String of burglaries targets frats

By Sija Cai
Staff Writer

Five separate fraternity houses were broken into between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. on the morning of Saturday, June 1. Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Nu, and Lambda Chi all reported burglaries, and a criminal trespass was committed at Sigma Alpha Epsilon, where an Isuzu Rodeo was damaged. There were no signs of forced entry at any of the houses.

“There are crimes of opportunity. The perpetrators are coming into unlocked rooms when people are asleep and taking whatever they see,” said Captain Regina Rogers of the Georgia Tech Police Department.

The criminals targeted laptops, cash, and credit cards that were lying in the rooms that they were broken into. Theta Chi was the hardest hit of the five fraternity houses, with four separate rooms burglarized. Lambda Chi and Phi Delta Theta each reported one room burglarized, and Sigma Nu reported the house’s flat-screen TV stolen. There have been no suspects identified in the case yet, but GTPD is working with several agencies in the Atlanta area to follow up on potential leads. So far, they have located a laptop-stealing ring but have not determined if the stolen Georgia Tech laptops are involved.

“We typically see a rise in burglaries during the summertime, when there are fewer people on campus. The key thing is for people to lock their doors,” Rogers said.

A physical security specialist will conduct a security survey of any fraternity house that requests one, which involves inspecting the house and making recommendations as to further security measures that could be taken.

“[Crime] is a serious problem, and by no means unique to Greek houses.”

Buck Cooke
Director of Greek Affairs

We’ve been educating the chapter houses on the college environment safer. This is a serious problem, but by no means unique to the Greek houses,” said Buck Cooke, Director of Greek Affairs.

“We’ve got better locks now, but I do think the security could still be worked on... As for my laptop, my insurance company was very cooperative, and I now have a new one,” said Lina Skandalakis, a second-year Psychology major and one of the victims.

“Obviously, the criminals are either people who blend in with the community and are very experienced with stealing laptops, or Tech students who know how to thwart anti-theft technologies,” Rogers said.

Balfour named new dean of Architecture

By Georgia Davis
Copy Editor

Alan Balfour was named the new Dean of the College of Architecture, which includes music, industrial design, and architecture majors, effective July 1. Balfour will replace former dean Thomas Galloway, who passed away March of last year.

After searching for over a year, the College of Architecture officially named Balfour as the new dean. Previously, Balfour had held the role of dean of the architecture schools at universities such as Rice University in Houston, Texas, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, where he increased programs, technology usage, and interdisciplinary curriculums. In addition, Balfour has also served as the Architecture program director at Tech from 1977 to 1987.

Balfour received his Diploma in Architecture from Edinburgh College of Art in Edinburgh, Scotland and his Masters in Architecture from Princeton University as a Fulbright Scholar. He began his career at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). From MIT, he came to Tech serving as the director of the architecture department at Tech, prior to the creation of the College.

While serving as the director of the Tech’s Architecture department, he established the structure for an interrelated curricula between Tech and the Institute Technologie, Architecture et Urbanisme (IATU) in Tunisia.

As Balfour enters as Tech’s newest Dean of Architecture, he brings with him his work from previous director and friend for 30 years, and interim dean until one was found.

Balfour enters with a fresh perspective and a new vision for the role of our disciplines in the future for the Institute and the College.

“[With Balfour as the new Dean], I envision an Institute that serves the community and is constructive, while also anticipating the needs of the future. I believe the Institute is poised to be a leader in the future of architecture,” said Georgia Tech President pap of the new Dean, who is committed to higher education. "He brings with him a wealth of experience, and I am confident that he will lead our College to new heights."

Balfour’s appointment follows a unanimous vote by the Board of Regents.

Stadium to switch light systems

By Yoon Kim
Contributing Writer

The Athletic Association has begun the process of making a switch from manual breakers to solar breakers and photocells at Bobby Dodd Stadium. The switch to solar breakers and photocells will mean less light being output from the stadium during daylight hours.

“We have not made a switch yet, but anticipate its completion in July,” said Shawn Teske, Director of Athletic Facilities.

The Athletic Association’s switch was influenced in part by a student project in the spring by then-freshmen students for EAS professor Kim Cobb’s carbon reduction challenge.

The team was comprised of Biomedical Engineering major Christine Amuzie, Mechanical Engineering major Jonathan Effgen, and Biomedical Engineering major Vivian Fan.

For the project, the students asked the stadium to turn off its lights for 24 hours over the span of Earth Week last spring in order to reduce carbon output. Seeing the results, the Athletic Association then heavily considered switching the stadium to more carbon efficient technology for the future.

“It is a matter of education, and also as fiscal responsibility to react to [the students’] concerns in a positive and constructive manner,” Teske said.

Prior to the student project, Teske and the Athletic Association had looked into the option of solar breakers and photocells for the stadium; however, no action was made.

The solar breakers would turn off the circuits for electricity in certain lights in the stadium, according to the photocell. The photocell would be used to turn the lights on and off according to the cycles of daylight.

Following the Earth Week project by Amuzie, Effgen, and Fan, it was determined that turning off the lights reduced over 25 metric tons of carbon.

In addition, the stadium and facilities installed solar breakers and photocells would reduce light and carbon output at Bobby Dodd Stadium after July.
Every Wednesday www.flicksOn5th.gatech.edu

All shows will be held on an outdoor screen at Technology Square in Midtown (5th St. between Spring St. & Techwood Dr.).

