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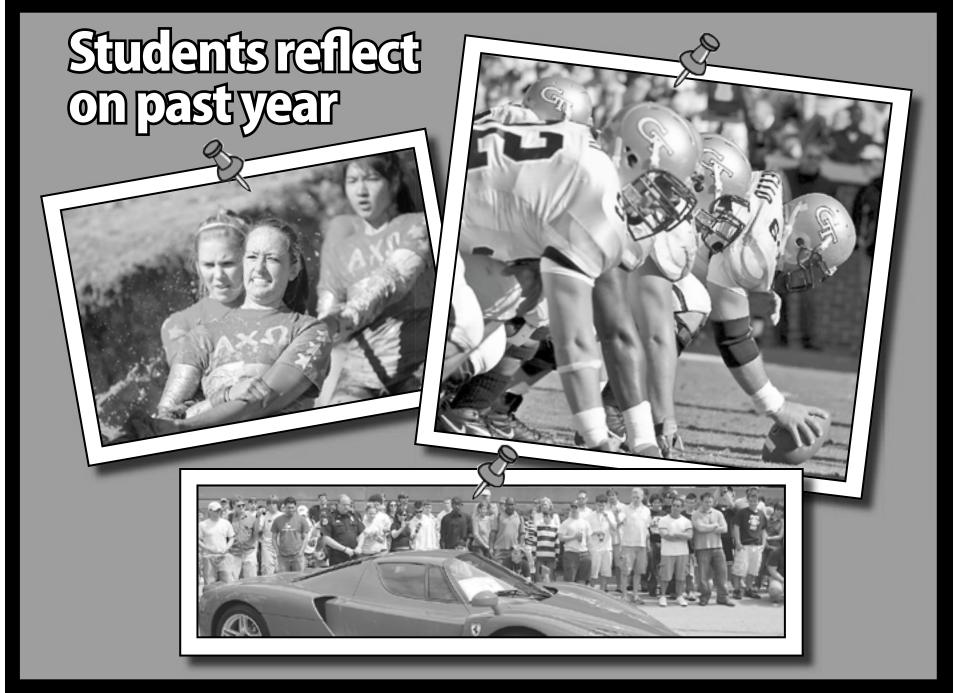
DramaTech's latest production *An Enemy of the People*, a 1950s Arthur Miller adaptation, proves to be a modern-day treat. **Page 22** 

# LADY JACKETS VOLLEY A VICTORY

The women's tennis team won their 12th straight match last weekend, finishing the regular season as co-champions of the ACC conference. Page 35



# A RETROSPECTIVE OF 2006-2007



By Michael Schneider (left), Matt Bishop (right), Robert Combier (bottom) / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students will soon be leaving campus with plenty of photo-worthy memories from this year. Top left: Sisters from Alpha Chi Omega strain to keep their grip during tug, an annual Greek Week event. Top right: The Jackets take on Duke in a game that proved an easy win for Tech. Bottom: Spectators admire a Ferrari Enzo at the GT Auto Show.

### By Shikha Choudhury Contributing Writer

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This year has undoubtedly been one of much change and circumstance for Tech, which has witnessed, survived and cheered all manners of significant events.

What happened? A record high in freshman enrollment made for creative housing, as dorm rooms designed for two people crowded into triples. Luckily, Tech acquired the Village this spring, which should help resolve future space issues. John Stein was appointed Dean of Students. The Library East Commons, Klaus Building and Fifth Street Bridge projects were finally completed, though more construction opened up elsewhere. WREK faced talks of commercialization and airtime takeover by PBA. The Athletic Association, mired in a sea of financial troubles, raised the student athletic fee. Star football player Calvin Johnson made a big catch—a spot in the NFL draft. Notables Maya Angelou, Barack Obama and Al Gore all visited campus. At the heart of all this are the students that make Tech what it is. At right, they offer advice and share some of the experiences that made this year significant for them.

