

**Faculty Honors Committee: 2007-2008 Annual Report**  
Submitted by William Hunt,  
Chair 2007-2008 Faculty Honors Committee

- 1.) Selection of the Chair (September 2007): The Committee Chair from the 2006-2007 year (William Hunt) requested indications of interest/nominations for the 2006-2007 Chair. Professor William Hunt was selected by the Committee. Votes were counted electronically by *Diebold* and as such are unverifiable.
- 2.) Revision of the Call for Nominations: The call for nominations was updated and posted on the website (<http://www.facultyhonors.gatech.edu/>). The call for nominations was sent as a pdf to Provost Schuster's office for distribution (December 2007). An announcement was published in *The Whistle*.
- 3.) Receipt of Nominations: Nomination packets were received by Professor William Hunt by the deadline and copies of the nominations were disseminated to all Faculty Honors Committee members. Packets not received by the deadline or sent in piecemeal fashion via email were trashed.
- 4.) Committee Meeting: A meeting was held to introduce new members and to make the selections.
- 5.) Award Selection: The Committee made the following selections after much discussion to reach consensus.

Class of 1940 W. Roane Beard Outstanding Teacher Award: Dr. Eugene E. Comiskey, College of Management.

Class of 1940 W. Howard Ector Outstanding Teacher Award: Dr. Joel S. Sokol of the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering.

Outstanding Service Award: Dr. Richard P. Barke, in the School of Public Policy.

Outstanding Distance Learning and Professional Education Award: Dr. Mark A. Richards, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Class of 1934 Outstanding Interdisciplinary Activities Award: Dr. Andrei G. Fedorov, School of Mechanical Engineering.

Class of 1934 Outstanding Innovative Use of Education Technology: Dr. David M. Collard, School of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor: Dr. James L. Gole, School of Physics. We wish to make a recommendation that in future years, or the current one if possible, that this be split into two awards similar to the Outstanding Teacher Awards. There are

some exceptional undergraduate mentoring going on amongst some of the very junior faculty and their accomplishments should be highlighted. Encouraging the more junior faculty with an award in this area helps to keep them on a path of mentoring undergraduates in research. The committee was unanimous on this issue.

In accordance with the statutes and charge of this committee, we put forth two candidates (Professors Foley and Mersereau) for the Distinguished Professor Award, the final decision to be made by President Clough's committee. The winner of the award was:

Dr. James D. Foley

College of Computing

6.) Presentation of the Awards: William Hunt presented all awards except the Distinguished Professor Award (presented by the President) at the annual Faculty Honors Luncheon.