GT Day at The Braves Game
Braves vs- Mariners
Sunday, June 22
1:35 p.m.
$5.00 Tickets
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You provide your own transportation!

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

June 17 - "Pan’s Labyrinth"
July 8 - "Match Point"
July 15 - "American History X"
July 22 - "The Usual Suspects"

Missouri backing from page 1

Georgia Tech police are beginning a criminal investigation with the Office of Information Technology into hacked computers in Mississippi. Police were called to meet with a representative from OIT’s Information Security department on April 30.

OIT was contacted by Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO) April 30, after someone from Tech was allegedly accessing the password reset web page at SEMO. Student passwords were then being reset. SEMO provided OIT and the Tech police with two Tech IP addresses and logged containing dates and times the site was accessed. OIT then launched its own internal investigation.

OIT then determined that a Tech employee had been resetting the passwords and alerted police. The police advised OIT to begin a criminal investigation of the Tech employee’s actions.

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"This College has within its culture all the major fields of knowledge that can be applied to the world city of the future." Alan Balfour

Dean of Architecture

Balfour said in his learning statement for Tech. "[The disciplines] all exist within the complex process of representing and embodying culture - a city is as much a cultural artifact as a building or a musical composition," Balfour said.

He plans to further the work and vision begun by Dean Thomas Galloway through technological and global innovations. "Graduates must have complete mastery of the tools of digital technology, they must be empowered to predict the impact of their design - at the social level as well as the energy and resource level—and they must use that knowledge in a creative and skillful way that is globally as well as local practical. The world city of the future is of enormous concern to me. This College has within its culture all the major fields of knowledge that can be applied to this problem," Balfour said in a press release.

Correction

Last issue’s coverage of the Sklar vs. Clough lawsuit ("Sklar vs. Clough case resolves", May 23, 2008) misrepresented the outcome of the trial. The timeline above the article stated "Court rules in support of Tech", but the ruling actually ruled that three of the four Tech policies in question, in their state at the time of the filing of the lawsuit, were unconstitutional. The judge ruled that both Tech’s Speech Code and the Speech Zone were unconstitutional, but because Tech had altered both of these during the course of the lawsuit there was no need for Tech to take further action. Additionally, the judge decided that text in the Safe Space program’s training manual describing the attitudes of various religions towards homosexuality was unconstitutional and ordered it removed. However, Tech contends that the text in question had been removed a year ago and was no longer being used at the time of the verdict. On the final point, in which the plaintiffs challenged the guidelines governing the usage of Student Activity Fees and the rule against using the fees to fund religious and political activities, the ruling stated that the case has not been decided. However, the judge chose not to rule in favor of the plaintiffs and ordered Tech to change the guidelines due to the plaintiffs’ inability to demonstrate that liability should be assigned to any of the specific defendants named in this portion of the lawsuit. However, the judge urged Tech to consider revising the policy because it “might not be capable of passing constitutional muster” against a future challenge.

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_saved the electricity money that would have been used to power the stadium for 24 hours a day. The stadium lighting illustrates how much a big institution like Georgia Tech could benefit from tackling the low-hanging fruit of energy conservation," Cobb said.

However despite the switch promising to save money, Teke and the Athletic Association are still somewhat concerned about the prospect of reducing the light output in the area surrounding the stadium. "We as part of the institution have to be careful. At the corner of Techwood and North Avenue… it’s a black hole out there. The student group that did talk to me made some good points, but we’re in a transition stage where we have to do somewhat concessions in the day and enough at night," Teke said.

Weekly Activities

Live Lunch Concert
"Crumbling Archways"
Thursday, June 19 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Campanile
Georgia Tech Chief of Police Teresa Crocker returned June 3 from a two week long training exchange program in Israel. Crocker participated in the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) program with 17 other delegates from various law enforcement agencies.

The GILEE program was founded in 1992 by Robert Friedmann, a chair of the Georgia State University Department of Criminal Justice, to provide senior law enforcement officers with professional training opportunities in policing techniques used abroad.

This marks the sixteenth delegation of Georgia law enforcement officers to visit Israel through the GILEE exchange program. The Israel program emphasizes teaching counterterrorism, emergency management and drug interdiction strategies from Israeli police, but is all encompassing, including everything from traffic control instruction to crisis training. Crocker was finally able to participate in this summer’s delegation after a long application process that started three years ago.

“It was exciting to be chosen to go...after all, it is a long application process of writing papers explaining why you want to go and what you want to do with the training once you get back,” Crocker said.

While there, Crocker and the delegates traveled around Israel learning different policing techniques from the Israeli police force. Each day a new type of police action was made the focus of learning. The officers were taught the Israeli legal system and how it is applied in Israel.

“We did it all. We went to every border and saw everything the police did that they could show us...We got to see how traffic is policed in the busy city of Tel Aviv, and saw how bombings are dealt with on a daily basis in the tiny town of Sedrot.”

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Chief of Police

“...and we got to see how traffic is policed in the busy city of Tel Aviv, and saw how bombings are dealt with on a daily basis in the tiny town of Sedrot,” said Crocker.

The police delegation also visited common tourist destinations, such as the Holocaust museum and Haifa.

“The trip, for me, was on many different levels. Of course professionally, but you also came away personally affected by things like the Holocaust museum, so also spiritually,” Crocker said.

The techniques that Crocker learned will be readily applicable to policing here at Tech, she hopes.

