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# June brings new beginnings for both graduates and retirees

# 'Sky is not the limit' for 18-year-old Tech graduate

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> t 18, the average student is making the big transition from high school to college. But 18-year-old Jonathan Jackson just earned a bachelor's degree in physics from Georgia

Tech in only two years and eight months. Jackson, who scored a perfect 1600 on the SAT at age 14, could never be described as "average." He graduated spring quarter with high honor and will enter Tech's doctoral program this fall, after taking the

summer off to write science fiction and fantasy. "The fundamental difference between science fiction and fantasy is a matter of setting," Jackson explained.

"Science fiction is set in a society dominated by science; fantasy is set in a society dominated by magic." Jackson's interest in writing has grown steadily since reading J.R.R. Tolkien's The Hobbit nine years ago. About a year ago he began writing down ideas in an organized form, and the number of ideas increased 'exponentially," he said.

"I plan to organize the writing as a summary of a series of novels," Jackson said. "It's quite vast, but most of it does occur within a 7,000-year period on two planets. There's not a single setting or a single set of main characters."

Over the years Jackson's parents, Ron and Cenie Jackson of Marietta, Ga., have learned how to nurture the growth of their high-achieving only child.

"Jonathan has had a plan since day one," said Mrs. Jackson. "When he was about seven years old, he said he wanted to major in physics and he wanted to go to Georgia Tech." At the time, Jackson was a student at Garden Hills Elementary, and Mrs. Jackson, now a homemaker, taught kindergarten there. Jackson's father, Ron, is an engineering services manager for the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice.

In first grade, Jackson's teachers thought he was gifted and suggested testing, but his parents declined. "To me, Jonathan was no different than the kids I was teaching. He soaked up everything you threw at him. I didn't view it as different; I viewed it as child-like."

When Jackson was in second grade, his parents reluctantly gave in to the teachers' requests to test him for the gifted program. As suspected, he tested as gifted.

"As a parent, once you admit your child is gifted then you have a huge responsibility to meet his needs," said Mrs. Jackson. "It is not easy raising a gifted child. It was fairly easy until about the end of fifth grade."

At McCleskey Middle School, Jackson was not being challenged academically. However, his parents thought that for his social and emotional development, it was important for him to be with children

his own age. To satisfy his thirst for knowledge, Jackson joined McCleskey's mentoring partnership with Southern



Eighteen-year-old Jonathan Jackson, who recently graduated from Tech with a bachelor's degree in physics, makes a transmission hologram. Holograms often are incorporated into the design of credit cards and license plates as a security measure.

Polytechnic. From ages 11 to 14, he had a mentor at Southern Polytechnic and attended classes "for fun"-taking every physics, chemistry, biology and math class offered.

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# **Retirees** gone fishin' Just as Tech's gradu-

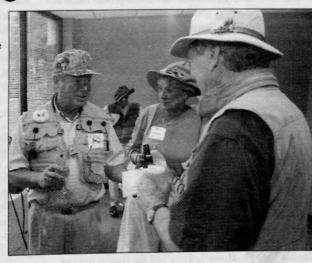
President Wayne Clough (left) and

Gov. Roy Barnes, speaker at Tech's

spring commencement, congratulate

Jonathan Jackson before the ceremony.

ates are embarking on a new phase in life with new adventures in store, so are retirees. The June 2 **Retiree Dinner** encouraged guests to don fishing garb and gear in keeping with the event's theme, "Gone Fishin'." **Retiree Jim Dreger** (right), professor, College of Architecture, sports his fishing attire with family members Bill **Dreger and Geri** Dreger.





Marjorie Rhodes (left) and Lilian Nordin take a look at the evening's program. Nordin's husband, Dale Nordin, retired this year. Rhodes is the wife of '98 Tech retiree Robert (Dusty) Rhodes and is also a friend of the Nordins.

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# Tech earns NCAA certification

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ollowing a yearlong self-study that examined financial integrity, academic integrity, governance and rules compliance, and commitment to equity, Georgia Tech has received

certification by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Committee on Athletics Certification. The announcement came from the NCAA on May 10 after the action was approved in the organization's April board meeting.

