Tech Hosts Trials for '96 Paralympics

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But 150 athletes from 19 countries competed in the International Paralympic Swim Trials (IPSST), held August 17-30 at the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center. The event was part of the one-year out Paralympic Countdown Celebration, hosted by the Atlanta Paralympic Organizing Committee (APOC) and the Shepherd Center of Atlanta.

In all, there were 154 medal events, designed to provide an opportunity for athletes to obtain international classification and a chance to establish a qualification time for the 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games, scheduled for August 16-25, 1996.

The U.S. had the largest showing with over 90 swimmers competing. Australia had the next largest contingent with a total of 25 athletes. China and Japan each sent 20 swimmers. Other countries represented include Argentina, Canada, Cuba, Guinea, Iraq, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nigeria, Peru, Swaziland, and Thailand, according to APOC officials.

Paralympic events range from wheelchair basketball to swimming and tennis. Participants are comprised of amputees, quadruplelegics, paraplegics, visually impaired, dwarfs, cerebral palsy, and les autres (those with disabilities difficult to categorize). Each competitor must be selected by his or her national team before gaining eligibility for the international event.

The first Paralympic Games were held in Rome in 1960 and have been held every Olympic year since, usually in the city or country hosting the Olympic Games. The Paralympics and the Olympics share most of the same venues and many of the same sporting competitions.

Teachers Integrate Problem Solving Techniques

A recent School of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) workshop reminded high school teachers "people are the real problem solvers, not machines."

The "Integrated Problem Solving Workshop" emphasized the blending of science and mathematics courses, and encouraged the use of integrated calculation methods.

"We think it is important for educators to take an integrated approach to problem solving by combining the use of pencil and paper, modern calculators, and computers," said Thomas Gaylord, Regents Professor, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering. "The strengths and weaknesses of each, and how they fit with each other, is crucial to solving real world problems," he said.

One of the themes of the workshop was, "the problem solver, not the calculating device, is the key to problem solving," according to Gaylord.

Twenty high school science and mathematics teachers assembled at Tech for the three-day intensive hands-on workshop. Participating teachers represented private and public high schools from several metro Atlanta counties.

The workshop, taught by a combination of ECE and North Springs High School instructors, was based on senior-level problems in chemistry, physics, and business. Instructors used the applications to introduce problem solving methods and tools. Participants analyzed and solved the problems using pen and paper, graphics calculators and computer software.

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"A lot of teachers don't have the time or resources to keep up to date with the available instructional tools," Gaylord said. "We hope that the computer and technical training we provided will help them to broaden their teaching methods," he said.

Several ECE professors served as workshop instructors. Participating professors included Gaylord, Dave Herting, and Jim McClellan. Jose Cout-Rivera, Ph.D. candidate, also served as a workshop instructor. High school instructors were Jan Gaylord and Patricia Walker, both from North Springs High School.

"Putting the workshop material together and refining our training techniques was the hard part," said Gaylord.

"Assuming our sponsorship needs are fulfilled, we will be able to offer the workshop on a regular basis."

Participants responded positively to the workshop, said Diana Fouts, workshop coordinator. Written evaluations revealed that 100 percent of the high school teachers who attended "would recommend this course to others."

Seventy high school teachers applied for the workshop. To ensure each teacher would receive individual instruction, only 20 were selected.

Participants were chosen, said Gaylord, with favor given to those schools that were able to send both a science teacher and mathematics teacher.

The Eisenhower Higher Education Program, the Eisenhower Secondary Education Program, Texas Instruments, Prentice Hall, and Mathworks provided sponsorship for the event.

Police Handle Package with Special Care

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he Georgia Tech Post Office experienced a false alarm Saturday, August 12, upon receipt of a suspicious package with no return address.

The package, addressed to the School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, was wrapped in tape, with protruding through the wrapping.

It was essentially two packages taped together, with a metal ring sticking out, said Jack Vickery, Georgia Tech police chief. "We notified city officials just to be safe," he said.

