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ELECTION DAY DRAWS NEAR

...bringing a flurry of campus events, including screenings of films such as *Fahrenheit 9/11*. But is any of that making a difference to voters? **Page 13**

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Once a Jacket...

Work, love, fulfillment give alumni reasons to return to Tech

Homecoming means different things to different people: for students, it means the parade, the game, fall break. For alumni, it means a return to Tech. But for some alumni, their homecoming occurred a long time ago, when they decided to come back to work for Tech.

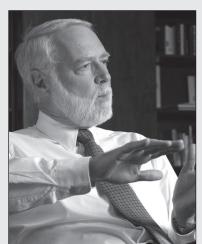
Students who are intent on just "getting out" may wonder what brings these alumni back. For some, it's because they simply love Techand enjoy being in a familiar setting. Others feel that by working here, they can give back to the community that nurtured them while they were a student. Others have connections, and still others just fell into the job and found that things were different when you're not a student anymore.

Alan Drosky, head coach for Tech's cross county team and one of the alumni profiled below, described how his perspectives changed after he graduated. "Sometimes early on, you can't see the light at the end of the tunnel...[but] when you get to the other side, it's what you look back on and realize that's what's so great about Georgia Tech. You realize that's what helped you along the way."

Here are seven Tech alumni who have come back to Tech—or, in some cases, never left. Each took different routes to get to where they are now, but all have stories to tell that echo similar themes.

...always a Jacket

Profiles by Kimberly Rieck, Joshua Cuneo and Amanda Dugan. Profiles continued on page 12.
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Dr. Wayne Clough can remember the day that Tech voluntarily integrated its student body.

"The administration handled it well,

On living the good life:

student, especially after

"I was a pretty serious

the first year. I partied

too much the first year."

and students handled it well," Clough said. "The mayor of Atlanta was a Georgia Tech graduate named Ivan Allen, Jr...[who] supported the civil rights movementat considerable cost to him and his family."

That is just one of the many experiences Clough had as a student at Tech. Clough attended Tech when "Atlanta was a big city of 600,000 people...and very little technology base." When he wasn't in class or co-oping with a railroad company, he divided his time between his fraternity, intramurals and

WAYNE CLOUGH

Then: BS '63, Civil Engineering **Now**: Institute President

professional societies.

"Ienjoyed civil engineering and took my studies reasonably seriously after awhile," he said. "Between work and fraternity activities and co-oping...and trying to get out of Georgia Tech, it was an active time."

Clough remained at Tech for his masters, but moved to Berkeley for his doctorate, where, he said, he witnessed the social upheavals of the late 1960s firsthand.

"The campus was surrounded by troops [twice], and we had helicopters going over...from time to time," he said. He added that his time at Berkeley gave him a diverse cultural experience that

was lacking at Tech in the 1960s. When he was nominated for the presidency in the early 1990s, Clough saw an opportunity to give backto Techusing those experiences.

"We [had] just created the Ivan Allen College, and here's thevehicletoreally take a great technical school and make it something broader," he said. "[So this was] a chance to participate in the growth of an institution where I felt my talents lent themselves...and where it was really on the cusp of doing

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JULIE SWANN

Then: BS '96, Industrial Engineering

Now: Assistant Professor, School of ISyE

On today's student body: "I think we have an interesting student population. Sure, everybody's smart and would carry a pocket protector if this was the '50s, but there's a lot of other things going on besides just that." Ask Julie Swann about her most memorable experience as a student, and she'll reply: "Let methink of one that I can admit to."

Swannadmits to fighting construction of the Campanile because it took over valued green space, and remembers watching students chain themselves to trees slated to be cut down from Techwood.

However, some of her fondest memories include the preparations Tech made for the summer Olympics. "I graduated just before the Olympics and stuck around...and volunteered," she said.

Swann later completed her graduate work at Northwestern University and worked in industry before returning to Tech. Like many other alumni, Swann felt that by serving on the faculty, she could give back to the Tech community.

"I have a special fondness for Georgia Tech...I bleed white and gold," she said. "In addition...Industrial and Systems Engineering is the No.1 program in the nation, so who can turn that down?"

