

BIRMINGHAM AREA GEORGIA TECH CLUB

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No doubt about it — our Birmingham Area GA Tech Club is once again **buzzing with excitement and good news!** We thought last club year was a banner year, but thanks to members like you, we've buzzed to new heights. We'd like to extend a special thanks to President **Bruce Grasso IE '72** and the group of dedicated officers and board members who spent their time, money and resources to make our club even better.

Your response this year has been impressive! The **Alumni Association, club officers and board members thank you.** We appreciate all of the involvement from so many this year, and we are humbled at your generosity to the scholarship fund and for your active membership in the club. We had **30 contributions totaling \$10,753 to this year's scholarship fund and pending endowment.**

But your generosity didn't stop there. We had **44 alumni and friends join the club** this year. Your memberships helped us underwrite club events (like the **Student Sendoff Picnic** where all students and their families enjoyed a free picnic), local participation in Tech's **National TEAM Buzz Community Service Day** as well as coverage of many of the club's expenses.

And there's much more in store for the upcoming club year. Mark your calendars for head football coach **Chan Gailey's** visit to our club on **Wednesday, March 30th at 5:45 p.m. at the Riverchase Country Club.** And make sure to get out your golf clubs for our **Second Annual Club Golf Tournament** benefiting the **Alexander-Tharpe Athletic Scholarship Fund.** This will be **Friday, May 6th** at The Meadows

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Investments in Our Future *Scholarship Info*

One of the cornerstones of the Birmingham Area Club is our local scholarship program. This is our way to invest in the next generation of "leader bees." We strive to financially help deserving, bright future leaders from our community who have a burning desire to earn a degree from Tech. In this club year our alumni responded generously to our call to help fund the scholarship program. **We're proud to announce that 30 alumni and friends of GA Tech contributed \$10,753 to our scholarship fund.** With the help of **Dudley Smith ME '93**, who works for Honda in Lincoln, we received a \$2,500 contribution from Honda Manufacturing of Alabama, Inc.

To complement our club's scholarship fundraising efforts, GA Tech is providing **\$1,500 matching funds for one of our scholarships. We are excited to be providing two \$3,000 scholarships this fall!**

The following people contributed to our local club scholarship fund: Robert Bailey; P. Lauren Barrett; Richard B. Burleson; Marc A. Corsini; Ralph Daily; Jeffrey C. Davis; William Drinkard; Fred Ehrensperger; John Englehart; William Ferguson; Jan Fridrichsen; Bruce Grasso; Grady Gunn; Harold Hite; Honda Manufacturing of Alabama; George

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Golf Course in Harpersville **starting at noon.** (There are more details in this newsletter on both events.)

Now let's take a minute to review some of the "goin's on" with your club over the past nine months. In August 2004, we held our **Student Sendoff Picnic** at Richard's Bar-B-Q & Grill. We had the largest crowd in recent years, with 48 incoming students, upper classmen, parents, alumni and Tech friends in attendance. Also in August, **Bruce Grasso IE '72**, our club president, hosted our first ever **Georgia Tech Family Night** at a Baron's baseball game at the Hoover Met.

In September 2004, **Harold Hite EE '70** and **Preston Hite M. Arch '01** and their wives threw a **Tailgating Party** before the Samford game in Atlanta. In October 2004, we had our second **Club Board Meeting.** **Jerry Abbott CE '55** coordinated our local participation in Tech's **National TEAM Buzz Community Service Day.** Our club helped with a **Habitat for Humanity** home construction project near Ensley. Later that month, we had a **Football Viewing Party** at Buffalo Wild Wings on Highway 280 when Coach Gailey's Yellow Jackets took on the Virginia Tech Hokies.

Representing our club at this year's **Leadership Georgia Tech** were club VP **Grady Gunn CE '83**, **Ron Stafford ME '97** and past-president **Marc Corsini IM '80.** While at the session, Grady accepted the Alumni Association's "**President's Award**" on behalf of our club

from Jeff Colburn, the Director of Alumni Clubs. We earned this award based on participation in such things as Roll Call, student recruitment, scholarship fundraising, community service and creative local club activities. Grady also accepted the Alumni Association's "**Dodd Award**" on behalf of our club from Jim Shea, Vice President of Fundraising and Business Development. This second-place award was based on our participation in the 57th Annual Roll Call in the Dodd League. The Dodd League is for clubs with 600 to 900 alumni living within the club's area.

