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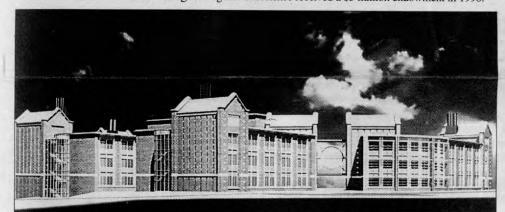
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Tech breaks ground for \$30M Bioengineering and Bioscience Building

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eorgia is quickly becoming a major player in the competitive arena of biomedical engineering and the life sciences. Georgia Tech will be an integral part of this industry, and the May 1 groundbreaking ceremony for the Bioengineering and Bioscience Building signaled the beginning of a new chapter in Georgia Tech history.

The \$30 million Bioengineering and Bioscience Building, under construction at the corner of Ferst Drive and Plum Street, is scheduled for completion in 1999. The facility will house the Parker H. Petit Institute for Bioengineering and Bioscience. Thanks to the generosity of Parker H. "Pete" Petit, chairman of the board of Healthdyne Companies and a Georgia Tech alumnus, the Institute for Bioengineering and Bioscience received a \$5 million endowment in 1996.



Rendering of the Bioengineering and Bioscience Building

The three-story, 145,000-square-foot Bioengineering and Bioscience Building also will accommodate the new Georgia Tech/Emory Department of Biomedical Engineering. "More important than the bricks and mortar is laying the foundation for Georgia Tech's future," said Robert Nerem, director of the Petit Institute. The new building—the first in the development of a three-building biocomplex—is designed to foster interdisciplinary research activities of 40 faculty and their research groups, including both graduate students and undergraduates.

"Biotechnology is an area where Georgia Tech's unique interdisciplinary strengths and entrepreneurial abilities in engineering, science and computing correspond to external opportunities," said President Wayne Clough. "Even without the new building, our programs in biotechnology are already recognized among the nation's best. (Georgia Tech's biomedical engineering program is ranked ninth in the nation by U.S. News & World Report's 1998

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Left to right: Bill Todd, president, Georgia Research Alliance; Gary Schuster, dean, College of Sciences; Parker H. Petit, chairman of the board, Healthdyne Companies; President Wayne Clough; Robert Nerem, director, Petit Institute; and Jean-Lou Chameau, dean, College of Engineering.

'America's Best Graduate Schools.") But, this new building will for the first time allow our faculty and students to compete on a level playing field, and it will bring together the diverse entities of our campus ... to pool our talent in a way that few universities can," Clough said.

The facility will provide opportunities for continued collaboration with participating academic units at Georgia Tech, sister institutions within Georgia, including Emory University and the Medical College of Georgia, and collaborators elsewhere in the U.S. and abroad. The partnership also includes the Whitaker Foundation, which has provided major support to Georgia Tech, and the Georgia Research Alliance (GRA), a non-profit organization which uses technological development as a tool for economic development in the state of Georgia and has provided approximately \$72 million to develop biotechnology initiatives in Georgia.

"I'm very bullish on this building and on what will happen here for three reasons," said Bill Todd, GRA president. "The first is that this is just a 'hot' area. We need leading-edge research if Georgia is going to become one of the top states with a technology-driven economy. This intersection of medicine and science and engineering is a wonderful place to be, and I salute these scientists who are making it possible.

"Secondly ... I think we'll see more and more companies spinning out of the research in the incubator [to be included] in this building, and becoming the basis for a large biotechnology industry in Atlanta and in Georgia.

"The third reason is simply because this is literally noble work. Of all the great things Georgia Tech people have done for society, this really may be the most important. To have an opportunity to contribute in this fundamental way to the health and welfare of mankind is truly nothing short of noble work." Todd said.

Research pursuits of the Petit Institute include innovations in medical imaging, tissue engineering, bioinformatics, computer-assisted surgery, innovative medical devices, drug design and more efficient delivery of drugs to disease sites. "Science and technology breakthroughs can make a major impact on our healthcare system and our quality of life, while also significantly reducing healthcare costs," Petit said. "My personal vision is that during the next 10 years, [this building] will serve as a catalyst for making Georgia Tech, Emory University, the Medical College of Georgia and other research institutions in this state well known as one of the preeminent bioengineering and bioscience programs in this country."