# Freshmen

## Name: Daniel Grim Major: Computer Science

Head start: Being prepared for the worst from the first week of the first semester is the best [way to start the year]. I knew Tech was going to be hard so I worked from the very beginning, whereas some of my friends slacked off.

**Diversity reigns**: If you take the effort, you'll meet many like-minded people from different cultures and backgrounds. I love the diverse community at Tech, especially since my high school lacked diversity.

## Sophomores

### Name: Melissa Watkins Major: Electrical Engineering Football frenzy: The Notre Dame game was a lot of fun, with the whole campus coming together and showing a lot of school spirit. Also, being in the band, I got to play for the actual ESPN videotaping of the game. That day was even more special for me because my parents flew in from Texas to see the game and visit.

Juggling act: Be aware of how much you can handle as far as work and extracurriculars and everything else. I realized this year that doing everything is not actually physically possible. It's important to do what you love instead of just building a resume. Name: Kristen Cargill Major: International Affairs Car trouble: A bad experience this year at Tech was when I ran out of gas at 4 a.m. and the Tech police had to pick me up in a Little Red Riding Hood Halloween costume. Smart move: Contrary to popular belief, dropping a class on drop day isn't for the lazy or the weak-willed but for the smart who don't want their GPAs to drop. There isn't any reason to rush to graduate. You should enjoy your time here. You have the rest of your life to make

Juniors

#### Seniors

Name: John Chin Major: Industrial Design Passport stamp: I'll never forget my experience studying abroad in Sweden. It gave me a perspective of my place in the world and I feel like it will always stay with me. Family guy: Now that I'm graduating, I might not have as much time as I'd like to spend with my family. We all get so wrapped up with our academics and get into our own world that we forget about the people that love us most.

## Name: Michael Wilk

Major: Mechanical Engineering New beginnings: It was a challenge for me [to start Tech] because I was away from home and my close friends. I used to be an introverted and shy person in high school and never really felt the need to change that. But when I came to college, I actually saw myself become an extrovert and make new friends. Today, my friends at college would never believe I used to be an introvert.

Work first, party later: I was a little disappointed to know how minimal our social life is...but we've come here because we know that all our hard work will pay off someday.

# Name: Shannon Zambetti

### Major: Civil Engineering

**Eggs in the Easy:** It was really cool going down to New Orleans and getting over 500 students to build a playground in one day and host an Easter egg hunt. It was incredible to see how much damage is still down there but it was also really exciting to see the kids.

Live it up: Be spontaneous. Don't get into too much of a routine your sophomore year. Don't let the fun of freshman year get away.

#### money.

Name: Dhaval Patel Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering

On the job: My co-op at Lutron Electronics helped convince me that I'm in the right major. I loved my work so much that my boss was actually worried I'd burn out. I came back to school this year with a new sense of confidence as I could relate to what I studied and understand its application.

