Students honor staff and faculty

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Student organizations recently honored a number of faculty and staff members for their commitment to students. Some common denominators among each of the honorees were the significant amount of time spent with student groups and his or her responsiveness to student needs and concerns.

The Order of Omega, an honor society that recognizes outstanding leadership from individuals within the Greek community at Georgia Tech, honored a faculty member from each academic college. Earlier this month, the organization held a Faculty Awards Reception and invited the following faculty members as the honored guests: Russ Callen, associate professor, College of Architecture; Philip Adler, professor, DuPree College of Management; John McLeod, instructor, Ivan Allen College; Ashok Goel, associate professor, College of Computing; and Henry Vahl, professor and associate chair, College of Sciences.

Each Greek organization was asked to nominate two academic faculty members from each college. "The recipients were chosen for their genuine love for Georgia Tech and their dedication to teaching," said Chip Vondran III, secretary of the Order of Omega. "Also important was their interest in students both in and out of the classrooms. All of our Faculty of the Year honorees exemplify the finest of Georgia Tech's best educators."

The Undergraduate and Graduate Student Government Associations (SGA) also paid tribute to dedicated faculty and staff at their annual awards banquet in March. The Graduate SGA honored Maureen Kilroy, assistant dean of Student Affairs and associate professor, College of Architecture; Philip Adler, professor, DuPree College of Management; John McLeod, instructor, Ivan Allen College; Ashok Goel, associate professor, College of Computing; and Henry Vahl, professor and associate chair, College of Sciences.

Kilroy was chosen as Faculty of the Year for his commitment both in and out of the classroom. According to mechanical engineering graduate student Justin McLoughlin, she "presents his lectures in a clear and concise manner so that students fully understand the topics without being shortchanged on content coverage. He is always friendly and willing to help students when they need advice."

The Undergraduate SGA honored John Hannabach, director, Career Services, as Friend of the Student; M. Jackson Marr, professor, School of Psychology, as Alumni of the Year; Butch Stanphill, director, Recreational Sports, as Administrator of the Year; and William Caldwell, Music Department, as Faculty Member of the Year.

In Hannabach's 11 years at Tech, his commitment to students has ranged from advising student organizations to advancing Career Services technologically with the implementation of JobTrack, the online interview scheduling system. "He is always there to give advice on jobs, companies and salaries," said student Kimberly Houck. "After hours, he attends the meetings of student organizations and speaks to them on issues ranging from ethics to interview skills." According to sophomore Erica Young, "He takes each student individually and helps them reach their particular situation."

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DramaTech brings musical theater ‘tradition’ to Tech

An impassioned Tevye, played by Don Debord, sings "To Life" during a rehearsal of the musical comedy Fiddler on the Roof. DramaTech, Georgia Tech's student-run theater and the oldest continually producing theater in Atlanta, presents the burlesque and sentimental tale known for some of the most popular songs in musical theater, including "Sunrise, Sunset," "Tradition," "Matchmaker," and "If I Were a Rich Man." Performances are at 8 p.m. on May 19-22 at DramaTech and on May 28-29 at the Robert Ferst Center for the Arts. Tickets are $10 for the public and $5 for students.
Buzz Card gets ‘best design’ award

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Georgia Tech’s Buzz Card may now be so familiar that it doesn’t get a second glance here on campus, but it did catch the eye of the National Association of Campus Card Users (NACCU), winning the best card design at the association’s annual conference in March.

The National Association of Campus Card Users, formed in 1987, is a professional association of personnel from colleges around the country, which have some version of an all-campus card. Campus cards typically act as an ID card, debit card, meal plan card and library card all in one. Some schools have even wider applications.

The Buzz Card, the official ID card for Georgia Tech students, faculty and staff, was designed by Emmanuel "Noel" Moreno (ID ‘96), TV operations coordinator for the Georgia Tech Cable Network (GTCN). "I am very excited to be involved with a project that demonstrates how Georgia Tech cares about good design—in everything we do," said Moreno.