In January 2005, **Jimmy Cash ME '81** once again organized our **President's Scholar and Club Scholarship** interviewing process. Last club year, the Birmingham Area Club awarded two \$3,000 scholarships to **Preston Rhea** and **Sam Britt.** We also were able to contribute \$5,570 to our pending scholarship endowment fund, bringing our total to date in that fund to \$9,000. Once we accumulate \$25,000 in the endowment, we will be able to apply the interest to our yearly club scholarships. If you would like to contribute to those scholarship awards or the pending endowment, contact **Walt McMahon TECH '61** at wcmahon@energen.com or (205) 326-8183 or **Marc Corsini IM '80** at coach@corsini.com or (205) 879-0432.

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Jackins; Joseph L. Latimer; Walter F. Martens; Chris M. Mitchell; Joe D. Murphy; C. E. Person; Fred Rogers, Jr.; Dewey Thornton; Houston Welch; John Q. Williams; Ted Williams; and Georgia Whitfield in memory of her dad, Herbert W. Dieckman (a 1932 graduate of Tech).

Those people who joined or renewed their memberships in our Birmingham Area Club during this club year were: Jerry Abbott; Robert Bailey; P. Lauren Barrett; Ted Brasfield; Matt Brewer; Richard B. Burlson; Ron Bush; James Chalker; Jonathan B. Cole; John P. Collins; Marc A. Corsini; Ralph Daily; John Darnall; Jeffrey C. Davis; William Drinkard; Paul Edfeldt; Fred Ehrensperger; John Englehart; Richard Eppes; Donald Everett; William Ferguson; Jan Fridrichsen; James M. Goodson; Bruce Grasso; Jim Griffio; Grady Gunn; Harold Hite; George Jackins; Joseph L. Latimer; Homer Lloyd; Walt McMahon; Chris M. Mitchell; Joe Murphy; C. E. Person; Anita Pressley; Ty Robins; Fred Rogers, Jr.; Amanda Ross; Richard Sanders; Dudley Smith; Jack Stanbery; Amy Sutton; and John Q. Williams.



Club Golf Tournament

Our **Second Annual Club Golf Tournament**, benefiting the **Alexander-Tharpe Athletic Scholarship Fund**, will be held just south of Birmingham at **The Meadows Golf Course** (1 Plantation Drive, off Highway 280) in Harpersville on **Friday, May 6th.** The event starts at noon with lunch. A shotgun start at 1 p.m. will begin play in a scramble format. The entry fee is just \$75.00, and that **includes lunch, range balls, golf fees and prizes.** All are welcome. Please contact Ron Bush at (205) 527-9805 (cell) or rjbush@southernco.com. Information also is at www.birminghambuzz.com. **Reservations and fees are due by April 22nd.** Please remit your check, made out to the **Birmingham Area GT Club**, to Richard Sanders, 3477 Birchwood Lane, Birmingham, AL 35243.

Applause and Praise for Outstanding Alumni

Each year, our club honors a few people whose achievements have been significant to Georgia Tech, to the general welfare of the Birmingham area community, to their profession and to the business world. This achievement recognition is modeled after Georgia Tech's Outstanding Alumni programs.



Homer M. Lloyd, Jr., ME '50 is the recipient of our club's **2005 Outstanding Alumnus Award**. Homer has been a steadfast and generous supporter of Georgia Tech and the Birmingham Area

Club. This year he made the largest single contribution ever to our local scholarship fund. His gift will help ensure that we can continue to assist deserving students from our area.

Homer started his career at Southern Services, Inc., as a design engineer. He went on to hold executive-level positions at RUST International Corp. and Wheelabrator Technologies, Inc.

For years, Homer has been active in the Baptist Health System, serving in

many capacities including Chairman of the Board of Trustees and as an active participant on the Investment Committee and the Executive Committee.