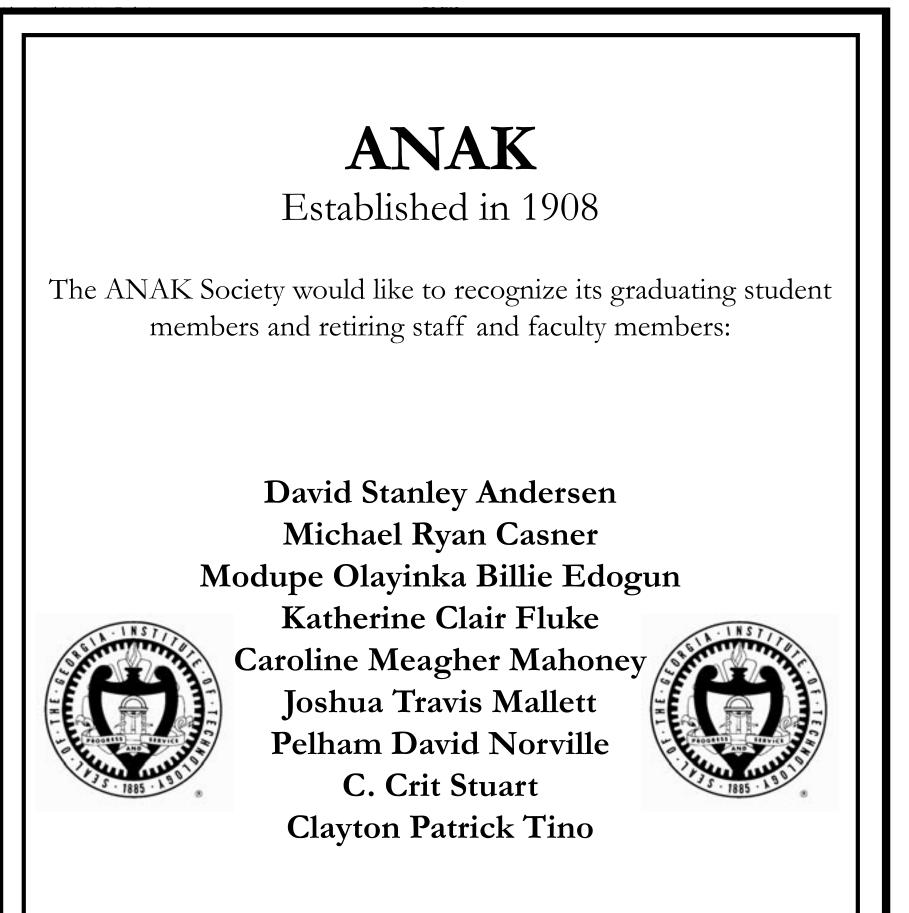
**Social scene:** People tend to stick to their social cliques. It's really difficult to come out of our little social circles and try to meet new people and keep long lasting friendships with them.

### Name: Karan Chopra Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering Tech tips: Although senior year can get really crazy, I'd advise seniors to go ahead and do the activities they regretted not having done throughout their years at Tech. It's never too late [and] Tech offers a really wide variety of opportunities for students.

**Departing words:** It's a bittersweet feeling to know that this is my last semester at Tech. This past year has been a very satisfying experience for me, as I've ventured into trying new things, meeting people from diverse backgrounds and translating the dream of GT IDEA into a reality.

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# **Stress levels rise on campus**



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With the year winding down and finals just around the corner, many students are battling large amounts of stress as they ready themselves to push through the last rounds of studying, exams and projects.

By Sarah Turner Contributing Writer

With dead week and finals coming around the corner, student stress levels are on the rise.

"This time of year is always extremely stressful as students begin to worry about exams, projects and other end-of-year concerns. Students...are [already] stressed about a spectrum of issues [during the year], including dealing with social relationships [and] deciding on a profession to pursue. Final exams and projects create more pressure and worry," said Ruperto Perez, director of the Counseling Center.

Students all over campus seemed to confirm this professional assessment.

"I often feel stressed late at night when I think about the tasks that I did not get around to completing during the day. Just thinking about the amount of work to be done tomorrow is enough to make me stressed," said Juleon Lewis, a second-year Management major, with his hand on his forehead.

'I feel stressed by all the projects and assignments I must complete. Any time studio assignments have an approaching deadline, you know that there is a lot of work ahead of you," said Moira Schneider, a thirdyear Architecture major.

Students revealed that stress can also come from being overbooked in too many clubs, organizations and other extracurriculars. "There are always so many activities occurring on Tech's campus that I want to participate in. It is extremely important The important thing is to recognize when a student's ability to cope is being tested. When this threshold is reached, then the stress being experienced has become a negative situation," Perez said.

When this happens over and over again, students may experience physical as well as mental problems. Stress causes high blood pressure, headaches, muscle tension, difficulty breathing and serious feelings of anxiety," Perez explained. Students experiencing large amounts of stress may also begin to exhibit a lack of motivation and depression, feel

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## Ruperto Perez

**Director, Counseling** Center

trapped or confused and avoid socializing altogether by withdrawing or avoiding family and friends.