The package met the city's profile for "suspicious packages" and was opened remotely. At this point, it was determined the suspicious parcel was a weather balloon package produced by the College of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences.

School officials identified the contents as an ozone sensor, a device used to measure ozone in the stratosphere.

The device is one cubic foot, styrofoam object with an antenna that attaches to a balloon. Researchers attached the device to a balloon and sent it up about 125,000 feet, according to Michael Rodgers, associate
FACULTY/STAFF: 30th Annual Academic Senate 1:00-5:00 p.m., in EST, Room 3. For more information, please contact Lee Durbin at 844-3282.


CAMPUS HOLIDAY: August 21 - Academic Senate + 3:00-5:00 p.m., in EST, Room 3. For more information, please contact Lee Durbin at 844-3282.


FOOTBALL: The NCAA has wired up to something Tech fans have known all along: the annual gridiron grudge match with Georgia is more than just a football game. Acting on a request from the two schools and the Scottish Rite Children’s Medical Center, the NCAA deemed the game a "special event." The move clears the way for Scottish Rite to link fund-raising activities to the game. For 62 years, Scottish Rite has funded bond raising to the Tech-Georgia junior varsity game, but that tradition ended last year. This year’s game will be played on Thanksgiving at Grant Field.

PUBLICITY: A minimum time commitment of only five days, volunteers are quickly signing up for the 12,000 available volunteer positions during the Atlanta Paralympic Games, August 16-26, 1996. Positions are still available in all areas including accreditation, athlete’s village, opening/closing ceremonies, press operations, VIP services, language services, spectator services, medical services, hospitality, athlete services, results/score keeping, security, technology, transportation, and venue setup.

Youth volunteers will begin in January of 1996 and volunteer training will begin in February. Volunteers will attend an official Paralympic volunteer rally between February and June 1996, and pick up their volunteer manual.

Close to the games in August, volunteers will have specific job training sessions and a tour of their assigned venue. Uniforms and limited edition volunteer pins and posters will be available for all volunteers.

Coordinators are seeking volunteers who “know their way around Atlanta and the Tech campus.” Prior experience is not a prerequisite.

Interested parties should contact Linda Henderson at 278-2632. Henderson graduated from Tech in 1994 in industrial engineering. She encourages the Tech community to get involved in the volunteer effort.

DRAMA: If you’ve ever been whipped through the chain saw of love, or hop ed to find out if you’ll identify with “Personals,” DramaTech’s summer offering, a hilarious and bittersweet musical about looking for romantic fulfillment through the personal ads. Written by David Cramer and Marta Kaufman, the dynamic duo behind the hit sitcom “Friends,” it’s something that will take you at a gallop through the heights and lows of the mating game.

Remaining performances are August 24, 25 and 26 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $4 for students, $6 for Georgia Tech faculty and staff, and $8 for general public. DramaTech is located in the Dean Dull Theater in the Georgia Tech Center for the Arts.

To make reservations and to purchase tickets, call 894-9600. For more information, including directions, call 894-3841.

NEEDS INFORMATION: Assistant Director, Office of Student Activities, 894-3703.

EXAM: Exams

HEALTH/MEDICAL: A Special Events

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Continuing Education, certificate course, "Intermediate C Language" (COMP-101), August 23-25, fee: $95, GT Computer Training Center. For more information, contact Billie Ann Rice at 894-3146.

Continuing Education, certificate course, "Hazardous Materials Management II" (COMP-102), August 23-24. For more information, contact Continuing Education Marketing at 894-2547.


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Georgia Tech in a seat of the University System of Georgia.
Pedestrians and Bicyclists
Should Take
Safety Precautions

Traveling on foot or by bike can be invigorating, but with daily construction and other Olympic-related activity on campus, bicyclists and pedestrians need to take special precautions to avoid accidents.

The following safety tips should be followed by all types of Tech travelers:

- Pedestrians should look both ways before crossing the street and entering or exiting a bus. Vehicles sometimes pass the bus while it is loading or unloading.
- Pedestrians should always approach intersections with extreme caution, and never assume the bicyclists or vehicles are going to stop.
- Drivers should yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway whether the person is in or outside of a crosswalk.
- Bicyclists should stop before entering the crosswalk, to allow pedestrians to cross before proceeding.
- Bicyclists riding on the sidewalks should respect pedestrians or other cyclists slowly, or they may become frightened and move into your path.