Festival to fill Burger Bowl with food, games, fun

lestival Behind the Fence returns for its third year, offering games, food, contests and music. The festival will take place May 16 from noon to midnight in the Bürger Bowl. All faculty, staff and students are invited to "come out and play," the theme of this year's festival.

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The committee for Festival Behind the Fence estimates that 2,500 people will attend, with the hope that more members of the faculty and staff will participate this year. This year's festival includes more family entertainment to encourage faculty, staff and students to bring their families. Attractions for kids include Klown Bounce, Cork Gun Target Game and face painting. The festival concludes with a concert featuring They Might Be Giants.

The first Festival Behind the Fence was held in 1996. It was viewed as a positive way for resident students to protest against the fencing around large parts of campus due to the Olympic Games. Last year, Mayor Bill Campbell proclaimed "Festival Behind the Fence Day" in the City of Atlanta, and more than 1,500 people attended.

President Wayne Clough also supports Festival Behind the Fence. "Having attended both of the [previous] Festivals Behind the Fence, I enjoyed myself thoroughly. Where else could I douse Terry Sichta and Jack Vickery but in the Festival's Power Shower event?" Clough continued, "I hope more faculty and staff will join us this year. The more the merrier!"

For more information, contact Stephané Rebeck, 894-2805.

New EEO director shapes equal opportunity, diversity initiatives

Ten-year Georgia Tech veteran Pearl Alexander takes the helm of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Programs as the new director. This position was created from the vestiges of the Affirmative Action Program but with a new focus on developing and promoting the value of diversity at all levels of employment within the Institute.

Alexander has worked in various offices within Human Resources for 10 years and has worked with Affirmative Action for the past six years. She has a business administration degree from Georgia State University and a law degree from John Marshall Law School.

As director, Alexander coordinates initiatives aimed at promoting diversity and equal opportunity in the work place. One of her primary responsibilities in this new role is to be a catalyst for change and to promote new ideas and approaches that will help Tech take advantage of its history of diversity.

"Pearl brings a wonderful combination of demonstrated leadership skills, programmatic vision and real life experiences that will be invaluable to advancing new directions for these programs," said Chuck Donbaugh, associate vice president, Office of Human Resources.

Alexander also will be responsible for managing the more traditional mandated federal and state programs that require work force

analysis and planning. However, beyond compliance, she believes that there is a strong business case for promoting diversity that focuses on attracting the best people to Tech and keeping them here. "We will need to transcend the issues of race, gender and the traditional affirmative action approaches if we are to recruit and retain the best faculty and staff," said Alexander. A first step in meeting these descrip-



tives will be to establish a faculty/staff advisory team to assist with data collection and research, and to assist in developing and promoting an action plan for the near future and beyond. The advisory team will be appointed this spring.

President's Scholars enroll in record-breaking numbers

The number of female students who have accepted offers for the President's Scholarship, Georgia Tech's premiere merit-based financial award, has increased by 550 percent in the last five years. Of the 48 President's Scholars who enrolled at Tech in 1993, only eight were women. This year, of the 145 offers that were made, 67 (46 percent), went to female students and so far, 44 have accepted. This marks the first time that the number of female President's Scholars will equal the number of males accepting this prestigious award.

A record also was set in the total number of President's Scholars set to enroll this fall: A total of 88 will enroll, compared to 65 enrolled last year.

Program coordinator Randy McDow said, "The equal male-tofemale ratio shows that women can not only compete but succeed at Georgia Tech at the highest level. This is a tremendous accomplishment and Tech has a lot to look forward to from these new Scholars."

According to McDow, there was a 20 percent increase this year in the number of students applying with SAT scores at 1400 and above. The competition also was stiffer this year because the number of President's Scholar applications received increased from 800 last year to 2,700 this year.

"Our new selection process may explain the increased number of applicants. We no longer have a separate application. Every student who completed Tech's regular application and met our October deadline was considered for the President's Scholarship. This change

resulted in us going from considering 20 percent of freshman applicants for the Scholarship to 40 percent," McDow said.

