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BUILDING AN IVAN ALLEN COLLEGE  
COMMUNITY, ONE PROJECT AT A TIME

## Did you know?

Here are some little-  
known IAC facts...

\* Sue Rosser, dean of the Ivan  
Allen College, was the first  
female dean in Tech History.

\* Before IAC was created in  
1991, Tech had a "College of  
Sciences and Liberal Studies."

\* The first Business and  
Economics Courses at Georgia  
Tech were taught as part of the  
English Department, now LCC.

### The Link

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## Finding help with resumes, jobs, Internships

FALL 2004

- **Resume Preparation Workshop**  
Monday 9/20 5:00-6:00  
Skiles Media Center
- **Job Search Strategies**  
Thursday 9/30 5:00-6:00  
Skiles Media Center
- **Graduate Studies/  
The Application Process**  
Thursday 10/14 5:00-6:30  
Location TBA
- **Internship Search  
Strategies**  
Tuesday, 10/26 5:00-6:30  
Skiles Media Center

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### QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE IAC FRESHMAN CLASS

- 131 New IAC undergraduates
- 123 freshmen, 9 transfer students
- 46 Males, 85 Females
- HS with most incoming students- *George Washington Comprehensive, GA*
- 13 Different States
- 28 students with 700+ Math SAT Score
- Major with largest number of incoming freshman- IAML second largest- UIAC

## New degree pairs Ivan Allen & CoC: 2<sup>nd</sup> joint degree in 2 years

By Min Pastorelli

This fall, the School of Literature, Communication, and Culture and the College of Computing introduced a new joint degree program. The degree, a B.S. in Computational Media, promises to encompass all aspects of the computer, from practical programming and design to theoretical analyses and criticism.

Upon completion of a core group of required courses, Computational Media students will specialize in one of four areas: *Interactive Games Design, Film and Digital*

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Photo courtesy of Jennifer Schur

Jennifer, Kathryn and Jessie sit in front of a waterfall near the Arenal volcano. They participated in the INTA Costa Rica summer study abroad program led by Dr. Kirk Bowman. See some of the interesting study abroad destinations IAC students participated in this past summer, page 4.

## IAC welcomes 10 new faculty members

By Daniel Amick  
Link Editor

Ten new faculty members joined the Ivan Allen College this fall. They bring with them a wide variety of specialties and interest areas, ranging from digital media to Japanese to the economics of religion.

Derek Kellenberg and Mikhail Klimenko will teach in the School of Economics. Kellenberg, an assistant professor, earned his PhD from the University of Colorado, Boulder. His research interests include international trade and multi-national corporations.

Klimenko, an associate professor, recently taught at the University of California, San Diego. His research interests focus on regulation of telecommunications and information technology.

The School of Modern Languages picked up three new assistant professors: Stuart Goldberg, Kyoko Masuda, and Cecilia Montes-Alcalá. Goldberg specializes in Russian, Masuda in Japanese, and Montes-Alcalá in Spanish.

Marco Castillo and Michael Hoffman joined the School of Public Policy. Castillo, an assis-

tant professor, specializes in agriculture and applied economics, while Hoffman, an associate professor, focuses on the interplay between philosophy and mathematics.

Amanda Damarin will teach as an assistant professor in the School of History, Technology and Society. She received her PhD in sociology from Columbia University and did her dissertation on labor markets in a web environment.

The School of Literature Communications and Culture

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# Study Abroad

IAC students went all over the world this summer. Here are just a few of them:

- Mark Iannucci  
Washington D.C.
- Becca Arce  
Spain, Italy
- Ruth Malhotra  
Cuba
- Daniel Rubenfield  
Brussels, Belgium
- Elizabeth Darnall  
Germany
- Sarah Edwards  
China

## Habersham Lab gets a facelift

By Sarah Edwards

Many Ivan Allen students found a pleasant surprise when they made their way over to the Habersham Building after a long summer's break. The downstairs computer lab and G17 classroom have been completely renovated. Although the lab had been revamped with new computers a few years prior, the room itself was a bit dingy and not overly conducive to working in groups. This is no longer the case. The lab is now home to entirely new chairs and workstations, as well as new carpet, a fresh paint job, and new lounge furniture for much needed study breaks. Another addition to the room is a group-friendly workstation, complete with a Vecta table, a bulletin/white board and extra chairs to accommodate

all group sizes. In G17, the chairs have been replaced and most of the equipment has been updated.

