



PSsssssst! Fall 1997

A Newsletter for the Alumni of the President's Scholarship Program

Save That Date!

Homecoming Reunion Party

You are invited to attend the PS Homecoming Reunion Party during Homecoming Weekend. The party will start at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 10, 1997.

We will be serving soft drinks, a variety of hors d'oeuvres, and a few desserts.

Weather permitting, we will be on the back lawn of the PS Study Room house, which is located on Ferst Dr. beside the lot of the Old DramaTech Church, between the Police Station and Dalney Street. (The official name for this building is the Environmental Safety Building.) In case of rain, we will move the party inside. There is a picture of the house and a map on the PS Home Page <www.enrollment.gatech.edu/psp>, or you can contact the PS Program for directions.

This would be a good time to learn about the changes in the program and what we are doing to continue enrolling the best and brightest.

You will also get a chance to meet the current crop of Scholars, as they are also invited to the party. If your company needs co-ops, interns, or new graduates, this party would be a great chance to meet some top-notch candidates.

If you can't make the party, but would like to send a message to one or several of the attendees, please email <psp@success.gatech.edu>, and your messages will be posted to the PS Homecoming Reunion Party Message Board in the Alumni Section of the PS Web Page. If we have a current email address, we will also forward messages to individuals for you.

Help Others Find Your Web Page

If you would like to have your business or personal web page linked to your name on the PS Alumni web page, please send the URL for your web page to <psp@success.gatech.edu>.

The PS Alumni Web Page is available from the main PSP Home Page. See who among your classmates has a presence in cyberspace!

Alumni Request PS Directory

To help keep track of each other, President's Scholar alumni have asked for a directory, and it is now in the works.

Included in this mailing is the information for the directory that we currently have on you.

If you would like to be included in the directory, please return that page with corrections to the PS Program, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA 30332-0288.

You may simply email <psp@success.gatech.edu> or call if the information is correct.

All PS alumni will be mentioned by their year of graduation, but only PSs who return the sheet or approve its contents via phone or email will have an expanded listing printed in the directory. As a bonus, a free directory will be sent automatically to all PS alumni who update or approve their listings.

We Want to Hear From You!

Have you just finished grad school? Helped design the next high tech advance in computing or medicine? Won a National Science Foundation Fellowship? Gotten married? Let us hear from you!

We would like to celebrate with you, and if you like, announce your good news in future editions of *PSsssssst!* Also, by knowing the achievements of our alumni, we are better able to recruit new scholars and secure funding for the President's Scholarship Program. Plus, we just want to know what you are doing. Feel free to contact us by email, by regular mail, or by phone.

How to contact the President's Scholarship Program

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New Scholars Begin at Helen

Of the 65 freshman scholars, 50 chose to begin the school year by attending the PS Hiking Trip to Unicoi State Park in Helen, Georgia for September 15-17.

The new scholars will spend three days in the North Georgia mountains, getting to know their classmates, hiking through the woods, and visiting the highest point in Georgia, Brasstown Bald. The participants will use Unicoi State Park as a base for their explorations and experiences.

The following six undergraduates and three alumni are serving as the trip leaders and have been instrumental in making the trip happen:

James Clawson IE '00

David Connors IE '00

Chris Heggen CE '97

Randy McDow IE '95

Andy Ozment CS '00

Cayman Percy TE '00

Brian Tate EE '00

Miller Templeton PHYS '61, MSNS '63

Corley Walker CHE '98



1997 PS Class Profile

Students Enrolled: 65

Male: 45

Georgia Residents: 35

Female: 20

Non-Georgia Residents: 30

SAT Average: 1485

GPA Average: 3.92/4.0

Varsity Athletes: 41 (several in two or more sports!)

Senior Class/Student Body Presidents: 4

Braine, Hurst, McDow

Discuss Recruiting Strategies

On August 28 and again on September 8, Paul Hurst and Randy McDow met with Dave Braine, Georgia Tech's new athletic director, to discuss working together to recruit the best student leaders who are also interested in playing on sports teams for Georgia Tech. They were invited by the AD to return on September 8 to discuss the PSP with the Athletic Department staff.

As you can see in the 1997 PS Class Profile, many Scholars have been involved in varsity athletics.

Braine was interested in spreading the word to the athletic staff about the possibilities of attracting top student-athletes nation-wide to Georgia Tech, given the new simplified PS application process. (Beginning this year, applicants simply apply to Georgia Tech by October 31, using the new expanded application for undergraduate admission, to be considered for the President's Scholarship.)

Endowment Fund Created to Aid President's Scholars

Several scholars have asked recently how they can give back directly to the Program that helped them through Georgia Tech and to where they are today. Until now, there was no clear process for such donations.

For years, many Georgia Tech alumni have supported President's Scholarships by giving to the Roll Call Annual Giving program through the Alumni Association. Roll Call currently provides over 90% of the PS Program funding, with less than 10% of the scholarship money and operating expenses coming from endowment income. This year, Roll Call raised a record \$6.5 million from 23,175 people, including over 65 PS alumni.

While alumni are encouraged to continue giving to the Roll Call, you now have the option to give to a special endowment. This endowment, comprised of donations by, or in honor of, President's Scholars alumni, will be used exclusively to provide scholarships for additional President's Scholars.

If you wish to give to this fund, you can simply send a check made out to the Georgia Tech Foundation, Inc. In the memo line, please write: For #I7Y26J PS Endowment. Donations may be sent to the Georgia Tech Foundation, 177 North Ave., Atlanta, GA 30332-0182.

While some might not think that gifts under \$100 have a significant effect, you should realize what happens with gifts to Foundation endowments. For example, a gift of \$20 will be invested by the Foundation for the PS Endowment. Over the next 20 years, this \$20 will bear approximately \$36 in interest income which will be given as scholarships, and the original \$20 will have conservatively grown to approximately \$53, which will remain invested to provide for future President's Scholarships.

Our goal is ultimately to get the PSP on a fully endowed funding basis. We anticipate that the PS Alumni Endowment will be a major step in that direction.

President's Scholarship Program Calendar

October 10, 1997 PS Homecoming Reunion Party

Join PS Alumni and current Scholars before the GT football game.

October 21, 1997 Annual PS Luncheon, Student Center Ballroom
If you would like to attend the luncheon, please call Randy McDow.

October 31, 1997 Deadline to apply for the PS

All applications must be postmarked by Oct. 31 to be considered.

January & February, 1998 Regional Interviews for the Class of '98
We would love your help interviewing the PS candidates in your area.

April 3-4, 1998 President's Scholarship Weekend

This is another opportunity to help us interview, this time with the finalists.

May 1, 1998 President's Scholarship Signing Day Ceremony
Please join us at the unofficial signing of the new class of PSs.