

BIRMINGHAM AREA GEORGIA TECH CLUB

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FALL 2004 EDITION

Birmingham Area Georgia Tech Club Buzzing With Activity

The Birmingham Area Georgia Tech Club's new year began in July, and already we've experienced a lot of exciting buzz. In July, Bruce Grasso, our president and chief Yellow Jacket, welcomed 12 of our 14 officers and board members to the first of our **quarterly Club Board Meetings** and a session of **Club leadership training**. We are pleased to have Anita Pressley ME '91, Dudley Smith ME '93 and long-time alumni Jerry Abbott CE '55 join our team as new officers and board members.

In August, we had the largest crowd in recent years at our annual **Freshman Sendoff Picnic** at Richard's Bar-B-Q & Grill. Our fun gathering included 48 incoming students, upper classmen, parents, alumni and Tech friends. Also in August, we had our first-ever **Georgia Tech Family Night** at a Birmingham Baron's baseball game at the Hoover Met.

In September, Harold Hite EE '70 and Preston Hite M. Arch '01 and their wives, Donna and Janelle, hosted a **Tailgating Party** before

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2004 – 2005 Club Goals

1. To meet all the criteria necessary for continued recognition of the Birmingham Area Club at the "first tier," which is the highest club category.
2. To hold two Georgia Tech speaker events during the year: one during the fall and one in the spring. **(The spring event will feature Coach Chan Gailey on March 30, 2005 at the Riverchase Country Club.)**
3. To hold a number of club events including a golf tournament to support the Alexander-Tharpe Fund (May 2005) and at least two game-watching parties.
4. To promote Roll Call participation and at least a 1.0 percent increase in the number of Club contributors plus 100 percent Club officer participation.
5. To award two \$3,000 Club scholarships to incoming Tech freshmen plus continued contributions to our endowment fund. This will be supported by ongoing fund-raising activity.
6. To participate in the President's Scholarship Program interviewing process in January 2005.
7. To support those interested in applying to Tech as well as incoming Tech freshmen and upperclassmen through college fairs, recognition events and contacts.
8. To maintain an active young-alumni program.
9. To participate in Tech's TEAM Buzz Community Service Day (held this year on October 23, 2004 to benefit the Shelby County Habitat for Humanity).
10. To hold quarterly Club Board Meetings and to recruit new Club leaders.
11. To maintain a Club Web site featuring officer contacts and events information.
12. To send at least two Club officer participants to Leadership Georgia Tech (on October 28-29, 2004) as an ongoing Club-development activity.

Providing
alumni with
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the Tech-Samford game in Atlanta.

Hurricane Ivan took the fun out of the **Young Alumni Committee's** September-scheduled End-of-Summer Lake Party. The group was to have met at the home of Dudley Smith ME '93 near Lincoln. They planned to grill, play and watch the Tech-North Carolina game. Young Alumni Representative Preston Hite says another event – similar and just as fun – is being planned. Look for details and time and place soon.

The next few months will be buzzing with even more activity.

On **Friday, October 15th**, we have our second **Club Board Meeting**. Everyone is welcome.

Jerry Abbott is coordinating our local participation in **Tech's National TEAM Buzz Community Service Day** on **Saturday, October 23rd**. This year our Club is helping with one of **Shelby County Habitat for Humanity's** home-construction projects in Helena. Alumni and friends will gather at the Winn-Dixie parking

lot at the intersection of Highways 31 and 119 at 7:15 a.m. We'll work from about 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more details, contact Jerry at jabbott441@charter.net or (205) 437-0098. Remember to bring gloves, a hammer, tape measure, etc.

On **Thursday, October 28**, our Club is hosting a **Football Viewing Party** at Buffalo Wild Wings on Highway 280. Come watch as Coach Gailey's Yellow Jackets take on the Virginia Tech Hokies. For more information, contact Jan Fridrichsen at Janfrid@aol.com or (205) 992-5688 (w) (205) 991-8825 (h).

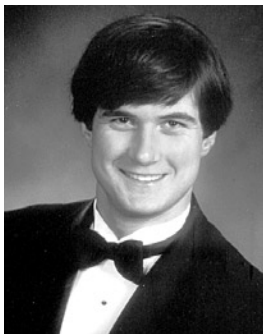
This year's **Leadership Georgia Tech** is set for **October 28-29**. Club VP Grady Gunn CE '83, Ron Stafford ME '97 and Marc Corsini IM '80 will represent the Birmingham Area Club. The alumni association has asked Marc to give a presentation during the program on tips and techniques to organize a club.

Our **Holiday Season Academic Banquet** is scheduled for **Tuesday, No-**

vember 16. Come hear Gail DiSabatino, Tech's Dean of Students, as she updates our Club on student affairs. For more information, contact Grady Gunn at ggunn@lehighcement.com or (205) 970-7690.