The NCAA requires all member institutions to undergo the certification process once every 10 years and submit a 5-year interim status report. Tech began its self-study in the fall of 1998. A steering committee, chaired by Mark J.T. Smith, executive assistant to the president, oversaw the work of four subcommittees composed of members of the faculty, staff and student body.

The four subcommittee chairs were Bob Thompson, senior vice president for Administration and Finance (Fiscal Integrity); Deborah Smith, director of Undergraduate Admission (Academic Integrity); George Nemhauser, professor, Industrial and Systems Engineering (Governance and Commitment to Rules Compliance); and Patricia McDougall, associate professor, Management (Commitment to Equity).

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The subcommittees completed a self-study instrument prepared by the NCAA designed to collect data and to elicit an evaluation of the Athletic Association and plans for improvement where necessary. During its April meeting, the NCAA Committee on Athletics Certification reviewed written materials related to the self-study and the campus evaluation visit conducted by a peer-review team in January 1999. Based upon the information submitted, the Committee determined that Georgia Tech should be certified.

"I gained a new appreciation for the staff and administration in the [Georgia Tech Athletic Association], which under the present leadership of Dave Braine and the former leadership of Homer Rice provided us with a first-class program to showcase," said Smith.

Certification means that Tech is considered to be operating its athletics program in substantial conformity with operating principles adopted by the NCAA Division I membership. It also means that any problems identified during the course of the self-study and peer-review team's evaluation were not considered serious enough to affect the Institute's certification status.

As a normal part of the review process and evaluation, recommended strategies for improvement are provided. "In my mind," said Smith, "the most outstanding outcome of the certification process is a strengthening of our academic support structure for student athletes. Now an academic standing committee of the GTAA Board is engaged in helping to further enhance support services."

#### Library and Information Center

Miriam Drake, dean and director of the Library and Information Center, has been honored with a five-year term as a trustee of Simmons College. Elected by the membership, Drake will also serve as a corporator, which is a member of the Simmons Corporation, the overall governing body of the College. Founded in 1899, Simmons College is a private women's liberal arts college in Boston, Mass.

#### College of Architecture

**Catherine Ross**, vice provost and professor, City Planning Program, was recently elected vice chair of the Atlanta Development Authority (ADA), a public authority created to promote the revitalization and growth of the city. Ross also was elected secretary and treasurer of the Residential Development Division (Urban Residential Finance Authority), the housing development arm of the ADA, focusing on creating affordable housing and promoting neighborhood revitalization. In addition, she was recently elected vice chair of the Downtown Development Authority, developed to promote the revitalization and redevelopment of the city by financing projects that will develop trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities and promote the city's general welfare.

#### Georgia Tech Research Institute

Jim Coleman, senior research scientist and project manager, has received the AFCEA International Meritorious Service Award. The award is presented annually to AFCEA members who make significant contributions to the organization while recording exceptional professional performance in the fields of communications, electronics, intelligence and information systems. Coleman serves as the AFCEA regional vice president for the Georgia Region and is a former chapter president. AFCEA International serves professionals in industry, government, academia and the military in all information and communications-related technology areas.

#### **College of Sciences**

Rigoberto Hernandez, assistant professor, School of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and Michael F. Schatz, assistant professor,

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Jackson attended ninth and tenth grades at Lassiter High School in Cobb County. During the eleventh grade, he was jointly enrolled full time at Georgia Tech while remaining involved in extracurricular activities at Lassiter. At the end of his junior year, he accepted early entry at Tech and forfeited his high school diploma.

Although Jackson was an honor student at Georgia Tech and active in the Society of Physics Students, Golden Key Honor Society, Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society and the Baptist Student Union, his mother remained cautious until the moment he completed his degree requirements.

"I was a nervous wreck (when he quit high school without a diploma) because if he quit high school and did not make it at advancement of science and technology. The awards are for beginning faculty members who wish to excel at both research and research-enhanced teaching. The University of California was the only other institution to win two Cottrell Scholar awards. Each scholar receives \$50,000 which can be used in any way that will further their research and teaching and their development as a teacher-scholar. The foundation supports research in physics, chemistry, and astronomy at U.S. and Canadian colleges and universities.

