



President Clough Leaves Impressive Legacy at Georgia Tech

Georgia Tech President G. Wayne Clough, the Institute's tenth president and first alumnus to serve as president, announced last week that he will depart Georgia Tech on June 30, 2008, to take the helm of the Smithsonian



From left, Wayne Clough, Rep. Jerry Keen, Andrew Harris, Sen. Eric Johnson, Sen. Tommie Williams, Sen. Chip Rogers

Institute in Washington, D.C. In his 14 years as president, he has led and managed unprecedented growth in the number of students, facilities, private and public funding, and elevated Georgia Tech's reputa-

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Legislation Update: Movement on Both Budgets—Governor Signs Amended FY 2008

Like a thoroughbred out of the gate at the Kentucky Derby, the Legislature was jump-started last week when a compromise was reached on the Fiscal Year 2008 Amended Budget. The committee of House and Senate leaders agreed on a \$332 million amended budget and sent the final version to both floors quickly for approval. It included \$4.4 million for Georgia Tech to adjust the debt service payback amount for the Olympic Dormitories that were

transferred from Georgia State to Georgia Tech.

Both Houses voted to transmit the amended budget bill directly to Gov. Sonny Perdue, who signed the amended on Friday, retaining the \$4.4 million for the Olympic Dormitories. On signing the budget the governor stated, "This is a budget that funds the critical needs of our growing state including trauma care, education and water reservoirs. The good news is that it is virtually free of special-interest earmarks."

As expected, once the amended budget was approved, the House Appropriations Committee immediately voted out its version of the Fiscal Year 2009 General Budget. The full House approved the \$21.2 billion budget Thursday and sent it to the Senate for action, where the Senate Appropriations Committee will consider it during the scheduled recess. The General Assembly will officially go back into session this Thursday.

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Call To Action—Legislative Network

To all Legislative Network members and other advocates for Georgia Tech:

We need to express our gratitude to the House leadership for their **support** of Georgia Tech and the University System in the **FY 2009 budget**. Please write a **short handwritten** note and send it via fax to the following leaders. These notes need to be written and sent before the General Assembly reconvenes on Thursday, March 27. Thank you!

Speaker Glenn Richardson—404.656.5644
 Rep. Jerry Keen —————404.656.5902
 Rep. Mark Burkhalter ———404.657.0498
 Rep. Ben Harbin —————404.463.2249
 Rep. Bob Smith —————404.463.2249
 Rep. Earl Ehrhart —————404.463.2600
 Rep. Richard Royal ————404.463.2634
 Rep. Bill Hembree —————404.656.9195

President Clough will host Chancellor Erroll B. Davis, Jr. next week as he visits several sites on campus and meets with students, administrators and faculty.

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tion worldwide. He leaves a legacy of integrity and excellence, as well as the admiration and respect of many throughout education, business and government.

President Clough has become a familiar face under the Gold Dome to legislators and state officials. He visits many times each legislative session to testify before committees, answer questions, and ask for



President Wayne Clough and Governor Sonny Perdue

their support of Georgia Tech. His personal efforts to maintain or increase state funding for the Institute's faculty, students, programs and buildings have been vital to our government relation's successes.

He has also served the State of Georgia by chairing Gov. Roy Barnes' Natural Gas Task Force, Gov. Sonny Perdue's Technology and Telecommunications Task Force,

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The House version of the budget includes \$10 million in bonds to plan, design and begin construction of the Innovative Learning Resource Center (ILRC) and \$6.4 million to renovate the Hinman Building, which will be used by the College of Architecture. It also includes

a general salary increase of 2.5 percent for all state employees, \$65 million in bonds for Major Repair and Rehabilitation (MRR), and full formula funding of \$114.7 million for operation costs to all 35 University System institutions.

Other legislation:

HB 1183 – The Senate Higher Education Committee reported favorably on the bill that would allow University System institutions to carry forward certain funds, including up to 3% of tuition, from one fiscal year

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and Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin's Clean Water Advisory Panel. On the national front, he was named to the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) in 2001 and the National Science Board in 2004. He also has served as vice chair of the US Council on Competitiveness, chair of the National Academy of Engineering's Engineer

2020 Project, and chair of the National Academy's Committee on New Orleans Regional Hurricane Protection Projects.

As Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, Dr. Clough will direct the Institute's 19 museums, 156 affiliated museums, nine research centers and the National Zoo. The Smithsonian has an annual budget of nearly \$1 bil-

lion. He will begin his duties in Washington, D.C. on July 1, 2008.