A special signing in ceremony and reception was held for the new President's Scholars May 1. Approximately half of this fall's President's Scholars and their parents attended the event. "Usually signing in ceremonies are only held for athletes, but we do this for the President's Scholars to focus attention on academic and leadership skills," said McDow.

The President's Scholars awards are based on applicants' grades, SAT scores and extracurricular activities. "You can't just have a 1500 SAT score and get one of these scholarships. You must have the leadership involvement as well," McDow said. "For instance, of the 29 students who applied with SAT scores of 1600, we only offered scholarships to six of them."

Tech's President's Scholars receive financial awards that range from up to \$20,000 for Georgia residents and up to \$40,000 for non-residents, over a four-year period. Other advantages to being a President's Scholar include: stipends to study abroad; guaranteed on-campus housing; early registration for classes; a private study room for work and socializing; and computer accounts that have higher capabilities than other students'. To have their scholarships renewed each year, those accepted in the program must maintain an honors-level GPA of 3.2 and must be involved in campus and community activities.

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French court upholds decision in Georgia Tech Lorraine Internet case

The Appeals Court of Paris recently ruled to uphold the decision of the Tribunal de Police de Paris in a lawsuit against Georgia Tech Lorraine which alleged that the school's Web site (www.georgiatech-metz.fr/) violated a French law forbidding the sale of "goods and services" in France in any single language other than French. The June 1997 ruling in the lower court favored Georgia Tech Lorraine, deciding that the plaintiffs had not followed proper legal procedures in bringing the lawsuit against the French campus of the Georgia Institute of Technology.

The precedent setting case began in October 1996 when two French organizations—Défense de la Langue Française and Avenir de la Langue Française Defense de la Langue—filed suit against Georgia Tech Lorraine because its Web site was primarily in English. The two groups charged that the Web site violated the 1994 law, Loi Toubon, and sought to require that Georgia Tech Lorraine

modify its Web site so that the information provided on the Internet and accessible in France be translated into French (the Web site is now available in French, English and German). However, as a point of law, Georgia Tech contends the Web site legally could be in English because all of its classes are taught in English by faculty from Georgia Tech.

"This case was about the regulation of the Internet and the increasingly global presence of the Web in commerce, in communication, and in culture. Georgia Tech Lorraine happened to be a visible target in this debate," said Hans B. (Teddy) Püttgen, director, Georgia Tech Lorraine. "While it is never pleasant to be the subject of a lawsuit," he said, "we hope that we have played and will continue to play some small role in helping people understand technology—and all of its ramifications—a little better. That is what Georgia Tech does best."

Full Name: Andrea D. Strauss

Age: 37

Occupation: Assistant professor/associate director of bands

Current projects and/or research: Doctoral candidate at the University of Southern Mississippi/Ph.D. in Music Education with a minor in Conducting. Attending a conductor's workshop in Milan, Italy this summer.

Years at Tech: 6

Education: Bachelor's and Master's of Music Education, University of South Carolina

Marital Status: married

Children: Danielle, 9; stepdaughter Caley, 15; stepson J.P., 17

My favorite book is: the Bible

Two CDs in my stereo are: Bartok, "Concerto for Orchestra," and The Corrs, "Talk on Corners"

If I were not working I would be: bored.

What brought you to Georgia Tech? The opportunity to teach at the college level.

One thing I would like to improve about Georgia Tech is: a minor degree program offered in music, consisting of individualized studio instruction.

One job I had that is not on my resume: Bass clarinetist, Charleston Symphony Orchestra, performing Moussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition."

When I was younger I wanted to be: an equestrienne/jockey.

Most people don't know that I: recently adjudicated the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland.

My most important achievement is: raising my daughter, Danielle.

My daily routine would be incomplete without: three complete meals.



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Cleland speaks on 'challenging, magical' Post-Cold War period and role of U.S.

Gwendolyn Glenn Communications

hallenging, exciting and magical is how U.S. Senator Max Cleland (D-Ga.) describes the Post-Cold War period and the dominant role the United States is playing in it. Cleland made his remarks May 1 at Tech's Clary Theatre, as the second speaker in the Callahan Lecture Series, endowed by Leslie G. Callahan, Jr., professor emeritus of the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering.