School of Physics have been named 1999 Cottrell Scholars by the

Research Corporation, a philanthropic foundation dedicated to the

The National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded **Z. John Zhang**, assistant professor, School of Chemistry and Biochemistry, a Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) award for his teaching and research in the study of magnetic nanoparticles. The CAREER program offers four-to-five years of support to outstanding junior faculty for combined research and education initiatives. Zhang was also named a Beckman Young Investigator by the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation, which makes grants to non-profit research institutions to promote research in chemistry and the life sciences.

### George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering

Said Abdel-Khalik, Southern Nuclear Distinguished Professor, received the 1999 Glenn Murphy Award from the American Society for Engineering Education. This award is given annually to a distinguished engineering educator in recognition of notable professional contributions to the teaching of undergraduate and graduate nuclear engineering students.

### School of Chemical Engineering

The Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) has named **Robert J. Samuels**, professor, School of Chemical Engineering, the 1999 SPE Research Award winner. The award, sponsored by the Bayer Corp. and the Southern California Section, is one of eight international awards presented annually by the society.

Georgia Tech, he'd have nothing," she said. His parents can breathe a sigh of relief for now, before Jackson tackles a new challenge, Georgia Tech's doctoral program in physics.

"The doctoral program is supposed to take five years," he said. "I'm going to try to do it in no more than three years."

After earning his Ph.D., Jackson said he wants to start a company in the space industry—perhaps including microgravity materials processing and development, satellite launching and asteroid mining.

"The sky is not the limit," Jackson said. He's not boasting—just outlining his plan.

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Full Name: Carol Colatrella

Age: 41

Occupation: Associate professor, School of Literature, Communication and Culture (LCC)

Current projects and/or research: I've just finished writing a book on Herman Melville's fiction and 19th-century prison and literacy reform. My next project will analyze popular representations linking women to science and technology.

Years at Tech: 6

Education: Ph.D. in comparative literature, Rutgers University

Marital Status: married to Rick Denton, jazz musician and music teacher

Children: Charlie, 4

Dimitri Simes spoke recently at

Tech as part of a roundtable on

Europe and the Balkans.

The last book I read, and enjoyed, was: The Birth of the Museum: History, Theory, Politics, by Tony Bennett

One CD in my stereo is: Ella Fitzgerald's songbooks (it's too hard to decide on one!)

My ideal weekend would include: family time at the beach, any beach.

What brought you to Georgia Tech? The incredible Ivan Allen faculty interested in science and technology studies.

One thing I would like to improve about Georgia Tech is: I would like to enhance the campus climate for underrepresented minorities and women in order to create a richer and more tolerant community for everyone.

One job I had that is not on my resume: researcher for a company investigating court and tax records for real estate title insurance.

When I was younger I wanted to be: a math teacher.

Most people don't know that I: earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts with a major in philosophy and a minor in math.

My most important achievement is: collaborating with colleagues on programs for women, including the [School of History, Technology and Society] and LCC minor in women, science and technology.

# **Prospects for peace in Kosovo**

imitri Simes strode to the lectern, his face indicating that what he was about to say would be painful. After a deep breath, he launched into an emotional presentation.

He began by saying that Americans are naïve if they believe that the Clinton administration is coming to the aid of Kosovars because of humanitarian concerns about ethnic cleansing. If the United States is so worried about acts of genocide, he wondered aloud, why have they not acted in numerous other regions where similar acts have been committed? Why has America not moved to assist the Rwandans, the Kurds or the Bosnians?

> The answer, said Simes, is because America had no economic interests in those other areas, whereas instability in Europe could have a devastating impact on the world economy and subsequently the U.S. economy. Simes did not condemn America's action, only the reasons given for those actions.