So how can Tech students cope with the stress they may experience during these last two weeks of school?

"I enjoy running around campus when I am feeling overwhelmed. I also allot time to rest in my bed, read my Bible and watch some anime on television, all of which are activities that I really enjoy," Lewis said. Lewis also schedules his day hour-by-hour to track the tasks that need to be completed. "When I accomplish the things on my to-do

list, my stress level goes down. Then, I usually take a break and relax with friends," he said.

"I de-stress by taking a break from work to clean and organize my things. It helps me to relax because they are productive activities that are relatively easy, versus watching television which doesn't accomplish anything. I also like to drink tea while I am working—it allows me to quit worrying and relaxes me but does not take too much time away from my studies," Schneider said.

Shaikh relieves stress by hanging out with friends and going to the CRC. "It's important to take a break every now and then and talk with friends, whether it's by hanging out after class or talking on the phone. I also make sure to eat and get an appropriate amount of sleep," Shaikh said.

Perez suggested that students should manage their time, maintain beneficial study habits, eat healthily, exercise, get six to eight hours of sleep and avoid the use of alcoholic or illegal substances. "If a student is feeling overwhelmed or stressed and needs help or support, he or she can always visit the Counseling Center," Perez said.

The Counseling Center also hosts many workshops throughout the year called "StressBusters" that teach students about the basics of stress, how it affects the body and ways to develop coping mechanisms.

"It is important to remember that this will all be over in two weeks. We all just have to avoid worrying, focus and get the work done," Schneider said.



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that I manage my time," said Najma Shaikh, a second-year Industrial Engineering major who helped plan Tech Beautification Day.

According to Perez, however, stress is not always a bad thing. In fact, a certain amount of stress is helpful, motivating and forces productivity, a fact that has even been affirmed by students themselves.

"I definitely get more things done during a week that I have three tests instead of during the week where I have only one assignment because there is no time to waste," Shaikh said.

"Some students just function better with a certain amount of stress because it is energizing for them.

To find more information on stress, visit the Counseling Center in the Student Services building or check out www.counseling. gatech.edu.

# Take a break from school and de-stress

Are you stressed? Check out the following information from the Counseling Center about what problems stress causes and tips for avoiding it.

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# Students share studying tips

By Phoebe Rawson Contributing Writer

With dead week and finals coming up, Tech students undoubtedly have studying on their minds. But where are some of the best places to study on campus and what are some of the things that students do to prepare for exams?

Many students agree that simply studying in their rooms works best.

"I like to study in my room because there are less distractions," said Jared Ray, a first-year Mechanical Engineering major.

All of the freshman dorms have lounges of some sort with tables that can be used for doing homework and studying, and many other residences on campus have good places to study within the buildings. Freshman Experience dorms even have free tutoring for some classes located in the lounges or basements.

"I generally study in my room but I also study in the Montag/Freeman lobby," said Shruti Gupta, a first-year

Computer Engineering major.

The library is obviously another popular location for students to hit the books. Many believe that it is an ideal place to study, considering that each floor has a different environment. From individual,

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## Andy Mienaltowski Graduate TA

quiet cubicles to group work areas, there is something to suit everyone's earning needs.

'They have a spot for everything in the library. I can go in there for an hour in between classes and do anything from sleeping to checking email to doing homework," said Trish Collins, a first-year Architecture major.

What keeps students motivated to study? GPAs, group studying and good music are all popular motivators.

"I see my F from [my] last test and know that I have to pull up my grade," Collins said. "If I am doing something like calculus, I generally do it while listening to music, but if it is more theoretical then I go to a surrounding that is quiet or with a group that is studying the same thing," Gupta said.

To keep their energy up for longer study sessions, such as those during Dead Week, Tech students opt for short breaks and refreshments. "I take breaks and try to stay hydrated," Ray said. It also does not hurt to have vending machines in practically every building in which people study. In the library, having the relatively new Jazzman's Cafe is an added draw for the newly renovated East Commons study spaces.