“We made a lot of contacts that we know are just a call away if we ever need them for anything...and of course when something never happens to us like in Israel, it is good to have the training to deal with terrorism if it ever comes our way,” Crocker said. Still, Crocker believes that the experience of the GILEE program was overall one of the best experiences in her career thus far.

“I learned so much. The trip was just a great experience. It would be for any law enforcement officer who would have the chance to go, but for me it was especially, I just had a great time,” Crocker said.

Chief Teresa Crocker (center) stands with fellow Georgia delegates at the 16th GILEE exchange program for training in Israel.

A lot of things went off outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Here are a few important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

Flash floods devastate Midwestern U.S.

Parts of the midwestern United States have been afflicted with devastating damage after rising rivers resulted in massive floods. At least 15 people have died as a result of the severe weather, over a hundred counties have declared states of emergency. The overflowing, flooded rivers has caused homes to collapse and continue to threaten dams and levees.

A 250-mile stretch of the Mississippi River has been closed by the Army Corps of Engineers as a result of flooding. In Iowa, the city of Cedar Falls has been evacuated as the Cedar River continues to rise.

U.S. air strike kills Pakistani soldiers

A clash with insurgents on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border resulted in an American air strike that left 11 Pakistani paramilitary soldiers dead, according to the New York Times.

Commenting on the air strikes, the Pakistani military referred to them as “unprovoked and cowardly.”

Details of exactly how the mistaken strikes happened are still unclear and an investigation has begun; according to American military officials, the attack was aimed at Taliban fighters who had begun firing at American-led forces. An alert by the Americans before the air strikes to the Pakistani troops in the vicinity never made it to them and they were killed along with, according to a Taliban spokesman, eight Taliban fighters.

Unemployment in U.S. jumps to 5.5%, highest increase since 1986

Data released by the Labor Department last week showed that the unemployment rate in the United States rose one-half of a percent in May to reach 5.5%, the highest increase since February of 1986. Overall, 49,000 jobs were lost in the US economy, the fifteenth consecutive month in which jobs were lost.

The main sectors contributing to the loss in jobs are construction, manufacturing, retail trade, and temporary help services, according to the Labor Department.

The rate of 5.5% is the highest since October 2004.

Truck drivers strike over fuel in Europe, Asia

Soaring fuel prices have led to striking and even rioting by truck drivers in Spain and Portugal, in which two strikers have died after trying to stop traffic from crossing the picket line.

Strikes have also been announced by truck drivers in South Korea and Thailand, while truck drivers in the Netherlands, Poland, Hong Kong, and India have protested with acts including blocking roadways.

Emory Vaccine Center, 603 Church Street, Decatur, Georgia 30030.

All participants will be given a gel but some may not get the gel with microbicide. The purpose of this study is to find out if a vaginal microbicide gel is safe and effective in preventing HIV and other STDs. This is a research study that lasts about 3 weeks.

Male partners can get $25 for filling out a survey. You will be paid up to $270 for your time and travel costs.

With prevention choices we can make HIV a thing of the past.
Campus precautions

Last week in a span of less than twenty-four hours, five fraternities were robbed, with the thieves taking away laptops, TVs and cash. With the increase in crime not only in Greek housing, but also all around Tech and the greater Atlanta area, students should act with greater caution. While Tech police generally keeps campus safe for students, as members of an urban community Tech students should not be lulled into a sense of security that stops them from taking precautions to keep themselves and their property safe.

Students should make sure to always lock their room doors even if there is supposed to be another outside lock to keep intruders out. Fraternities often have key codes on their houses to keep out people who don’t live there, but this isn’t enough protection to totally prevent someone from breaking into the rooms inside if all the interior doors are open. After all, door codes can be passed to other people, and sometimes the doors aren’t even securely shut to begin with. While the blame for things stolen is not put on the people who were robbed, if the theft of something as valuable as a laptop can be avoided by simply locking a door, the lock is a precaution worth taking.

Also, Tech students should remember to be aware of their surroundings at all times. Just because students are on campus does not mean that they are immune from an armed robbery. Sitting anywhere alone at 3:30 in the morning is a pretty good way to get robbed even within the protective bubble of campus. Not only can thieves come onto campus from outside to slip into a building and take a laptop, but unfortunately some of these robbers could be Tech students with access already.

None of this is being said to scare students. At Tech, robberies are fairly uncommon and the campus is pretty safe. However, there is no reason not to take precautions and ensure that these isolated events don’t become more common.

Welcome new dean

After the unexpected passing of the former Dean of Architecture Thomas Galloway in March 2007, it will be good to finally have a new dean. Alan Balfour looks like he will be a good fit here at Tech. Balfour was formerly the Director of the Architecture Program at Tech for ten years, so he is already familiar with the Tech community. He should be easily able to settle into the department and carry it forward in a positive direction. Also, with a focus on sustainability, he should be able to make the School of Architecture progressively better.

Balfour has an interdisciplinary focus and it will be exciting to see him intertwine the elements of architecture and music.

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Doomsayers spam pre-election

As sure as there will be an American election every four years, there will always be the eccentric but ever-present apocalyptic doomsayers who take over one’s inbox. In particular, these irrational pessimists spread the word one inbox or blog at a time with ideas that if so-and-so is elected to be president, then he or she would bring about the Armageddon.

While the election is a good five months away, the irrationally fearful and terribly annoying emails and spam have already begun filling up my inbox.

Now, I would understand the purpose of a good, well-written email from at least a semi-intelligent source. However, when the only defense that the Anti-Christ or whatever claim that these doomsayers are trying to remorse emotion for is in the form of various racial tirades and badly misquoted Bible passages, it begs the question from my end. “What are people like this thinking when they write stuff like this?”

