chat- tanooga, Tenn., and spent the next three years as athletic director and mathematics instructor at McCallie Preparatory School. Griffin returned to Tech in 1939 as assistant dean of students. He founded a job placement center for alumni trying to deal with the Depression, which at the time was only the second university-operated employment service in the country.

At the outbreak of World War II, Griffin returned to active duty in the Navy as a recruiting officer, and in 1941 became executive of- ficer of Navy ROTC at Tech. In 1944 he was named commanding offi- cer of the 11th Beach Battalion and the 12th Beach Battalion. A year later, he was assigned to the naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii as executive officer. Following the war, Griffin served as commander of the Naval Reserve Officers School for many years.

Survivors include two sons, Clayton H. Griffin and Randolph Page Griffin, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. In lieu of flowers, the contributions may be made to the Georgia C. Griffin Scholarship Fund, c/o the Georgia Tech Alumni Association, 255 North Avenue, Atlanta, Ga. 30332-0175. This story was compiled by Gary Goetting, of Alumni Publications. Vera L. Dudley and Jackie Nemeth.
Music Department To Present Concert

The Georgia Tech Music Department proudly presents "Masterworks," a concert at Symphony Hall featuring Tech's brass ensemble, chorus, jazz ensemble, concert band, orchestra, symphonic wind ensemble and the Technicallities. The free concert will be held on Sunday, May 6 at 4 p.m. at the Woodruff Arts Center. For more information, call Susan Gerstenfeld at the music department at 4-3183.

This concert is dedicated to the memory of former Dean of COSALs Dr. Les Karlovitz. The concert is endowed by Mr. and Mrs. James P. Poole.

Tech Police Looking For Suspect In Campus Rape Case

Georgia Tech police are searching for a man who raped a female Georgia Tech student on Sunday, April 22.

The student was raped Sunday at midnight outside of the George and Irene Woodruff Residence Hall, according to Tech Chief of Police Jack Vickery.

Vickery described the suspect as a clean shaven, black male in his early twenties.

"This is the first rape that has been reported to us in over a year," Vickery said. "It always pays to be cautious and to be constantly aware of your surroundings."

Anyone who has information about this attack may call the Georgia Tech Police Department's investigative unit at 4-2503.

Adams Receives Special Continuing Education Honor

George H. Adams, associate director of Education Extension, has been selected as a Distinguished Mentor by the National University Continuing Education Association. The Distinguished Mentors Program was recently established by the organization to help orient newcomers to the organization and the continuing education profession.

Two new professional members have been assigned to Adams for mentorship during the coming year.

You Could Be Tech's Geography Genius

To help celebrate the 1990 Georgia Tech International Festival, the Human Relations Steering Committees are sponsoring the first Georgia Tech Geography Genius Search. The "search" will begin promptly at 1 p.m. in the Student Center, Rm. 319.

Some of the questions asked in the geography search will include country locations, capital cities, rivers, mountains, lakes, deserts, latitudes, and time zones.

First prize will be two airline tickets, compliments of American Express Travel, to anywhere in the continental U.S. More prizes will include tickets to Atlanta restaurants that feature international cuisine. Winners will be contacted by mail.

To enter this contest, please fill out the form below and mail by May 7 to: Eunice Kelsey, CRB, mail code 0800.

GEOGRAPHY GENIUS ENTRY FORM

NAME:

SCHOOL/DEPT:

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ional Food Fair will be held in the Student Center Ballroom from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost for the food fair is $3.50.

"Pan People," a Caribbean steel band, will perform during the food fair from 11:30 a.m.-12:40 p.m. in the ballroom. At 1 p.m., test your geography skills at the Georgia Tech Geography Genius Search in the Student Center, Rm. 319. The Ping-Pong Championship will take place at 5 p.m. in O'Keefe Gym.