For those who prefer the outdoors, there are many pleasant areas for studying or reading outside on the campus grounds when the weather is nice. However, there are pitfalls to this choice of studying area.

"I like to study in the Biomedical Engineering building because it's quiet. I don't like to study outside because of bugs," said Shuby Narayanaswamy, a fourth-year Biomedical Engineering major.

Graduate Teaching Assistant Andy Mienaltowski, who teaches Introduction to Psychology, offered some advice for students on how to study for his class and classes at Tech in general.

To do well in my class, students should review their materials two to three times per week. The best way to do this is to sit down with your notes, the book and the lecture materials.



John Watson, a first-year Electrical and Computer Engineering major, concentrates on finishing his physics homework in his dorm room.

Read over the notes and lecture maquestion and answer it without havterials. For each topic discussed in a ing to look up specific definitions," lecture, stop and spend a few min-Mienaltowski said. Most classes have review sessions utes to paraphrase the main points presented. The textbook can be used to clarify questions that might come

that can be helpful in going over past material, and various tutoring programs are available all over campus. The most important tip to remember, though, is to stay on track with your studying and not to wait until Dead Week to begin reviewing notes and lecture slides.

"I would say, keep up with your work on a daily basis so that you don't have to pull all-nighters,' Collins said.



By Ben Keyserling /STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students work late into the night in the numerous cubicles available on the third floor of the library, a popular study habitat on campus.





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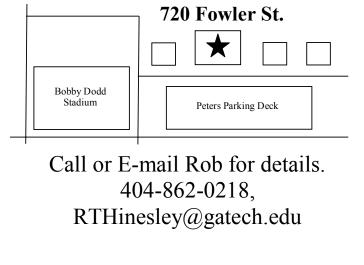
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# Brenton helps Obama turn new page in politics

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By Ethan Trewhitt/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS Barack Obama greets fourth-year Public Policy major Jessie Brenton with a hug as he steps onstage for his rally speech last Saturday.

# By Jenny Zhang

Focus Editor

Amid the fever-pitch excitement of last Saturday's rally at Tech for presidential contender Barack Obama, one face stood out from the cheering crowd—Jessie Brenton, a fourth-year Public Policy major and self-proclaimed political enthusiast who emceed the event (pictured at right).

"Politics is the driving force of everything we get to do on a daily basis. It determines everything; I believe that anyone who feels strongly about an issue should get involved in politics," Brenton said.

A long-time Obama supporter, Brenton started following the Illinois native's career when he won a seat in the U.S. Senate in 2004 and talk began to circulate about an exciting new senator on a meteoric rise in American politics. The more she learned, the more she liked.

"There isn't a single issue that I don't agree with him about, whether it's national healthcare or stem cell research or education policy. But I didn't choose to support him just because of the issues, because everyone addresses the same issues. I chose [to support] him because of his approach to politics. He has a 'yes, we can' attitude and actually makes us feel that we as a country can and will overcome the problems we're dealing with right now."

Brenton was likewise impressed by Obama's firm stance on the Iraq war.

Iraq war. "He stands up for what he believes in. He voted against going into Iraq from the very beginning, even though he was just a junior senator and so many senior politicians were voting for it. Not many people did that. I think that's brave and noteworthy," Brenton said.

She signed up on **www.mybarackobama.com** to volunteer for his campaign when Obama announced he was running for the White House, but what happened afterwards was beyond even her wildest dreams.

"I got an email Sunday night about an organizational meeting [for his campaign] that Tuesday. I went to the meeting, introduced

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myself as a Tech student [to the campaign staff] and told them that I would be happy to help in any way possible, not knowing anything would actually come of that. I was thrilled when they asked me to be a part of the program [at the Saturday rally]," Brenton said.

A p p a rently, the decision to have Brenton emcee the rally came as a completely unexpected surprise.

"It was such an honor. I had no idea it was even a possibility—I went into it just wanting to help," Brenton said.

