Campaign goal raised again

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The Campaign for Georgia Tech is hoping that the third time will be the charm. A $600 million charm.

The Georgia Tech Foundation trustees voted to raise the capital campaign goal from $500 million to $600 million at their December meeting after reviewing recommendations proposed by President Wayne Clough and Campaign chairman and former Phillips Petroleum chairman Pete Silas. The Campaign goal was originally $300 million—it was raised to $400 million when the Campaign went public, and again last December.

Making the recommendation, Silas stressed that Campaign leadership must “strike while the iron is hot.”

Both executives cited continued fundraising progress on all fronts and the expanding needs of the Institute and its programs.

“Our success through today made raising the goal appropriate,” said Clough. “With a year left in the Campaign, our future looks every bit as bright as it has for the last four. The Institute and its alumni deserve nothing less.”

While John Staton, president of the Georgia Tech Foundation, is enthusiastic about the Campaign’s potential, he indicated that, “It’s not going to be easy. It will take everyone’s involvement to reach the new goal.

“Quantitatively, the numbers don’t quite justify an increase of this magnitude, but knowing that no one ever affiliated with Georgia Tech ever avoided a challenge, we made the call.”

Barrett Carson, vice president for Development, believes in Tech alumni. “Short of a major market catastrophe, there’s no question in my mind this is going to happen. The next 13 months will require gifts and commitments of $10 million a month, something that has never been done before. For the last six months, we’ll be working without a net.”

Parking makes major changes to improve services

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Parking and Transportation Services has taken several major steps to improve its services. Recent changes include: implementing new parking management software, developing an online parking registration system and hiring a new director.

New director

Rodney Weis joined Georgia Tech as director of Parking and Transportation Services in mid-November and spent his first week experiencing Tech’s transit services, meeting with a student group about their parking concerns, and becoming more familiar with the campus community.

Weis comes to Tech from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he served as director of parking and associate director of project planning and facility management. Previously, for four years he worked as director of operations for the public transit system for the city of Lexington, Ky.

While studying for his degree in transportation planning at Iowa State, Weis began his transportation career as a bus driver at the university. When Weis’ supervisor at Iowa State learned about his major, he involved Weis in short- and long-range planning and grant applications.

“I see Parking and Transportation as a support service for the academic mission of Georgia Tech,” said Weis. “My goal is to be the number one customer service organization on campus.” A big part of this effort is to better communicate with the different constituents, including visitors to campus.

So far, Weis sees a great need for improved transit services here at Tech for students, faculty and staff. Like many universities, the campus master plan aims to move parking to the periphery of the campus and to create more pedestrian space in the central campus.

“A good transit system must be in place before you start moving people to the perimeter of campus,” said Weis. “Once a good, reliable system is in place it makes the changes more compatible.”

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Tech's 205th commencement
Alumna, Microsoft exec to address graduates; alumni service award to be presented

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Alumna Deborah Willingham, vice president of the Microsoft Corporation's Business and Enterprise Division Marketing, will speak at the 205th commencement on Dec. 18. Approximately 1,000 students will graduate during the ceremony, which begins at 9 a.m. in Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Willingham, who holds a bachelor of science degree in industrial and systems engineering from Georgia Tech, has more than 22 years experience in the computer industry. She joined Microsoft in 1993 and is responsible for marketing the corporation's products to information technology people in businesses of all sizes, Windows operating system client and server marketing, and coursework development.

Before taking on her current role with Microsoft, Willingham served as vice president of the Enterprise Customer Unit from 1996 to 1999, responsible for sales, consulting and support of Microsoft products and services for large organizations and educational institutions.

From 1993 to 1996 she held the position of vice president of product support services. Under her direction, Microsoft broadened its spectrum of support choices, expanded its electronic information and services and built a comprehensive mission-critical support infrastructure.

Before joining Microsoft, Willingham was an executive of IBM Corp. where she held a variety of positions in hardware manufacturing and development. Her responsibilities spanned many technical functions and products including high-end storage and retrieval devices, system printers, tape and storage devices, and mid-range application business systems.

