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LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE



Students stand at attention on the Quadrangle during the 2001 Commencement ceremony. This year, 3,312 University students will receive their academic degrees and honors, as well as listen to speeches from four honorary degree recipients, under a new canopy.

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More than 3,000 to graduate Monday

Emory to recognize top students, faculty

By MELISSA SCHENKMAN
Staff Writer

The University will graduate 3,312 students at Monday's Commencement at a ceremony that caps off an entire year of planning and a full month's worth of preparation on the Quadrangle.

The 158th Commencement will begin at 8 a.m. with a bagpipe procession through the Quad, a University tradition since the 1880s.

Nobel Prize-winning poet Seamus Heaney, the 2003 keynote speaker, will address the graduates. He will receive an honorary Doctor of Letters degree, as will David Levering Lewis. Anthony Fauci will receive an honorary Doctor of Science degree, and Carlton R. Young an honorary Doctor of Music degree. Each recipient will speak for several minutes.

University President William M. Chace will recognize this year's Thomas Jefferson Award winner for his or her teaching achieve-

ments. College senior Melissa Roberts will receive the Brittain Award for distinguished service and overall achievement at Emory. College senior Chris Richardson will receive the leadership-based McMullan Award at the subsequent College diploma ceremony.

Chace will recognize outgoing faculty members who have worked in the University for 25 years or more, and interim Provost Howard Hunter will recognize the 34 graduates who earned degrees from two University divisions.

This year's graduating class comes from 47 states and 55 countries. The average College grade point average is 3.3, and 55 percent of the graduating class is female.

The oldest undergraduate is earning a Bachelor of Arts at age

GRADUATION 2003

This year's graduating class hails from 47 states and 55 countries. The students receiving degrees range in age from 20 to 68.

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Paul reportedly selected as next College dean

By ARIELLE KASS
News Editor

A staff member in the University provost's office confirmed to the *Wheel* last week that interim College Dean Robert Paul was offered the permanent deanship.

But the University has not officially announced the results of the search. Interim Provost Howard Hunter said he and University President William M. Chace were in contract negotiations with the candidate.

Hunter said he hopes to announce the new College dean by the end of next week. The other two candidates were William Brustein, a professor of sociology at the University of Pittsburgh, and Bernadette Gray-Little, an administrator at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The search committee, chaired by Dobbs Professor of Psychology Elaine Walker, did not reach a unanimous decision, but Hunter said the group reached a consensus.

"It's hard to expect unanimity from a group that size," Hunter said. "All finalists were very qualified. We had very positive responses to each."

Hunter said he and Chace met with each of the three candidates when they visited campus, and with the selection committee as a whole. He described the meeting with the committee as very long, with each member actively dis-

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Katz resigns to take position at Millsaps

By JACLYN BARBAROW
Staff Writer

Director of Residence Life Brit Katz announced April 29 that he will leave Emory in July to become the vice president for student affairs and dean of student life at Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss.

Katz will join Millsaps President Frances Lucas-Tauchar, formerly Emory's senior vice president and dean for Campus Life, at the college.

Katz said that he was not looking for another position when Lucas-Tauchar called to offer him the job but that he could not pass up the opportunity.

"Only such a sterling offer

would lure me away from Mother Emory," Katz said.

Katz said Lucas-Tauchar responded positively to a list of requests he made before he was willing to accept the position. He said he accepted the offer that same week.

Katz said he is excited about the job, but has not yet visited the students he will lead. He said he will spend his first several months at Millsaps acclimating himself to the college and getting to know students. The school is smaller than Emory, with about 300 students per class.

At Emory, Katz is known for his personal relationships with students, whom he calls "leaders." He

often stops people around campus for conversation or just to say hello, and puts in late hours at Alabama Hall corresponding with students and dealing with his day-to-day responsibilities.

Katz first came to Emory in 1993 as an assistant to the dean of Campus Life. He has involved himself not only with Res Life, serving as an indirect advisor and sponsor for the Residence Hall Association, but with all aspects of the University.

Katz has been the adviser for many student groups, including four honors societies and the Sigma Nu fraternity. In the summer, he

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Director of Residence Life Brit Katz, a 10-year veteran of Campus Life, will depart August 1 to become vice president of student affairs and dean of student life at Millsaps College (Miss.).

Two students arrested on arson charges

Man, woman caught by scene of brush fire

By RAUL GONZALEZ
Senior Staff Writer

Two Emory students, one male and one female, were arrested April 30 after allegedly setting 17 fires around Emory's campus.

Emory Police noticed the students at the Student Activity and Academic Center at 3:41 a.m. According to an EPD police report, the students ran away when they spotted a patrol car.

Police saw a small brush fire where the students had been standing. Officers followed and arrested the individuals, the report read. After extinguishing the fire, EPD transported the students to DeKalb County Jail, pending charges of

arson.

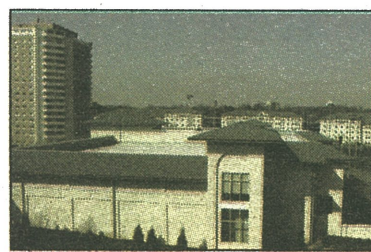
A University statement said 17 fires had been set between 10 p.m. April 29 and when the students were apprehended. One of the fires was set inside a storage closet in the O. Wayne

Rollins Research Center, damaging the closet and activating the sprinkler system.

The other fires were small brush fires set outside buildings, including residence halls. No property damage resulted.

The DeKalb County Fire Department Arson Unit is continuing to investigate the case.

"This is a criminal investiga-



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tion," Dekalb County Fire Investigation and Arson Unit Captain Joe McKinney said. "We're still following leads."

