Citing health concerns, athletic director steps down

Last week, Georgia Tech President Wayne Clough announced its director of athletics, Dave Braine, would retire due to health reasons.

"Dave Braine will leave Georgia Tech with a long list of accomplishments, and his leadership will be missed," he said. "I know Dave as a colleague and friend and he has been a steadfast resource to Tech."

Braine, 62, was diagnosed with Crohn's disease, an intestinal disorder, last summer. He will continue to direct the athletics department until a new director takes over.

"Georgia Tech means a great deal to me," said Braine. "I have always said that it takes a special person to coach at Georgia Tech and a special student-athlete to go to school here, and because of that I have had the opportunity to work with great people. It starts with Dr. Clough, and it continues through our coaches, our administrators, and most importantly, our student-athletes, who all work so hard to make the Georgia Tech program what it is."

"I had fully intended to complete my contract, which runs through June 2007, so it is difficult to leave on these terms, but there really is no other way," Braine continued. "My condition is not life-threatening, but it is necessary for me to step down and take care of my health."

A native of Grove City, Pa., Braine was named director of athletics on June 3, 1997, following a 10-year stint in the same position at the Virginia Institute of Technology. His administrative career also includes two years as athletics director at Marshall University as well as appointments at Fresno State University and the University of Virginia.

He was a football coach, having spent two years at Georgia Tech as an assistant under Pepper Rodgers. He also coached at the University of Virginia, the University of Richmond and the Virginia Military Institute.

Georgia Tech's overall athletics program enjoyed unprecedented success during Braine's tenure, highlighted by the men's basketball team's 2004 NCAA runner-up finish and a streak of nine straight bowl games for the football program, as well as continued excellence in sports such as baseball and golf and marked growth in women's athletics.

"He will be known for building the strength of our intercollegiate sports programs across the board, and leading us to our highest overall rankings in our history," Clough said. "He will be remembered for his courage in taking on the challenge to both rebuild our baseball stadium and compete a major renovation of our football stadium. Dave also hired talented coaches — Paul Hewitt of men's basketball, Bob Shavasky of women's volleyball and Byron Shelton of women's tennis — each of whom took their teams to levels never before reached. He will leave big shoes to be filled, and we will miss his good services and friendship."

Clough said that a national search for the new Director of Athletics would begin immediately. He will chair a search committee that will report to the Athletic Association Board of Trustees. The search committee also includes Dan Schrage, faculty representative for athletics; Joe Irwin, president of the Georgia Tech Alumni Association; Chuck Easley, former Tech football standout and current member of the Athletic Board; and David Anderson, president of the Student Government Association.

Facility upgrades include the $75 million renovation and expansion of Bobby Dodd Stadium at Historic Grant Field, the reconstruction of Russ Chandler Baseball Stadium and the new Georgia Tech Aquatic Center, which will host the 2006 NCAA Swimming Championships.

"He has spent the past 15 years directing FOCUS, Tech's minority recruitment program. "Georgia Tech is committed to celebrating diversity, and the FOCUS program has made an important contribution to our ability to attract minority students," he said. "Diverse Issues in Higher Education recently recognized Georgia Tech as the nation's leader in graduating African-American engineers at all three degree levels, and not for the first time. FOCUS is an important part of that success."

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Tech teaching high school students calculus via distance learning

How do high schools provide advanced classes to one or two bright students who have completed all the math classes their high schools offer? Fulton County Schools has found a solution—partnering with Georgia Tech to provide college-level calculus classes through distance-learning technologies.

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In Brief:

Radio club scheduled to contact space station

Radio Club organized to establish communications with the International Space Station will be conducted on a monthly basis. The Georgia Tech Amateur Radio Club is scheduled to make contact with the International Space Station as well as the space shuttle Endeavour. The club will be operating from the in the van of the Van Leer Building and is scheduled to launch on January 19, 2006.

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The MetaArchive Cooperative, a collaborative project of the libraries of Emory University, Georgia Tech, Virginia Tech, Florida State University, Auburn University, the University of Louisville and the Library of Congress, is one of the projects in the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP). The project is supported by the Library of Congress, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Science Foundation and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The project is led by the Association of Research Libraries and is one of eight partnerships founded by the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP) supported by the Library of Congress and the U.S. Congress to fund $100 million for digital preservation efforts to capture digital content that is at risk of disappearance.

Winter blood drive

Georgia Tech holds its winter blood drive at the Ferst Center, January 17 - 19. To schedule an appointment, visit www.givetlife.org, enter sponsor code “gait” and click the search function. The Georgia Tech blood drive should be found through a search, then choose the date you want to donate and then the time. For more information, call 894-2002.