Willingham has maintained her association with Tech over the years. She is a member of the Industrial and Systems Engineering Alumni Advisory Board and of the President's Advisory Board.

She is also a member of the National Board of Advisors for the College of Business and Public Administration at the University of Georgia; the Corporate Advisory Board of Women in Engineering Initiative at the University of Washington; and the Washington Technology Center Board of Directors at the University of Washington.

At the commencement ceremony, alumna James "Frank" Stovall Jr. will be honored for his more than 50 years of volunteer service to his alma mater. He is to receive the 1999 Joseph Mayo Petitt Alumni Distinguished Service Award. The award will be presented by N. Allen Robertson, Class of 1969, president of the Georgia Tech Alumni Association.

A 1941 textile engineering graduate, Stovall retired as chairman of the United Cotton Goods Co. of Griffin, Ga., in 1985. He served twice on the Georgia Tech Alumni Association board of trustees and was its president in 1972-73. An emeritus member of the Georgia Tech Foundation, Stovall served its first term in that organization in 1977.

He is also an emeritus member of the former Tech-Georgia Development Fund, serving as both a director and treasurer. He was co-chairman of the Class of 1941 50th Reunion Committee, co-chairman of the Endowment Council for 1984-85, and a member of the Legislative Network.

Charitable Campaign wraps up '99 season of giving

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The 1999-2000 Georgia Tech Charitable Campaign celebrated its volunteers and announced its pledge tally on Dec. 2 at the annual Thank You Luncheon in the Student Center Ballroom. Contributions to date total $262,116.

The Georgia Tech Charitable Campaign is part of the larger State Charitable Contributions Program that benefits local and national charitable organizations. The program gives employees an opportunity to make financial contributions to eligible charities and use payroll deduction to do so.

Campaign Chair Miriam Drake, dean and director of Libraries, welcomed the volunteers, thanking them for their efforts and praising them for this year's accomplishments.

She then gave the podium over to co-chair Paul Ohme, who will be next year's chair. "Congratulations on a job well done," Ohme said. "I deeply appreciate the time you've committed, and I hope to see many of you next year."

The event gave thanks and recognition to the many members of the Tech community who contributed their time in a variety of ways: the unit coordinators, representatives from each unit on campus who were responsible for distributing materials to all members of their department, encouraging participation and addressing questions; staff in the Office of Information Technology, including George Smedberg, Tommie Burkhalter and Debbie Bradshaw, for helping make the transition from the previous accounting and payroll system to PeopleSoft, and training the campaign coordinators on the new system; and staff in Payroll, including Beverly Edwards, for ensuring that payroll deductions are processed accurately.

As Campaign coordinator, Sharon Crouch said her position allowed her to see firsthand the generosity of Tech employees of all levels. "I always think, 'we could have done better, we could have done more,'" she said. "But the nice thing about being the coordinator is that when you're entering those pledges, you see firsthand the great and wonderful pledges that come in, from all levels."

The thanks continued with recognition of the Campaign planning committee, including Crouch; Carolyn Schneider, co-coordinator; Teressa Francis, facilitator; Teresa Irish; Kathy Earwood; and Marie Little.

The event also included a presentation to the winner of the contest "Guess Tech's Total," that was published in a previous issue of The Whistle. The winner was Auxiliary Services' Sheryll Dahlke, director of Student Services, who won with her guess of $264,500.

The festivities concluded with the distribution of door prizes donated by various vendors and organizations. Attendees walked away with prizes including tickets to the Tennessee aquarium, a weekend stay at the Wyndham, gift certificates to area restaurants, Junior's and the Georgia Tech bookstore, and Georgia Tech caps, shirts and umbrellas.
Campus Y2K checklist

Toni Lynn Mills
Office of Information Technology

The following is a list of suggestions from the Tech Y2K Team to help you prepare. More details will be distributed via e-mail to all faculty, staff and students.

