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Tech features Indian musical performance

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Anindo Chatterjee is a world-famous tabla instrumentalist from Calcutta, India. On Saturday, Nov. 3, Chatterjee came to Tech to perform his well-known classical Indian tabla solo with sarangi accompaniment from fellow musician Ramesh Mishra.

The tabla is a percussive instrument native to South Asia. The word tabla actually stems from the Arabic word for drum, "tabl." The tabla is essentially two drums, usually of distinctly different sizes. The disparity in timbres leads to various tones, something most people disregard in percussion.

With tablas, these differences are essential since there are only two drums. Unlike Western drum sets, these tones affect the actual technique in the performance. Tablas are handmade of leather, rope and wood and are tuned by the rope with the use of dowels and a hammer.

Played primarily in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, the tabla has played a part in the resurgence of classical Indian music in places far west of its land of origin, particularly in areas with high concentrations of South Asians like England, New York and Chicago. Indian music has gained popularity thanks

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Vaccinations prompt thoughtful discussion among Tech students

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The month of November kicks off the official 2007 flu season as many students rush to Stamps Health Services to get their free flu shot vaccine.

According to the CDC website, the "single best way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated each year." The flu shot vaccine is just one of many vaccines offered by the Health Center.

The flu is classified as worse than the common cold and the symptoms of fever, body aches and dry coughs can last from days to weeks. The single shot of the flu vaccine, which contains the killed virus, is injected into the arm and feels like a quick pinch.

The whole process takes no more than 5 minutes. The most common side effects are soreness at injection

site, fever, weakness, muscle aches and allergic reactions. The Health Center warns that students should not receive the vaccine if they are allergic to eggs.

Immunization is particularly

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Andrew Berenato
Fourth-year Management

important for college students. The Health Center explains that the flu vaccine is recommended for college students, especially those who live in dorms.

They run a higher risk of contracting the flu because of close

living quarters. Also, many college students experience a drastic change in eating and sleeping habits when school first starts which may lead to a weakened immune system.

While getting a flu shot may seem easy, free and wise some students opt out of getting immunized all together. For instance, Andrew Berenato, a fourth year Management major, has no intention of getting his flu shot at Tech or elsewhere.

"I don't remember the last time that I got a shot," Berenato said. He cites "laziness" and the fact that he does not get sick as his main reasons for opting out of Tech's free flu shot program.

In addition to the free service, Stamps Health Services has also made the process of scheduling an appointment easier and presumably more efficient.

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A Tech student receives an influenza vaccination at the Joseph B. Whitehead Student Health Center. Flu shots are available free of charge to Tech students until the health center's supply is exhausted.

Students attend Israeli conference on the media

By Reem Mansoura
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On Sunday Nov. 4, 2007, the Consulate General of Israel to the Southeast presented the fourth annual student conference at the Intercontinental Hotel in Buckhead. The conference was open to all students currently enrolled in colleges in the Southeastern United States. "Israel: A View from the Inside" focused on Israel's portrayal in the media, as well as education about Israel and the greater Middle East.

The event began with opening remarks from Ambassador Reda Mansour who was appointed to serve as the Consul General of Israel in August 2006. He has a master's degree from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. The ambassador speaks five languages and his research focuses on Syria.

Ambassador Mansour first expressed his desire to share sides of Israel and the Middle East that are not usually published. He discussed the ethnic diversity of Israel, describing the country as "one big melting pot." Approximately 1.5 million non-Jewish Arabs live in areas of Israel outside the Gaza Strip. The Israeli people

range from the religious for whom time stood still 300 years ago to the more modern people who have become more Westernized. He stressed the importance of promoting peace and dialogue in the region.

When asked about the upcoming peace conference to be held in Indianapolis in the distant future, he excitedly stated that it was an amazing example of diplomacy which would hopefully yield good results for the future of Israel and the Middle East. He concluded by confidently stating, "From my experiences, it is not cliché to say that people are all the same. They just need some good opportunities."

The ambassador's statements were followed by a speech by South Carolina's representative, Bakari Sellers. In 2006, Sellers was elected to the South Carolina State Legislature. At the age of 21, he is the youngest state representative to be elected. Sellers is currently a law student at the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Representative Sellers spoke of his support for Israel. He stressed that the country was one of our true allies since it is the only established democracy in



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Chatterjee and Mishra perform a selection featuring classic Indian instruments. The concert took place in the LeCraw Auditorium.