Dimitri K. Simes, founding president of the Nixon Center for Peace and Freedom-a bipartisan public policy institution based in Washington, D.C.-and informal foreign policy adviser to President Nixon, spoke at Tech on June 8, the eve of the current NATO peace agreement with Yugoslavia. He spoke to those attending a lively roundtable discussion entitled "The Crisis in Kosovo: American, European Union and Russian Perspectives." Attendees ranged from academics, media and staff from European consulates, to those with relatives still in the war-torn region. The event was hosted by the European Union Center of the University

System of Georgia and the European Center of Georgia. Simes said that the Russians did not agree with NATO's air strikes on Kosovo and felt further diplomatic efforts should have been made. He stated that the position of the United States ignores the historic complexities of the region. Looking to the future, Simes expressed concern about the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA), a renegade military force with no known leadership, possibly disrupting future rebuilding and peace efforts.

Lt. Gen. Dan Benton III, recently retired from the U.S. Army and current Atlanta resident, presented the U.S. perspective with an insider's point of view; in his last military assignment, he served as chief of staff for the U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany. Benton oversaw all U.S. military operations in 89 nations of Europe, Africa, part of the Middle East and central Asia. He supervised the planning efforts for U.S. forces deployment into Bosnia and for the Kosovo Monitoring Force, so he is intimately familiar with the United States' military capabilities and mission in the area.

Benton emphasized three major reasons for American interests in Europe: 1) promotion of peace, stability and democracy in Europe;

2) the economic importance of greater Europe, the United States' single largest trading partner; and 3) instability, which poses the greatest threat-20th century Europe has been the site of two world wars as well as the rise and fall of monarchism. fascism, communism, and currently nationalism and religious fervor. Humanitarian concerns also are a factor with reports of mass killings and genocide.

"The price of world power is to stand up and do what is right," said Benton. When asked why the United States acts in Europe over incidents of genocide but not in similar situations in other areas of the world, Benton acknowledged that the United States' economic interests are the deciding

factor. Lodewijk Briet, political counselor, European Commission delegation in Washington, D.C., and native of the Netherlands, has a foreign affairs background and has worked with the European Commission for more than 10 years, including serving on the cabinet for Commission President Jacques Delors. Briet

expressed the European Union's (EU) distress over the continuing outbreak of nationalism in the Balkans. The EU is a model to overcome nationalism and create cooperation and voluntary self-limitation by EU members.

The goals of the NATO bombing were to end the cycle of bloodshed and violence, encourage stability in the region and ensure that the Balkans share in future economic prosperity, Briet said. With peace talks in progress on the day of the roundtable, he conceded that, "winning the war may prove easy compared to reconstructing the region and keeping the peace.

The program was co-sponsored by the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce; Metro Atlanta Chamber Military Affairs Council; Georgia Council for International Visitors; the Center for International Strategy, Technology and Policy at Georgia Tech; and the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs.



Retired Lt. Gen. Dan Benton (above) and Lodewijk Briet (below) offered perspectives on the Kosovo crisis





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### Courses/Workshops

## July 13

Windows 95 Beginning, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Savant building, Rm 201, \$50. To register for this or any of the classes listed below, see the Web at www.training.gatech.edu/, complete the registration form and fax it to Willie Lapsley at 894-2666. For more information, contact Lapsley at 894-1146 or willie.lapsley@success.gatech.edu.

### July 14

Word 97 Beginning, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Savant, Rm 201, \$50.

### July 15

Turning Managers into Leaders, 8:30 a.m. - noon, Coliseum Annex, Rm. 302, \$50.

## July 16

Powerpoint 97 Beginning, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Savant, Rm 201, \$50.

## July 19

Excel 97 Beginning, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Savant, Rm 201, \$50.

## July 21, 22

"Low Cost Flip-Chip Processing and Analysis with Hands-On Applications," introducing flip-chip technology, emphasizing process fundamentals, highlighting design for manufacturing principles and reviewing recent process technology advances. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Manufacturing Research Center, Center for Board Assembly Research (CBAR). To register, call 894-2401 or register online at www.conted.gatech.edu/other/online\_reg.html. Contact: Daniel Baldwin, daniel.baldwin@me.gatech.edu.

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**Diversity Training Workshops**, sponsored by the Office of Diversity Issues and Programs and the Office of Equal

# Classifieds

#### APPLIANCES

Upright washer/dryer combination. \$250, negotiable. John Alford, 632-4500 (pager).