According to Cleland one of the main challenges American leaders face is that "there is no clear consensus on a U.S. Post-Cold War. This is an uncertain and unsettled era and we're feeling our way to find solutions," he said.

In the past, leaders rallied around more definitive goals such as fighting for independence or fighting against communism, according to Cleland. Military, political and economic strategies are in a constant state of change and development because of dramatic changes around the world in leadership, alliances and territorial boundaries such as the remapping of the former Soviet Union.

Cleland is hopeful about how this will all play out in what he calls the "magical Age of Democracy. It's magical because the changes have resulted in democracy coming to tyranny-ruled countries and it's being done not through force, but promises of peace."

Cleland believes it is vital that Russia remain a significant player in negotiations as the frameworks and national security policies for new democracies throughout Europe are being developed. "We must make every effort to seek cooperation with Russia. We and Russia have the same set of forces to work for ... we are key players," he added.

In responding to a question from the audience of mainly ROTC students, Cleland said one certainty is that if wars break out, at the same time, in current hot spot regions, the U.S. will not be able to successfully fight on two fronts.

"The reality is if the Middle East and Korean peninsula flare up at the same time ... we can't fight two major regional contingencies and be successful. We don't have the forces to be two places at once. We only have so many aircraft carriers to play with. ... We are stretched thin and if war broke out in Iraq or North Korea, we would have to make tough decisions, call up reserves and refocus the U.S. military," he said.

To be sure. Cleland has the utmost confidence in the U.S. military's capabilities, especially to "mass anywhere in the world anytime ..." as long as it's not in two places at once. Many experts doubt that the U.S. military will be placed in the position of fighting two wars at the same time because the might of America's military forces acts as a deterrence to war breaking out period in most instances. Cleland said the success the U.S. and its allies had in quickly massing troops



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to defeat Saddam Hussein during the Gulf war is a strong argument American officials can always use in keeping other countries from warring against each other. "No one doubts the U.S. might ... and that threat is a great negotiating tool," Cleland said.

Changing the subject from military matters, Cleland took a few moments to address political issues. He called on Congress to pass campaign finance legislation so that the political structure will be less vulnerable to influence by foreign governments that are capable of making large campaign contributions. He also mentioned Congressional hearings that focused on alleged abuses by Internal Revenue Service agents and said there is a need for the Congress to make the IRS more responsible.

On a lighter note, Cleland pointed out that, "I keep following (former Senator Sam) Nunn these days which isn't a bad thing ... first the U.S. Senate then the Armed Services Committee and now the Callahan Lecture," he laughed. When Nunn retired from the Senate, Cleland was elected in 1996 to replace him. Nunn also was well known for his work on the Armed Services Committee and gave the inaugural address for the Callahan Lecture Series.

RAENTS

Arts and Culture

May 15

Rock Opera "Tommy." A no-holds-barred evening of hard-driving rock and roll. 8 p.m., DramaTech Theater. \$8 general admission, \$6 faculty and staff, \$4 students. Contact: 894-2745.

May 15-17

"Fiddler on the Roof." Tickets are \$16 and \$29. Robert Ferst Center for the Arts, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Sunday. For tickets, call the box office, 894-9600. (Editor's note: In a previous issue, this event was incorrectly dated March 15-17.)

May 18

VideOpticon III, third annual offering of video and multimedia art from students and faculty of Georgia Tech, Atlanta College of Art and Emory. 8:00 p.m., Robert Ferst Center for the Arts. Free. Contact: Matthew Causey 894-7624.

Brown Bags/Lectures

May 14

"Animating Sand, Mud and Snow," by Robert Sumner, College of Computing, and "Real-Time Lighting Changes for Image-Based Rendering," by Huong Dinh and Ron Metoyer, College of Computing. Noon, Pettit Building (MiRC), Rm. 102. Contact: 894-4488 or gvu info@gvu.gatech.edu.

Woodruff Seminar Series, "Large-Scale Structures in Wall Turbulence," by Ronald Adrian, University of Illinois. 4 - 5 p.m., MRDC Building, Rm. 4211. Refreshments will be served. Contact: Minami Yoda, 894-6838 or minami.yoda@me.gatech.edu.

