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This week's Your Top Hits takes us back to the days when us eight-year olds peed in our pants while glued to scary television. **Page 10**

EVERYBODY'S ALL-AMERICAN

Two Tech athletes were selected for the All-American team in track and field after placing in the top five at the NCAA championships. **Page 14**



Tech considers demolishing historic building

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As of June 25, approximately 445 students and supporters at Tech and across the nation joined the Facebook group to save the building at 771 Spring Street. The group was spurred after the Georgia Tech Foundation, which had recently acquired the building known as the Crum and Forester building, announced that it may face demolition, due to high costs of bringing it up to state and federal codes.

The announcement was met with much opposition from Tech students, alumni, and other Atlanta residents. The demolition plans for the building have upset many people, not only in the Tech community but also around Midtown and the greater Atlanta area. Already, a

petition against the demolition has garnered almost 1,500 signatures. The public outcry is in response to the building's status as not only aesthetically pleasing but also historical. Supporters consider the 771 Spring Street building to be one of the few historical classically built buildings left in the Midtown area.

It was built in 1926 as one of the first joint ventures of a national architecture firm with a local firm

to create the building. The New York firm of Helmlé, Corbett and Harrison worked with the Atlanta firm of Ivey and Crook to design the three-story building that became the home of the first regional office of a national insurance firm in Atlanta. The building at 771 Spring Street has a particularly close tie with Tech's own history, as both Atlanta architects Ed Ivey and Lewis Crook were Tech graduates.

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"The [771 Spring Street] building is actually in one of the textbooks that the architecture program uses when it teaches historical preservation, so it seems that every ideal of the institute and the architecture program would say to keep this building, to do something creative with it ... This is an opportunity for Tech to do something good, and yet it seems the Founda-

Daniel O'Shaughnessy
Tech Alumnus

tion has turned this on its head," said Daniel O'Shaughnessy, CE '08 and advocate for the preservation of the building.

In order to obtain the demolition permit, the Foundation had to present their plans at a series of town meetings. At each meeting, community members are allowed to present their concerns and ask questions. Based on the responses of people at the meeting, the board of each town



By Joey Cerone/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Crum and Forester building located at 771 Spring St. was built in 1926 as a joint venture of a national and local architecture firm. The building is one of the few historic buildings left in the Midtown area.

council makes a recommendation for or against the demolition permit to the council that actually issues the permit. At both the Midtown Neighbor's Association meeting and Neighborhood Planning Unit the demolition permit was overwhelmingly opposed by all but the three Foundation representatives.

The Foundation has not finalized any immediate plans for the property after the demolition.

In an email, John Carter, Georgia Tech Foundation President stated, "The Foundation is still evaluating our options for the property. Our plans are to develop as much of the block as possible as an extension to Technology Square which would obviously benefit Georgia Tech immensely. We have had initial discussions with the Tech administration as to what the highest and best use of the property might be considering

the Institute's priorities and campus master plan."

However, at the town meetings and on the petition, people have showed skepticism towards a demolition with no plans to erect something in its place.

"Most people agree that we have already torn down a lot of our history in Atlanta and I think that we aren't ready to see it happen again," O'Shaughnessy said.

Students dedicate time to watch Euro Cup soccer

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Tech students gather on the second floor of the Student Center to watch the game between Turkey and Croatia. After two rounds of extra time, Turkey went on to beat Croatia in penalty shootouts 3-1.

While the FIFA World Cup occurs every four years, the constituent continental soccer federations, or more appropriately, football associations, hold their tournaments within their own four year spectrum. Europe is by far the most distinguished continent for soccer, and it is the European championship, or Euro 2008, that has stirred the hearts of soccer fans across the world.

Euro is much like the World Cup, but on a smaller scale. The governing body of Euro is UEFA, not FIFA directly. Instead of 32 qualifying teams, there are 16 teams, leading to four group stages in lieu of eight. The top two teams in each group of four continue to the knockout rounds, though these start at the quarterfinals, not the round of 16. Because of the minimal amount of matches and the comparative brevity of the tournament itself, Euro tends to be more intense than World Cup, though obviously not as prestigious.

Euro 2008 was co-hosted by Austria and Switzerland, spanning eight cities from Geneva to Vienna. The sixteen teams to qualify were of course the hosts, Austria and Switzerland, as well as debutante

Poland, 2004 runners-up and host Portugal, rivals Italy and France, defending champions Greece, underdogs Romania, Croatia and Turkey, record winners Germany, powerhouses Spain and the Netherlands and previous champions Russia and Czech Republic.

For Tech, Euro 2008 continues to herd the soccer fanatics in areas of the Student Center and elsewhere. From seemingly random screams arising from the Post Office to the viewers of Woody's, the slogan of Euro 2008—"expect emotions"—has not gone unproven. Ravi Dayabhai, a second-year MGT major, is an avid attendant of these Tech-hosted matches. Taking classes for the summer semester, he feels the rigor of being both a student and a fan, but enjoys the outcome of the matches, which are on the brink of the final round.

"The summer of the Euros is probably one of the most exciting times in sports, save the World Cup," Ravi says.