For example, following the news of Barack Obama’s Democratic presidential nomination and my celebratory support of such news on Facebook, a good friend of mine, in a momentary lapse of good judgement, sent me an email under the misappropriated title “A Little History”.

The email included a list of biased assumptions concerning historical events from the assassination of Robert Kennedy to the war in “Afghanistan against”, as the writer wonderfully puts it. The writer then makes the daring claim that the Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama is the bringer of the end of all time. Of course, the piece of spam culminated in this statement:

“And now: for the award winning act of stupidity of all times the face of the planet — the presidency of the United States of America — a Muslim extremist between the ages of 17 and 40. Have the American people completely lost their minds, or just their power of reason? I’m sorry but I refuse to take a chance on the unknown candidate Obama.”

As terribly written and factually incorrect the email proved to be, it made me wonder, why would anyone waste his or her time on a spam email that no one takes seriously? Personally, I find the zealots who send chain messages such as “IF YOU DON’T SEND THIS MESSAGE TO 8 PEOPLE, YOU WILL NEVER FIND LOVE AND GROW UP!” or “Why Barack Obama is the Anti-Christ” very much annoying. I’m sure many others do as well.

If that’s the case, then what’s the point of writing a person to certain argument that way? If persuasion is the goal, there are much better ways to do so.

As a frequent receiver of badly written spam, I can point out many examples of spam that could help detract from an attempt to persuade. One of the most glaring is an ill-thought out plan of attack. For example in the Obama spiel, the writer draws a string of instances when “Muslim men... between the ages of 17 and 40... destroy[ed] Americans” and then compared them to Obama. Nevertheless, if we are attacking a man and his affiliations based on what history says, can’t the same argument be made with any other race or religion as well? Attack using examples of acts committed by “Muslim men... between the ages of 17 and 40” throughout history is a basic fallacy of hasty generalization, not to mention a horrid example of stereotyping and racial profiling. If that’s the case, we can make the same argument about any single racial or religious group out there.

In 1941, an Asian “male extremist” bombed Pearl Harbor killing 2,400 people. From 1956 to 1975, America fought a war against Asian “male extremists” between the ages of 17 and 40. In 2007, an Asian “male extremist” between the ages of 17 and 40 killed 32 students and faculty in the massacre at Virginia Tech.

Does that make any Asian American from 17 to 40 an extremist or unfit to take on a role of leadership in this great land we call the United States of America? Well, as an Asian-American, I certainly hope not, and I certainly don’t think that these three instances in history are able to sway the average American to believe that Asians will destroy the country. The same goes for any other race or affiliation, whether it be black, white, Hindu, and so on.

When everything is said, done, and read, it’s obvious to see the trend in any of these types of emails. The writer fears what is unknown or what is different. While having such fear...
CRC and library crowded as ever

Since it is now the summer semester, students are sparse around campus. This would normally lead one to believe that usually popular areas such as the CRC, and the library would now be a little more laid-back and a little less busy. Somehow this isn’t quite the case.

Since I am a commuter for the summer, going to the CRC is one of the few things I enjoy doing to pass the time during the day. There isn’t much for me to do while I’m on campus, so I want to get the most of my time.

I assumed that going to the CRC would be a much more enjoyable experience than during the regular school year—lots of other people working out, plenty of open equipment, and no distractions.

But alas, there is plenty going on at the CRC, even though it seems as though there shouldn’t be.

When I work out, I don’t like having to worry about which people are watching me, which are judging me, which I’m judging them. Working out is a very personal thing.

At the CRC now only in the morning, between about ten-thirty and noon. Everyone is still asleep or hung over from the night before and there are few distractions.

It may be hard to believe, but it’s actually not busy in the morning.

It may have been a bad decision on my part to divulge this information about the perfect time to go to the CRC, but I’m sure there are many others as frustrated as I will benefit.

I’ve tried the whole going-in-the-afternoon thing, but that by time it’s so packed that it seems every student taking class decided to work out at the exact same time.

Also, all of the local day camp kids bring the kids to campus on field trips, so it is usually inevitable that a herd of screaming seven-year-olds will appear in the middle of your workout.

I have nothing against field trips or the fact that other people take pride in trying to stay healthy.

I just don’t like having to compete with hundreds of my closest friends for cardio equipment and weight machines as children run around and scream in the lobby above you.

So needless to say, after finding out how dead the CRC can be in the morning, I haven’t wanted to go in the afternoon since.

After realizing that the CRC isn’t always busy, I do that same mindset I decided to do some homework in the library.

Being a Tech student, the library is like a second home to me (as it is for many others). But it’s usually a second home that gives you a panic attack the moment you walk in. Even during the summer, it’s still impossible to find a student.

The first time I needed to go to the library this summer, I was actually almost looking forward to it. I figured that since I don’t see many people walking around on campus, there couldn’t possibly be very many in the library.

Much to my dismay, it still took me a few minutes to find an available computer in West Commons.

It astounds me that the computer issue doesn’t improve during the summer. It feels like the entire student body goes to the CRC when I decide to go, then migrates over to the library to take all of the computers before I get there.

Now, I can understand that the library at Tech would be packed because, well, it’s Tech. Even still, no offense Techies, some of us need to get out and socialize more. This might help solve the computer problem.