In the hectic few days leading up to the political rally, Brenton helped with assorted odds and ends, posting flyers on campus, handing out tickets to the event, making posters, putting up traffic signs and setting up barricades around Yellow Jacket Park, where Obama was to speak.

The rally itself was an enormous success, boasting a turnout of over 20,000 people by fire marshal estimates.

Brenton introduced all the speakers and performances, and finally Obama himself. She was also responsible for getting the crowd hyped up and excited, calling out a number of campaign slogans and questions.

"This was the coolest thing I've ever gotten to do. It's still so surreal to me. I'm not a professional. I'm just a student, a volunteer, an amateur public speaker at best," Brenton said. As for the future,

As for the future, Brenton is optimistic about Obama's chances.

"Right now, there's a huge disconnect between the average citizen and the American government. Only big lobbyists and rich organizations have a voice in politics, but it [should be] 'for the people, by the people' and I think that's what Obama's about...individual people and community problems. He wants to turn a new page [in politics] that is about individuals," Brenton said.



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# Moments 2007 provides art break

By Siwan Liu Contributing Writer

Once again, it's that time of the semester-the time to cram, to spend sleepless nights poring over illegibly scribbled notes and preparing last-minute projects. Indeed, finals week is right around the corner, as evidenced by the more-than-usual appearance of stark faces and stifled yawns.

So on a sunny Wednesday, the Moments 2007 Art Show was a much-needed breath of fresh air for the general student populace, which turned out in droves to view their peers' work.

Set outside, the artwork was hung on clotheslines with clothespins or propped on easels in a gallery au naturale.

Organized and sponsored by the Arts Committee of the Student Center Programs Council, the art show is a traditional Tech event that has in the past featured hundreds of pieces of studentcreated art from six categories: Photography, Graphic Design, Sculpture/Models, Painting, Drawing/Sketching and Mixed Media.

'Having the art show at

Tech is important, because at a school like this, particularly since everyone's so technically and scientifically focused, it's good to have other outlets, especially artistic ones," said Lanelle Ezzard, a second-year Civil Engineering major and

chairperson of the Arts Committee. Only the second year to have the show take center stage on the grassy green lawn of Skiles Walkway, Ezzard was extremely enthused about having

the show be outside rather than in its traditional location, the Ferst Center.

Fifth-year CM

We had such good feedback about the art show being outside for the first time last year so we're doing it again. I think a huge part of that is it's a beautiful day, people are in a good mood and there's artwork on display,' Ezzard said.

To Nathan Johansen, a

fourth-year Material Science and Engineering major, a regular photography submitter to the event and leader of the Photography Club, the choice to exchange the Ferst Center for Skiles was also a good decision. "When

the show "I think having the was at the Ferst Cenart show is vital. ter, it just As Tech students, seemed to me that peowe don't really get ple only saw much exposure to the pieces if they were art and culture ... " already there for some-**Brien Applegate** thing else

care about selling my photos

or anything, but I want more

feedback, so to me, it's important

that people get to see my work,"

the Arts Committee had to

contend with difficult weather

conditions. Committee members

were at first concerned with the

high pollen count of a few weeks

prior and then with the blast

In planning the show outside,

of chilly winds and rain that followed.

They finally decided to move the show to Wednesday, April 18 from its original date of April 11, which gave would-be submitters a weeklong extension to commit their pieces.

To the submitters, Tech's annual art event was a valuable chance to demonstrate their talents and hobbies outside academic concentrations.

"I think having the art show is vital. As Tech students, we don't really get much exposure to art and culture, and it's important to be well-rounded," said Brien Applegate, a fifth-year Computational Media major who entered two graphic design pieces.

The show not only presented a valuable opportunity for those who have recently become interested in the realms of photography, graphic design, modeling and other traditional medias, it also lent a friendly hand to those Tech students who came to this school with a propensity for creativity but have not had the chance to deliver.

"Art is an essential part of

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Johansen said.