Ravi has even noticed the change in atmosphere around Tech's campus: "Between those that follow the sport, it has been absolutely thrilling. I've met a few people who share my passion for soccer through random

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Tech students meet with representatives in DC

By Reem Mansoura
Focus Editor

Recently, two Tech students and a student from the University of Kentucky were selected to represent their employer, Jacobs Engineering of the NASA Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston in Washington, D.C. Tech co-op students Anthony Piplica and Chris Sanders traveled to D.C. on May 19th to speak with members of Congress about the importance of space exploration.

"Jacob's interviewed its co-ops in support of JSC and selected three to attend the DC trip," said Anthony Piplica, a third-year AE major who is currently doing his fourth co-op tour with Jacobs Engineering.

"We were tasked with meeting with the offices of a number of Georgia senators and representatives, including Atlanta Representative John Lewis. While we usually met with staffers, we did meet with a few actual members of Congress. Our main goal was to inform them about the importance of NASA's mission

of space exploration, and the need for a fully-funded NASA budget. We shared personal anecdotes as well as information about NASA's impact on the Georgia economy and NASA spinoffs."

NASA was established on July 29, 1958 as an organization of the U.S. government. Since it is a government agency, Congress controls this program's budget allocations. Since 2005, NASA has seen a very slight increase in its budget. The current budget for NASA's 2008 fiscal year is about \$17 billion, which is only 0.6% of the nation's nearly three trillion dollar budget. NASA has always sought to be a source of inspiration for "the next generation of explorers."

"Personally, I found this to be a very rewarding experience as I was given the unique opportunity to represent not only my company and my school, but also by fellow co-op civil servant and contractor who were not able to make the trip," Piplica said.

"I learned a great deal about the processes involved in the US govern-

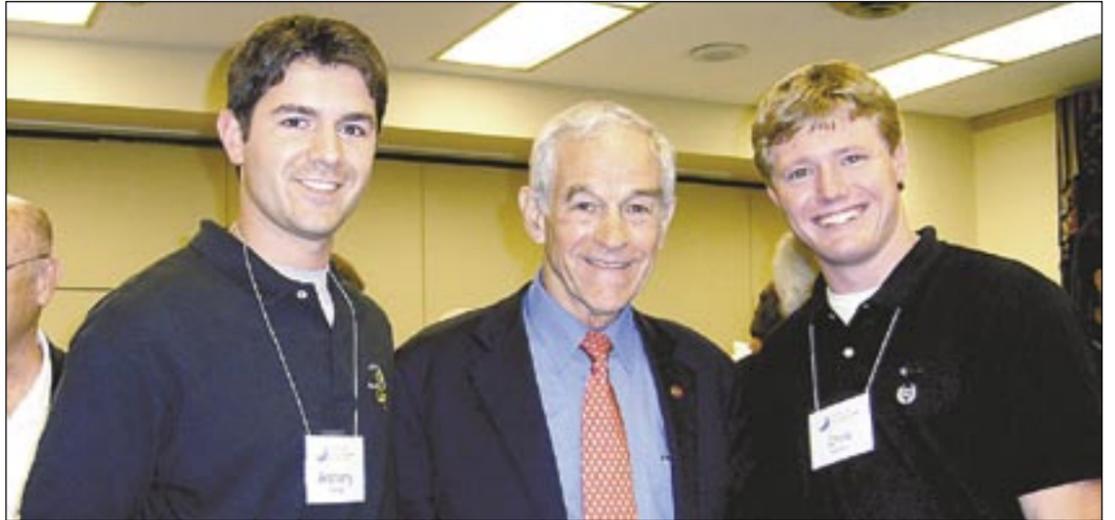


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Anthony Piplica (left) and Chris Sanders (right) pose with congressman Ron Paul (center). The two Tech students traveled to Washington, DC in May to emphasize the importance of NASA's space programs.

ment, especially as they pertained to NASA. It was good to see that almost every office was very supportive of NASA and understood its importance."

In 1912, Tech introduced the Cooperative Education Program, or

co-op, becoming the fourth school to offer this form of education. This program is a five-year plan which allows students to alternate between semesters of study and semesters of full-time work. With about 2,700 students participating,

Georgia Tech's co-op program is the largest program of its kind in the United States. Many students choose to work for their employer after graduating.

For more information on NASA, visit www.nasa.gov

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interactions wherever the game is being watched."

Even individual support is seen, as Ravi describes, saying, "I've noticed a few more people opting for their favorite player's or club jersey at pick-up games on the SAC fields."

Ravi set his bracket up early, making up his mind as to who were the winners. "I was pulling for Portugal in Group A, Croatia in Group B, the Netherlands in Group C and Spain in Group D."

Some of Ravi's favorite moments have involved the biggest surprises, such as the Netherlands' domination in group stages. He especially

admired their goal scoring opportunities, noting on the first match of Group C, "The swiftness and poise of the Sneijder goal against Italy blew me away."

Euro 2008 has still seen its share of tournament-level controversy, with the expected fans at each others' throats, and the recurrent issues of refereeing. Ravi agrees, reiterating

many commentators and critics, saying that "The officiating of the Euros has been abysmal. I think many of the turnouts have been a direct result of inconsistent refereeing."

Overall, the tournament has been a major success for soccer fans, with many goals to disheartening upsets. As promised, the expected emotions were well received. Ravi

describes these sensations as "Disbelief. Euphoria. Disappointment. Exhilaration. The things you expect out of this tournament."

While Euro 2008 may be an exciting era for these fans, the next World Cup will send even greater tremors to the campus, not from Western Europe, but from the host country of South Africa.

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