Church has always been important to the Lloyd family. Homer held several leadership positions at Ruhama Baptist Church, and now he's active at First Baptist Church in Irondale. Homer served his country as a U.S. Marine in the Pacific and Far East Theaters from 1944 – 1946. He came home and attended Georgia Tech in the late '40s, earning his mechanical engineering degree.

Homer is married to the former Ruth Trammell, and they have two children and two grandchildren.



Dudley Smith ME '93 once again earned our **2005 Outstanding Young Alumnus of the Year** award.

Dudley is an Engineering Coordinator with Honda Manufacturing

of Alabama, Inc., in Lincoln. He was instrumental in establishing our Young Alumni Committee two years

ago, and he helped secure a \$2,500 donation from Honda for our local scholarship program.

Dudley often can be found on the Tech campus, actively recruiting prospective Tech graduates for careers at Honda. He also participated recently in our club's booth at John Carroll High School's College Fair.

Dudley graduated from Tech in 1993 with a mechanical engineering degree. He was active in Tech's co-op program, and through this, he paid for 80 percent of his college education.

Dudley originally is from Macon, Ga., and he is single.

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Keep in Mind These Upcoming Events

These are some of our **2005 – 2006 Birmingham Area GA Tech Club** events:

July 1, 2005 — **Kickoff of Club Year and Club Memberships Due**

August 13, 2005 — **Student Sendoff Picnic at Richard's Bar-B-Q & Grill**

TBA in 2005 — Our club's local participation in Tech's **National TEAM Buzz Community Service Day**

October 6-7, 2005 — **Leadership Georgia Tech**

October 6, 2005 — **Yellow Jackets vs. North Carolina State Football Viewing Party (at Wing's at Patton Chapel)**

October 29, 2005 — **Homecoming**

TBA in 2005 — **Fall Academic Banquet**

Club Spring Sports Banquet



Please join us for a night with **Tech's head football coach Chan Gailey** at the **Riverchase Country Club** in Hoover on **Wednesday, March 30th**, Coach Gailey

will talk in detail about an exciting upcoming season that kicks off with Auburn. Happy hour begins at 5:45 p.m. (cash bar), and an excellent buffet dinner will follow starting at 6:45 p.m. Come hear Coach Gailey, and get revved up for a successful football season. Cost is \$20.00 per person for dues-paying members and

\$25.00 per person for non-members. A \$40.00 family membership will allow you to pay \$20.00 per family member for this event. For directions, check www.birminghambuzz.com. **Please remit checks payable to Birmingham Area GT Club by March 15** to Richard Sanders, 3477 Birchwood Lane, Birmingham, AL 35243. Questions: Bruce Grasso, (205) 823-4655 or begrasso@bellsouth.net.



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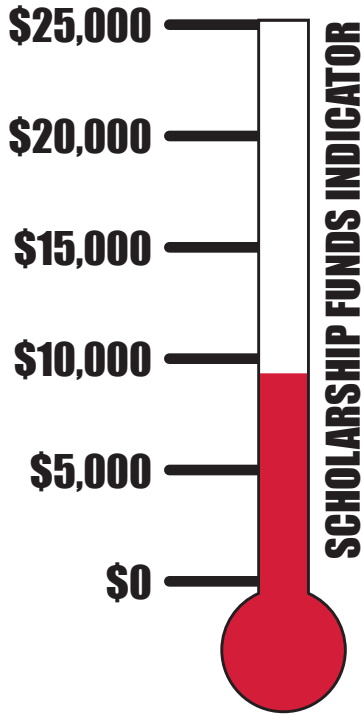
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Dues for the July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006 club year are only \$25.00 per person or \$40.00 for a family membership. Make checks payable to **Birmingham Area GA Tech Club, C/O Marc Corsini, 6 Office Park Circle, #309, Birmingham, AL 35223.**

We welcome donations to our local scholarship fund. **Please help a worthy Birmingham student attend Georgia Tech. Scholarship checks** should be made out to the **Georgia Tech Foundation** to the attention of: **The Birmingham Area Club Scholarship Fund, C/O Marc Corsini, 6 Office Park Circle, #309, Birmingham, AL 35223.**