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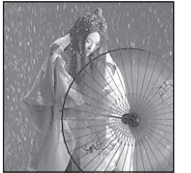
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## FOOTBALL HEARTBREAKER

Tech scored the first touchdown in a 14-7 loss to UGA. The game was a nail-biter; UGA sealed the victory in the final minutes. **Page 21**

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# Students make plans for well-deserved holiday

By Dlorah Jenkins  
Contributing Writer

Holidays are a time for rest, relaxation and fun. This is no exception for Tech students.

After a grueling semester of exams, papers, presentations, and labs, winter break is a welcomed respite from the hustle and bustle of Tech life.

During the break, most students will be going home and are looking forward to the opportunity to unwind.

"I am going home to Pennsylvania and doing nothing," said Anna Buseman-Williams, a fourth-year Civil Engineering major.

She then added that the one thing she definitely will be doing is shopping. Buseman-Williams did express some concern about becoming bored during the break though.

However, many students seem to be quite active during the break, with the onset of boredom not being of concern.

"In addition to sleeping, I will be shadowing doctors at a local hospital," said Christina Duden, a fifth-year Biomedical Engineering student.

Likewise, Channing Raiford's

vacation may not be much of a holiday at all.

"My co-op job starts back up next semester so I'm going to try to get a head start on that," said Raiford, a fourth-year Industrial Engineering major. However she also plans to "chill out and try to get some rest."

Erika Downing, a fourth-year Management major and manager for the football team anticipates

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**Erika Downing**  
Manager, football team

both work and fun during the break. "I'll be at football practice a lot, but I'm planning on going to the bowl game and just hanging out with friends in Atlanta," she said.

Charles Fleming, a fourth-year Mechanical Engineering student,

will be recording an album during the break. The album would come out "after I get some sleep," he said.

Travel is also something students will be doing during this break.

"After [my] graduation ceremony, I am going with my family to New York to spend Christmas, then I am returning to Trinidad in time for New Year's," said Ian Sharpe, a fifth-year Electrical Engineering student.

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By Wei Liao / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Lenox Mall in Buckhead is decorated to get shoppers into the holiday spirit. Shopping is one of the things that tired Tech students intend to do during the Winter Break to relieve stress and relax.

# Alumni remembered with cards

By Trevor Stittsburg  
Contributing Writer

Tech alumni overseas will be receiving a very special greeting this holiday season thanks to the efforts of Amy Lancaster of the Alumni Association and hundreds of alumni, faculty, staff, parents and students.

Greetings were collected from a website where over 450 participants took the time to write a short holiday message for the Tech military personnel.

The website received messages from as far as Australia and Mexico.

Sisters in Alpha Chi Omega personalized hand-written cards, and Connie Bramblett, a Tech parent, had her third-grade class from Friendship Elementary School draw holiday cards.

Even President Clough gave a few words for the many Yellow Jackets away from home.

Each alumnus was sent a package containing the greetings sent in online, hand-made cards from Alpha

Chi Omega and Mrs. Bramblett's class and the Homecoming and To Hell With Georgia editions of the *Technique*.

"The bulk of the greetings (67 pages worth in a Word document) were compiled from our website," Lancaster said.

Lancaster and others in the Alumni Association organized the program, opening the website for greetings from Oct. to Nov. and advertising in parent and alumni publications.

Lancaster came up with a plan to allow anyone in the community to easily send their thoughts, words of encouragement and holiday greetings to Tech alumni overseas.

"I had the idea to have a website where members of the Tech community (alumni, students, parents, faculty/staff and friends of Tech) could submit an online holiday greeting that would go to our alumni deployed overseas during the holidays," she said.

"I had the vision of making a book of these greetings and sending hard copies to our Yellow Jackets serving around the world. The Alumni Association was behind it 110 percent and it started from there," Lancaster said.

"Our web department built the website for the online submissions and I got the word out to my con-

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The Alumni Association created a website for the collection of holiday messages to send overseas and compiled them all into a booklet.

# Tech alum produces new A&E show, *Random 1*

By Inn-Inn Chen  
Senior Staff Writer

Molly Schreck, a Tech alumnus who graduated in Dec. 2000 with a degree in Management, has still not lost her connection with the campus and the newer generation of students here.

She is producing a show, *Random 1*, which is a new series airing on A&E about two guys in a beat-up pickup truck who

drive around helping those they meet who need it.

All their resources come from a donated RV that follows them. Schreck works out of the RV during filming.

"We wanted to tap into the power of connection...[mainly] connecting people who can help with people who need help," Schreck said.

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Photo courtesy of Molly Schreck

Molly Schreck, a Tech alumnus and Jim Lefter, both *Random 1* show producers, pose in front of the RV used in the show.



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major.

"My mother listens to Clark Howard religiously, so if he advertises a cheap airfare, we might go to Europe," said Stephanie Tolbert, a Chemistry major.

"I'm going to Birmingham to visit family, and I'll be coming back to Tech a good bit to hang out and go to parties. I'll probably go to the Peach Bowl, especially if Tech goes. I

might go to the Outback Bowl. I'm going on a cruise...to the Bahamas, and I'll probably come back here for New Year's," said Karen Donaldson, a fourth-year Science, Technology and Culture major.