(Oh, and for those who sit at the computer in West Commons looking at Facebook while completely aware that there is a line of people waiting for computers, please either get a life or some common sense.)

Being on campus during the summer gives the impression that all students at Tech are either health nuts, or total nerds that never do anything but study.

But you would never get that impression just from walking around campus during the summer. It seems that everyone is away on vacation when, in fact, everyone is either in the CRC, or the library.

So as I fend my rat, it has been concluded that the best time to go to the CRC is in the morning, and the worst time to go to the library is all the time.

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Jennifer Aldoretta
Focus Editor

“Telekinesis, because it’s the ultimate lazy man’s power.”

Jason White
Fourth-year ME

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Buzz Around the Campus
If you could have any superpower, which would you want and why?

Saloni Desai
Third-year IE

“I would definitely fly, because I could go fast.”

Elliot Mork
Third-year AE

“I would control time, I can get through Tech.”

Howard Zuo
Second-year CHBE

“The power to change the weather, since it’s too hot.”
Mexico brings new language and new adventures

For the past four weeks I have had the immaculately unique experience of studying abroad in Mexico. I have seen things I didn’t think existed, learned words that I don’t think I will ever use outside of the country.

Emily Chambers
Columnist

“I have seen things I didn’t think existed, learned words that I don’t think I will ever use outside of the country.”

After four weeks here, I had become fairly confident in my ability to negotiate taxis or buses to venture to see these bones and waterfalls, so five others and I headed out. Our first step was to procure a combi, a.k.a. an ancient Volkswagen van re-vamped to hold up to 20 people. This combi, unlike our earlier one, was fully loaded. That meant that we could not get a real seat, but instead drove straight to a gorgeous rock outcropping that had the rough equivalent of a showerhead running down it. Apparently, the area has had horrible droughts lately, and the normal flow had died down revealing grottos and a large cave that our group, barefoot and stupid, crawled over and through for 45 minutes.

At this point in my mental plan concern was who ought to be held liable for the invalid policy. The judge did not rule that the policy is okay; rather, he specifically condemned the practice of not funding religious and political activities. This is a victory for all students, but certainly not for Tech. Now that these policies have been changed, students have the right to speak freely and the administration cannot take sides on religious matters. April’s court ruling was a significant win for religious liberty on campuses across the country. We are pleased that as a result of our actions, Georgia Tech is closer to abiding by the U.S. Constitution.

Orit Sklar
CE ’07

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gram such as Safe Space, and sets an ancient Volkswagon van re-vamped to
hold up to 20 people.

After walking for roughly a mile, the highway until we encountered another combi headed towards the town of Ichcateopan, to find the bones of Coahuilteco.

On our way we found a hole in the ground (not the wall, the ground) in which sat two women barbequing a goat with a bucket full of ice and a delicious drinks. This beverage cost us only 80 cents, so of course, even though we only had 1 minute to drink it before the next combi arrived, we made the purchase, tilted back our necks and chugged the most delicious 80 cents I have ever spent.

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After four weeks here, I had become fairly confident in my ability to negotiate taxis or buses to venture to see these bones and waterfalls, so five others and I headed out. Our first step was to procure a combi, a.k.a. an ancient Volkswagen van re-vamped to hold up to 20 people. After walking for roughly a mile, the highway until we encountered another combi headed towards the town of Ichcateopan, to find the bones of Coahuilteco.

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It was a very bizarre, very sexy combination. The market that lined the main street was so packed with people that in our race against the clock to see the bones, I nearly crushed five small children and an indigenous woman selling bugs that you eat live in your tacos (not a delicacy I plan on in the future). The bones themselves were brown, and impressively stored in a large granite block to see the bones, I nearly crushed five small children and an indigenous woman selling bugs that you eat live in your tacos (not a delicacy I plan on in the future). The bones themselves were brown, and impressively stored in a large granite block. On the other side, there were covered in emeralds that I have seen things I didn’t think existed, learned words that I don’t think I will ever use outside of the country.

This would have been a blissful occasion: a reunion between the six of us and our professors, a time in which we could have be proud of our ability to survive Mexico without them, were it not for the fact that our two parties combined were too many people to fit in a single combi. As such, yours truly and the ever-gracious Carlitos volunteered to stay behind.

We got to re-tour the town, look out over the views that after just one day were being spoiled upon us. The rolling hills filled with farms and semi-straight lines gave way to mountains that on one side of the valley were covered in granite. On the other side, the rolling hills were covered in emeralds that I have seen things I didn’t think existed, learned words that I don’t think I will ever use outside of the country.

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ings about change in the status of the world is normal, that does not mean that the person should rely on false accusations and racial profiling to express that fear. There are better, healthier, and more productive methods for that, especially ones that don’t involve my inbox.

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By Jennifer Aldoretta

The frequently oppressively work- load of the engineering major causes much grumbling and thoughts of sunnier skies among those entangled, but it also gives rise to a fair amount of much-underrated creativity. A recent incarnation of this independ- ent spark is the song “M-Train” by Tech’s own ggg9261 and ggg5621h, 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 corre- sponding 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.

DBay: How did it all begin?
By Tyler Trawick
Contributing Writer

Mghi: How did you get it mastered?
NIque: How were you playing at Peachtree Tavern?
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Mghi: 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: 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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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- 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?

Mghi: 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.

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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.

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The Fall provides beauty but lacks in plot

While it undoubtedly conjures up memories of Terry Gilliam’s thoroughly entertaining box-office flop The Adventures of Baron Munchausen and the always enjoyable The Princess Bride, Tarsem Singh’s most recent foray into Hollywood-grade filmmaking, The Fall, is a spectacle to behold.