James Pete, director of the Buzz Card Center, accepted the award. "This award helps support the Mission of Auxiliary Services at Georgia Tech by its national recognition," said Pete. "The mission states that ‘We seek to set the standards of excellence on the campus and in the community.’"

GTCA began in early 1997 to create an identity for the Buzz Card Center as a whole, including a logo, the Buzz Card, signage, brochures and forms, according to Moreno. The design work was part of a larger project GTCA was working on for Auxiliary Services: the design of logos for cybercafe, Burdell’s General Store, the Tech Bookstore and the Computer Store. Moreno led a team that included Kevin Shankwiler and Rob Mizelle, also recent graduates of the Industrial Design program, and Philip Dwyer, a Georgia State University student.

"Because technical schools are often stereotyped, we wanted to create a light-hearted, almost playful, design that would demonstrate the lively nature of the Georgia Tech community," Moreno said. "We also wanted to capture some of the ‘technical’ feel that is very much a part of the Georgia Tech fabric."

"It’s hard to believe [the Buzz Card] has been around a little less than two years," said Rosalind Meyers, associate vice president, Auxiliary Services. "It’s quickly become part of Tech life, as if it’s always been here. The card’s design has been a factor in the Buzz Card’s quick acceptance."

Coming soon is a new card design developed specifically for faculty and staff Buzz Cards, according to Pete. The new cards, also designed by Moreno, should be ready for issue within the next month. Faculty and staff soon will receive information via e-mail regarding their new Buzz Card.

All employees are eligible to receive a Buzz Card. To acquire one, visit the Buzz Card Center located inside the Houston Bookstore Mall. The first card is issued free of charge. Some form of photo ID (i.e., Human Resource issued ID, driver’s license or passport) is required. New hires who have not attended orientation must bring a copy of their personal services form (PSF) or a letter on department letterhead including their name, identification number, department and start date.

Immediate family members, 18 years or older, are also eligible for a Buzz Card and must be accompanied by the Tech employee when acquiring it. The cost is $15 for each family member. If a spouse is requesting a card and does not have the same last name, he or she must bring proof of marriage.

Machines make direct cash deposits

Value Transfer Stations (VTS) help make the Buzz Card even easier to use. "A VTS will allow you to make an instant cash deposit, with receipt, directly into your Buzz Card Account," said Jim Pete, director of the Buzz Card Center. "You can also easily check your available Buzz funds."

The stations, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, are located at the Student Center on the second floor; Curran Street Parking Deck; entrance to the West Side Market and Diner; the Graduate Living Center; and Brittain Recreation.

College of Architecture spotlights its best

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Last week, the College of Architecture honored students, faculty, staff, retirees and alumni at its seventh annual Awards Day. "I always look forward to this yearly event," said Dean Thomas D. Galloway. "It’s a special day because College faculty, staff and students gather to honor themselves."

Each year, the College recognizes students who receive the top awards in their respective programs. The Building Construction program, under director, Roubbeh Kangari, awarded several student scholarships, with 11 sponsors contributing and 16 students receiving awards. Also honored are faculty, who have distinguished themselves at the senior, mid-career and junior professional levels, who have made outstanding contributions to improving the interdisciplinary foundation of the College, and who have provided extraordinary service to the public in teaching, research and continuing education.

This year’s Dean’s Award, which goes to the faculty member who has provided extraordinary service to the College, was presented to Dale Durfee. "Dale is not only a great teacher but a wonderful designer," said Galloway. "He designed the new Building Construction/GIS building, the Heffeman House and the College of Architecture annex."

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Marr has gained respect from his students for his many professional accomplishments and the knowledge he imparts, but he also has affected them by challenging them. "Dr. Marr not only prepares students for the future of research in psychology, but also disciplines them towards character development and intellectual development," said student Matthew Cohen.