Swannsaid that working at her alma mater means she's more attentive to things other than academics. "If you're a faculty member in a place where you didn't go...you don't care too much about the football game," she said. "But here you care that the Yellow Jackets beat Duke."

Being a professor also gives Swann an interesting perspective on teaching. "As a former student returning... I can tell students that any tricks they've tried, I've seen them before."



On his job: "Working here almost 19 years, there's never been a day when I've gotten up dreading to come to work."

RICH STEELE-

Then: BS '85, Chemical Engineering Now: Director, Student Center

plant somewhere."

According to Rich Steele, Tech once cancelled classes—on account of a cake.

"In 1985, I chaired the Student Center Centennial Committee, which was involved in institute celebrations for the centennial," Steele said. "We had a huge cake outside. We fed about 2000 people with this cake. And then it was such a big day, we cancelled classes."

Steele has been involved with the Student Center since 1983, when he served on the Homecoming Committee and co-founded the annual talent show.

Steele enjoyed his work so much that he took a temporary position with the Student Center after graduation. "I really enjoyed the interaction," he said. "I learned a tremendous amount about leadership, learned a lot about

myself...and I really liked that aspect a lot more than working at a chemical

Steele's time and involvement at Tech means he's witnessed all of the changes in the Institute over the past 20 years, including the dynamics of the student body.

"I think we have more intellectual students...[who are] may be a little more in tune with theory and philosophy and liberal arts," he said.

Steele was also present for the architectural improvements made in that time and was personally involved in the opening of the Student Services Building and the Ferst Center for the Arts in the early 1990s. Steele served as the Ferst Center's first director. He continued moving up the administrative ladder, eventually assuming the role of Student Center Director in 1994.

ALAN DROSKY

A two-time All-American and fivetime track All-ACC performer for Tech from '84-87, Alan Drosky arrived in Atlantainthesummer of '84 as a transfer student from the University of South Carolina. He immediately made an impact, earning All-American honors twice at the NCAA Championships. He still holds the school record in the 1000- and 1500-meter indoor events.

However, one of Drosky's fondest memories is from a class he took from Phil Adler, a longtime professor in the College of Management. "He was tough. One day in class, he was asking a question, and...people weren't getting it. All of a sudden the answer came to me," Drosky said. "I don't even **Then**: BS '87, Industrial Management **Now**: Head Coach, Cross County and Women's Track & Field

On student athletes today:

"The kids in the program seem busier. There just seems to be so much demand on their time. Maybe we had that too, we just didn't recognize it because we were in the middle of it."

remember the question, all I remember is Dr. Adler going, 'Drosky is the only one with me. I knew it, I could see it in his eyes.' I walked out of class feeling like a million bucks. It was probably the proudest I've ever felt."

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On how he proposed to his wife: "I proposed to her in the Tech Tower. It wouldn't work for most people, but she loves Tech so much."

RANDY McDow

Then: BS '95, Industrial Engineering

Now: Director, President's Scholar Program

Randy McDow came to Tech in 1990. "I started the week the Olympics were announced and graduated right before they started," he said. After graduating in 1995, he immediately began working for Tech.

After four years on the job, however, he started his master's in Public Policy in 1999. "I wanted to be a student at Tech again," McDow said. As a result, he enjoyed student benefits such as Swarm membership while still working at Tech.

When he graduated in 2003, he said, "Ithink I even surprised President Clough and the registrars when I walked across the stage." Timing worked in his favor, as his boss retired the week of his graduation and he had just received the credentials for assuming his current job as director of the President's Scholar program.

McDow has now been at Tech for 14 years, but he has even deeper connections. His grandfather is a 1932 alumnus, and his wife is a Tech graduate. Besides his engagement, McDow said that serving as an usher at President Clough's inauguration and celebrating the Capital Campaign as his Tech highlights. "We had raised so much in five years, and now we are able to offer so much because of it," he said.

McDow said a lot has changed on campus since he's been here. "It can be hard when you know a place so well and realize that a lot of issues are going to be around a long time, but it is nice to see the change happen," he said.