Portable dishwasher w/ wooden surface, white w/ black facing. \$150 OBO. Contact Shedonna Williams, 894-4525 or shedonna.byron@library.gatech.edu.

#### AUTOMOBILES

1986 Honda Prelude Si, red, auto, sunroof, pwr windows. Runs well. Dent in front right fender. 140K miles. \$1,600. Contact Lisa Conley, 894-0759 or lisa.conley@alumni.gatech.edu.

1988 Ford Ranger, silver, 4 cyl., auto, a/c, PB, PS, am/fm, sliding window, bed liner, tool box, 84K miles, sharp, \$2,750 OBO. Contact larry.fountain@edi.gatech.edu or 894-8832.

1988 Ford Mustang LX, 5-spd, 104K miles, maroon, good condition. \$1,500. Call 894-9722.

1990 Volvo 740GL sation wagon, champagne/tan leather, auto, excellent condition. 127K miles \$5,500. Call 894-9520 (w) or 770-716-8988 (h).

1991 Dodge Shadow, 4-dr, a/c, auto, am/fm/ tape, tilt, ps, pb, maroon ext./int., serviced regularly, great gas mileage, Kelly Blue book \$3,500, asking \$2,400 OBO. Gary, 875-5743.

1994 Buick Century, white 4-dr sedan, power steering, power locks, power brakes. Very good condition. Contact 770-459-0259 or irongate 17@aol.com. 1995 Dodge Neon, white, 4-dr, excellent condition, 90K miles, \$4,500. Contact 894-3193 or christine.marks@music.gatech.edu.

1995 Honda Civic DX, red, 2-dr coupe, 70K miles. Excellent condition, non-smoker owner. Auto transmission, a/c, AM/FM/tape, \$8,800. Call Dave, 250-8550.

1995 Nissian Maxima GXE, beige w/ charcoal interior, pwr seats, locks, windows, sunroof, remote entry, auto, factory alarm. High mileage but great condition \$10,500. 770-471-3318 or kesha.jackson@ee.gatech.edu.

#### COMPUTERS

Power Mac 6500. Includes 64 MB RAM, 4GB hard drive, OS 8, software, Stylewriter 4500 printer. Will throw in computer desk. \$1,400 OBO. Call Kevin, 894-9842.

IBM 386 PC w/ sound card, Windows (1); Magnovox 386 PC w/ Windows, \$350 each. E-mail Brenda404@hotmail.com.

Apple Macintosh Power PC 7200. 32 Mb RAM, 500mb HD, 14" monitor, b/w printer. Mac OS 8, Claris Works, Photoshop, PageMaker, more. \$300 OBO. SCSI zip drive for Mac also available. E-mail sherri.clark@arch.gatech.edu.

#### FURNITURE

Chest of drawers, dresser, nightstand set. 1960s gray, solid wood drawers w/ tongue in groove joints. Selling only as set. \$325 OBO. Call Karla, 770-226-0226.

Southern style chair, fairly new, forest green. \$100 OBO. Corner room bookshelf, 6 ft tall, 5 shelves, maple color. \$50 OBO. Contact Kevin, 894-9842 or kd53@oit.gatech.edu.

Natuzzi leather sofa, chair, ottoman. \$500. Pictures available. Contact Deborah, 894-9816 (day), 770-663-4289 (eve) or deborah.smith@success.gatech.edu. Two nightstands, dresser, headboard (rainbow shape on top, 1-ft-wide strip mirror), \$300 OBO. Contact Jacky, 894-3422 or qc4@prism.gatech.edu.

Sofa, loveseat w/ pecan wood trim, \$325. Pecan coffee table, 2 end tables, \$150. Table, 4 chairs, \$75. Washer/dryer (>6 yrs) \$250. Refrigerator, \$325. Contact Christine, 894-3193 or christine.marks@music.gatech.edu.

#### REAL ESTATE

For sale: Lake home in Alabama, great fishing, 28' x 50' double wide, 3 BR, 2 BA, deck, separate garage, central heat/air, boat dock, water frontage. \$100K. Contact Gary Entrekin, 770-942-2860 or mark.entrekin@gtri.gatech.edu.

