Tech Brings Home NSBE Honors

By Victor Rogers

It is ironic, but the world’s most brilliant researchers sometimes make poor teachers. After spending years focusing on research projects and earning numerous advanced degrees, they certainly have a wealth of knowledge on the subject. However, the ability to effectively share that knowledge with a group of students is a special talent that does not always come easily. Tech’s Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning (CETL) is combating the problem with a teaching program.

The Class of 1969 Teaching Fellows Program, named for the class which adopted the project for its 25th Reunion, was designed to help Tech faculty develop their teaching skills. New faculty get first priority, but all tenure track faculty are welcome to participate in the two-week program.

“We definitely believe that if you can correct shortcomings right at the beginning of your career, then you can quickly get to a point where you’re constantly improving as a teacher,” said Dave McGill, director of the Class of 1969 Teaching Fellows Program and director of CETL.

During the first quarter of the program, Teaching Fellows meet weekly for brownbag seminars on various aspects of teaching. The seminar topics include Using Technology in the Classroom; the Psychology of Learning: Working with Graduate Students; Interactive Alternatives to the Lecture; the Georgia Tech Culture and Its Effects on Students, and Teaching Tips from Award-Winning Professors.

Also during the first quarter, Billie Pendleton-Parker, assistant director of CETL, works with each Teaching Fellow to improve his or her teaching. Pendleton-Parker attends a Fellow’s class, takes notes and gives the Fellow a detailed summary. She also videotapes the lectures and explores ways to improve the Fellow’s presentation. The students are asked to list the professor’s outstanding quality and what needs improvement. To ensure the anonymity of the students, Pendleton-Parker reads the responses into a recorder and gives the tape to the Fellow.

Sara Y. Rezac, assistant professor in the School of Chemical Engineering and a 1994 Teaching Fellow, received constructive criticism from her students and CETL.

“If you have a Ph.D., then you’ve been in school for a while and you tend to forget when you learned certain things and how difficult it is to learn,” said Rezac, who earned her Ph.D. in 1993. “I’m still being reminded that the students don’t have the same level of basic experiences that I have.

Sometimes someone has to tell you what you’re doing wrong so you can work on it,” Rezac said. The feedback CETL got from the students is “a little more realistic than what you get on the course evaluations, because the students know they have complete anonymity,” she added.

The second quarter of the Teaching Fellows Program includes a teaching project such as developing a new course or new laboratory experiments. Rezac took an unusual, but effective approach by assigning her sophomore-level chemical engineering students a weekly journal.

“Students at this level are fairly reserved,” she said, “so they don’t ask many questions.”

Rezac instructed her students to review their work from the previous week, analyze how it relates to those other classes, their co-op jobs or undergraduate research projects, then write down any questions they might have.

“I think that was the most effective part,” she said. “Some of the students weren’t confident enough to ask the questions in class or to come to my office, but the written form was very useful. They expressed opinions and ideas, and asked questions they didn’t feel comfortable asking in any other way.”

New faculty at technological institutions often have problems...
Did You Know

Tamil University Needs Textbooks

Textbooks, of any level on any subject, have been requested by the Tamil University Library, Thanjavur, South India. The books are needed for a special library within the university library for students too poor to buy textbooks.

Last year no books were collected at Georgia Tech. In 1993, Georgia Tech collected and mailed 700 pounds of books. Books may be given to Dr. Rajarshi Roy, rm W06, physics department. To mail your own books, send them to: Dr. T. Padmanabhan, director, Tamil University Library, Thanjavur, South India, 613005.

When taking the books to the post office request a "B" bag (refers to size). It takes approximately five months for the books to arrive.

School of Public Policy Honoring Senator

The School of Public Policy is hosting its first Student-Faculty Awards Dinner, Tuesday, May 30th. The event will begin with a reception at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Georgia Terrace, 650 Peachtree Street. Dinner is set for 7:30 p.m. at Adam’s at the Fox, 654 Peachtree Street.


SuperTrain Sessions, course, "CQI-Problem Solving," 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., HRD Training Room. For more information call Wansley Stallworth at 894-2249.

"BIS Lead Assessor," ISO 9000 course offered by Georgia Tech Center for International Standards & Quality (CISQ), through June 9, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wyndham Garden Hotel, Buckhead. For more information call Donna Ennis at 853-0968.

Book Buy Back prizes, through June 9, Georgia Tech Bookstore. For more information call 894-2520.

Year-End Exhibition: "Inaugural Architecture Awards Day and Opening/Reception of the Year’s Undergraduate and Graduate student work in the Programs in Architecture, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Awards Presentation; 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Opening/Reception of Exhibition," New Building, College of Architecture. For more information call Ski Helsinki 894-1371.

College of Architecture "IMAGINE" Student Group Open House, Room 355 - 357, New Building, College of Architecture.

For more information call Ski Helsinki at 894-1371

5/6 June

Munch-O-Mania, chicken fingers, $2/plate, 8:00 p.m., Student Center, 2nd floor. For more information call 894-2805.