Structural Mechanics Seminar Series. "A Combined Experimental and Theoretical Approach to Interface Structure in Complex Solids." Speaker: Stephen J. Pennycook, Oak Ridge National Laboratory. 3 p.m., Bunger Henry Building, Rm. 380. Contact: jianmin.qu@me.gatech.edu, or 894-5687.

May 15

"Learning about Cognition from the Freshman Design Course," Cognition and Design Series. Speaker: Wendy Newstetter. 12 - 1 p.m., Georgia Tech Student Center, Rm. 321. Contact: Jocelyn Thomas, 894-7865 or jocelyn@cc.gatech.edu.

"The Bioavailability of Dissolved Organic Matter in Rivers." Speaker: E. Michael Perdue, School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences. 3 - 4 p.m., EAS Building, Rm. 209. Contact: Susan Ryan, 894-3893.

May 19

Woodruff Seminar Series, "Time-Frequency Signal Analysis by Harmonic Wavelets," by David Newland, University of Cambridge. 3:30 p.m., MRDC Building, Rm. 4211. Contact: Jerry Ginsberg, 894-3265 or jerry.ginsberg@me.gatech.edu.

Courses/Workshops

Starting May 12, College of Computing offers evening programs for certificates in: UNIX Systems Management; UNIX Systems Programming; Internet Web Page Design. Other courses: Information Technology Project Management and Fundamentals of TCP/IP Networks. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 - 9:30 p.m., Georgia Tech Computer Training Facility, Colony Square. Call 894-9215 or see the Web, at www.cc.gatech.edu/conted/.

Miscellaneous

May 13

Open House, GTRI's Safety, Health and Environmental Technology Division of the Electro-Optics, Environment and Materials Laboratory. 3 - 7 p.m., O'Keefe Building, ground floor. Wine and cheese reception, 5 - 7 p.m. Contact: Barbara Call, 894-7429.

May 13-14

University System of Georgia Research Symposium, "Science and Technology for a Sustainable Society." Contact: Danielle Haas-Laursen, 894-7377. For additional information, see the event's Web site, at www.coe.gatech.edu/~rac/symposium.html.

May 14

Industry and Technology Day, hosted by Georgia Tech Research Institute. Demonstrations and presentations in advanced materials, automation, environmental management, logistics, manufacturing technology, prototype development, telecommunications and transportation. 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., Student Success Center. Contact: Margie Brown, 894-8069 or Ann Jaudon, 894-6171.

Graduate Student Symposium, opportunity to recruit prospective employees, specifically Ph.D. students. 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Manufacturing Research Center auditorium, atrium, conference room 114. Fee waived for CoC Industrial Partners Association members. Non-members, \$100 for a company's first representative; \$50 for each additional person. Contact symposium@sundos.me.gatech.edu or see www.me.gatech.edu/symposium.

Classifieds



APPLIANCES

1950s vintage gas stove (works) a couple of knobs missing. \$1,500. Contact Pia, 894-3523 or piavazelle.jerome@gtri.gatech.edu.

Refrigerator, GE, 20.6 cu. ft., almond, ice-maker, frostless, like new, \$450.770-473-0169.

AUTOMOBILES

1971 Classic Mercedes. Made in Germany, tan color, has title. Engine needs work, automatic, 4 cyl, gas powered, 220. Asking \$2,500 as is. Call Mike, 894-5131 (day) or 770-431-9367 (eve).

1981 BMW 528i, cypress green, sunroof. 154K miles. All records, new tires, Goodyear Aquatred II. \$3,700. Contact Phil at 894-3402 or phil.sparling@sac.gatech.edu.

1985 Honda Accord, white, 4-door, 5-speed, new cassette radio. Blue interior. 99.6K miles. \$1,600. Call 404-325-8731 (day) or 404-256-0206 (eve., weekends).

1986 Honda Accord LXI, blue, 4 doors, A/C, 147K miles, \$995. Contact Yves Berthelot,

894-7482 or yves.berthelot@me.gatech.edu.

1987 Suzuki Samurai Convertible, 2 and 4-wheel drive, 97K miles, metallic blue, JVC detachable stereo, 4 speakers, engine and body in great condition, all service records, \$2,350, OBO. Call 404 633-8475 or 385-0200.