University System Chancellor Erroll B. Davis, Jr. communicated with Georgia Tech's faculty and staff last week telling them that he intends to name an interim president quickly and begin the search for a new president this spring.

House and Senate Reso-

lutions (HR 1697 and SR 1220) have been drafted honoring Dr. Clough for his service to the state and will be presented to him prior to the end of the legislative session. We thank Dr. Clough for his years of service to his alma mater and his home state of Georgia and wish him the best in this new and exciting career path he has chosen.

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to the next. It currently awaits action by the Senate Rules Committee.

HB 815 – If enacted, this legislation will change provisions of the University System's Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) to allow the Board of Regents to set the employer contribution rate and expand investment options. It remains in the Senate Retirement Committee, where action is expected.

HB 972 – The Senate Banking Committee will consider this bill today, where it is expected to be reported favorably to the Rules Committee. Georgia Tech officials ardently support this legislation because it would increase the flexibility for investments by

charitable foundations such as the Georgia Tech Foundation.

HB 1091 – Higher Education Chairman Bill Hembree (R-Winston) sponsors this legislation that calls for the Board of Regents' residency requirements to be put into the Georgia Code, making it law instead of a BOR policy. University System officials prefer to keep the residency requirements as policy so any potential necessary changes can be made by the Board instead of having to file legislation. This measure has passed the full House and the Senate Higher Education Committee. It is now awaiting action in the Senate Rules Committee.

HR 1627 – Rep. Bob Smith (R-

Watkinsville) is sponsoring this House Resolution to form the House Study Committee for Making Georgia #1 in Education. This study committee would be composed of five house members, as assigned by the Speaker, to review the "conditions, needs, issues, and problems" that are preventing Georgia from being #1 in education. The committee would also recommend any actions or legislation it deems necessary. This review would include the Department of Education, the Department of Technical and Adult Education and the Board of Regents. The resolution has been assigned to the Education Committee for consideration.

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Women's Tennis Team Honored by General Assembly



Back left, Coach Bryan Shelton; Center, Governor Perdue; Front Right, Rep. Bill Hembree with Georgia Tech 2007 NCAA Championship Women's Tennis Team

Georgia Tech's women's tennis team was honored by both the House and the Senate last week in recognition of winning the NCAA National Women's Tennis Championship in 2007. Rep. Bill Hembree (R-Winston) sponsored House Resolution 1035 and Sen. Chip Rogers (R-Woodstock) sponsored Senate Resolution 704.

The team, led by Coach Bryan Shelton, met with Rep. Hembree, chairman of the House Higher Education Committee, before being escorted onto the House floor where he read the resolution and introduced each player. The team was impressed that Rep. Hembree had studied the tennis media guide and knew all their names and hometowns! His legislative intern this year, Kristi Miller, is

captain of the tennis team. Georgia Tech alums Richard Royal (R-Camilla) and Hardie Davis (D-Augusta), as well as many other legislators, personally congratulated the group.

After receiving a standing ovation from House members, the team went to the Senate side of the Capitol to receive more accolades. Sen. Rogers, also a Georgia Tech alumnus, read from the resolution. "Whereas, these young women and coaches brought pride and honor to their alma mater, fellow alumni, families, state, and nation by their exemplary sportsmanship and exceptional performance on the court...be it resolved that the members of this body commend the Georgia Tech women's tennis team and its coaches for their outstanding accomplishments and extend sincerest best wishes for their continued success."

Lastly, the team was escorted into the Office of the Governor for a photograph and a chance to talk with Gov. Sonny Perdue. Gov. Perdue is known as an avid racquetball player and asked if anyone would like to square off in a match. He did not get any takers.

Intern Profile

Katherine "Katie" Base is a third year Public Policy and pre-law student who is serving her student internship in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. At Georgia Tech she organizes recruiting events for the Ivan Allen College and enjoys attending basketball and baseball games. Katie was

born in Oklahoma, but moved to Kennesaw, GA, where she graduated from North Cobb High School in 2005. After Tech, she is undecided about professional plans but is considering law school. She hopes to find a job with an event planning company during her summer break.

Katie Base, Public Policy and Pre-law