In the midst of all that travel, "[I will be] watching a lot of football, studying for the GRE and doing research for [my] thesis," Donaldson said.

During this season of giving, some students will choose to spend their time pursuing humanitarian

causes.

"Some of my friends and I will be going to Washington D.C. to protest the war. We are going to drive up there together and stay as long as we can," said Stephanie Nadi, a fourth-year Management student.

Other students, as members of Engineering Students Without Borders (ESWB), will be going to aid in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts from Dec. 18 through Dec. 22 in Mobile, Ala.

"We will stay in Mobile...de-

molishing/cleaning out damaged homes as well as repairing homes that are still stable. The repairs will mostly involve roof reparation," said Angharad Pagnon, President of ESWB and a fourth-year Civil Engineering major.

"We [ESWB-GT and the Office of community service] chose Mobile as it is on the outskirts of the affected area but still facing major difficulties," Pagnon said.

When asked why she chose to spend her break in Alabama rather

than relaxing at home she said "What better way to spend your break than helping others?"

"I went to Slidell, La. for this purpose during my Fall Break, and feel that this is just something that needs to be done. As engineers we are knowledgeable in various aspects of design and sustainability, which can easily be applied in any relief effort," Pagnon said.

"This is why I am becoming an engineer, to apply the skills I will have learned to benefit others."

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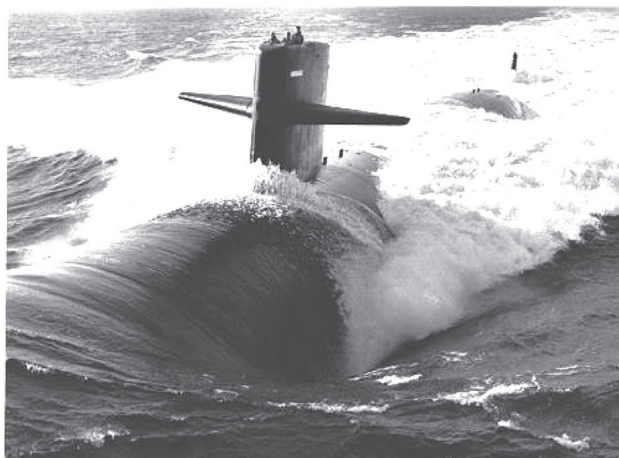
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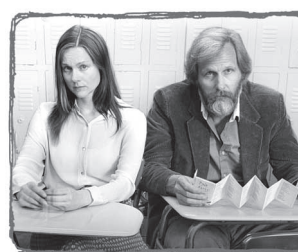
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## A&amp;E

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In being a part of the show, she says the most important thing is "just facing the fear of what it means to look at a homeless person or a drug addict...and take away stereotypes and look at the person inside who may need a little help."

This theme is not uncommon in today's shows.

However, according to Schreck the show is the antithesis of Amy Grant's *Three Wishes*.

The aim of *Random 1* is to help those people that other shows often overlook.

"We make the people the [characters] meet earn the things that they receive by facing their fears and challenges and being open to connecting with another person who may be able to help them," she said.

The show has been 10 years in the making and the stories of the people that they help are raw and profound.

The idea began when the two guys started off in 1996 in a pickup truck to help those they met.

They began filming their stories in 1999, and in 2005 they met Tim

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**Molly Schreck**  
Alumni, A&E Producer

Kaiser, an executive producer of the hit television sitcom *Will & Grace*.

With that, they were able to get the momentum going for the show and eventually team up with A&E to air their story.

Shreck volunteered her time with the show for two years before getting involved with production full-time.

"The show forces me to face the judgmental aspects of myself that I wasn't even aware existed," she said.

"It made me realize that everyone has judgments against different types of people that only hold us back from connecting to the core of a person."

To appeal to an audience across different cultural and social lines, the show emphasizes the power of music.

Many artists have volunteered their time to help with the show, including Hudson Bell, Xavier Rudd, William Elliott Whitmore, The Oranges Band and many more.

Schreck believes that her time at Tech helped her prepare for this job experience.

"Tech taught me what it is like to work hard...and that you can work hard and sometimes it still does not work out," she said.

However, in the end, she still believes that if you keep at it, anything is possible.

While she was at Tech, she worked with the study abroad program both as a student and as a chaperone.

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**Molly Schreck**  
Alumni, A&E Producer

This experience also helped prepare her for the on-the-road job of producing this show.

Schreck's advice to Tech students interested in doing what she is doing

is that "they need to understand that there is no rulebook or guidebook on how the entertainment industry works, especially on the freelance side."

"If you have an inkling of what you would like to be in the world—you might as well go for it...and when you get there it makes sense," she said.

The show is constantly looking for students and people who are interested in volunteering ideas and time as most of the support *Random 1* receives is from volunteers.

"We have no money to give and everything must be donated," Schreck said.

More information about the show, their website is at [www.Random1.com](http://www.Random1.com).

According to the website, the series strives to show "the power of grassroots philanthropy, defined as people helping people one at a time."

Also online is a R1 transmitter that constantly keeps up with the guys touring around the country.

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