

# Birmingham

# BUZZ



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## Birmingham Area Georgia Tech Club Buzzing With Activity

The Birmingham Area Georgia Tech Club's new club year began in July, and already we've experienced a lot of exciting buzz. In July, **Grady Gunn CE '83**, our president and chief Yellow Jacket, welcomed 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 **Cliff Fleming CE '71**, and new-to-Birmingham alumni **Mandy Ross IE '01** join our Club's "bee-team" as new officers.

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 nearly 50 incoming students, upper classmen, parents, alumni and Tech friends.

In September, we supported the **Georgia Tech Yellow Jacket Hockey Club** as it opened its 32<sup>nd</sup> season with a training camp September 16 to 18 at the Pelham Civic Center. Welcoming the public, the players practiced and held scrimmages all weekend. The Tech Hockey Club and the Birmingham Youth Hockey League also held a local youth

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## 2005-2006 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 given by the alumni association.
2. To hold **two Georgia Tech speaker events** during the year: one during the fall and another in the spring.
3. To hold a number of Club events including a **golf tournament to support the Alexander-Tharpe Fund** (May 2006) 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 at least one \$3,000 local Club scholarship** to incoming Tech freshman and to **completely fund our endowment**.
6. To **participate in the President's Scholarship Program** interviewing process in January 2006.
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** (scheduled this year for October 8).
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 6-7) as an ongoing Club-development activity.

Providing  
alumni with  
support in  
academics,  
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hockey clinic that weekend.

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

- On **Thursday, October 6**, our Club is hosting a **Football Viewing Party** at Wings Sports Grille in the Patton Creek Shopping Center (4445 Creekside Ave.) in Hoover. Come watch as Coach Gailey's Yellow Jackets take on the NC State Wolfpack. For more information, contact **Grady Gunn CE '83** at (205) 970-7690 (w) or pres@birminghambuzz.com.
- This year's **Leadership Georgia Tech** is set for **October 6-7**. Club VP **Ron Bush ME '75** and board member **Richard Sanders IM '81** will represent the Birmingham Area Club.
- **Jerry Abbott CE '55** is coordinating our local participation in **Tech's National TEAM Buzz Community Service Day** on **Saturday, October 8**. Last year the club helped out with **Habitat for Humanity's** home-construction projects in Ensley. For more details on this year's project, contact Jerry at jabbott441@charter.net or (205) 437-0098. Remember to bring gloves, a hammer, tape measure, etc.
- On **Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**, we have our second **Club Board Meeting**. Everyone is welcome.
- Our **Holiday Season Academic Banquet** is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 15**. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m. Come hear **Marilyn J. Somers**, the director of the Alumni Association's Living History Program. You're sure to enjoy hearing stories of Georgia Tech history, traditions and legends. Some will astound you; others will make you laugh. All will make you proud to be a member of the Tech family! For more information, contact **Richard Sanders IM '81** at (205) 298-7895 (w) or events@birminghambuzz.com.
- In **January 2006**, **Jimmy Cash ME '81** will once again organize our **President's Scholarship and Club Scholarship interviewing process**. This year, our Club awarded a \$3,000 scholarship to **Kendra King**. If you would like to be involved in the interviewing process, please contact Jimmy at jpcash@southernco.com or (205) 992-5352 (w).

And if you would like to become more involved in our local alumni Club, please contact **Grady Gunn CE '83** at (205) 970-7690 (w) or pres@birminghambuzz.com. To learn more about our Club's scholarship program or to make a donation, contact **Walt McMahon TECH '61** at wcmahon@energen.com or (205) 326-8183 (w).