Although The Fall is distinctly more violent than both of the aforementioned films, the similarities between the three movies are numerous, with The Fall containing both the characteristic strong fantasy story interspersed with the somewhat odd and quirky humor. Tarsem, the one-word name of the director, prefers to be referred to as, has constructed a visually impressive and settings that successfully stun the viewer with their beauty.

However, the strong focus that Tarsem has placed on imagery seems to have shifted his priorities away from the film’s story, creating an emotionally lacking film that tries desperately to find substance and meaning.

Set in 1910, The Fall follows Roy Walker (Lee Pace), a young girl named Alexandra (Catrinca Untrata, cute), who is similarly stuck under the care of nurses due to a broken arm. With little opportunity to engage in many other activities, Roy begins to tell Alexandra a fantasy story about five men seeking revenge on the evil Governor Odiolls, each man having been betrayed or suffered a loss at the hand of this ruthless leader.

The group is composed of a masked bandit, an explosives expert, an Indian, an African prince, and Charles Darwin. As the film progresses, several parallels can be noted between the fantasy story being told by Roy and the actual events that unfold onscreen at the hospital. Roy’s depression due to his physical using his wins, fun, and whip, but now must uncover what the true interest of the Soviets is.

During his adventure, Indiana reunites with and rescues old friends such as Merion Ravenwood, Indiana’s love interest from Raiders of the Lost Ark, who was captured while tracking down the Red and piecing together the artifact’s secrets in the jungles of South America.

The return of Indiana Jones is quite appealing when first heard, conjuring up some of the most famous scenes in the past three movies, but the movie falls a bit short of taking an equal role in the series. The plot really doesn’t hold the bang the other films brought to the big screen. Where the other films were filled with the greatest thrills and suspense, this movie is quite lacking in edge-of-your-seat excitement.

This plot may have twists and turns, but it never has the classic obstacles where Jones, after falling entirely off the trail and being beaten down by his rivals, works his way back to retake the lead. That aspect was sorely missed in this show where

**Our Take:** ★★★★☆

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**The Fall**

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Friday the 13th has the stigma of being a day when spooky and supernatural things happen. In honor of this special day, we recently sat down and watched the first ten movies in the Friday the 13th franchise. We present to you our reactions and reviews from our ridiculously daunting and ultimately pointless task in hopes you will be more informed film connoisseur when you make your next scary video rental selection.

Friday the 13th Part II (1981): The second installment for all practical purposes is really a remake of the original except with a few more teenagers, a western bar and, oh yes, Jason is actually in this one. Besides that, it’s the same old same old; fists get nailed, kids get killed. High points: An equal opportunity Jason (sore wheelchair gimp), some pretty sweet chases through the woods. Low points: Everything, but still not the worst in series.

Friday the 13th Part III (1982): Part III begins where Part II left off. Basically it’s more of the same again, but it was originally released in 3-D. A gimmick that makes one of the most enjoyable in the series. High points: Absurdity of S-D moments, Shelly, later appearance of overly hostile biker gang, the handstand kill, consisting of the legendary mask. Low point: Lack of excitement between S-D moments.

Friday the 13th Part V: A New Beginning (1985): Tommy Jarvis can’t get over his trauma of Jason, so Part V finds Tommy in a military institution in the country. High points: A brief appearance by Corey Feldman, gratuitous nudity, random trip to a trailer park, redneck mother and son. Low points: Lack of Jason, slow pacing, crime-inducing writing, brooding Tommy Jarvis, loss of campy fun.


Friday the 13th Part VIII: Jason Takes Manhattan (1989): This movie is the worst in the series, but it’s tongue-in-cheek. Glory sets you up for a great film. Tommy can’t rest until Jason is in kill, and he does his best to get hurt there (as long as you consider he’s being on a bus trip in Manhattan, most of the film is set on a ship). It’s your New York. High points: Jason punching a dude’s head off. It’s your Low points: The remaining 99 minutes of this hack-fest.

Friday the 13th Part X: Jason Goes to Hell: The Final Friday (1993): In New L诞生’s first installment to the series, a special task force kills Jason once and for all whatever, but Jason’s Dec 1988: this movie is the worst one out yet. The movie for relaxing in the theater and escaping the summer’s heat.

**Indy whips up some fun**

**Our Take:** ★★★★★

By Kenneth Phillips

**Staff Writer**

It’s exactly as you have heard: Dr. Henry Jones Jr., better known as “Indiana” or “Indy,” is back. Indiana Jones and Kingdom of the Crystal Skull, the fourth film in a George Lucas story depicting the amazing archeological adventure of an academic doctor and adventurer, continues the franchise of protecting strange and powerful relics from America’s enemies.

Of course, the film’s setting has progressed from the previous era when Indy would battle Hitler driven Nazis and their greedy archeologists attempting to pilfer religious artifacts. Now the year is 1957, and Cold War Soviets are heading their own. Dr. Jones must protect the security of America and all nations once again.

The adventure begins with Indy having to find an object – recovered from Roswell, New Mexico years ten years prior – hidden in a federal site to give to his Russian captors. Dr. Jones then narrowly escapes

**OUR TAKE:**

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Friday the 13th Part I (1980): This is where it all started. A group of young and very around camp counselors head up to Crystal Lake to fix up the camp before reopening it. Years before, a young boy drowned while the camp’s counselors were not paying attention – a tragedy that still haunts the camp. High points: Tom Savini’s makeup effects (especially a certain ax injury), Kevin Bacon, campy fun (literally). Low point: Hardly justifies amount of sequels.