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to artists such as the famous sitarist Ravi Shankar, who is the father of recording artist Norah Jones.

The tabla has recently made a grand appearance in Atlanta with the arrival of Chatterjee. A promising tabla prodigy from a young age, Chatterjee won his first major honor at the age of seventeen as a finalist for the All India Radio Music Competition and the title of Young Tabla Player of the Year from the president of India.

With his experience and versatile playing ability, Chatterjee has performed with greats like Ravi Shankar, Hari Prasad Chaurasia and the late Ustad Allarakha, all famous Indian musical artists. Due to his talents, many have even hailed him as the greatest living tabla player in the world.

Chatterjee's accompanist, Ramesh Mishra, is also a significant figure in classical Indian music. His instrument, the sarangi, is a bowed instrument of Nepali origin that is played just as often all over the Indian subcontinent. Like Chatterjee, Mishra has an extensive family

background in music.

Both Chatterjee and Mishra have earned the title of "pandit," which is the Hindi designation for a scholar specifically skilled in philosophy, law and religion, but it has been extended to one who masters anything cultur-

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Karan Daftary
First year BME

ally essential to Indian society. In this case, many Muslims in India have earned the title of pandit, primarily for the arts.

The venue for his performance at Tech was the LeCraw Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Saturday night. Tickets were sold at the door, as well as memberships to indefinitely

see all his performances for a year. The event was open to anyone who wished to attend.

The concert began with an introduction by Dr. Parag Chordia, an assistant professor of Music at Tech. He specializes in music information retrieval research and is part of the Music Technology group. Dr. Chordia began with an explanation of the tabla, its styles and some of its cultural connotations. He gave details on the styles of tabla playing with the existence of the gharana, or the apprenticeship of a certain musical style.

Though Chatterjee was originally trained in a specific style, he is well-known and much appreciated for his adaptation of playing many different types instead of adhering to just one.

"He started off by tuning his tabla, and that is the hardest part of playing the tabla," said Karan Daftary, a first-year Biomedical Engineering major.

Daftary is a tabla player himself with five years of tabla training in India. He has seen the likes of Ustad Zakir Hussein, another famous Indian tabla player.

A significant part of the show included the presentation of gharanas and their distinct sounds, which portrayed the idea of musical apprenticeship and lineage, both essential parts of Indian culture.

Chatterjee's performance was simple in nature, in the sense that he played musical selections on the tabla in a sequential order. He did, however, stop several times to describe the type of beat he was about to play, and then simultaneously played it. After doing this several times, he played continuously for some time before stopping and explaining one of the key moments of the performance.

Towards the end, Chatterjee gave a short explanation about a beat he played at normal speed and how it would differ when played at different tempos.

Eventually, he played the beat



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Chatterjee demonstrates his skills on the tabla. The tabla is an Indian instrument consisting of two drums with varying timbres.

at normal rate, twice as fast, four times as fast and even eight times as fast compared to the normal beat. Obviously such a pace is difficult, and the pace at which his fingers and hands moved stunned much of the audience.

While Chatterjee and Mishra worked in synchronization, the audience felt the tone of Indian classical music reverberate through the hall. "He is one of the best tabla players I've seen in my life. It was a golden opportunity that I got to see him," Daftary said.

With his immense talent and the beautiful accompaniment of the sarangi instrumentalist Mishra, Chatterjee presented one of the finest and rarest musical performances at Tech in years.

The event was hosted by Sur, the Indian Classical Music Society of Greater Atlanta (ICMS) and the Tech organization Aarohi, dedicated to classical Indian art.

The musical performance was an exceptional spectacle because it included such high profile musicians in the world of classical Indian music. Members of Aarohi and ICMS were able to go for free.

Aarohi often holds events similar to the tabla concert. By teaching Indian percussion, students have even held concerts of their own, representing the various talents of Tech. For more information on events held by Aarohi, you can go to their website: <http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/aarohi/default/gallery.html>.

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Just kidding, parking isn't that bad.
Somebody on a bike gone be checked
thais are from thailand and taiwanese are from taiwan, idiot.
thanks for perpetuating the American stereotype

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"I'll get my shot if it's convenient," said Shaiz Dhanani, a third-year Management major who used the scheduling system. Students can log on to www.health.gatech.edu and schedule an appointment in just a few minutes.