Vacation rental: House on Lake Oconee, fully furnished, 4 BR, 3 1/2 BA, big lake view, large dock, \$150/night or \$850/week. Contact bonnie.heck@ece.gatech.edu.

For rent: Single family house in Powder Springs, 3BR, 2BA, LR, DR, den, fireplace, utility rm, 1-car garage, large yard, \$850/mo + deposit, available July 1. Call Mitch, 894-0734.

For rent: Home in Kennesaw, 4 BR, 3.5 BA, swimming, tennis. Available 7/17/99 to 7/31/00. \$1,650/mo. Call 894-9722 or 770-592-0689.

### SPORTS/FITNESS/RECREATION

Two new Dunlop Max Superlong 1.5 tennis rackets (4 5/8" grips). \$70 each (much less than retail price). One used Dunlop Max Superlong 1.5, \$35. Contact Richard, rc7@prism.gatech or 894-2682.

Sunfish sailboat, like new, stored inside \$800. Contact Ray, raymond.vito@me.gatech.edu or 894-7502.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Moving sale: fax machine, \$35; dinette set (glass top table, 4 chairs), \$90; end tables,

Opportunity/Diversity Programs. Workshops are limited to 40 participants. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Student Center, Rm. 343. Contact Stephanie Ray, 894-6367 or stephanie.ray@vpss.gatech.edu.

### Miscellaneous

## June 23

Georgia Tech Women's Forum meeting, Program: "Taking the Fear Out of Credit Reports," presented by Veronica Johnson of Equifax. Noon - 1 p.m., Pettit (MiRC), Rm. 102. Lunch will be pizza, salad, drinks, dessert. \$4 for members; \$5 for non-members; \$1 for brown baggers (drinks only). RSVP to maude.robinson@business.gatech.edu.

### Upcoming

FASET Orientation. Almost 2,300 students and an equal number of parents will be visiting campus this summer. FASET dates are: July 18-19; July 25-26; August 1-2; August 18-19. Contact: Amy Stalzer, 894-9184.

Application deadlines for **1999-2000 Staff Tuition Reimbursement and Assistance Program** (STRAP): Fall semester deadline, June 22; spring semester deadline, Dec. 1; summer semester deadline, April 20. For more information, contact Wansley Dennis at 894-2249 or see the Web at www.ood.gatech.edu/.

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> coffee table, \$25; stereo cabinet/bookcase, \$20; queen bedframe, mattress, \$40; 16 ft all minum folding ladder, \$35; phone, \$5; love seat, \$25. Call Patrick, 873-1665.

> Wedding gown, eggshell white, satin, straight cut, split in front, choker neckline w/ pearl beads. Satin train w/ heart-shaped tulle back. Beaded bodice; size 7/8, long. Asking \$600. Call Sheila Robinson, 770-413-6757.

3 kittens, 9 weeks old, free. Call Shirley, 894-8222 or 770-464-2356.

New pearl drum set, Zildjian cymbals, drum stool, \$700 OBO. Roland JV1000 keyboard. \$700 OBO, Kurzwiel 1200 keyboard, \$500 OBO. Call Becky Maddox, 894-7063 or 770-506-0947.

1989 travel trailer, sleeps 6, bath and kitchen new carpet, good condition, fully self-contained. \$5,000. Call 770-506-0947.

Car sitter, fall semester 1999. Away for the summer/fall? Tech professor and wife have short-term need of car. Call 894-2258.

Transcriptionist wanted. Skilled typing required. Must have good English language and listening skills. 20 hrs/week. Send resumes (incl. words/min.) to Alison Clark, School of Psychology, MC 0170, or ac139@prism.gatech.edu.

Moving sale: Twin mattress, boxspring, like new, frame included, \$200 OBO. Kenmore washer/dryer set, \$100. Call Stan, 894-7875.

Car radio/tape player, \$10. Call 894-0612 (w) or 770-226-8811 (h).

One concert ticket for 'N Sync, Aug. 27, Lakewood Amphitheatre. Will sell for cost, \$46. Call Carol York, 894-8048.