Stanphill’s commitment to both graduate and undergraduate students is apparent in the honors he has received two years running; just last year he was named Friend of the Graduate Student. Stanphill has been recognized for unwavering support of both graduate and undergraduate SGA efforts and concerns. "Butch worked all summer with members of the SGA Joint Finance Committee to come up with a budget for SAC," said Marie Caroline Wild, a senior international affairs major. "He was asked to break down athletic supplies that would be used through the fiscal year, and he did so to the last tennis ball and towel. He saved the students over $10,000," she said. "More significant was that Butch really took student input very seriously."

Caldwell was noted for his extensive work to improve the Music Department and Tech’s liberal arts environment as a whole. He also worked closely with students to help Under the Couch, a popular student lounge and musical venue, remain on campus, according to student Amit Keswani. Caldwell is also a freshman partner with the Freshman Experience program.
Campaign helps strengthen faculty in increasingly competitive environment

Julius L. Brown may not be as big a name on campus as the Ramblin’ Wreck or Buzz, but Brown’s legacy has had an impact on the Institute that goes far beyond the original gift that bears his name. Georgia Tech created its first endowed chair in 1910 and named it for Brown, an Atlanta attorney and son of a Georgia governor, who left two-thirds of his estate to the Institute. Originally structured as a single chair, the endowment was later divided to create two Julius L. Brown Chairs, one in the School of Chemistry and Biochemistry and another in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

That pioneering example of support for Tech faculty is an integral part of The Campaign for Georgia Tech. Through the Campaign, Tech is seeking funding for a variety of faculty support programs, including endowed chairs, junior faculty awards, visiting faculty programs and various faculty development grants. To date, 32 endowed chairs have been funded through the Campaign. The minimum funding level for an endowed chair is $1.5 million.

“A great university cannot advance and mature without continually recruiting the finest faculty from outside the campus, and strengthening the skills of current faculty within the campus,” said Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael E. Thomas. “High-quality faculty not only provide the best educational experience for students in both the classroom and the laboratory, but also attract recognition from key supporters and observers.”

In order to keep their finest scholars and teachers over the long term, universities must think creatively about how to offer specific programs that allow their most accomplished faculty to continue to grow and challenge themselves. This is most often done through endowed chairs and awards that enable faculty to pursue areas of research interest that excite and motivate them. Consequently, the challenge for institutions of higher learning lies in the ongoing search for new ways to fund such programs.

The current beneficiaries of Tech’s faculty support programs are keenly aware of the flexibility and critical resources that such programs provide. “My endowed chair has provided me with a rapid-response mechanism for dealing with the unforeseen and the unexpected,” said William L. Chameides, Charles A. Smithgall Jr. Chair in Atmospheric Science and Regents’ Professor, School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences. “In my field of research, the atmosphere is our laboratory. Our experiments occur outdoors—sometimes as close to home as Atlanta, other times as far away as China. During these experiments, people and equipment are committed for a specified period of time, and only that time. If an instrument malfunctions, you do not have the option of going home and trying the experiment next week. In these situations, the funds from an endowed chair can mean the difference between success and failure.”

Faculty support programs, such as endowed chairs held by Chameides and other prominent Tech faculty, have become increasingly crucial in recent years as competition for the nation’s brightest scholarly stars, the “Michael Jordans” of academia, has heated up. Such programs give Tech administrators the ability to provide top scholars with the environment and the resources they need.

Seminar gives tips on getting organized

An upcoming seminar on organization may provide some help and relief to those who are constantly frustrated by the mounting piles of work in their workspace, taking work home and perpetually running late.

During a "Get Organized" seminar on May 20, Peggy Duncan, an organization and time management consultant, will offer suggestions on how to get organized and will focus on ways that new technology can help. Duncan is host of TECHsupport on MediaOne/PTV-Atlanta and is a columnist with the Atlanta Tribune.

Duncan’s tips include making use of the following:

✓ To Do Book. Regardless of how small the task or how trivial the request, write it down. Once it’s written, it’s off your mind but you won’t forget it. Trade in those sticky notes around the computer for a simple, spiral notebook. An electronic note recorder works well while driving.