• Unplug any computers or electrical appliances before leaving for the holiday break or before "Zero Day." If you can't unplug something, turn it off.
• Install anti-virus software on all computers and keep virus definitions up-to-date. After Dec. 31, update anti-virus definitions/data files prior to running e-mail.
• Make sure you upgrade all computer software to Y2K compliant versions (for help, see the Tech Y2K web site at http://www.year2000.gatech.edu/).
• Don't be on campus if you don't have to be there during the rollover to 2000.
• Have a flashlight and extra batteries.
• Limit calls to campus—especially to the Tech Police Department—to emergency calls only. BellSouth advises everyone to stay off the phone at midnight unless absolutely necessary.
• Call Campus Information, 894-2000, or visit the Tech Y2K Web site at http://www.year2000.gatech.edu/ for the latest campus status report.

Faculty holiday party Dec. 15

The Georgia Tech Faculty Women's Club invites all faculty members to enjoy holiday music, tempting food and a cup of good cheer with their spouses/guests. The festivities will be held from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Alumni/Faculty House. For more information, contact Carolyn Ahrens, 770-232-0427, or Mary Claire Eastman, 817-3794.

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Parking management software

Over the last few months, a team including staff members from the Office of Information Technology (OIT), Parking, and Auxiliary Services has examined software options for Parking. The Parking office is now implementing PowerPark, a Windows-based parking management software that has been on the market about five years.

The computers in the Parking office have been upgraded to accommodate the new software. Parking staff have attended training classes, as well as received individual training sessions to further prepare them for the transition to the new software, which went live Dec. 9. Twenty-eight thousand records from the old system have been downloaded to the new.

Weis was pleased to learn that Tech chose PowerPark because he used the software for about one and a half years at Illinois.

"It's a powerful management tool and also a powerful customer service tool because it provides so much information. You can manage the space and utilize the space you have much more efficiently because you know exactly how many people you have assigned to that lot," Weis said.

Allen Corry, assistant director of Parking and Transportation Services recently returned from a PowerPark conference very enthusiastic about the software's capabilities.

"PowerPark will help us to maintain and process vehicle registrations, citations, collections and so forth," he said.

With this new software, Parking's enforcement personnel will use hand-held computers when checking parking lots to track data on the number of empty spaces in the lots, to write tickets and to determine the number of tickets a vehicle has on file. This data can then be downloaded to the central database. Monitoring the number of empty spaces in each parking lot several times a day will help the Parking office better determine whether more permits can be sold for these under-used spaces, thus maximizing the use of the facilities.

Web-based registration

OIT is currently developing the new web-based registration system that is expected to make vehicle registration more convenient for most campus drivers. OIT has completed the design phase and has begun the building and testing phase on schedule. The new online system is expected to be ready in time for the next annual registration period in April.

The online system will automatically charge the parking fee to the student's account, same as tuition and fees. Only those faculty and staff who are eligible to pay for their permits through payroll deduction will be able to use the online system. More than 90 percent of employees, however, chose payroll deduction for payment last year. The traditional paper registration applications will still be available for those who do not have access to the web or prefer that method.

Campus auto thefts down

Geogia Tech Police Chief Jack Vickery recently reported that the increased number of gated parking lots on campus has helped reduce campus crime.

Last year the number of automobile thefts on campus decreased from 66 to 47. Those numbers may seem small, but when converted into dollars, they amounted to about a $400,000 reduction in losses due to crime on the campus. Year-to-date data for 1999 indicates there likely will be another decrease of automobile-related crime.

"I am convinced that the significant increase in the number of gate-controlled and attended parking areas not only reduced the opportunities for parking violations in those areas, but also reduced the opportunities for auto theft and other offenses involving automobiles," said Vickery.

When you are on campus on or after Dec. 31 and discover a problem, you should contact the appropriate person in your department based on the type of problem discovered.

Computer problems discovered prior to the reopening of campus on Jan. 4, should be reported according to departmental Y2K procedures. Please verify your department's procedures before leaving campus for the holiday break.