Another major vaccine offered by Tech concerns only the female population of students. The vaccine, Gardasil®, protects against four HPV (human papillomavirus) types, which together cause 70% of cervical cancers and 90% of genital warts.

The vaccine is given through a series of three shots over a six-month period. HPV is a type of STD, a common virus that is passed on through genital contact, most often during sexual intercourse. About 40 types of HPV can infect the genital areas of both men and women.

While most HPV strains cause no symptoms and go away on their own, some types can cause cervical cancer in women. Thus, while the vaccine pertains only to women, it is important that men understand their role in preventing the spread of HPV.

HPV is commonly hailed as "the college girl disease" and for

good reason, as the 18-24 female demographic has experienced some of the largest growth in the epidemic. Yet HPV is not solely a "girl" issue, as men could potentially have the exact same statistics. But since it is so difficult to test men for HPV, the statistics are skewed.

"At least 50% of sexually active people will get HPV at some time in their lives. Every year in the United

"[Paying for vaccinations] is an investment for my health...the price of the shots is worth it to feel safer."

Johanna Pineiro
Fourth-year AE

States (U.S.), about 6.2 million people get HPV," as stated on the CDC website.

Like many STDs, HPV can be contracted by anyone who has ever had genital contact with another person.

Unlike most STDs, however, the female is the one that is mostly affected as many strains of HPV

attack the female reproductive organs. The strain of HPV that affects men is genital warts, but since they can be microscopic, the male could be completely unaware that he is infected.

For this reason, doctors stress the importance of regular STD testing for both partners. It is not known how much protection condoms provide against HPV, since areas that are not covered by a condom can be exposed to the virus. As always, abstinence is the only sure way to prevent HPV.

While a nationwide campaign for Gardasil called "One Less" is gaining momentum in national magazines targeted at young women, many Tech girls are still unaware of both the HPV virus and the Gardasil vaccine.

When asked if she would get the HPV vaccine, Johanna Pineiro, a fourth-year Aerospace Engineering major stated that she had "no idea what the HPV vaccine was." The lack of awareness on a national scale is one of the major obstacles facing Gardasil's success to bring safety and peace of mind to women.

Safety and peace of mind for millions of girls across the country comes at a surprisingly steep price.

While some clinics charge up to \$600 for all 3 shots, Tech has made a huge effort to offer the vaccine at

the lowest possible costs to students. The Tech Women's Clinic, located on the second floor of the Health Center, offers the vaccines at a subsidized cost. Even still, the \$125.00 per shot price tag may sway some to reconsider.

However, when one factors in yearly pap smears, additional lab reports and the price of peace of mind, the price tag could seem justifiable

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Jessica Cartwright
Fourth-year Management

or even insignificant. After Pineiro read some statistics, she decided that she would further research the vaccine and would definitely pay for the shots.

"It's an investment for my health... the price of the shots is worth it to feel safer," Pineiro said.

In addition to price, some students may be concerned about the

relative safety of the vaccine. "This vaccine has been tested in over 11,000 females (ages 9-26 years) around the world. These studies have shown no serious side effects. The most common side effect is soreness at the injection site," cites the CDC on their website.

The recent FDA approval has also given more credibility to ease the safety concerns that are typical with a new vaccine.

Despite the lack of evidence to prove Gardasil unsafe, some women are still skeptical. Kristen Dumont, a fourth-year Management major, chose not to get the vaccine. "I think the long term side effects haven't been fully documented yet," Dumont said.

It is important to remember that while the vaccine is effective in preventing diseases caused by the four HPV types, the vaccine does not protect against all types of HPV. Therefore, women who get the vaccine still need to continue getting regular pap tests and using protection.

Despite a few obstacles, many females are relieved the vaccine is available at all.

"This vaccine is huge progress... I feel like there's finally some hope, and I can be proactive in protecting myself," said Jessica Cartwright, a fourth-year Management major.

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the Middle East. In comparing the U.S. to Israel, Representative Sellers mentioned that both countries are still struggling through scars of terror. Emphasis was placed on the importance of listening to the problems of the Israeli community in order to help bring peace to Israel and the Middle East.