✓ Tickler File. When a document comes in that might not require your immediate attention, instead of leaving it on a pile, the document should be on your calendar. Whether it’s a board meeting or your child’s soccer game, it should be on your calendar.

✓ Checklists. Checklists work great when you’re preparing for situations in which you’ll need a list of things. For example, every time I give a seminar or participate in a tradeshow, I have a checklist to use to make sure I’ll have everything I need with me.

✓ Project Folders. Instead of having work spread out over the desk and floor, batch similar work together. If you’re working on a particular project, create a folder for it that will house everything related to it.

The seminar will be held at noon in the Student Center, Rm. 319. For more information, contact mack.bowers@vpss.gatech.edu.

Training and development opportunities

The Office of Management and Training Services is offering the following courses in June:

- June 1: Preventing Sexual Harassment, 9 - 11:30 a.m., Coliseum Annex, Rm. 302. For employees who are not supervisors. No cost.
- June 2: Word 97—Publishing Features, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., 811 Marietta St. $50.
- June 3: Goal Setting and Time Management, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Coliseum Annex, Rm. 302. $35.
- June 5: Achieving Quality Customer Service, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Coliseum Annex, Rm. 302. $35.
- June 9: Word 97 Intermediate, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., 811 Marietta St. $50.
- June 9, 10: Effective Listening Skills, Parts I and II, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Savant Building, Rm. 203. $40.
- June 18: Defensive Driving, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Coliseum Annex, Rm. 302. $10.
- June 23: Excel 97—Presenting Information, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., 811 Marietta St. $50.

For registration information, contact Wansley Dennis at 894-2666, or email wansley.dennis@success.gatech.edu or see the Web at http://www.training.gatech.edu/. To register for non-computer training courses complete the registration form and fax it to Wansley Dennis at 894-2666 or email the form to Wansley.dennis@success.gatech.edu.
Art/Culture

May 18

“Classical pops concert,” performed by the Georgia Tech orchestra. Shostakovich Symphony #5, 4th Movement; Mozart Sonata Concertante for Violin, Viola and Orchestra; Beethoven’s Holiday music from The Empire Strikes Back; and Themes from 007.

11:05 a.m., College of Architecture atrium.

May 20

“The President’s Concert, Tech’s annual music extravaganza. The orchestra, jazz band and chorale combine to celebrate the music of Duke Ellington, the symphonic band performs “An Outdoor Overture” by Aaron Copland, and percussion ensemble DrumTechs performs. 8 p.m., Robert Frist Center for the Arts.

$10 for the public; $8.50 for faculty and staff; $5 for students.

Brown Bags/Lectures

May 19

Scientific Visualization Laboratory seminar “Introduction to IBM Data Explorer” — object-oriented environment for creating full-featured visualizations of complicated data sets without programming.

4 - 6 p.m., College of Computing building, Room 329. Contact: Markus De Shon, 770-894-6666 or markus.deshorn@coes.gatech.edu.

May 20


Noon - 1 p.m., Penge Building (MRC), Room 102. Contact: 4488 or see www.gvu.gatech.edu/gvu/events/calendar.

“The Taiwan Relations Act: Twenty Years After and A Look Ahead,” with Ambassador James R. Lilley, former ambassador to China and South Korea. Sponsored by the Georgia Tech Center for International Strategy, Technology and Policy; and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta. Reception, 6 p.m., panel, 7 p.m., Student Success Center, Clary Theater. Free and open to the public. Reservations are requested. Call 894-3199.

May 21

Cognitive Science Spring Colloquium. “Event Integration in Language,” by Leonard Talmy, University of Buffalo, Noon - 1:30 p.m., Student Center Theater. Contact: Susan Jackson, 770-786-8550 or susanj@cc.gatech.edu.

Real Estate

Wanted: house to rent or lease/purchase, reasonably priced. Email cm132@prism.gatech.edu.