When passing from behind make yourself known by sounding a horn or bell, and by saying “On your left (or right).” This will ensure they do not turn into your path.

- Pedestrians and drivers should always be aware of who or what else occupies the area in which they are traveling.

Meet Joe Blount

Full Name: Joseph D. Blount, Jr. (but I’m suspicious of those who won’t call me Joe)

Age: 26

Occupation: Computer Support Specialist at OIT’s Customer Support Center (formerly Helpdesk)

Years at Tech: 3.5 full-time

Current Professional Project(s): Getting up-to-speed on new position, focusing on PC software support; and creating information brochures for the campus.

Education: B.S. in Architecture from GT; currently working on B.S. in Computer Science from Tech.

Marital Status: single

Favorite Book: Deadeye Dick by Kurt Vonnegut

Favorite Movie: “North by Northwest”

Few People Know: I briefly worked for GT parking enforcement, writing tickets.

Pet Peeve: Hesitancy, particularly when it interferes with the progress of others

When I Was Little I Wanted To Be: anything that involved driving cars or trucks.

If You Could Do It All Over Again, What Would You Change? I would learn to enjoy exercise at a younger age.

Torch Talk

Employees Urged to Plan for the Summer 1996 Commute

Most Tech employees have already responded to a survey regarding their needs to access campus during the summer of 1996. Now, employees must decide how they intend to get to the campus.

Employees who need to get to Georgia Tech during the Olympic Secure Period (July 1 - August 10, 1996) will have several commuting options. The one which is most encouraged is MARTA.

Georgia Tech employees who commit to using MARTA rail and bus service will receive a free MARTA card, entitling the card holder free train and bus service, as well as free parking in MARTA-operated lots and additional satellite lots, being run by ACOG for specific MARTA stations.

Transportation from the Midtown and/or North Avenue MARTA station to the campus entry control points will be provided. The MARTA pass will be good for all travel within the MARTA system during the period June 15 - August 15, 1996, allowing employees who choose this option, to ride MARTA free to any point in the city.

There has recently been a change in the plan for satellite closings around Georgia Tech. 10th Street will now be a limited access street between Northside Drive and the 1-75/85 connector, meaning that the general public will not be able to use the street.

Buses carrying spectators, official vehicles, Georgia Tech employee shuttles and vehicles with a specific need to access a point on 10th Street will still be allowed.

North Avenue (between the 1-75/85 connector and Lackie Street) and Tech Parkway will be closed with no public access allowed.

Satellite parking lots will be available for employees who are unable to use MARTA. The location of these lots has not yet been determined.

Employees who use these lots will drive to the parking lot, board a shuttle bus for the ride to Georgia Tech, and then pass through the entry control point at either the Village Secure Zone or the Research Controlled Area.

A senior design team from industrial and systems engineering is currently conducting a transportation survey which will aid in the planning of Georgia Tech satellite parking lots. The survey results will also be used in the employee shuttle planning process.

The surveys were sent to each campus functional area planner. Employees who have not been contacted regarding their transportation plans for the summer of 1996 should seek guidance from their department or unit planners, as there will only be enough parking spaces for those who indicate that they need one.

Georgia Tech will keep employees informed of changes to the transportation plan which may affect traffic patterns in the Georgia Tech area as well as other things which may affect each employee commute to and from campus.

If you have questions please call Tammy Tuley at 894-8823 or e-mail: tammy.tuley@sports.gatech.edu

Volunteers Put to the Test

at Atlanta Sports ‘95

Lympic athletes are not the only ones testing their skills at Atlanta Sports ‘95. Volunteers are also being tested to see if they are able to deliver what the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games requires.

No stranger to volunteerism, Candy Carson, director of Georgia Tech Olympic Committee, shares her experience as a volunteer at the NationsBank Pan Pacific Swimming Competition.

