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Following three years of national titles, women's tennis falls out of tournament early after loss to Florida. Page 16

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Hot-hitting Jackets charge into ACC baseball tournament after splitting series with Virginia, with eye on national success. Page 16



# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF: FACILITIES LANDSCAPE MANAGER

By Jennifer Aldoretta  
Focus Editor

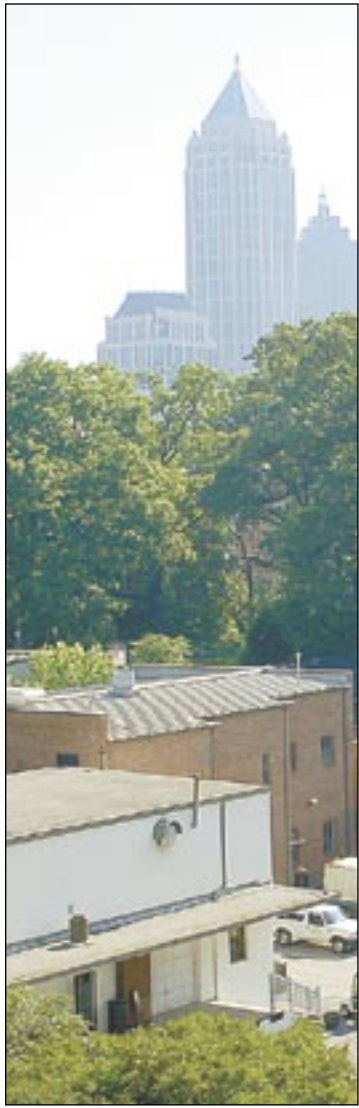
At any given time, students can always be seen outside on campus hanging out with friends, reading a textbook, listening to music, or just enjoying the scenery. Most students, however, don't take the time to think and wonder about all the hard work people have to put in to make the campus look as beautiful as it does.

Tech employs a team of people that works to maintain the campus and does everything from trash pickup to street sweeping to planting. This team is led by Georgia Tech's Facilities Landscape Manager, Hyacinth Ide.

Originally from Nigeria, Ide has been working for Tech for nearly nine years. He is in charge of overseeing the entirety of Tech's landscaping; he assigns projects, makes sure projects are being completed, meets with students, and does numerous other things that have to do with the outdoors.

"I love my job simply because it's very highly visible," Ide said. "If I'm doing a good job everybody in the community will notice, will see it."

In his opinion, the most beautiful part of campus is the Cherry Street area by Tech Tower because of aspects such as the old trees, the canopy, the flowers, and the garden area.



By Ben Keyserling / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Being the Facilities Landscape Manager isn't an easy job, however. There are many common misconceptions. Most people within the Tech community do not realize that Ide's team fixes and maintains all of their own equipment. So not only do they maintain Tech's campus environment, but they also have the knowledge and skill to fix the tools and equipment that they work with on a daily basis.

There are also many improvements needing to be made and several problems to be addressed.

Currently Ide, his team, and the Resident Hall Association are trying to come up with a plan for the Burger Bowl; Tech does not currently own the land. Tech maintains the land and prepares it for events, but as long as the city owns the Burger Bowl, Tech cannot take full advantage of its land.

Ide noted that the stairs leading up to the MARC building are another problem site that need to be addressed.

He mentioned that one of the biggest problems he faces here on Tech's campus is the amount of litter thrown on the ground by the community members.

"I calculated it, and we spend about over \$300,000 a year picking up trash," Ide said.

This excludes the trash pickup

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# Relay raises \$65k to fight cancer

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Money was not the only thing raised at Tech during Relay for Life which took place on Friday, April 11. The 12-hour-long team event, in which at least one member of the team is asked to remain on the running path for the duration of the event, also raised awareness in the community about cancer.

The night was a time of celebration, inspiration and remembrance. "There [were] ceremonies to celebrate survivors and also a ceremony to remember those friends and family members that we've lost because of cancer," said Nicole Piver, a fourth-year Management major and member of Georgia Tech's Relay for Life executive board.

Over 800 participants in more than 55 organizations and businesses attended Relay to show their support at the American Cancer Society's signature event. They raised approximately \$65,000, which will go to support the American Cancer Society (ACS) in its research and efforts.

According to [www.relay.acsevents.org](http://www.relay.acsevents.org), the lifesaving mission of ACS is "to eliminate cancer as a major health issue." Piver, who was in charge of accounting for the event, personally raised over \$900 during the event.

The event offered plenty of activities to keep participants entertained during the 12 hours, including a battle of the bands and other athletic fundraisers. "It's a fun way to spend a Friday night," Piver said.



By Justin Levine / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students walk in Relay for Life at the CRC April 11. The overnight event raised \$65,000 to benefit the American Cancer Society.

According to the GT Relay for Life web site, the event is "dedicated to inspiring members of the community to celebrate, remember, and fight back. At Georgia Tech, Relay for Life is truly an unforgettable experience for all who contribute and it continues to serve as a reminder that passionate individuals can make a difference."

Originally planned to be located in the Roe Stamps Fields, it was moved to the CRC because of rain.

For those who want to get involved with next year's Relay for Life, Piver recommends getting started early. Planning for the event begins nearly one year in advance.

"You can either set a goal to be on Relay for Life exec, or start a team of your own with some friends or with an organization you're in. Anyone can form a team—it's never too early to begin fundraising," Piver said.

For more information on Relay for Life, visit: [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) or [www.relay.gatech.edu](http://www.relay.gatech.edu).

## World travel, work, studying on students' summer agendas

By Jennifer Aldoretta  
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Summer for most students is usually a time for rest and relaxation, but some students here at Tech have decided to go that extra mile this summer and do something different. Many students are working full time, some are taking classes, while others may be traveling. Here is a look into the summer plans of some Tech students.