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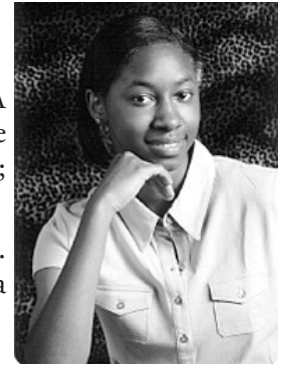
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# Club Scholarship Winner

**Kendra King** has earned a \$3,000 Georgia Tech Scholarship from the Birmingham Area GA Tech Club. She also received a \$2,600 Frank H. Hardin Scholarship; a \$6,000 J.M. Whiteside Scholarship; a \$1,400 Oliver Sale, Sr., Scholarship; a \$1,000 Voter News Network Scholarship; and a \$1,000 100 Black Men of Birmingham Scholarship.

Kendra graduated from Ramsay High School with a 4.538 GPA and was second in her class. She scored a 27 on her ACT. Kendra is a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. She also has been a member of the varsity basketball team for three years.

Kendra is the daughter of Ms. Ella Burns. She is majoring in Computer Engineering.



## You Make Dreams Possible

Thanks to our generous and supportive alumni and friends in the Birmingham area, our Club has awarded \$15,000 in scholarships over the past three years. And we are approximately 80 percent funded on establishing a \$25,000 Club endowment through the Georgia Tech Foundation. Our goal this club year is to raise enough funds to award two \$3,000 scholarships to incoming freshmen next fall and to transition from a "pending endowment" to an endowment. **Our goal: to raise \$10,000 by December 31, 2005.**

To contribute to our Club scholarships, contact **Walt McMahon TECH '61** at [wcmahon@energen.com](mailto:wcmahon@energen.com) or call (205) 326-8183 (w) or email **Bruce Grasso IE '72** at [pastpresident@birminghambuzz.com](mailto:pastpresident@birminghambuzz.com) or call (205) 934-2589 (w).

## 2005 Alumni Award Winners

**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. Over the past two years he has made two of the largest single contributions ever to our local scholarship fund. His gift will help ensure that we can continue to assist deserving students from our area.

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. During his career, he held executive-level positions at RUST International Corp. and Wheelabrator Technologies, Inc.

For years, Homer has been involved 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. He is active at First Baptist Church in Irondale. 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 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.

Originally from Macon, Ga., Dudley often can be found on the Tech campus, actively recruiting prospective Tech graduates for careers at Honda.

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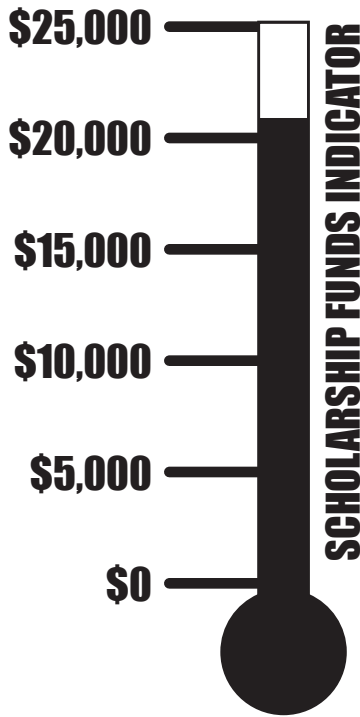
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## Join Your Birmingham Area GA Tech Club and Join the Fun

The Club wishes to **thank all those alumni who paid their membership dues for the 2004-2005 club year.**

If you would like to join our Club or make a donation to our Club Scholarship Fund, please complete the following form:

### 2005-2006 Membership / Scholarship Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_



Yes, I would like to join the Birmingham Area Georgia Tech Club for the July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006 club year. Dues are only \$40.00 for families or \$25.00 for an individual.

**Please make checks payable to:**

**Birmingham Area Georgia Tech Club c/o Cliff Fleming, P.O. Box 59193, Birmingham, AL 35259.**

Yes, I would like to help our Club Scholarship Fund. (Tax Deductible Donations should be made to the Georgia Tech Foundation to the attention of the Birmingham Area Scholarship Fund.) **c/o Cliff Fleming, P.O. Box 59193, Birmingham, AL 35259.**

\_\_\_ \$2,500 \_\_\_ \$1,000 \_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_ \$100 Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_