Friday the 13th Part III: The Final Chapter (1984): What could be better than a Jason movie starring Corey Feldman as well as Gruppen Glover? I’ll tell you what: an absolutely amazing horror film. Part IV is by far the best in the series, with plenty solid acting, great directing, and inspired nudity.

High points: Gruppen Glover dancing like a maniac, skinny dipping trays (they’re both hot, too). Low point: Maybe a little more plot, please?

Friday the 13th Part VI: Jason Lives (1988): The sixth film in the series had serious potential; all it’s tongue-in-cheek glory sets you up for a great film. Tommy can’t rest until Jason is in the cell, and he does his best to get hurt there (as long as you consider he’s being on a bus trip in Manhattan, most of the film is set on a ship) it’s your New York. High points: Jason punching a dude’s head off. It’s your Low points: The remaining 99 minutes of this hack-fest.

**Friday the 13th Part VII: The New Blood (1988):** A girl with telekinetic powers accidentally releases Jason from his underwater resting place. High points: Kane Hodder as Jason, girl who dresses like Hillary Clinton. Low points: The premise, the worst psychologist ever, disappointing ending.

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1. Tibetan holy man
2. Vow of dedication in Buddhism
3. Uprooted
4. In the night air
5. Whole family
6. Not those
7. Gifts at the beach
8. Parisian pal
9. Write a new version
10. Hipped roof
11. Large chamber music group
12. Celestial body (from Norse)
13. Macadamia
14. Snoopier
15. Locked up
16. Prosecutor's misdeed
17. Come to terms
18. On a stand
24. Medicinal plant
25. Ireland
29. Ignited
31. Corner newstand
32. Programming language
33. Party-giver
34. Trains for a fight
35. Front-cabin figure
36. Purse material, often jewelled
37. New England poet
38. Nursery footwear
39. Arizona tribe
40. Death
41. Roots have
42. Paints carelessly
43. In the least
44. 1944 event
45. Early morning
46. Tale
47. “The Greatest”
48. Book following Joel
49. Lopes
50. Out of balance
51. Dox Passos trilogy
52. In the impulse corps
53. Subject of an 1859 Verdi opera
54. Dox Passos trilogy
55. Implant
56. Prepare for winter take-off
57. “The Cell”
58. Drinker
59. Spending
60. Most austere
61. Thought of
62. Boarding-house amenity
63. Doctrines
64. Works hard
65. Jewelled headdress
66. Irritable
67. Source
68. June's nab
69. Nephew's sib
70. Dissenter
71. Rocky hills
72. Get away
73. Tax-time aide
74. Vaquero’s milieu
75. Inner layer of skin
76. Mil. status
77. Mil. status
78. More out of practice
79. Breezed through
80. Boarding-house amenity
81. Green fuzz
82. Add-ons
83. Root or ear
84. Fast train
85. Is unwell
86. Spoken
87. Commandment violation
88. Geologic epoch
89. Is able to
90. Rock star
91. Weight allowance
92. Dieten's target
93. Strong wind
94. Right-hand page
95. One sixteenth of a pound
96. Put in a row
97. Spoken
98. Admit
99. Campus crossroads
100. Engraver’s
delay
101. Choir member
102. Feeling happy
103. Existence, to Caesar
104. Dull pain
105. Tax-time aide
106. Long in the tooth
107. To's alternative

INDY
every rough patch merely segues to the next tight spot. I would mark the
treasure there as well. I have found Jones' adventures and unlock the
action. I hope new audiences will

FALL
Shot in 18 countries over a period of
three years, it’s obvious that The Fall’s
tarsem’s labor of love, more of
then, he did well in presenting the jungles
and included a car fight reminiscent of
previous Jones adventures.

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surpassing the mark for most singles wins in a season at Tech of 63 wins, held previously by Kristin Miller in her first season at Tech. McDowell defeated Auburn's Evi Chilichava 6-3, 6-2 on May 25, which put her into the championship match for the national title against Baylor's Zemenova the next day.

Zemenova won the NCAA Singles title as a freshman in 2005 and lost to the eventual champion in 2006 and 2007. She reached the title match with a victory over the top-seeded Arkansas's Aurelija Misevic. McDowell could not run through the championship by taking the victory over Zemenova.

"It's part of the game-plan not to allow [Zemenova] to control the court with her forehand. I thought Amanda did a great job of neutralizing her first serves when she directed the balls to her backhand strong, which gave her the upper hand in the point," said head coach Brian Shleton.

McDowell finished her sophomore year with a 45-8 singles record and earned 84 singles victories in her first two years.

"It's one of the most rewarding milestones of my life. I don't think I've ever felt so happy and exhausted at the same time," McDowell said.

On June 5th, both Miller and McDowell earned spots on the six-person USTA Summer Collegiate Team, an elite training program for the top American collegiate tennis players. On June 10th, McDowell has been chosen the nation's top collegiate female tennis player for 2008 thereby earning her the Honda Sports Award, given annually to the top women athletes in 12 Honda Sports Award, given annually to the top women athletes in 12 collegiate athletic programs.

Luke Murton was picked in the second round in the amateur baseball draft. Left: David Duncan was selected in the fifth round.

