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INDY WHIPS THE BIG SCREEN

The new Indiana Jones movie was released on May 22. Harrison Ford proves that age doesn't matter in this mediocre film. **Page 9**

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Women's tennis star Amanda McDowell wins first National Tennis Championship in the Institute's history. **Page 16**



'M-Train' video proves hit on YouTube

By Tyler Trawick
Contributing Writer

The frequently oppressive workload of the engineering major causes much grumbling and thoughts of sunnier skies among those enrolled, but it also gives rise to a fair amount of much-underrated creativity. A recent incarnation of this independent spark is the song "M-Train" by Tech's own gtg491y and gtg562h; aka Brandon "Swaff" Swafford and Daniel "DBay" Baily.

The song has become a hit not only with the student population, but also on YouTube, where the corresponding video has recorded over 83,000 views, indicating an appeal reaching beyond the current Tech community. Daniel Baily offered to sit down and discuss the history behind the song and its place at Tech.

Nique: How did it all begin?

DBay: I guess it was two years ago. Swaff (Brandon Swafford), a friend of mine in Theta Xi, called me up and said "Hey man let's write a song." I mean, we were both kinda known within our friends as coming up with crazy, improv songs on the spot, just funny stuff. So I showed up and he said: "So what do you want to write about?" And after a few hours we came up with the first half of the song, the first chorus, the first verse.

Now he's graduated and works at a recording studio.

Nique: How did you get it mastered?

DBay: We spent maybe 20 hours in the studio recording. Every vocal line you hear is actually like eight lines on top of each other to give it that hip-hop sound. [Swaff] mixed it and sent it off to a guy to master it—the same guy that did Soulja Boy, actually. So Swaff's pretty well con-

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nected. It was cool but we needed an extra touch to kind of send it out, so we made a little video and put it up on YouTube and it just blew up.

Nique: Have you always been a musician?

DBay: Yeah, I guess you can call it that. I started taking piano at like age four, and ever since then I would go play guitar at a lot of churches around the area. I play piano and

trumpet, and he plays drums, bass and guitar, so we can kind of fit everything together.

Nique: Have you done any other productions?

DBay: Not together. We're going to. We're working on some stuff right now. We figured we'd get some stuff together and put it on iTunes.

Nique: Any future productions?

DBay: It's in the preliminary stages. We haven't recorded anything, I'll say that. We've been focusing on just Georgia Tech, more timeless stuff. We've been getting emails from people from '72, '82, saying that what's true today was true then, and it kind of widens the audience that we would have. Hopefully we'll offend the least number of people possible. We have had some comments on video from Georgia fans, and they're not the most encouraging people. Hopefully we'll have something out by the end of the first week of school, fall semester.

Nique: How was playing at Peachtree Tavern?

DBay: It went well, we had quite a good turnout. We opened for another band, and wrote a little intro to the M-Train song so we wouldn't be up there for just four minutes. So it kind of inspired us.



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Daniel "DBay" Baily (left) and Brandon "Swaff" Swafford (right), makers of "M-Train", perform their song in front of the stadium.

Give an hour, give a pint, save three lives



By Scott Meuleners/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

During one of many Blood Drives at Tech, Buzz proudly shows off the American Red Cross flag as many of Tech's students save lives by taking an hour out of their day to donate a pint of blood nearby.

By Jennifer Aldoretta
Focus Editor

Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood.

Tech has several blood drives each year, all of which are successful. The most recent took place on Tuesday, June 3 and Wednesday June 4.

Even though 51 pints of blood were collected on the first day of the blood drive alone, Red Cross statistics prove that Tech's students can still be doing more to help those in need of blood.

While the turnout for each blood drive is impressive, it is a known statistic that only five percent of

eligible adults donate blood on a regular basis. The components that make up blood (red cells, white cells, platelets, and plasma) are all perishable, so the need for blood is constant.

The average adult body contains between ten and twelve pints of blood. Most people don't realize

that giving just one pint of blood is the equivalent of saving up to three lives.

There is a constant need for blood products whether it be from cancer patients, crash victims, or sickle cell patients.

It takes only about one hour to complete the entire donation process which includes registration, a brief health history, a mini physical, the donation, and finally refreshments.

Several Tech students that attended the June blood drive in the Student Center were asked to explain something they think more people should know about donating.

Jordan Jones, second-year management student, said

"The worst part is the finger prick. The needle doesn't hurt much, and walking around with the colored band-aid on your arm makes you feel special."

Donating one pint of whole blood is the usual amount for most donors due to certain restrictions. Blood donor regulations in the United States allow people to donate whole blood once every 56 days. This means that it is possible to save up to nineteen lives every year simply by taking an hour to donate blood.

Anyone over the age of 17 and 110 pounds is eligible to donate blood. After donating, each pint of blood is sent to a Red Cross National Testing Laboratory where it is tested for ten different transmissible diseases. Blood found to contain any of the ten diseases is not used to ensure the safety of the recipients.

When asked about why she was donating at Tech's blood drive on June 4, Jenny Rainwater, a fourth-year computational media and psychology major, said, "I've had four transfusions. I know the importance (of giving blood)."

Jenny Rainwater
Fourth-year Computational Media and Psychology major

importance." She also agrees that the fingerstick during the mini physical exam is the worst part of the donation process.

Out of twelve students spoken to regarding donating blood, five of those students said they know someone who has

received one or more blood transfusions. It was a general consensus amongst those who were spoken to that more people should be aware of the need for blood and realize that a small amount of time can make a difference in someone's life.

After the first day of the blood drive, Tech was only ten pints short of the targeted amount. Although many students at Tech decide to help out, there is still an opportunity for those who haven't given blood to make a difference.



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