In **January 2005**, Jimmy Cash ME '81 will once again organize our **President's Scholarship and Club Scholarship interviewing process**. Last year, our Club awarded two \$3,000 scholarships to Preston Rhea and Sam Britt. We also were able to contribute \$2,500 to our pending endowment fund, bringing our total to \$3,500. Once we have accumulated \$25,000 in this endowment, we will be able to apply the interest to Club scholarships. If you would like to be involved in the interviewing process, contact Jimmy at JPCash@Southernco.com or (205) 992-5352. To contribute to our Club scholarships, contact Walt McMahan TECH '61 at wcmcmahon@energen.com or (205) 326-8183.

Club Scholarship Winners



Preston Rhea has earned a \$3,000 Georgia Tech Scholarship from the Birmingham Area GA Tech Club. He also received a one-time \$8,000 Dean's Scholarship from GA Tech. Preston graduated from Gadsden High School with a 4.0 GPA and was third in his class. He scored a 34 on his ACT and a 1460 on the SAT. Preston is a National Merit Scholar and

president of the Beta Club and Youth in Government Club. He placed third in the National Beta Club Science Competition, and he was the drum major of his school band for two years.

Preston is the son of Donald and Joy Rhea. He is majoring in Computer Engineering.



Sam Britt also has earned a \$3,000 Georgia Tech Scholarship from the Birmingham Area GA Tech Club. Additionally, Sam will receive a \$12,000-a-year President's Scholarship from GA Tech. He graduated from Pelham High School with a 4.1 GPA, and he scored a 30 on the ACT and a 1350 on the SAT. Sam placed in the 2004 American Chemical

Society competition. He is a National Merit Finalist and has been the drum major of his high school band for two years.

Sam's parents are Jody and Anita Britt. He is majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

To contribute to our Club scholarships, contact Walt McMahan TECH '61 at wcmcmahon@energen.com or call (205) 326-8183 (w) or Marc Corsini IM '80 at coach@corsini.com or call (205) 879-0432 (w).

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2003-2004 membership dues not mentioned in the spring newsletter:

Nathan Bedell; Tim Blackmon; Jimmy Cash; Paul Edfeldt; Charles Fleming, III; Wayne Pate; and Ed Stakes

2003-2004 Scholarship Fund contributors not mentioned in the spring newsletter:

Energen Corporation, Marc Corsini, Golf Tournament proceeds, William Gunn, Corda McCall, Walt McMahon, Ginger Nall, David Sheldon, Patrick Spence and The Southern Company

Individual contribution in honor of Alice Corsini not mentioned in the spring newsletter:

Susan Swager

You Make Dreams Possible

The Club wishes to thank the following alumni who have contributed to the 2004-2005 Club Scholarship Program: Homer Lloyd, Ted Williams, Marc Corsini, Walter F. Martens, Ralph Daily, William Ferguson, Charles Person, George Jackins, Joe Murphy, John Q. Williams and Bruce Grasso.

Welcome and Thank You

The club wishes to thank the following alumni for their 2004-2005 Club membership dues: Ted Brasfield, John Q. Williams, Jim Griffio, Anita Pressley, Marc Corsini, Bruce Grasso, Grady Gunn, Harold Hite, Ron Bush, Matt Brewer, John Darnall, John P. Collins, Jerry Abbott, George Jackins, Dudley Smith, Jonathan B. Cole, Jan Fridrichsen, Ty Robin, Ralph Daily, Bill Ferguson, C. E. Person and Don Everett.

Please give to our Club's scholarship fund.



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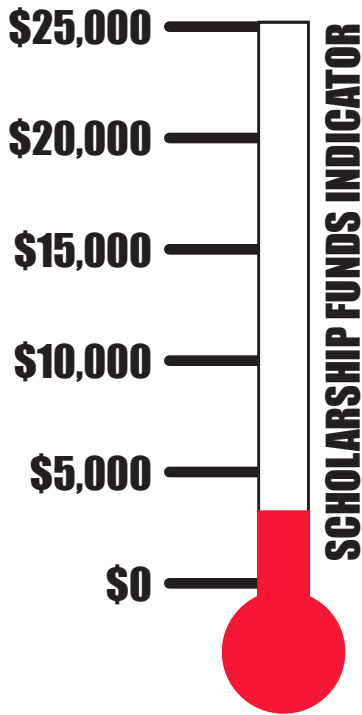
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Check here if you are interested in being a future **Birmingham Area Club officer** or participating on the **board of directors**.

Check here if you are interested in being on a **Birmingham Area Club committee**. **Please indicate any and all of your areas of interest.**

President's Scholarship Program

Club Scholarship Fund

Club Events

College Fairs

Young Alumni

Dues for the July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005 club year are only \$25. Make checks payable to:
Birmingham Area GA Tech Club, C/O: David Sheldon, 3502 Ashley Circle, Birmingham, AL 35209-5702

We welcome donations to your local Club's scholarship fund. We suggest \$25 but, of course, welcome more.
Scholarship checks should be made out to the **Georgia Tech Foundation** to the attention of The **Birmingham Area Club Scholarship Fund**. C/O: David Sheldon, 3502 Ashley Circle, Birmingham, AL 35209-5702