Top right: A student molds a piece of clay at the Moments 2007 Art Show, which provided the free pottery session for interested passerby. Bottom left: A look at the photography section of the show. Bottom center: Moments featured much colorful artwork, like this tiger piece. Bottom right: Students stop to admire and inspect the art.

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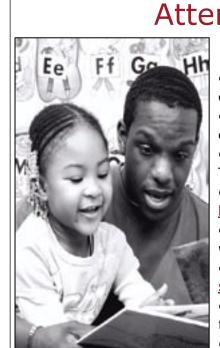
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# Art

from page 19 my life [and it's] been lacking since I arrived here at Tech. I needed my

fix," said Victoria Ibarra, a first-year Biomedical Engineering major, who submitted a haunting watercolor landscape piece and plans to submit many more works in the future.

"Í like to see how people express ideas through art," said David Chen, a first-year Industrial Engineering major who submitted three pieces.

"All my pieces are inspired by the idea that someone can use something as simple as graphite or colored oils and apply it in such a way as to grab someone's attention," Chen said.

One of his pieces, a colored pencil drawing of a violin on paper, was as realistic as a photograph while con-sisting of a bright palette of colors that would have been hard pressed to come from a camera.

Another Tech student with an artistic background who submitted work is Nick Grivas, a third-year Industrial Engineering major.

"When I was carrying the piece to the show, my friends kept asking me who drew it. They were surprised to learn that I had done it myself," Grivas said.

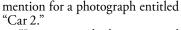
He submitted a pen and ink piece entitled "Louis Armstrong," which is just one out of a series of works he started in high school that featured famous Armstrongs. However, like many aspiring artists that come to Tech, college life has not left much room for Grivas to continue his artistic endeavors.

The art show ran from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and was followed by a reception and an awards ceremony for the best submissions.

First-year Industrial Design major Logan Vickey won first place in Photography for his "Mechanized 1," which captured the Decatur courthouse's canon in many variegated hues, ranging from turquoise to amber, in a detail shot.

"I wanted to convey a highly industrialized and mechanized feeling, while also capturing a sort of surreal aspect with all the colors," Vickery said.

Vickery also won an honorable



"It was a good, classy car, and I wanted to really play into the era that the car came from," Vickery said. Both photographs were taken on an outing with Tech's Photography Club.

Mollie Taylor, an INTA graduate student, won an honorable mention for her photographic piece, "One Way," which captured a one-way sign and lamppost combination with an intense sense of chiaroscuro.

"The light was right, and I like black and white high contrast shots, so I decided to go with it," Taylor said.

Winner of first place as well as honorable mention in the Sculpture/Models category, Trip Walters, asixth-year Mechanical Engineering major, presented a motley table of his original pottery works, which ranged from tea set pieces to assortments

of stunningly glazed ceramic jars. His first place piece, a cute creamer entitled "Tea Time," was glazed and fired in unpredictable high heat, and it caught the giggles and croonsofmanya pleased viewer. "Pottery's a

great way to release frustration and tension, especially after a

big test or something like that. It's just really fun," Walters said.

Another of his pieces and winner of an honorable mention, was a glossy glazed jar of sorts, which Walters decided was for dark chocolate and entitled on the spot, "The Brazen Snowcap of Thunder."

"I like the shape. It reminds me of antique cooking or tea sets. The glaze was really more of an accidental creation that just came out," Walters said.

So, come and gone, the Moments 2007 Art Show was a great success, full of fun and awe. The only thing left to be said is that perhaps in coming years, the show can run for a little longer for those who might not have had a chance to wholly enjoy the event.

For more information about future arts events, check out the Student Center Programs Council at www.fun.gatech.edu.



use something as simple as graphite or colored oils... to grab someone's attention."

**David Chen** First-year IE

"All my pieces are

that someone can

inspired by the idea

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- Some walk-ins will be admitted as food supplies allow.

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A student takes a minute to enjoy the art at the Moments 2007 show, which ran this past Wednesday and featured work by Tech artists.

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