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Tech’s Library and Information Center is one of an elite group of technologically advanced libraries leading the way in this national effort. The partner institutions of the MetaArchive Project are engaged in a three-year, $1.4-million process to develop a cooperative for the preservation of at-risk digital content and establishing a network infrastructure to sustain this effort. The initial content focus of the project is to serve digital resources documenting the culture and society of the American South. The ultimate goal of NDIIPP is to build a nationwide network of partners to share responsibility for digital content and to seek national solutions for digital preservation. For more information see the MetaArchive Cooperative Web site, www.metaarchive.org, or the Library of Congress’ NDIIPP Web site at www.digitalpreservation.org.

CRC launches new Web site

In an effort to improve usability, Georgia Tech’s Campus Recreation Center recently launched a new Web site, featuring a revamped format and a standard layout. Other added features include Web videos, live Web cams, a new calendar and online reservations. To view the site, visit www.crc.gatech.edu.
**Art & Culture**

**Jan. 20**

The American Museum of Papermaking hosts a workshop on “Basics of Japanese Papermaking,” from noon - 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.istp.gatech.edu/amp. To register, call 894-5726.

**Jan. 27**

The Ferst Center welcomes The Flying Karamazov Brothers, who will perform “Life: A Guide for the Perplexed,” at 8 p.m. For tickets and information, visit www.ferstcenter.org or call 894-9600.

**Jan. 31**

The Music Department welcomes Columbia University Professor Tristan Murail, at 2:30 in room 104, Couch Building. For more information, visit www.music.gatech.edu.

**Feb. 2**

The School of Literature, Communication and Culture’s annual H. Bruce McEver Poetry Reading series continues with J. Paul Raines, southern division president of The Home Depot, at 4:30 p.m. in the LeCraw Auditorium.

**Brown Bags/Conferences/Lectures**

**Jan. 18**

The School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering welcomes Julia Higgins, director of the Graduate School of Engineering and Physical Sciences at Imperial College, London, as the featured speaker for the annual Ashton Cary Lecture at 4 p.m. in room L1225, ESFT Building. Her topic will be “The Responsibility of Being a Scientist.”

**Jan. 19**

The School of Mechanical Engineering welcomes John Kim, a professor in the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at the University of California, Los Angeles, on “Physics and Control of Wall Turbulence,” at 11 a.m. in the MARC Building Auditorium. For more information, e-mail mimani.yodatime@me.gatech.edu or call 894-6683.

**Jan. 24**

The Materials Council welcomes Vanderbilt University Assistant Professor Harold Park, who will speak on “Concurrent and Hierarchical Multiscale Modeling of Solids,” at 5 p.m. in room 183, Love Building.

**Jan. 25**

The College of Management IMPACT Speaker series continues with J. Paul Raines, southern division president of The Home Depot, at 4:30 p.m. in the LeCraw Auditorium.

**Faculty/Staff Development**

**Jan. 18**

The Language Institute offers three, six-week classes in “Grammar and Writing Skills for Non-Native Speakers of English.” “Preparation for the Test of Spoken English (TSE),” and “English Conversation: Popular Culture in America” at the Global Learning and Conference Center. To register, call 385-5500 or visit www.esclasses.net.

**Jan. 19**

The Office of Sponsored Programs offers a two-hour workshop on “NIH Budgets,” beginning at 10 a.m. To register, call 894-6944 or e-mail nadia.zitman@osp.gatech.edu.

**Jan. 26**

Facilities’ Environmental Health and Safety department offers a free training course called “Right-to-Know,” concerning how chemicals are regulated on Tech’s campus and what the rights and responsibilities of employees are. At 2 p.m. in MIRC. To register, visit www.trainsweb.gatech.edu.

**Miscellaneous**

**Jan. 24**

The Georgia Tech Women’s Forum welcomes Calvin Bennett, owner of CVI Ergonomics, on “The Hidden Cost of Repetitive Stress Disorder,” for a lunchtime forum. Registrants may choose to purchase lunch or bring their own. To attend, e-mail mable.robinson@business.gatech.edu before Jan. 20.

**Feb. 8**

A series of pre-retirement meetings will be held by the Office of Human Resources for employees who are within ten years of retirement. This section covering Social Security benefits and Georgia Tech benefits, will be held in room 117, Student Services Building from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. To register, visit www.trainsweb.gatech.edu.

**E-mail calendar events to editor@cpp.gatech.edu.**

**Classifieds**

**Appliances**

Haler portable dishwasher, 18-inch (mid-size). 1.5 years old, $125 (new $250). Call 385-2248 or e-mail lucia.lu@fcs.gatech.edu.