McKinney and other police officials declined to release the students' names and other details surrounding the case, saying it would impede the investigation, which is still open.

McKinney said the two students are no longer incarcerated.

The investigation may take some time to solve, DeKalb County Fire and Rescue Services Lieutenant Eric Jackson said.

"They haven't indicated how

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HONORARY SPEAKERS

Read up on profiles of this year's honorary degree recipients: keynote speaker and Irish poet Seamus Heaney, historian David Levering Lewis, pathologist Anthony Fauci and Methodist composer Carlton Young.

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The *Wheel* will take the summer off but will return with its Orientation special issue in late August.

Normal publication of the *Wheel* will resume at the start of classes in the fall.

Search for successor will start in summer

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travels to Italy as an instructor for Emory's summer study abroad program and has been a driving force behind such initiatives as the senior experience programs and the creation of the Longstreet Package Center.

Katz was planning on co-teaching a violence studies class with Associate Dean of the College Priscilla Echols in the fall, and said he will return to Emory periodically, both to visit administrators and students and to teach some sections of the class.

His work at Emory has made him a jack-of-all trades, Katz said, while at Millsaps he will be able to specialize in student affairs.

Katz said his eventual goal is to become president of a college or university.

He said, though, that he would not rule out the possibility of returning to Emory.

"So much of me will remain here after I'm physically gone," Katz said. "I'll always be grateful for [Emory] and perhaps, one day, I might return, if they'll have me. To leave already makes one wistful to return."

Senior Resident Adviser Melissa

Roberts said Katz's presence will be sorely missed on campus.

"I'm so excited for him because it's the job position that he's always wanted to have, but I also know that he's really upset about leaving the people at Emory and the people who he connected with," Roberts said. "I think that's what makes him so great at his job — because he makes it personal. He touches people's lives and makes sure everyone is doing OK. Emory won't be the same with him gone, but what he has given to this University will remain beyond his physical presence."

Senior Vice President and Dean for Campus Life John Ford said a search for Katz's replacement will begin over the summer.

"We hope to have his position filled by the beginning of next semester," said Ford.

Katz said the University will conduct a national search for his replacement, but that internal candidates would also be reviewed. Ford said the University does not have any specific replacement in mind.

► *News Editor Arielle Kass and Managing Editor Melissa Cheung contributed to this story.*

Ceremony will feature new canopy, Quad grass

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52, and the oldest graduate student is earning a Master of Theological Studies at age 68. The youngest undergraduate is 20 years old and earning a Bachelor of Sciences.

The ceremony will conclude with an address from Association of Emory Alumni President Renalda Mack and the benediction by Susan Henry-Crowe, dean of the chapel.

All College graduates will remain on the Quad while the graduates from the seven other divisions go to their respective diploma ceremonies.

In the event of rain or other inclement weather, safety marshals and ushers will direct guests to shelter until the weather passes. Although Commencement coordinators hope their no-rain record continues, alternate plans are in place and it is suggested that guests check the weather phone lines at (404) 727-1234 on Commencement morning if the forecast threatens rain.

This year's Commencement exercises will take place under a newly designed canopy. The canopy used in the past had become worn and had started springing leaks, Assistant University Secretary and Commencement Coordinator Tricia Stultz said.

"The arching roof of the new canopy ... provides more covered

space and more protection against the elements, and the lighter, open structure is an attractive home for the colors of regalia and the celebration," Stultz said. "The new canopy will be used for years to come."

New grass was also laid on the Quad and pine straw was spread around Candler Library to ensure the Quad is in top condition.

Despite ongoing construction on Candler, all 14,000 seats will be placed on the Quad. The chain-linked fence around the construction site will be removed for the ceremony.

The green fences surrounding Candler will be moved closer to the library once the beautification process, including pressure-cleaning the sidewalks, is complete.

Staff and 180 volunteers worked many hours to set up the Quad and make sure Commencement is a success, Stultz said.

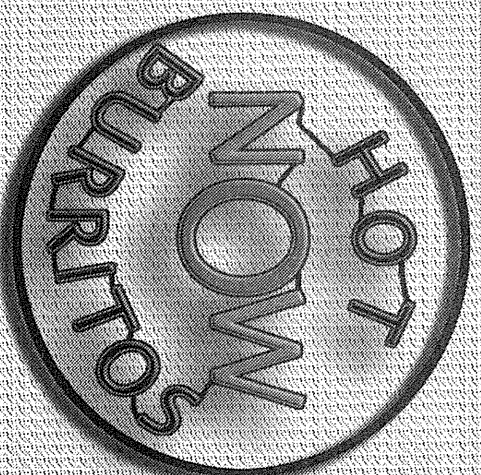
"This year we have greater volunteer participation from a broader spectrum of the University," Stultz said. "We hope enthusiasm grows for sharing Commencement as a University-wide celebration."

Senior experience activities began this year, both during Commencement week and throughout the year.

Events during Commencement week included yesterday's Class Day, with actor and activist Danny Glover and a dessert reception for seniors.

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Zenobia Wadi

Chairmont Staff Member
of the Year
Jonathan Cohen

Community Assistant
Pair of the Year
Andrew Murphy
and
Annette Moore

Faculty Involvement
Award
Judy Raggi-Moore

Awards in Honor of:
Charles White III: for Special Service - *Kelly Damon*
JJ Canter: for Community Service - *Greshma Nairi*
Joseph Pappenfus: for Resident Rapport - *Tom Czerwinski*
Brit Katz: for Spirit and Enthusiasm
SA - *Ralph Harris*
RA - *Ben Perlman*

Leader of the Year
Joseph Dee

Programs of The Year

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