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SPECIAL 2003 EDITION

Funding the Future

You can make a difference in the life of some bright, young student who can, in turn, make a difference in our world. Here's how: **Help fund our Birmingham Area Georgia Tech Club Scholarships!**

This year, 11 freshmen from the Birmingham area entered Georgia Tech. They joined the 70 other students from our area who are currently experiencing the Tech tradition of an exciting, motivating education at one of the top institutions in the nation. But out-of-state tuition is high. And we'd

like to entice the best and brightest high school students from our area to attend Tech. Financial "encouragement" for those who deserve it can go a long way toward that goal.

"Your generosity was very instrumental in my decision to attend Georgia Tech."

— Taylor Narewski, 2003 Birmingham Area Georgia Tech Club Scholarship recipient

Your Birmingham Area Club recently provided two \$3,000 scholarships for incoming freshmen Clif Cochran and Taylor Narewski. Funding for these scholarships came from nine generous, local Tech alumni and from our club account with funds remaining

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We're No. 1

For the second year in a row, the Birmingham Area Georgia Tech Club has earned first place in the Alumni Association's Roll Call club competition. Our club earned first place in the Dodd League by achieving 27.07 percent participation among our local alumni. **By achieving first place, the Alumni Association awarded our club \$500 for our local club scholarships!**

Congratulations, and thank you for your continued generosity! Just so you know, the Dodd League is for clubs with 600 to 900 alumni living within the club area. Currently, there are 17 Georgia Tech clubs in the Dodd League.

Second place in the 56th Annual Roll Call competition went to the Chattanooga Area Club with 25.05 percent participation.

2003 – 2004 Scholarship Goals

Raise \$25,000 to fully capitalize the Birmingham Area Georgia Tech Club's endowment fund.

Raise \$25,000 to fund current year and future scholarships.

Club Earns 'President's' Award

Georgia Tech clubs around the country have the opportunity to receive recognition for their hard work. Georgia Tech calls this acknowledgment "club points," but we like to think of it as "things you do to kick it up a notch" and make a club truly successful. For the first time in years, **our club achieved the "President's" Award by earning 250 out of a possible 315 points.** Only 14 percent of the 76 Georgia Tech Clubs achieved this prestigious level. The award levels are President's Award (250-315 plus points), Tower Award (150-249), Ramblin' Wreck Award (100-149 points) and Buzz Award (0-99 points).

What is most surprising is that fewer than four years ago, the Birmingham Area Club was all but inactive. If not for **John Q. Williams** and a small group of alumni, we probably would not have an active club today. Under John William's leadership and that of immediate past-president **Eddie Wilson**, we were able to lay the foundation to achieve the highest level given to any club.

We'd like to thank all of the officers, board members and devoted Georgia Tech fans in our area for making this possible.

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from previous years. That money is now at the Alumni Association and will be distributed to the scholarship recipients this school year. Unfortunately, this has exhausted the club account. **That's why we need your help.**

As we stated in the last issue of *Birmingham Buzz*, we are excited and honored to have established a pending **Birmingham Area Club Foundation** endowment with the Alumni Association through an initial contribution of \$1,000. Once we achieve \$25,000, we will be able to use the interest to fund local scholarships. And we know if we are ever going to have a successful scholarship program for our Birmingham Area Club, we have to raise the funds now. **Our goal is to raise \$25,000 to fully fund the club's endowment and another \$25,000 for scholarships; we want to do this during the next nine months.** In addition to funding the endowment, our goal is to award a minimum of three \$3,000 scholarships to incoming freshmen from the Birmingham area during the 2003 – 2004 club year.

Georgia Tech will match some of the scholarship dollars that we raise for an award to incoming freshmen. Also, many employers have giving programs that match employee contributions. Please don't forget there might be some form of matching funds if your company offers them.

Our club president, Marc Corsini, has set the pace with a \$1,000 donation to the scholarship fund. He challenges other alumni to help out with their own donations.

Can you help? If so, please complete the 2003 – 2004 Birmingham Area Scholarship Fund form. And if you have any questions, please call or email Marc Corsini IM '80 at (205) 879-0432 / president@birminghambuzz.com or Walt McMahon TECH '61 at (205) 444-9258 / wcmahon@energen.com.