The Volleyball Championship will be held at 4 p.m. in the Student Center Bowling Lanes. At 5 p.m., the Bowling Championship will take place at the Student Center Ballroom. On May 12, the Soccer Championship will be held at 10 a.m. on the soccer fields behind SAC, and at 5 p.m., the Bowling Championship will take place at the Student Center Bowling Lanes.

If you are interested in helping with the International Festival or for more information, call Linda Duckworth, assistant director for the Office of International Student Services and Programs at 4-7475.

Briefly...

Cultural Exchange - The Brown Bag International Cultural Exchange Series continues May 1 with Dr. Harry Akwo Zlonge, professor of Political Science at Clark Atlanta University, speaking on "Africa's Political Changes." On May 29, Lucy Lee, director of International Operations at Georgia Southern College, will speak on "The Future of China." Both seminars will be held at 12:05 p.m. in the Student Center, Rm. 319. For more information, call Michael Myers at 4-8387 or Blliee Pendleton-Parker at 4-4744.

Computer Courses - The Office of Computing Services will offer the following courses during May: May 4 & 9, "Introduction to Oracle SQL;" 11:30 a.m., Rich Bldg., Rm. 239; May 18, "Oracle RDBMS Network Options for Placement of Data and Applications on the Various Georgia Tech Platforms;" 9-11 a.m., Rich Bldg., Rm. 239; May 15, "Oracle/Macintosh Overview: What Can It Do For Me?" 4-6 p.m., Management Bldg., Classroom 2000 facility; May 22, "Oracle/Macintosh Developer's Introduction;" 4-6 p.m., Management Bldg., Classroom 2000 facility; May 29, "Oracle/Macintosh Developer's Advanced Training;" 4-6 p.m., Management Bldg., Classroom 2000 facility. For more information or to register, call 4-6090.

Education Extension - The following courses will be offered by Education Extension during May: May 24, "Protective Relaying Conference;" $76; May 3-4, "Elements of Style;" in Athens, Ga., $85; May 3-5, "Professional Workshop on Development Impact Fees;" $325; May 8, "Designing Asbestos Response Actions: Annual Update;" $150; May 8-10, "Southeastern Safety and Health Conference and Exhibition;" $150; May 9, "Asbestos Building Inspector/Management Planner Update Course;" $95; May 9-11, "Strategic Management for State Government;" in Chicago, Ill., $495; May 10-11, "Advanced Supervision of Asbestos Abatement Projects: Annual Update Course;" $325; May 11-12, "Geometric Dimensioning;" $495; May 14-18, "Hazardous Material Control and Emergency Response;" $750, and "Supervision of Asbestos Abatement Projects: Course and Workshop;" $595; May 15-17, "Modeling and Simulation in DoD Systems Acquisitions;" $750; May 16-18, "Storm Water Management for Engineers and Planners;" in San Francisco, Calif., $465. For more information or to register, call 4-2547.

Honor Lunch For Faculty And Staff Coming On May 30

On Wednesday, May 30, Georgia Tech will roll out the red carpet for its faculty and staff during the annual Faculty/Staff Honors Luncheon. The event will begin at noon in the Student Center Ballroom. Tickets are $8 each.

Those to be recognized during the luncheon include members of the Tech community with 10 and 25 years of service, and recipients of several major awards.

Some of the major awards to be presented during the ceremony include: Distinguished Professor Award, Outstanding Teacher Awards, Administrative Service Awards, Outstanding Service Award, Georgia Tech Foundation Professional Achievement Award, Sigma Xi Award(s) and the ANAK Award.

Luncheon reservation forms accompanying the invitation letters must be returned to Pam Trube, Office of Special Projects, mail code 0800 by May 11. Call Trube at 4-2454 for more information.