ALLISON GEORGE

Then: BS '88 Industrial Management **Now:** Sports Information Director, Athletic Association

From the 1990 National Football Championship to last year's Final Four, Allison George been a part of it all from the sidelines. "I've always loved sports but I have no coordination what so ever," George said. When she entered Tech in the fall of 1984, she contacted then head coach Jim Morris about working with the Jackets' baseball.

By the end of her freshman year, George was running the scoreboard for the baseball team. At the beginning of her senior year, George decided that she wanted to make a career out of Sports Information. Luckily, George was able to fill a vacancy as an intern and took on the position full-time after graduation.

Fast forward to the present, where a typical week during football season includes attending practice, games

and press conferences. "On game days, I'm usually here about 4 hours before the game, and after the game I have to wait until all the writers are done...before lleave," Georgesaid. She also has to deal with an increasingly aggressive media.

While having all-access passes to every event is a perk, George said the best part of the job is the interaction with the student-athletes. "You get to know the coaches and their families on the personal level. Sometimes I think fans forget that when they're critical of them and student-athletes who are 19, 20-year old kids."

Her office also has four other Tech alums currently working as Assistant Sports Information Directors: Melissa Jenkins, Cheryl Watts, Chris Capo and Christopher Whitehead.



On changes she's seen: "When I started school, a parking sticker was \$35. In terms of athletic facilities and other buildings, we've come a long way."

JEFFREY DAVIS



On being at Tech for so long: "People always assume I go to all the games...They start talking about football and expect me to have the inside scoop."

Then: BS '93/MS '97/Ph.D '99, Electrical Engineering **Now**: Assistant Professor, School of ECE

After receiving his B.S. from Tech in 1993, Davis headed to Caltech for graduate school. One semester later, however, he returned to Tech.

"Caltech was good, but I had offers still available at Tech and was coming backso often already," said Davis, who had methis wife, an Architecture major at Tech, six months before graduation. He went on to obtain both his M.S. and Ph.D. at Tech as well, and immediately took a teaching position. "I knew I wanted to teach, do research and stay in the Southeast. There is no better place than Georgia Tech," he said.

The switch from student to professor was a little awkward, however. "One week someone was my professor and the next week we were interacting as equals," Davis said.

He is pleased with the improvements on campus since he first started in 1989. "The trolley system has been a big change. It works so much better for us MARTA commuters."

On the other hand, Davis was disappointed when he found out that a rainforest mural he helped paint in Woodruffas a resident advisor is gone. The mural held sentimental value for him: "My wife's brother was a resident, and I met her...when we worked on the mural so much in the hallway."

However, Davis said he welcomes change, for better or for worse. "If you stay at the same place, you have to be careful to avoid the status quo," he said. "People can be critical, but I focus on diversity of thought even though there may not be a diversity of degrees."

SLIVER

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He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep, in order to gain what he cannot lose.

I can do a sliver too? Wow. I will have to come back and say somehting witty...and wise like all those other tech-heads.

THe kicker's nick name is skarooski!

So when he kicks off, go "skoo...skoo.skoo..skarooski!" P.S. Touch my tra la la.

P.S. Touch my give me a job

As Nov. 2 nears, some could care less

By Xing Guan Contributing Writer

With the hours counting down until Election Day, and current polls showing this year's race between President George Bush and Senator John Kerry as close as it was in 2000, one would think political activism at Tech would be soaring.

However, despite the push by political organizations on campus to increase voter awareness, it is difficult to tell how the majority of Tech students feel about the upcoming election.

Perhaps surprisingly, many students are not planning on voting this time around.

For Tech's large international student population, citizenship requirements are a common reason for not voting.

However, even for students who are U.S. citizens, some just don't care.

"I'm not voting this year," said first-year Undecided Engineering major Jonathan Archer. "I'm not sure if I'm even registered to vote. I might be, but who knows?"

Some cited other reasons for forgoing their civic duties.

First-year student Louise Pan said she would have voted this year, but that her voter registration was sent back unexpectedly in the mail.

Some liberal students are not taking the time to vote because they don't feel it matters in states that are solidly Republican.

For example, Jonathan Landham, a freshman from Alabama, said, "I'd be voting as a resident of Alabama where the Republicans win by at least 20 points regardless...It would be a waste of my time."

The same train of thought can be carried over to some Georgia voters as well.