HTS and PUBP graduate students also had an improvement in the quality of their work areas. In the DM Smith building this summer, IAC Workspace renovated the graduate student lounge, the HTS student reading room, and a number of the graduate offices. Each of these renovations included

new paint, new carpet,

new lighting and a variety of new furniture, including computers, bookcases, lamps, and sofas. When asked why all of the changes had been made, Chris Fehrenbach, program support manager for the Ivan Allen College,

said that the college wanted to "make the rooms more student accessible, and to create better workspaces for the people studying there."

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INTA grad student Amanda Bell and INTA senior Andrew Miles work at computers in the renovated Habersham computer lab.



Lounges in DM Smith also underwent upgrades this summer.

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picked up two assistant professors: Ian Bogost and Michael Nitsche. Bogost's interest areas include video game design, while Nitsche focuses on interactive media.

IAC Dean Sue Rosser in a statement welcomed the 10

new faculty members and said that each one "will enrich the scholarly community here at Georgia Tech by bringing their academic expertise to our research and teaching environment that explores the crucial union of science, technology, the humanities and the social sciences."

### NEW DEGREE, from page 1

#### *Special Effects, Culturally-Informed Program Design, and Preparation for Graduate Study.*

As these specializations suggest, the degree will emphasize practicality in educating career-minded students looking to work in each respective fields.

This new degree brings to eight, not including undecided, the total number of

undergraduate degrees offered by the Ivan Allen College.

Last fall, the Ivan Allen College began offering a new B.S. degree called Global Economics and Modern Languages (GEML).

GEML is a joint program between IAC's School of Modern Languages and the School of Economics and combines foreign language training with economics to prepare its students for to-

day's global market economy.

A total of 17 students, including seven new freshmen and transfers, are enrolled as GEMLs this fall, following the handful of students last year who enrolled immediately after the program's start.

The degree offers students opportunities in economic analyses in multinational companies and international banking, pre-

paring the participants for graduate studies in related fields of law, international business and public policy.

There are still more interdisciplinary programs in the works. Two more IAC schools are also in the early stages on another joint degree program.

For more information about CompMed, contact Peter McGuire in LCC. Those interested in GEML should contact Willie Belton in ECON.

## In my day, that's the way it was and we liked it

### A UPPERCLASSMAN REFLECTS ON HER FRESHMAN YEAR

By Ruth Malhotra

"You're going to Georgia Tech? What type of engineer will you be?" This was the typical response I received when telling people of my college choice upon graduating from high school.

I always knew Tech was a good school with a strong reputation for academic excellence. I grew up a Yellow Jacket fan, so I was really excited at the thought of going to a school I had admired for so long. But when I thought about

it more, I was also apprehensive. Liberal Arts? International Affairs? Georgia Tech? Why would a student like me enroll at that technological bastion inundated with electrical engineers and computer scientists?!

The course catalog promised enough options, so I enrolled in Tech's Ivan Allen College. My apprehension turned to amazement when I discovered the numerous opportunities for involvement, and the wide array of activities which entirely surpassed my expectations.

Soon I was confronted with too many choices – another dilemma. With the help of academic advisors, career counselors and upperclassmen, I explored the many areas of opportunity. I soon had to learn how to balance the challenging coursework with extracurricular activities. I was also amazed to see how rigorous the coursework was, and the high level of scholarship expected even from freshman students. It was a quantum leap from my high school classes... but the professors were most often approach-



Ruth Malhotra

able, and that was a real support. Three pieces of advice I would offer new freshman:

1. Expect the best. It's easy to come in with preconceived notions on everything from the academic environment to the student body, but remember to keep an open mind.
2. Explore your areas of interest. Tech offers a wide array of opportunities to get involved on campus, from political activism to the athletic arena.
3. Enjoy your experience. My most fulfilling experiences have been those where I have connected classroom learning to real-life challenges, and Tech gives you the chance to do just that.

You'll be here for a while. Immerse yourself in the environment and express yourself.

**Ruth Malhotra is a third-year INTA major and president of the College Republicans.**

## SAB SET TO KICK OFF NEW YEAR

By Derrick Hanson

### SAB President

Welcome back to Tech! I hope you all are having a great semester so far.

Many of you reading this, old and new, may have not yet heard of the Ivan Allen College Student Advisory Board (SAB). The SAB is a group of students passionate about making the IAC experience

all that it can be and the *Link* is one way we go about achieving that.

This year will be engaging in many activities that we hope IAC students will support and want to participate in. From recruitment, building internship opportunities, and linking with other IAC student groups to publishing the *Link*, there are many ways for you to get in-

involved.

I encourage you to visit our website, [www.iac.gatech.edu/sab](http://www.iac.gatech.edu/sab), to learn more about the SAB, our goals and our members. The website also provides a forum for you to provide feedback. We have an exciting year planned—stay informed, get involved, and we look forward to hearing from you soon!

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