Charlie Blackmon became the latest Tech pitcher-converted position player to make a name for himself with the bat. Ninety-nine hits later, Blackmon was rewarded as a second round draft choice of the Colorado Rockies. Blackmon, a junior and first year position player, made the All-ACC second team as well as the All-tournament team at the NCAA regional in Athens. Blackmon hit .396 with a 1.033 OPS, both team leading. He also led the team in hits (99), runs (68) and stolen bases (25).

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Morgan Blackmon and Duncan were the two only Tech players in history to win the Honda award.
Tech came into the final game as the only team in the regional to not have a defensive error, but that changed quickly.

"It seemed like, defensively, we just kept breaking down, inning after inning. We didn't pick the ball up, didn't catch it, didn't throw it. I honestly thought we had seven errors," Hall said.

Tech played in the NCAA Tournament for the 24th time in school history and finished the season with 40-plus wins. Blackmon has successfully hit in each of the last twelve games.

The offense was led by Charlie Haniger. Haniger continued his hitting streak with three hits while Haniger blasted a two-run homer as well as an additional run on the scoreboard in the eighth.

He's been clutch all year," Hall said. "I'd rather see up there at the plate, there's probably not a guy that... When Feltes came up to the plate, there's probably not a guy that I'd rather see up there at the plate. He's been clutch all year." Hall said.

The Jackets took an early lead in the first inning. Blackmon was able to score on a sacrifice fly by Luke Murton. The right fielder reached base with a walk and eventually reached third after a wild pitch and a stolen base. The Jackets put an additional run on the scoreboard in the second. The rally started with a single by Haniger. Blackmon provided a crucial single with the bases loaded to drive in a run. David Duncan kept the opponent scoreless for the first five innings while only allowing four hits. The starter was relieved of his duties after giving up the lead in the sixth. Andrew Robinson entered to put a stop to the opponents' scoring.

"I'm proud of our bullpen tonight…Robinson and Rulon did a great job of dealing with [adversity]. Especially in the ninth inning, giving up two first hits, we got through that," said Jason Haniger, the start catcher.

The Jackets were able to keep pace with the team in 1994 and two tournament titles in 1994 and 1995. Nachtrieb finished her career with 17 all-conference honors and a career points record of 17 at-bats by opposition pitching. Blackmon is the latest Tech player to have his jersey number retired.

"Harpring is the latest Tech player to have his jersey number retired. Harpring finished just seven points shy of the career points record (2,225). The forward was a first team All-Conference pick in 1996, 1997 and 1998. He was also an All-American in 1998. Harpring is currently playing for the Utah Jazz."

Kisha Ford (1993-97), like Harpring, was a three-time All-ACC selection. As a senior in 1997 Ford made the AP All-America team. Ford tops the Tech ranks in points (1,955), steals (278) and minutes played (3,823). Ford played for a time in the WNBA before returning to school to finish her MBA at Baker College.

Mark Fischer (1995-97), a local product from Marietta, was a consensus All-America pick in 1997. Fischer was also a first team All-ACC pick in 1996 and 1997. Fischer won the ACC batting title as a sophomore, hitting .400 over for the season. Fischer finished fifth on the all-time home run list with 24.

Puggy Blackmon (1982-95) is a former golfer coach and brought Tech back to the sport spotlight. Blackmon coached the Jackets to their first ACC championship and would win an additional four under the coach.

David Krum (1994, 96-98) was the 1997 and 1998 indoor and outdoor ACC MVP. He won two NCAA championships in the 800 meter indoors and won a combined 17 all-conference honors in the 800 meters, the 1500 meters and the 4 by 400 meters relay.

Andrea Nachtrieb (1993-96) was an All-ACC performer all four years and won a tournament title with the team in 1994 and two regular season titles in 1994 and 1995. Nachtrieb finished her career at Tech as the all-time assists leader and was selected to the ACC's 50th anniversary volleyball team.
UGA eliminates Tech in NCAA Regional

By Randy Darnowsky

Auburn's Fani Chifchieva for her singles tournament with a win over in the semi-finals of the NCAA singles title winner in school history, 2007-08 season. Tech's first women's Amanda McDowell during the Number of individual wins by Senior Shantia Moss finished third the men's triple jump with a personal

Andrew Robinson allowed four runs in 4.2 innings in the NCAA tournament. Robinson's performance was a microcosm of Tech in the NCAA tournament as they fluctuated on a game-by-game basis.

McDowell wins NCAA tennis title, Honda Award

Amanda McDowell waits to return a shot. She captured the first NCAA individual title in Tech tennis history last weekend in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Amanda McDowell followed up last season's team title with the schools first tennis individual title, defeating Zuzana Zemenova of Baylor in the finals in straight sets, 6-2, 6-3. The sophomore set a school record for wins in a season with 45, eclipsing teammate Kristi Miller's previous record of 43.

“I thought it was a really good match. I don’t think the score really reflects how quality the match was...it’s one of the most rewarding moments of my life.”

Amanda McDowell
Women’s tennis

McDowell continued to stay alive in the tournament, with a win over South Carolina’s Gira Schofield in the third set 6-2, 6-4, 7-5. On Friday, McDowell advanced to the championship quarterfinals after her third-round victory over UCLAs Tracy Lin 6-1, 6-2. On May 24, McDowell became the first women’s tennis player in school history to reach the semifinals of the NCAA’s Singles Championship. In the quarterfinals, McDowell defeated Baylor’s Lenka Bresova 6-3, 6-2 to advance in addition to...