"Oh, I would vote normally," said Julie Weil, a second-year Management major, "but I don't see the point of voting when Bush is going to win Georgia anyway."

In the 2000 presidential election, President Bush won Georgia and its 11 electoral votes with over a 54 percent of the vote majority, while Al Gore garnered only 43 percent of votes. Due to population growth, this year Georgia has 15 electoral votes.

On the other hand, students from swing states, such as nearby Florida, may feel like their vote counts more this year. Several swing states are up for grabs this year, including New Hampshire, New Mexico, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

I'm going to be sleeping—I'm not staying up all night for the election results."

Alex Rich Third-year PUBP major

"I think if you're from a swing state, you have bigger responsibility to listen to the candidates and to

not just follow the party line," said

Ketan Sardeshmukh, a fourth-year

Industrial Engineering major who is from Boca Raton, Florida. Sardeshmukh, who sent in his absentee ballot two weeks ago, said he feels "your vote does count more than if you're from a predominantly

Republican or Democratic state."
Other students don't need the extra motivation to vote.

"The electoral college makes the decisions," said Jim Montante, a fifth-year Electrical Engineering major. "I feel a regime change is imperative, and that's why I vote," said Montante, who mailed his absentee ballot this week.

And then there are the third-party candidates. Third-year Public Policy major Alex Rich said, "I told my friend I was voting for a libertarian third-party candidate, so she accused me of throwing my vote away...But when she told me she was voting for the Democrats, I told her she was throwing her vote away too."

Even students who are taking the initiative to vote do not seem to be overly excited about watching the results come in on election night.

When asked whether he would rather have his candidate win the election or the Boston Red Sox win the World Series, first-year student and Massachusetts native Matthew Fallacara said without hesitation, "I would definitely rather have the Sox win this year."

Freshman Tyler Davis said, "I'll probably watch [the results] if I don't have anything better to do."

For other students, watching the results is a lesser priority when compared to sleep or schoolwork.

"I'm going to be sleeping—I'm not staying up all night for election results," Rich said.

Whitney Sanzero, a first-year Mechanical Engineering major, said, "I'll be studying, but I might have the results running in the background."

Tech's faculty members, on the other hand, seem to view the election with a little more interest compared to the student body.

Elizabeth Mauldin, an instructor in the School of Literature, Communication and Culture, said she is planning on taking the long drive all the way to North Carolina to vote in her hometown. In addition, Mauldin said she might plan an activity in class about the election results.

On election night, Maudlin plans to have a party. "We're going to be up all night watching the results," she said

Dual Fahrenheit, FahrenHype 9/11 screenings generate buzz, dialogue

By Jennifer Lee
Focus Editor

Students who were looking for a good movie had two politically-charged options last week: *Fahrenheit 9/11*, Michael Moore's controversial film about Bush and the war in Iraq, and *FahrenHype 9/11*, a film designed to refute some inaccuracies in Moore's film, were both shown on campus.

Delta Sigma Theta sorority showed Fahrenheit 9/11 last Wednesday night as part of their sorority's mission of providing programs targeting political awareness. They invited the College Republicans, and the Republicans, who had

tossed around the idea of showing *FahrenHype 9/11*, took advantage of the timing to present a screening of that film the next day.

"We felt compelled to offer a response to it," said Ruth Malhotra, chair of the College Republicans.

Delta Sigma Theta's screening, held in the Student Center Theater, was followed by a discussion led by Kristle McBride, Delta Sigma Theta's political awareness and involvement chair.

"While the movie was one-sided, I did take it upon myself to do research," McBride said. She prepared a Bush vs. Kerry fact sheet to give

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By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Never too late for debate: Representatives from College Republicans, Democrats and Libertarians were present Tuesday night during a debate at Brittain Rec, organized by the Department of Housing.

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out. Love, Zim. Call me at 404-206-1588 and ask for Zim

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to attendees and also prepared some questions to guide the conversation—though the discussion, which began with the movie but expanded to various other topics, was fairly lively on its own.

"We had to cut it off; we had to say it was time to go, because people were ready to sit there and talk about it all night," said Anita James, Delta Sigma Theta's vice president.