On or after Jan. 4, all computer problems, as standard procedures, should be reported to your departmental customer support representative (CSR), departmental Customer Service Specialist (CSS) or the Office of Information Technology's Customer Support Center (CSC) at 894-7173.

If you discover a problem related to your building, please follow normal procedures and contact your building manager. If he or she is not on campus, follow departmental emergency procedures or contact the Tech Police Department or Facilities Office as necessary. Both areas will be on duty over the holiday.

During Zero Day (Dec. 31 - Jan. 1) employees and students can call 894-2000, Campus Information, or visit the Tech Y2K Web site at http://www.year2000.gatech.edu/ to obtain updated campus information.

New parking director Rodney Weis aims to change the reputation of parking for the better and make Parking and Transportation Services "the number one customer service organization on campus."
Faculty Development Program

Dec. 16
“Showcase of Campus Uses of Instructional Technology.”
Open to all faculty. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Student Services Building, Rm. 117. Lunch will be served. Contact: Donna Llewellyn, 894-2340 or donna.llewellyn@uas.gatech.edu.

Sports

Dec. 18
Men’s basketball, Tech vs. Morehead State, 7 p.m., Alexander Memorial Coliseum. For more information, contact 894-5447 or see www.ramblingwreck.com.

Dec. 22
Shooting Clinic with Mark Price for kids 8th grade and under before the men’s basketball game against Wofford at 7:30 p.m. in Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Tickets are $20 and include a game ticket, ticket to the clinic and a junior value meal from McDonald’s. Clinics will begin at 6:15 p.m. Contact: Autumn Richards, 885-0032 or archarhs@ut.gatach.edu.

Dec. 28
Women’s basketball, Tech vs. UNC-Greensboro, 7:30 p.m., Alexander Memorial Coliseum. For more information, contact 894-5447 or see www.ramblingwreck.com.

Dec. 29 - 30
Women’s basketball, Georgia Tech/Atlanta Marriott Northwest Holiday Invitational. Tech vs. Western Michigan, 2 p.m., Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Campbell vs. Pittsburgh, 4 p.m. Dec. 30: Consolation game, 2 p.m.; championship, 4 p.m. For more information, contact 894-5447 or see www.ramblingwreck.com.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dec. 16

Techmarts, Georgia Tech’s faculty/staff/alumnus chapter of Toastmaster’s International, meets each Thursday, 7:30 - 9 a.m., Pettit Building (MRC), Rm. 102. Anyone interested in improving his or her speaking, listening, thinking and leadership skills is encouraged to attend. Contact: Barry Crouse, 794-3735 or barry.crouse@ipst.gatech.edu.

Dec. 18
Fall Commencement. 9 a.m., Alexander Memorial Coliseum, Contact: Aimee Anderson, 894-7613.

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NEWS

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SPORTS/FITNESS/RECREATION

Hobie Cat, 14 ft. with trailer, life vests, paddles. Good condition. $600 OBO. Contact Chris, 256-4937.

MISSCULANEOUS


New battery operated wheelchair, $400 OBO. Contact 770-222-9600 or leoma.collins@business.gatech.edu.

“Door Scope”: install where peep hole is and you can see people 7-10 ft from door. Good for those w/ children or for wheelchair disabled persons. $35. Steve, 894-9005 or steve.allen@conted.gatech.edu.

Percussion set for band student. Snare drum, stand, case, bells, sticks, mallets. $125. Contact 385-6290 or debbie.pearson@coop.gatech.edu.

Rainbow vacuum cleaner with all attachments plus carpet shampoo attachment. Sells for $4,184 new, asking $700. Barbara, 894-7429 or barbaracall@grti.gatech.edu.

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Classifieds

APPLIANCES

Amana heavy duty washer, 4 cycles. Hot Point large capacity electric dryer, 7 cycles. Both less than 5 years old. Selling only as set. $400. Contact David, 894-1355 or d49@prism.gatech.edu.

Stears Lady Kenmore electric dryer, $75. Good working condition. Bill Miller, 894-4610.