Q.: What type of work did you perform during the event?

A.: I was a photo marshal, which is part of ACOG’s press operations division. My main responsibility was to make sure reporters and photographers stayed within the area, for which they were credentialed.

Q.: What was your work schedule?

A.: I worked August 10-13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Q.: What type of preliminary training did you receive?

A.: The training was broken down into two segments. First volunteers attended a general meeting, that provided an overview for everyone who would be working at a swimming event.

Second, there was a combined meeting and dress rehearsal where each volunteer was debriefed and walked through their specific posts.

Over 200 volunteers attended the five-hour dress rehearsal, held at the Aquatic Center the Sunday preceding the event.

Q.: What are your comments concerning the organization of the event?

A.: Through the course of the week event planners and volunteers seem to establish a rhythm and operations ran relatively smoother than the first day.

One of the goals of the preview events is to see what areas need to be improved from the smallest detail, like how many sodas and sandwiches each volunteer will consume. Once these details are ironed out, future planning will be done accordingly. Along those lines, from an operational viewpoint the event was a success.

Q.: What did you gain personally, by participating in the event?

A.: I learned about a new area, dealing with the media, and that will help me do a better job during the ‘96 Games.

Carson, who has been involved with the Olympic Volunteer effort since 1991, also donated her time during the Paralympic Swim Trials, held August 17-20.

To find out more information about GTOC, contact Candy.Carson@registrat.gatech.edu
APPLIANCES
Refrigerator, Magic Chef, 24", Side-by-side, icemaker, glass shelves, 1 year new, Must see, asking $850. Please call 977-7799.

AUTOMOBILES
1984 Nissan Sentra. Very good condition, clean, AC, AM/FM, 5-Speed, $3,000 miles, $2,600. Call 984-5110.

1982 Chrysler convertible $380 or will trade for a laptop-computer, with external floppy drive. Call Harrie Baswell at 894-4017.

1991 Lincoln Continental; white with blue leather; moonroof; warranty to 100,000 miles, $13,000. Call John Myers at 894-1837.


1994 Chevy Lumina Eurosport, 47,000 miles. Excellent condition. Gold-wired trim $13,000. Call 894-6130.

1975 Daum 280Z (last 2 sister automatic) restored, new paint, tires, interior, excellent mechanically, $2,800. Call 853-9329, e-mail: bobb@patones.com.

1985 Ford Thunderbird, V8, all power, AM/FM Cassette, 108,000 miles, original owner, good condition, $2,700 or best offer. Call Mark Richards at 528-7756 or e-mail mark.richards@pnc.gatech.edu.

27' Nomad travel trailer, full size in back window air, stove, new refrigerator. Sleeps 5, awning and two decks, new carpet excellent condition. $3,750. Call 894-5000 (W) or 706-232-2075 (F) (after 7 p.m.)

COMPUTERS
Wanted: lap-top—particularly Compaq with external floppy drive. Contact Harrie Baswell at 894-4017.

FURNITURE
Bassett dresser and chest of drawers, both pieces are white and in excellent condition. Perfect for nursery or girls room. $100 each. Call 941-5572.

Contemporary style home/gap, office set-up. Black corner unit, 2-drawer computer desk with separate file cabinet. Black leather jr. executive swivel chair. Excellent condition - 3 months old, $325 boys all. Call Jackie at 894-8768 or justinh@math.gatech.edu.

Bedroom Suite - Queen-sized bed, mattress, box spring, frame and headboard; two nightstands; triple dresser; white chest of drawers. Off-white french provincial made in the USA $1,000. Excellent condition. Call 894-6272.

Sofa, 5-piece Sectional with fabric - $300. Comes with 3 large throw pillows, 2 medium corded pillows and 2 small fringe pillows. Great condition - must sell, $150 for new piece! Call Miss at 894-3551.