One issue addressed during the discussion was the validity of showing *Fahrenheit 9/11* as part of a "political awareness" event.

"My question with them [was that] it was a very partisan event," Malhotrasaid. "For students to make an informed decision, it's good to hear both sides of the story."

However, James and McBride explained that the goal of the event was not to try and sway students. "If this movie swayed your opinion... in my personal opinion, you weren't a very educated voter in the first place,"

James said. "We wanted to stimulate discussion, talk about a controversial movie and maybe get people fired up enough to actually go vote."

enough to actually go vote."

McBride added, "[It was] just to make people aware of what's going on and the issues surrounding this political campaign."

Though he didn't agree with Moore's movie, Christopher Dempsey, who organized the FahrenHype 9/11 showing, said he saw nothing wrong with the sorority showing it. "I think it was fine," said Dempsey, who is also recruitment director for the College Republicans. "Some people were upset that they were showing Fahrenheit 9/11 on campus, but...it actually started the debate, which I thought was great."

According to the organizers, both events had a good turnout—around 50 people at each event—and the audiences for both were fairly diverse.

James said that a variety of view-points were represented.

"We had black Republicans,

white Republicans, black Democrats, white Democrats...so I think it was a very balanced conversation," she said.

For the Republicans, who organized their showing of *Fahrenhype 9/11* on a much shorter timeline, the turnout was especially encouraging. "I think we had a great event," said Dempsey. "I couldn't believe the turnout." In addition, many of the attendees had been present at the event the night before, allowing some post-movie discussion comparing the two movies.

"We had some Delta Sigma Theta people, which was good, and then we also had some definite Republicans, and some middle-of-the-road people who had just seen *Fahrenheit 9/11* and wanted to find out what the whole story was," Dempsey said.

Despite the events' success, Malhotra reminded students not to take either movie entirely at face value. "I think you really need to investigate these things for yourself...before coming to your own conclusions," she said.

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Drosky entered the graduate management program at Tech while serving as an assistant for the track and field coaching staff and training for the Olympic trials. "I missed [the Olympics] by about half a second," he said. After completing his master's, Drosky worked as a substitute teacher in Douglas County until a full-time coaching position with the cross country team came up. He took over the helm of the program in 1991.

"I love Georgia Tech. I loved my time here as a student and an athlete. I love working here and coming to work every day," Drosky said.

He is currently in his 13th season as head cross country coach and ninth year as head women's track and field coach. Off the field, Drosky is able to help guide student-athletes through Tech's academic challenges. "I know what it's like to be a student and trying to manage the academics and athletics," he said.

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something exceptional."

Serving as the president, though, is dramatically different from being a student. "Life is a lot more complicated," Clough said.

Clough spends much of his time as a facilitator, helping members of the Tech community achieve their aspirations.

He also gets to talk a lot. "Almost every day, I give a speech somewhere, and...it's fun to talk about our students and to tell our stories," he said.

He is also active in Washington, where he serves on the President's Council of Science and Technology Advisors and the National Science Board.

He said the experience has allowed him to promote Tech in political circles that did not acknowledge the Institute 40 years ago.

"I think Georgia Tech truly has a global reach today," he said. "And it had very little of that back then."

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Homophobia is the racism of the 21st century

The wheels on the wreck go round and round ...

Chris, I am NOT gay. So stop insinuating that I am. Because we all know your wife is a beard. So stop hitting on me already.

Hey, what about parent's weekend AFTER you graduate and get a job? Seriously, I'm getting tired of cooking the same 4 things.

You know the funny thing, I thought having a friend I've known for more than a year here would be nice. Well, just thanking you for blowing me off once again, you won't hear from ever again Julie.

I swear to GOD and James Brown that I will maim D.C. with a nearby blunt object before the semester ends.

The next person that knows I can breakdance and asks me to do a "spinny thing" on my head is losing their fertility. I mean it.

jerett is beat

tristate crematory

Today I took a dump into water that was hot pink.

It was quite the enlightening experience.