1988 Mazda 929, white, sun-roof, PS, PB, PW, cruise, AM/FM, stereo cassette, AC, telephone, leather seats, new belts, 130 K miles. Must sell in May. Less than list price. \$3,250 OBO. Joseph Perera, 894-2050 rperera@ipst.edu.

1989 Chevrolet S10 pickup, 5-speed, A/C, AM/FM cassette, blue ext/int, 122,700 miles, bedliner, \$3,200 OBO, 770-591-5572, 770-528-7094 or rodger.davis@gtri.gatech.edu.

1990 Nissan Maxima, 4 dr, dk grey, automatic, pwr moonroof, windows and locks, orig. owner, good condition, 124K miles, \$6,700 OBO. Call 770-888-4068 after 3 pm or e-mail freda.stewart@business.gatech.edu.

1991 Mitsubishi Eclipse GS. Black, 5-speed, 16-valve, A/C, pwr windows and locks, CD player, aluminum alloy wheels, new tires, new clutch. \$4,995. Call 770-528-7564 or e-mail thomas.perry@gtri.gatech.edu.

1992 Ford Taurus GL, 78K miles, fully loaded, all pwr seat, windows, locks, cruise, cassette, airbag. \$4,200. Call 894-8906 or 770-955-0239 evenings.

Wanted: 1970 Volkswagon Superbeatle mechanic. Call Barbara Totten, 894-7088 or 770-498-9103.

COMPUTERS

Tektronix Phaser 350 color printer. Ethernet capability, extra memory, ink cartridges. Retails for >\$4,500, asking \$2,800. Scott, 894-8612 or scott.perkins@oit.gatech.edu.

Macintosh Performa 405 w/o printer. Best offer. Contact celia.grams@iac.gatech.edu.

FURNITURE

Wanted: single frame, mattress/boxspring or futon frame for reasonable price, or, in exchange for double mattress, boxspring. Call Barbara Totten, 894-7088 or 770-498-9103.

Dining room set, 1950s or 60s. Incl. dining table w/ one leaf, 6 upholstered chairs (4 side, 2 arm), china cabinet, and sideboard. \$300 OBO. Call 894-2369 or e-mail vchen@isye.gatech.edu.

REAL ESTATE

Wanted: To rent BR/BA in Marietta or Virginia Highlands/Morningside/Decatur or Marietta/Smyrna. Will pay as much as \$250-300/month plus util. Hope to move in by Aug. 1. Contact Mary Beth, 770-421-9532.

Wanted: M/F to share 3 BR, 2 BA house w/ garage in Fairburn. Accessible to MARTA. \$350/month and half util. Available end of May. Contact Robert, 770-964-2595 or Melissa, melissa.sullivan@housing.gatech.edu.

For rent or sale: Efficiency condo on 1st tee at Cross Creek on Bohler Rd. 12 min. from campus. \$350/month or \$45,000. Call Malcolm MacKenzie, 894-1039, or eve. 404-355 8261.

For rent: 2 BR, 1 BA condo in Buckhead. Avail. July 1: 15 min. to Tech. Contact Ray, 894-7502 or raymond.vito@me.gatech.edu.

For rent: 2-BR apt. in split house, Virginia Highlands. Front, back porch shared w/ other side. \$660/month. Available June 1. Call Kathy, 404-523-2489.

For sale: 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA ranch, sun room, LR, DR, FM, eat-in kit, built-in appliances. 3,200 sq. ft., in Jonesboro. \$170,000. 770-473-1841.

For rent: furnished house in N. DeKalb near Marist School. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, finished basement, wooded lot. Avail. late Aug. '98 - June '99, \$1,500/month, incl. lawn service. Call 770-452-0608 or e-mail ts25@prism.gatech.edu.

MISCELLANEOUS

Wanted: Someone in Stone Mountain who would consider a passenger to Tech. Call Barbara Totten, 894-7088 or 770-498-9103.

2 dogs need home ASAP. Rat terrier (5 yrs, 17 lbs) and Spitz (4 1/2 yrs, 19 lbs). Together or separate. Contact Jeff Price, 894-2969 or price@ece.gatech.edu.