REAL ESTATE
For Rent: NA-HIGH 288/1BA, gas heat/AC, carpet, deck. Located in lower level of private home near Blind Wilkes. Non-smoker, no pets. $625/mo. 1 year lease minimum. Avail. 9/19/95. 872-6497

Main riverfront waterfront to share 3 bedroom/2 bath townhouse with pool in the Ennsly Highlands area. $800/month, plus 1/3 utilities. Smoking a-ok, Must like dogs. Call Fred at 894-7052.

Wanted: Loft apartment in include all utilities. Please call 633-6377. Tracie S, Arnold Office of Human Resources 925 Fowler Street Atlanta, GA 30324-0453 office: (404)894-3925 fax: (404)853-9110.

Home for sale: Carrington, GA 200 sq ft. heated space, 1/2 acre land, brick structure, nice and quite subdivision, 3BR, 2BA, kitchen, dining room, living room, family room, central heat/AC, gas water heater and stove, len of storage space, financing available, asking $75,000. Call 404-894-3635 (o), 404-418-9025 (h).

House for sale: Gwinnett Mall, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Lot size 8,000 sq ft. Excellent condition. $143,900. Call 404-279-9478 (n), 853-9560((h), 853-4807(ab).

For sale: 7/8 acres of wooded land on small creek. All utilities. Within Douglasville city limits. Priced to sell. Call 894-6130.

MISCELLANEOUS
Lost: Gold-colored digital watch lost near Streets or Oaklawn. Please e-mail carol.anstat@ed.gatech.edu.

For Sale: Infant car seat, infant/toddler clothes and shoes (infant). Contact Debra at 894-2564.

Fiberglass Snug Top Shell, fits late Toyota short bed truck. Insulated. Custom made with padded carpet kit. Like new. $550 or best offer. Contact Shirley @ 894-2826 (w) or (404) 844-0852 (h).

17" Sears color television, cable capable but not cable ready. Remote control controls channel and power, great for video games or dedicated monitor. $75 e-mail lawrence@sympatico.gatech.edu or call 894-5080.

Sony CDS-500 Compact disc digital audio FM/AM Compact Disc Player. 1 bit D/A converter & 84 digital filters, built in 4-channel amplifier and preamp output for external amplifier, detachable front panel for advanced security system. New, never taken out of the box. $275. Please call Kim at 894-7758.

Man's 12-speed Huffy bicycle. Real good condition. Fully checked out. Contact Barbara 894-3806 or 306-9722 after 6 p.m.

Wanted: small refrigerator (28" wide) or chest type freezer. Contact Barbara at 894-3806.

Staff member interested in carpooling from the Lithia Springs area (Lee Rd.) Work hours are 8-5 pm (may be flexible). Call Susan at 894-3700 or e-mail budians@acme.gatech.edu (Susan Loganpere)

7973 Yamaha motorcycle, 60 CC, 1,235 original miles, new battery. A classic in great condition, $385. Call 992-6630.

Seeking room to rent: Full-time Georgia Tech employee, currently residing in married student housing (husband is full-time student who will be doing on-campus work) is in need of housing during summer of 1996 (June-September). Quiet, neat, non-smoking, willing to pay rent or exchange for part-time childcare. Please call Renee (404)874-9179.

TV/VCR Combination — Zenith 13" color TV and VCR, new, in original carton; great for bedroom, kitchen, etc. Retail for $340, will sell for $275. Call Ellen (w) 894-3041, or (b) 767-3547.

For Sale: Stereo Component Cabinet. Black laminate. Technics brand furniture. 54" high, 30" wide, 23" deep. Two main cabinet areas, upper and lower each have hinged glass door. Two fixed plus three adjustable shelves. All wood 5/8" thick or more — extremely sturdy. Can be disassembled. $125 or best offer. Call Eric Miller 806-2166 (w) 728-8890 (b) or e-mail: eric.miller@ed.gatech.edu.

For Sale: Nikon 35 mm zoom lens 500. Perfect condition. $300. 197 C F Penney camera ready, 47 channel color TV. Perfect condition. $1000.00 Call Linda at 894-6138.

Classified and calendar information should be e-mailed to whistie@www.gatech.edu, no less than 11 days in advance.