You know, I think 80% of the motivation to pick up a Technique is to see the slivers

Poor high level administrators....only getting paid \$100K+/year

They can all eat my butt Why would you need to pay someone 100K+/year to say "Do this and do that and bring me some coffee and a danish, woman"

If I'm not mistaken, life can still be lived comfortably with an upper 5 digit salary jose classico is the best

and I will say it again... Go Kerry!

drop day should be dec 10th so tired, oh so tired Why does GTCN21 look like crap?!? those headphones in LWC are

a nice add-on.

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Heard of Facebook? Jump on newest online bandwagon

By Halley Espy
Contributing Writer

Tech students are always quick to pick up on an internet trend, and thefacebook.com is no exception.

Introduced to the Tech campus only three weeks ago, hundreds of students seek membership daily.

Hilary Queen, a second-year Mechanical Engineering major, said simply, "I am addicted."

Thefacebook is an online network that connects people through interest groups and friends around campus. A free account can be set up by anyone with a college email address at Tech or other participating colleges.

Members are able to list information about themselves and their activities through a personal profile. In addition, members can include a photo, a class schedule and contact information.

Each account allows members to communicate and share information with friends on campus and at colleges nationwide, and sometimes results in students reconnecting with old friends they had lost touch with

"I really like how it connects you to people from other colleges, especially from high school," said Cristy Yarbrough, a first-year Management major. "It's cool to see everyone's profiles and interests," she added.

Jim Stoddart, a first-year Architecture major, has also been able to locate old friends through Thefacebook. "I have been connecting with friends from [other] colleges; I have found people I haven't talked to since eighth grade," he said.

He added that Thefacebook will continue to get better as more students hear about it. "It's a great tool for connecting with people, but it would work better with a larger community of Tech students."

Started in February this year, the site has grown to

than
500,000
members
from over
160 colleges and
universities nationwide.
The idea for

Thefacebook was launched by a group of Harvard undergraduates. Originally intended to serve as a sort of Harvard online directory, the site has sprawled beyond the boundaries of the ivy league to a sponsored, full-time business connecting several college communities nationwide.

Still operating their "local" business, five Harvard students maintain

the site and planned for extensive changes this fall, with Tech as an intended addition to the list of connected schools.

But how is Thefacebook any different from other social networking sites like friendster.com?
According to some, Thefacebook offers a much different online atmosphere. While Friendster's unrestricted membership may give it the feel of an online dating service, Thefacebook confines membership relably to solley.

ship solely to college s t u - dents.

Additional fea-

tures on the site set it apart from other online social networks: Thefacebook is a network of existing and budding friendships, not a random search to find friends through the internet. Users are able to post what they are looking for, ranging from friendship to "random play," and are also able to join social groups with those on campus with similar interests.

Whether students are looking to connect with intramural teams, club organizations, Greek societies, or via random interests, they are bound to be able to find something in common. Interest groups ranging from "George P. Burdell Fan Club" to "Sixth-Year Seniors" have already taken root.

Proponents of Thefacebook say they enjoy connecting with people whom they actually come in contact with in real life. "It's cool that you can connect with people in your classes. It makes it easier to get things done with [those connections]," said



Kenneth Jackson, a first-year Management major.

Other students say that despite the convenience of using Thefacebook as a means of group communication, they probably wouldn't utilize the site to its full potential.

"I don't think I would use a lot of the features [to communicate]," said Will Freeland, a third-year Management major.

Other students have expressed concern about protecting their privacy within the network.

For example, Jennifer Burt, a first-year Architecture major, said, "A creepy fourth year keeps sending

me instant messages who I don't know."

However, Thefacebook allows members to control privacy settings and discern who is privileged to your profile and contact information.

And word of mouth is spreading. Students who haven't joined are either planning to or have friends who are persuading them to.

Anne Marie Jones, a secondyear Biology major, says she has heard of Thefacebook but is not a member yet. "I haven't signed up yet, but I am excited about...[being] connected with friends at Tech and across the country."

"I wouldn't join just because everyone else is doing it, but I would join," said David Mack, a first-year Civil Engineering major. "It sounds like a pimped-out version of [AOL Instant Messenger]"

Instant Messenger]."
Freeland said, "I hadn't really heard of it before.

but someone last night mentioned it."

tioned it."

However, for
Freeland,
peer
pressure
might win
out. "I will
probably blow it
off, but I might join

if others do," he said.

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