Michael Delinsky

Year: 2nd  
Major: Architecture  
What: School and Work  
Company: Gold's Gym

Are you taking classes?

Let's see...I'm taking CS 1315 and Health this summer in order to get them both over with since they're required for graduation and everything. Those two only total 5 semester hours so I also have time to work.

I live and work at home in Norcross and commute to Tech for classes Tuesday-Thursday (it'll be Monday-Thursday after June 16th when Health officially starts). I'm working at Gold's Gym which is a job I got last summer and kept through the year by working weekends.

Kevin Shain

Year: 3rd  
Major: Management  
What: Working full-time  
Company: 3DScanCo

Describe your job:

I am an applications engineer at an engineering company called 3DScanCo. I work full time—40 hours a week Monday through Friday—operating a variety of 3D scanners, which is part of the process of converting physical objects into digital 3D models.

For a lot of the projects that we do, I will typically write up a case study to be used for magazines, advertisements, or other marketing uses, which highlights the nerdy things we did and how other people/companies might benefit from it.

Irshad Goedar

Year: 3rd  
Major: Mechanical Engineering  
What: Internship and Work  
Company: Siemens Energy and Automation

Describe your internship:

I will be helping out design a new global molding case circuit

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breaker (some new kind of circuit breaker). I'm not exactly sure what the details are of my responsibilities, but I'll be working on a team of some high profile engineers...making the big bucks.

It's a twelve week program and I start on Monday. I'm working two jobs. One is going to be a part-time gig. I'll be working at the YMCA in Norcross and making the big bucks.

**Sam Asghari**

**Year:** 1st  
**Major:** CS  
**What:** Traveling and Working  
**Where:** Iran and England  
**Company:** Kumon Math and Read-

ing Center

What will you be doing?

My summer plans are focused on a month-long, central trip with my family to England and Iran. While visiting Iran is primarily to catch up with family members and my parents' hometowns, the stay in England is meant purely as a vacation.

With the majority of the family living in Iran and a large traveling distance between the two residences, visiting that large portion of my family is quite rare, which really leads to excitement towards the trip!

Other than that, my summer will spent working. I currently am tutoring young kids in math and reading at a Kumon Math and Reading Center, and plan to find another part-time job when I get back from Iran in July.



By Ben Keyserling / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A member of the Georgia Tech Facilities landscaping team mows the lawn near the Manufacturing Research and Development Center. Facilities workers constantly work to maintain the beauty of campus.



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students travel to their classes on Skiles Walkway. While many students remain on campus, others will spend the summer abroad.

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done for the Athletic Association after the football games. It is his aim to make the community aware of this in hopes that people will think twice before throwing their trash on the ground.

"We haven't got the awareness of how expensive cleaning up trash is to the Institute," Ide said.

Another issue is the budget cut for Ide's team that occurs when other projects on campus are being carried out—such as the new buildings that are currently under construction.

This puts more financial strain on the landscapers trying to maintain the campus.

"[People] forget the fact that the campus nature of Georgia Tech is the first impression for anybody visiting the campus," Ide said.

"Most people—before they even step out of their car—they have seen maybe a quarter of the campus. And what kind of impression are

you giving those people who are on campus for the first time?"

Tech Beautification Day has immensely helped to increase student awareness of how difficult it is to

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**Hyacinth Ide**  
Facilities Landscape Manager

maintain the environment here at Tech.

"Your frustration level can be reduced by a very nice environment, but most people don't consider all of that," Ide said.

Even though there are problems to be addressed, Ide's job entails much more than that. He and his team are extremely important members of Tech's community.

He is constantly on the move around campus assigning new projects and making sure others are being completed.

It is his job to make Tech look beautiful. This benefits each and every community member, including Ide.

"When I'm really, really stressed with dealing with personal issues, I just drive out [on campus] and see what we have done for that day, for that week—how beautiful certain areas look—and it soothes me and makes me calm down and helps me to come back the following day," Ide said.

When he is not at work, Ide enjoys exercising and playing tennis—a sport he has been involved with since high school. Being the Facilities Landscape Manager at Tech, he also takes pride in helping to maintain his own yard at home.



# Weekly Activities



Student Center PROGRAMS COUNCIL  
www.fort.gatech.edu

### Tuesday Summer Film Series

All shows will be in the Georgia Tech Student Center  
8:00 p.m. \$2 with Buzzcard, \$3 without

May 13 - "Into the Wild"	June 17 - "Pan's Labyrinth"
May 20 - "Motorcycle Diaries"	July 8 - "Match Point"
May 27 - "Crash"	July 15 - "American History X"
June 3 - "City of God"	July 22 - "The Usual Suspects"
June 10 - "World's Fastest Indian"	

Free Admission  Free Popcorn  
Summer Film Series

**Every Wednesday \* [www.flickson5th.gatech.edu](http://www.flickson5th.gatech.edu)**

All shows will be held on a outdoor screen at Technology Square in Midtown (5th Street, between Spring St. and Williams St.)

**All movies begin at nightfall (9pm)**

June 11 - "I am Legend"	July 9 - "Hairspray"
June 18 - "Horton Hears a Who"	July 16 - "Superbad"
June 25 - "The Bourne Ultimatum"	July 23 - "21"

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The purpose of this study is to find out if a vaginal microbicide gel is safe and how women feel about using it. A microbicide is a drug made to kill/fight viruses and bacteria. In the future, research will tell if microbicides stop the sexual spread of HIV and other STDs. This is a research study that lasts about 3 weeks. All participants will be given a gel but some may not get the gel with microbicide.

This study is being conducted by Kimberly Workowski, MD, of the Hope Clinic, Emory Vaccine Center, 603 Church Street, Decatur, Georgia 30030.

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