FSAP (Faculty/Staff Assistance Program), brown bag course, "HIV/AIDS Awareness,"


SuperTrain Sessions, course, "CQI-Problem Solving," 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Weber Building. For more information call Denise Daniels at 894-1146.

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Hall of Fame Inducts Truly

Meet Amy Fraser

Full name: Amy Suzanne Fraser
Age: 25
Occupation: Editor in Chief, The Whistle
Years at Tech: 1.5
Current professional project: I am currently focusing on my new position as editor of The Whistle.
Education: B.A., Public Relations, Univ. of South Alabama
Marital Status: Single
Children: None
Favorite book: A Course in Miracles by Marianne Williamson
Favorite movie: “Leaving Normal”
Few people know that: I tutor students who are learning English as a second language.
Best advice ever received: “All things happen for a reason.”
Pet peeve: compulsive cliche users and people who talk during movies
Personal hero: My father, because he’s the most easygoing, selfless person I know.
When I was little I wanted to be: a dog, so I could communicate with other animals

Formerly employed by Tech's Alumni Association, Amy Fraser is quickly adjusting to her new position.

Student Center Path Opened

Georgia Tech has recently taken possession of one of the new residence halls on West Campus. The Center Street Apartments are the first apartments to be turned over to Georgia Tech since 1993. The project is located on Hemp Drive on the site which used to house Outdoor Recreation Georgia Tech. Furniture delivery has started. During the Olympics Games, over 700 athletes will call Center Street home.

Last week, ACOG entertained Olympic VIP's here on the Georgia Tech campus. The Chef de Mission (Chief of Mission) from many of the countries which will participate in the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games toured the campus and viewed Olympic related construction sites. The work ACOG is doing is important to the Olympic Village and good judgment should be employed at all times.

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His murderer, a 15-year-old boy, is serving an adult life sentence for felonious murder in the State of Georgia prison system.

Two scholarship funds were set up in Larrin's name - one at Georgia Tech where he was a student, and the other at Georgia State University where he played in the Universities Orchestra.

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communicating with students, according to McGill, who is also a professor of civil engineering and aerospace engineering.

"When someone comes to Tech to teach, the vast majority of us are in science or engineering and have had zero training in education," he said.

The Lilly Endowment recognizes the problem, and gives three-year grants to universities to support young faculty members as Teaching Fellows. From 1990 to 1993, the Lilly Endowment supported 26 Teaching Fellows at Georgia Tech.

After the three-year period, the Lilly Endowment encourages the universities to continue the Fellows Program through means of their own. Georgia Tech administrators secured Foundation funding for the fourth year. McGill then proposed that Tech's Class of 1969 adopt the program as their 25th Reunion fundraising project.

The class has committed $272,574 in cash to be paid over five years, and $65,000 in deferred gifts. The Teaching Fellows Program, which has produced 66 Fellows since 1990, is gaining in popularity as the earlier Fellows advance through Tech's academic ranks.

"I think the fact that we had 31 participants in this first year of the expanded program - when we only had 35 during the first four years - is indicative of the fact that these young people want to be good at everything they do," McGill said.

"We want to make them see that they are excellent teachers already," he said. "We want them to leave the program with a clear perception of their strengths and weaknesses, and to have them believe they can overcome their weaknesses and polish their strengths."
1980 Chevrolet Malibu, VR, 4-door, AC, AM/FM, 142,000 mi, one owner, $1,500. Call 984-3900.

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1965 Ford F-100, pick up, "classic," all original, very good body, excellent mechanical condition, 352 cu. in., 2 barrel, 3-speed on column, $1,800. Call Larry after 4:00 p.m. 941-3571.

1988 Toyota Corolla FX Hatchback, 5-speed, AC, PS, PB, AM/FM cassette, power sunroof, 71,000 mi, very good condition, all records, $3,900. Call 724-0228 or e-mail: christina.shalley@mgt.gatch.com

1988 Chevrolet Corsica, V-6, PB, PS, sunroof, sunnroof, 4-door, 4,500 mi. Call Janice 984-8474 (w), 502-1290 (h) or e-mail: janice.loeder@arch.gatch.edu

1988 Nissan Stanza, CXL, 5-speed, loaded, sunroof, always garaged. Call after 6:00 p.m., 254-8948 or e-mail: cbogan@usa.net

1970 Chevy Monte Carlo, PS, PB, AC, VR 550, AM/FM cassette, runs great, asking $3,200 or best offer. Call 984-3790 or e-mail: jhure@usa.net

1990 Dodge Ram van 150, VR, PS, AC, ABS, 4-captains chairs, sofa bed, AM/FM cassette player. Like new, nonsmoker - 24,000 mi, $8,500. Call 973-5730.

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Goodbye, Sallylyn Hugede, the editor in chief of The Whistle, practices spinning her tarlat planning to rope a new job in Arizona. Meet the new editor in chief, see page 3.