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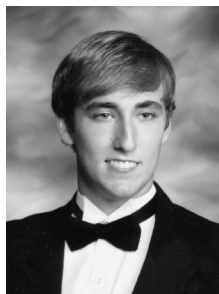
Local Club Endowment & Scholarships

Big news – we have taken the first steps toward establishing an endowment. We transferred \$1,000 into an account for the **Birmingham Area Club Foundation**. Once we reach \$25,000, we can begin applying the interest earned to our local club scholarships.

Meanwhile, we'd like to thank the following people who contributed to the Birmingham Area Club's scholarship fund during the past 12 months: **Ralph Daily, Bruce Grasso, Harold Hite, George Jackins, Walter McMahon, Charles E. Person, Richard Sanders, Eddie Wilson and John Q. Williams.**

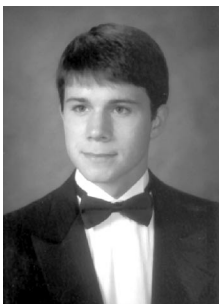
What's more, we are delighted that four graduating seniors from the Birmingham area received either one of our local club scholarships or one of Georgia Tech's President's Scholarships. Thanks to **Jimmy Cash** and **John Q. Williams** for interviewing candidates, managing the process and for their leadership.

Here are the scholarship recipients:



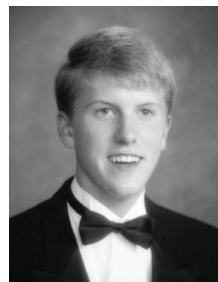
Clifton A. Cochran received a **2003 Birmingham Area Georgia Tech Club Scholarship**. He graduated from LAMP-Loveless Academic Magnet Program in Montgomery, AL, where he earned a score

of 1420 on the SAT and a 32 on the ACT. Some of his achievements include: National Honor Society, Latin Honor Society, AP Scholar, Who Who's and Senior Class Friendliest. He was on the first-place team in advanced math at the Saint James Math Competition. Active in his community, he has fed the homeless and built houses for Habitat for Humanity. He also helped build a house and a missionary training center in Peru. He will major in **Civil Engineering**.



Michael Vincent received a **2003 Georgia Tech President's Scholarship**. He graduated fourth in his class from the Jefferson County International Baccalaureate School. Michael has served as the President of

the National Honor Society and President of the French Honor Society. He is a member of Mu Alpha Theta and the National Thespians Society. He also was a National Merit Finalist. His achievements include: Eagle Scout, 1st place at Alabama Science Paper Symposium, and Alabama representative at the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. A member of the Jefferson County Teen Court program all four years of high school, Michael served on the Teen Court Travel Team and the Teen Court Advisory Board in 11th and 12th grades. He will major in **Mathematics**.



Taylor Scott Narewski is a recipient of a **2003 Birmingham Area Georgia Tech Club Scholarship**. He graduated as the valedictorian of his class at the Jefferson County International Baccalaureate

School. His honors and awards include: JCIB SCA President, Senior Superlative, Fox 6/Dr. Pepper Star Student of the Year, AP Scholar with Honor, Academic All-State Track, SCA Class President, Greater Birmingham Youth Leadership Forum and Harvard Book Club Award. He will be majoring in **Public Policy**.



Thomas Earnest earned a **2003 Georgia Tech President's Scholarship**. He graduated in the top 10 percent of his class at Cullman High School in Cullman, AL. His achievements include: Senior

Hall of Fame, Who's Who, Most Likely to Succeed, BSC Model Senate (Minority Leader and Outstanding Senator Award), and Cullman County Student of the Year. He received a Resolution from the Alabama State House of Representatives for Outstanding Leadership and Community Involvement, and he was elected as Governor of the Alabama District of Key Club International and President of the Key Club International. He will major in **International Affairs** with a **Modern Language**.