Students were then allowed to attend one of three break-out sessions. Joshua Ginsberg, assistant director for the Southeast Region Office of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), gave a presentation on the differences between anti-Semitism and legitimate criticism of Israel. The ADL serves to stop the defamation of the Jewish community as well as secure justice and fair treatment for all. "If hate can be learned, it can also be unlearned," Ginsberg said at the beginning of his presentation.

Ginsberg's session explained excuses for anti-Semitism which include the "chosen people rationale". This rationale encourages the hatred of Jews because of the belief that

the Jews killed Jesus. The "outsider rationale" encourages hatred simply because the Jewish are different. The outsider rationale and the "economic power rationale" are very similar to the reasons Hitler gave when he began the prosecution of more than six million Jews. The latter rationale encourages hatred on the basis that Jews possess too much wealth and power.

After a short lunch break, Steven Green, campaign executive and southeast regional director of the Jewish National Fund, spoke of the future of Israel. In this segment of the program, Green discussed Alternative Spring Break options. He presented pictures and video clips from last year's Alternative Spring Break in northern Israel. College students from across the United States helped rebuild Israel after the July 2006 bombings. Students rebuilt bomb shelters, planted trees and repainted schools in the areas decimated by the bombings.

Immediately following this presentation of philanthropy, a panel discussion took place discussing Israel in the modern media. Dr.

Robbie Friedmann, the director of Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange, moderated the discussion. The featured panelist included LaVon Mercer, an Israeli basketball legend, David Lewkowicz, the FOX News senior producer, and Oren Rozenblat, Deputy Consul General of Israel.

The panel described media as "an instrument that is difficult to be with and difficult to be without." They discouraged accepting the view of only one reporter. They encouraged eclectic sources when reading news stories to become exposed to differing opinions. The three panelists conversed over Israel's negative portrayal in the media, claiming that the media would always show Israel in a pessimistic light for a story. However, the panel was very optimistic about Israel's future. "There will be nothing but beauty and positive growth for the state of Israel," Mercer said.

"We will have peace," Oren said confidently in the closing arguments of the day. "Israel will be a source of inspiration for the rest of the world."



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Top left: Participants listen to a lecture at the Israeli Consulate's student conference concerning Israel's image in the media. Above: Students gather around to discuss Israel's political and economic situation over a lunch. The conference was held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Buckhead. Left: A guest speaker addresses the attendees of the conference, discussing Israel's defense tactics. Many guest speakers from media outlets and cultural organizations were present.



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The Jupiter Watts perform at the third annual Home Park Festival this past weekend. The festival was organized by local residents.

HOME PARK FESTIVAL 2007

Residents in nearby Home Park organize music festival

By Maria Carter
Contributing Writer

Music lovers of all ages gathered in Home Park this past Saturday to support their local arts at the Home Park Festival. Held in the park next to the R. Kirk Landon Learning Center on Tumlin Street, the celebration was the third annual of its kind.

According to the festival's website, the festival was sure to provide "a day of music, food, beer and brisk fall weather." The musical artists were specifically selected for various reasons.

The majority of the artists that performed were local acts, specially picked by the organizers of the festivals. The vendors selected were also local businesses and artists.

From four o'clock to ten o'clock, festival-goers socialized, hula-hooped, threw footballs, played board games, consumed pizza and beer and listened to live music. Local bands Moorish Idols, From Exile, Club Awesome, Parade, DJ

Navigation, The Jupiter Watts, This Piano Plays Itself and Slow Motion Crash entertained the crowd.

Additionally, various vendors were present, including Papa John's, local artists, campaigners for presidential candidate Ron Paul and a moonwalk machine.

This year's festivities were organized by David Minor, an International Affairs and Political Science and Technology major, and Leah Melnick, a 2005 International Affairs graduate.

Home Park is the neighborhood adjacent to Tech and home to many Tech students, both on the undergraduate and graduate level. Home Park borders Tech on the north side of campus near Tenth Street.

The Home Park community is largely comprised of a student population owing to its close proximity to Tech.

The festival was heavily publicized by Ohmpark, an Atlanta music blog. The different acts performing at the festival were featured on the music blog prior to the event.

The Home Park Festival is now in its third year. The festival was open to all ages and free admission. For more information, visit www.ohmpark.com.



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A DJ works the turntables at the Home Park Festival, mixing sound for one of the live performers.

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