**Automobiles**

1993 Ford Taurus GL with 89,500 miles. Moving overseas, must sell. Good condition, runs smoothly, a/c, power steering/locks/windows. $1,500. E-mail kkurtis@ce.gatech.edu.

1999 Acura 3.2 TL. Champagne exterior, leather interior. 4-door, CD player. 5-speed, CD, bed liner, extended warranty, new tires, $13,000. Pictures at www.prism.gatech.edu/spi119. Call 678-895-8906 or e-mail sabbieblflier@spiritpacs.com.

**Furniture**

Moving sale: Sofa, chair and ottoman set. All in great condition. E-mail vrood@gatech.edu for pictures.

Four dining chairs cover, burgundy cotton velvet, cover legs to floor, tie in back, $80 OBO. Call 894-9953 or e-mail eileen grams@unomaha.edu.

Moving sale: Storehouse. Java queen bed, night stands; Ethan Allen Entertainment unit and coffee table; Crate & Barrel dining table and chairs; crib and bedding set; nursing rocking chair; futon. All less than 5 years old. E-mail aspring@belmont.lib.edu for pictures.

Coffee table with two matching end tables. Oak finish. Very good condition, $24 for set. E-mail rita.brown@fcs.gatech.edu for pictures or call 770-928-7344.

**Miscellaneous**

Light brown mink jacket, medium. Super buy at $590, originally $2,800. Great gift! Call 404-520-0279.

$1/180 condo in Vinings Run swim and tennis community. $90,900. For more information, call 770-336-6162, e-mail scott.sargent@housing.gatech.edu, or visit www.forsalahousesowner.com, ad #20577381.

**Real Estate/Roofers**

Room to rent for $500/month with no lease. 1BR/1BA, private entrance. Located in Cobb County in upscale community w/ amenities. No smoking. Utilities included. Female renter preferred. E-mail ihablilfree@hotmail.com or call 404-771-8073.

Fabulous 1/2-acre home in tranquil cul-de-sac, spacious 3BR/2.5BA, walking distance to MARTA. $125K miles, fully loaded. $8,300 OBO. E-mail lucja.iwanska@gtri.gatech.edu.

One mile from GA 78. Private drive, spacious 3BR/2.5BA, $75 for set. E-mail rita.brown@fcs.gatech.edu for pictures.

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2002 Nissan Frontier 4-door shortbed pickup. 46,000 miles, 5-speed, CD, bed liner, extended warranty, new tires, $13,000. Pictures at www.prism.gatech.edu/spi119. Call 678-895-8906 or e-mail sabbieblflier@spiritpacs.com.

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Fabulous 1/2-acre home in tranquil cul-de-sac, spacious 3BR/2.5BA, many features, upgrades, fantastic Smyrna, Cobb County location. $289,900, agents protected. E-mail lucja.lwanska@gtri.gatech.edu for more info.

Room for rent in furnished 3BR/2.5BA townhouse. New carpet and paint. 20 minutes to downtown. Walking distance to MARTA. $300/month = utilities, available now. Call 770-907-6881.

2BR/2BA condo on Pharr Road in Buckhead, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, new gas furnace and central air, alarm system, ceiling fans, quiet end unit, reserved parking, on-site storage and laundry facilities. $1,140. Call 404-788-2655.

2BR/2BA house for rent, family room with fireplace, dining room. One mile from GA 78. Private drive-way with carport. Large kitchen, central heat and air, washer/dryer, plenty of storage. $780/month includes utilities. Call 678-230-2612.

1/4-acre lot at Turtle Cove on Lake Jackson, common property access to water. $14,500. Call 478-825-5504.

1BR/1BA condo in Vinings Run swim and tennis community. $90,900. For more information, call 770-336-6162, e-mail scott.sargent@housing.gatech.edu, or visit www.forsalahousesowner.com, ad #20577381.

**Baby high chair, $10; Graco stroller, $25; Oriental rug, 8x10, emerald green w/pink flower design, $150; Oriental bookcase, 1329 or e-mail eileengram@juno.com.

**Miscellaneous**

No smoking. Utilities included.

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Light brown mink jacket, medium. Super buy at $590, originally $2,800. Great gift! Call 404-520-0279.

Jenny Lind Crib with mattress and mattress pad, Graco Breeze 5-piece Stroller, car seat and carrier set and a Century toddler car seat with pull-over security belt. All items in excellent condition, any reasonable offers will be accepted. E-mail ihablilfree@hotmail.com.

Due to the volume of submissions, ads run for three consecutive issues and appear as space is available.