House for rent: 3BR, 2BA, Morningside quiet area, 2 mi. from Emory, Virginia Highlands, $1,700/mo. Avail. Sept-Dec. ’99. Rick Doner, 875-2642 (h) or 727-7914 (w).

Nonsmoking professional male w/ 2 cats seeks roommate. 3 BR apt., Grant Park; LR, DR, central heat/air; off-street parking. $500/month includes utilities. Call 880-6394.

Miscellaneous

May 18

1996 Suzuki Savage motorcycle, 650cc single-cylinder, maroon, 12K in. 2000. Call 770-528-7616 (w) or ray.kangas@gtri.gatech.edu.

Motorcycle, Suzuki GN250, needs basic tune-up, $100. Call 880-6394.

Computers

15i” Dell Triton monitor for PC. Used only 6 months, $250. Backpack 800 TD tape backup drive for PC. Used only once, $100. Contact nancy@cc.gatech.edu.

Sharp model CE-FM4 fax/modern for Sharp personal organizers, $75. Contact Jim Scheer, 770-528-7689 or jmscheer@gti.gatech.edu.

Apple StyleWriter 1200, 6000 or better, extra car, $200 OBO. Kenwood KE-2200 stereo graphic equalizer, barely used, $40 OBO. Contact andy.mades@arc.gatech.edu.

Furniture

3-piece LR set, brown w/ dark brown prints, $150, 2 bar stools, $30 for both. BR suite (headboard, chest, drawer w/ mirror). E-mail malinda@williams@yve.gatech.edu.

Two nightstands, dresser and bed frame. Original price $1,500, bought two years ago; asking $300. Call Chen, 894-3422.

Sleeper sofa, less than year old, queen size, 3-piece LR set, brown w/ dark brown prints, $175. 3-piece LR set, brown w/ dark brown prints, $175. TV stand (swivel), $15.

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Amley Park sublet: Furnished 2BR, 1BA apt. Avail. 6/5 - 8/15/99, with possible extension to 1/1/00. Hardwoods, porch, separate LR, DR, DR. No smokers, no pets. $1,050/month. Contact 894-6562.

Sports/Fitness/Recreation

Sunfish sailboat, excellent condition, $1,100. Contact Jim Scheer, 770-528-7689 or jmscheer@gti.gatech.edu.

Miscellaneous

Craftsman mulching lawn mower, 20 in., 5 hp w/ grass catcher, $90. farms. Ramon, 894-0337 or rg26@prism.gatech.edu.

Sony PlayStation Pak: PlayStation, 2 controllers, 2 RF adapters, 4 games. $100 OBO. Call Kathy, 894-7223.

Wedding gown, white w/ tulle bottom; halter neckline; beaded bodice; size 5/6, short. Only worn once; slip included. $350. Call Chelsea, 894-3204.

Two bridesmaid dresses, burgundy. One size 9, one size 11. Worn once, paid $185, asking $100 each. Call Jennifer, 894-2379.

9 ft. satellite dish, approx. 200 ft. coax cable, pedestal for dish, receiver w/ decoder, remote control. $200 for all. Call 770-682-1269 or 894-5366.

Two Model 2890 dictaphone machines w/ transcribing headsets. Uses full size cassette tapes (several tapes incl.), $550 each or $600 for both. Call 770-682-1269.

Small wooden desk, $50, TV stand (swivel top, cabinet, space for VCR), $20, drop in electric stove, $50; dorm size frig, $40; carpet cleaning machine, $25. Contact 887-9455 or lionclose@aol.com.

Male Shih Tzu free to good home. 6 months old. Call Katherine, 770-473-1821.

Motorola 550 cellular flip phone. Leather case, cigarette lighter adapter included. $50 OBO. Contact Bob, 894-9405 or robert.rose@mic.gatech.edu.

Honda Passport motor scooter, runs well. Best offer. Contact Jim Scheer, 770-528-7689 or jmscheer@gti.gatech.edu.

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