AUTOMOBILES

1989 Honda Prelude Si. Black, 1 owner, automatic, am/fm/cassette, pw sunroof, pw windows, cruise control, fog lights, new brakes/exhaust system/battery. 125K miles. $3,100. Call 894-8156.

1991 Honda Civic, 4-dr, 5-spd, needs one headlight, white with black hood, new tires, excellent engine. $2,000. E-mail carra.reynolds@mg.t.gatech.edu.

1993 Honda Del Sol. Red, spoiler, removable top. Excellent condition. $6,500. 770-914-2349.

1997 Chevrolet Silverado extended cab, PW, PL, PM, power seat, tool box, V8, 38K miles, emerald green with tan interior, $17,500. Contact 770-227-0930 after 6 p.m. or debra.kelley@ee.gatech.edu.

1997 Nissan Sentra GXE, dark gray ext., gray cloth interior, 5-spd, 36K miles, 4-dr, am/fm/cassette, dual airbags, a/c, pw steering/windows/locks, cruise control, $8,500. Contact John adam@edv.gatech.edu.

COMPUTERS

Mac Quadra 610, 140MB hard disk, 32MB RAM, 2x CD-ROM drive, floppy drive, keyboard, mouse, 13” color monitor, Apple Personal Laserwriter. $200 OBO. 770-452-7694 (eue). Gateway 2000 21” Vivitron Color Monitor, $355 OBO. Contact Steve, 894-9005 or steve.allen@conted.gatech.edu.

Keyboard for PC: Microsoft Natural Elite (ergonomic), new. Sells for $500. Asking $30. Contact Richard, 794-7249 or richard.fauler@grti.gatech.edu.

HP Jornada 420 Palm-Sized PC, new, unopened. Retail price $290-$359; asking $275. Docking cradle, AC adapter, camera, all guides, rechargeable battery, HP PIM software for Windows. Marta Garcia, 894-5505 or martagarcia@coe.gatech.edu.

FURNITURE

Loft/trundle type bunk beds. Rails on top bunk; both on casters: very sturdy, $250. mattresses included. 894-2272 (w), 325-2138 (b) or paul.schraer@mg.t.gatech.edu.

Black leather couch, 4 chairs, $60. Will deliver if you can’t pick up. E-mail carra.reynolds@mg.t.gatech.edu.

REAL ESTATE

For rent: 1BR apt. on 2nd floor of house in Home Park on Lynch St. Washer/dryer, deck, off-street parking, gas central heat/air. cats welcome. $700/mo., avail. now. Contact tidentis@cad.gatech.edu or 894-7752.

For rent: avail. Jan. 1, 3 BR, 2 BA apt., 1st floor of 2-story house in Home Park, recently renovated, 1 off-street parking space. $1,500/month. 6 month lease OK. E-mail tidentis@cad.gatech.edu.

For sale: Condo in historic 1920s brick building, 2 miles from Tech. Renovated, 2BR/1BA, hardwoods, high ceilings, lots of windows, custom closets and blinds. Contact camille.chapman@isp.gatech.edu.

House for sale by owner, East Atlanta. 4 BR, 1/2 BA, exercise room, patio, inground pool (12X36'x10'), new a/c, heat, $229,000. Special financing available. Contact 622-7851 or deshneider@ddl.gatech.edu.

For sale: 3/2 townhome, Smyrna. Great room/BR surrounding fireplace, master on 1st, whirlpool bath. Nearly 3,000 sq. ft., 2 rooms on lower level. $229,000. Betty Noble, 847-7031, or bill.borland@gtri.gatech.edu.

For rent: Charming 2 BR house in Home Park Community, 2 blocks from GA Tech. $750/month plus security deposit. Faculty or older/grad students preferred. Available 1/1/00. Call 770-427-8666.

1990 Decatur Machines, totally updated: HVAC, roof, kitchen, 2 BA, fireplaces, hardwoods, 3 BR on main plus bonus room, $279,900. Contact Betty Noble, 847-7031, or bill.borland@gtri.gatech.edu.

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