Club Events 2003 – 2004

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	COST	CONTACT
Club Board Meeting All alumni are welcome to attend.	Monday, October 13, 2003 Noon – 1:15 p.m.	6 Office Park Circle Suite 309 B'ham 35223	None	Marc Corsini president@birminghambuzz.com
National Team Buzz Community Service Day. Get involved locally and participate in the 7 th Annual National Team Buzz Day.	Saturday, October 18, 2003 9:30 a.m.	Shades Cahaba Elementary School 3001 Independence Drive B'ham, AL 35209	None	Bruce Grasso vp@birminghambuzz.com
Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets vs. Maryland Football Viewing Party	Thursday, October 23, 2003 6:45 p.m.	PT's Sports Grill, 350 Hollywood Blvd., B'ham 35209 (205) 879-8519	Only pay for what you eat & drink	Richard Sanders rsanders@avidmedical.com
Leadership Georgia Tech starts on Thursday, October 23, 2003. Anyone interested in being involved from a leadership standpoint with the Birmingham Area Georgia Tech Club is encouraged to contact Marc Corsini.	October 23-24, 2003	Georgia Tech Campus	\$25	Marc Corsini president@birminghambuzz.com
Holiday Season Academic Banquet	Monday, November 10, 2003	TBA	\$15 per person / \$10 Club Members	TBA
Club Board Meeting All alumni are welcome to attend.	Monday, January 12, 2004 Noon – 1:15 p.m.	6 Office Park Circle, Suite 309, B'ham 35223	None	Marc Corsini president@birminghambuzz.com
Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets vs. team TBA Basketball Viewing Party	TBA	PT's Sports Grill, 350 Hollywood Blvd., B'ham 35209 (205) 879-8519	Only pay for what you eat & drink	Richard Sanders rsanders@avidmedical.com
2004 Outstanding Alumnus and Outstanding Young Alumnus nominations for the Birmingham Area Georgia Tech Club.	Deadline is May 1, 2004	Mail to 6 Office Park Circle, Suite 309, B'ham 35223	None	For more information or to receive a nomination form, contact: Marc Corsini president@birminghambuzz.com or call (205) 879-0432.
Spring Sports Banquet	May TBA 2004, 6:00 p.m. for social gathering; dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.	Richard's Bar-B-Q & Grill, 2409 Acton Road, B'ham 35243 (205) 979-6057	\$15 per person / \$10 Club Members	Richard Sanders rsanders@avidmedical.com

For more information on our club, the Institute or Georgia Tech sports, go to:
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 or www.ramblinwreck.com or www.gtalumni.org

Please give to our club's scholarship fund.



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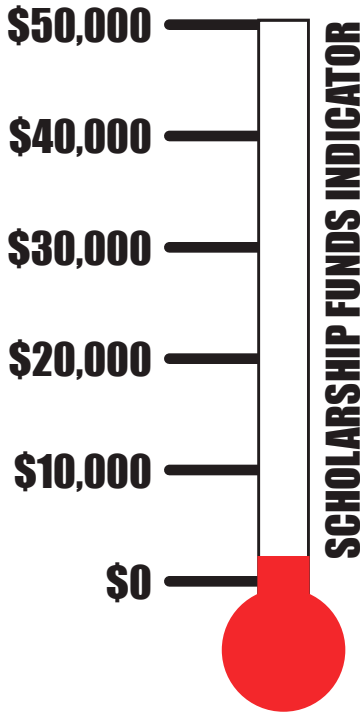
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2003 – 2004 Scholarship / Membership Form



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Yes, I'd like to help with our club's scholarship fund. (Donations should be made to the **Georgia Tech Foundation** to the attention of the **Birmingham Area Scholarship Fund**.) c/o: David Sheldon, 3502 Ashley Circle, Birmingham, AL 35209-5702

To express our appreciation, your donation will be acknowledged in our next newsletter! If you don't want your name published, please check here. _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE

_____ \$2,500 _____ \$1,000 _____ \$500 _____ \$250 Other: \$ _____

Yes, I'd like to join the **Birmingham Area Georgia Tech Club** for the July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004 club year. Dues are \$25.00. Please make checks payable to **Birmingham Area Georgia Tech Club** c/o: David Sheldon, 3502 Ashley Circle, Birmingham, AL 35209-5702