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According to the association, Adams was chosen because of his many contributions to the field and his service to NCEA. He has been very active in the association for all of his 22 years at Tech and has served in numerous leadership roles, including two years on the board of directors.
ACADEMICS
May 2 - Undergraduate Curriculum Committee meeting (student petitions)
May 3 - Graduate Committee meeting (student petitions)
May 4 - Last day to drop a course or to withdraw from school with "W" grades in all courses.
May 5 - Midterm

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
May 1 - Take a Prof. To Lunch, 11:05 a.m., $4 for both lunches, Student Center Ballroom. Gallery show, Atlanta Artista Club, "Mixed Media," through May 25, Student Center Gallery.
May 4 & 5 - Movie, "Driving Miss Daisey," 7 p.m., $3,00 p.m. & midnight, Architecture Auditorium. $1
May 7 - TTN, "Dreamscape," through May 13, Student Center, 1st floor

LECTURES & SEMINARS
May 1 - Brown Bag International Cultural Exchange Series, Harry Akwo Zongo, professor of Political Science, Clark/Atlanta University, "Africa's Political Changes,
May 3 - Presbyterian Center Series, "Conversations With Nick Gordon," physician and director of Student Health, 11 a.m., lower level, $2
May 4 - Institute of Science & Technology, J. Choi, "Use of Monoclonal Antibodies For Studying Spatially Regulated Antigen During Somatic Embryogenesis," 11 a.m., Paper Science Bldg., Rm. 270
May 7 - Electrical Engineering Series, Gene Zimmer, Jones, Askew, & Lunsford, "Patents," 3 p.m., Van Leer Bldg., Rm. 311.
College of Engineering CIMS Series, Christopher Lodgmen, Motorola Inc., "Estimating Line Throughout: Where Has All The Data Gone?", 4 p.m., Instructional Center, Rm. 209.
Biogy Departmental Seminar, Ahmed T. Abdelal, Georgia State University, "Regulation of Carbamyl-Phosphate Synthesis in Gram Negative Bacteria," 4 p.m., Cherry Emerson Bldg., Rm. 320

GT CLUB MEETINGS, SPEAKERS & EVENTS
May 1 - Montgomery, Bobby Cremins, Tallahassee, Mike Thomas
May 3 - Houston, Roger Rice, Rick Roberts
May 4 - Charlotte, Bobby Ross
Vidalia, John P. Crevine
May 6 - Milledgeville, Jim Langley, Annual Golf Tournament
May 8 - Houston, Golf Tournament

Classifieds
For Rent - Panama City Beach, 2 BR luxury townhouse w/menities, fully furnished, 300 yards to gulf beach. $420/week. Call George at 926-8546 evenings.
For Rent - 3 BR, 2BA brick home, large fenced yard, excellent location, W/D, central heat & air - $850/mo. Call 469-0822.
For Rent - Pensacola Beach rental, 2 BR, 2BA, beautifully furnished. Ideal location (pool, Pensacola Sound, and Gulf beaches). Weekly reservations for June through August now available. Call 971-0136.
For Rent - 2 BR house w screening porch, 6 mi. northwest from campus. Refrigerator & stove, new carpet & paint, $350/mo. plus gas & electricity. Call Mr. Lilly at 435-584 or 994-4644.
Home Share - From Cobb County to campus (CRB), Powder Springs Road at Bellmeade or West Cobb County. Please contact Sarah at 4-7214 or 590-6626 evenings.
For Sale - Jenny Lind style crib, crib mattress, coordinated crib/baby linens - all less than 3 years old. Call Audrey 4-4673.

Retirees Wanted!
If you are a soon-to-be Georgia Tech retiree and your name is not on this list, the Office of Special Projects would like to know. On Thursday, May 24, Tech's annual Retirement Dinner will honor those retirees from the Institute. Tickets for the dinner are $12 each.

The following persons have already been recognized as Tech retirees. If your name is not included, call Pam Trube at 4-2454. Reservations are due by May 11 to Trube at mail code 0992.

Memorial Service For May King
A memorial service will be held for Patsy King, an assistant in the President's Office, on Wednesday, May 2 at 2:30 p.m. in the Gordy Room of the William C. Wardlaw Center, located on the corner of Techwood Drive and North Avenue. Patsy died April 9 in Spartanburg, S.C. at the age of 52.

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