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BATTING UP FOR BASEBALL

The Jackets are entering the 2007 season ranked as high as No. 11 in national polls, but are facing tough competition. **Page 31**

KIRBY RETURNS TO THE RESCUE

Everyone's favorite self-inflating pink ball is back. Kirby returns to the Nintendo DS with a new mission to recover stolen treasure. **Page 17**



CRY presents benefit play



By Parker McGee / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Actors dance and sing with bottles on their heads in a scene from *Fiddler on the Roof*.

By Randy Darnowsky
Contributing Writer

The much-beloved character of Tevye the milkman and his fiddling on the roof antics delighted audiences in a charity performance that was held at the North Atlanta High School last weekend.

The play *Fiddler on the Roof* was put on by Saakar, a nonprofit Indian organization, and co-sponsored by the Tech chapter of Children's Rights and You (CRY) in a historic partnership—this year marked the first time in Saakar's four-year history that it teamed up with CRY for the production.

Set in a small Jewish shtetl (town) in turn-of-the-century tsarist Russia, the play tells the story of Tevye's attempts to maintain his family and religious traditions in the face of rapid change in the world around the shtetl.

The theatre was almost completely full. The audience laughed and cheered to show their enjoyment of the performance. The actors performed excellently and without noticeable imperfections, surprising some audience members with their ability to slip into a Yiddish accent and carry out Jewish humor. The actor who played the role of Tevye especially showed great enthusiasm during his performance of the iconic "If I Were a Rich Man" song. The performers, all in all, were exceptional and not shy to show their talent.

However, the play was not simply just an exercise in acting and entertainment.

"What made this play unique was the fact that it was set up by a nonprofit Indian group, Saakar. Money raised went towards production costs and the rest went to charity," said Jelle van de Vall, director of operations of CRY Tech.

The play was sponsored by CRY in order to promote awareness and raise money for the organization.

CRY was started in India 27 years ago and benefits impoverished children in India and America by providing them with shelter, education, disaster relief and healthcare.

"In almost three decades, CRY has enabled more than 2,500 communities across 18 states in India to work towards addressing the root causes of issues like deprivation, adult unemployment, exploitation and abuse—[issues] that constrain the rights of children," said Namit Bhatia, co-leader of CRY Atlanta.

"By mobilizing these communities, CRY, along with its more than 500 NGO [nongovernmental organization] partners, have ensured over 1,500,000 children across India with opportunities they could not dream of. None of these micro-

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Students speak about CRC WORKOUT

By Manu Raghavan
Staff Writer

Chrissy Naples had a very simple, Ebert-and-Roeper-like critique of the Campus Recreation Center (CRC): two thumbs up. Naples, a fifth-year Industrial Design major who uses the indoor track three times a week, said that she found the CRC's long open hours to her convenience since she usually tries to work out in the mornings or evenings.

"I've been working out regularly since my first year and this place has always been packed," Naples said. "[Working out] promotes a healthier lifestyle."

Similarly, Sara Scruggs, a second-year Management major, finds the CRC much to her liking, while Anna Bancroft, a second-year Aerospace Engineering major, enjoys the Center's convenience.

Scruggs and Bancroft, both of whom participate in Georgia Institute of Technology Fitness Program (G.I.T FIT) classes such as Beginner's Bellydancing, said they found living close to the CRC useful when attending their fitness classes regularly.

Built as a venue for the centennial Olympics in 1996, the CRC, which was then known as the Student Athletic Complex (SAC), was converted as a venue for recreation on campus after the Olympics ended.

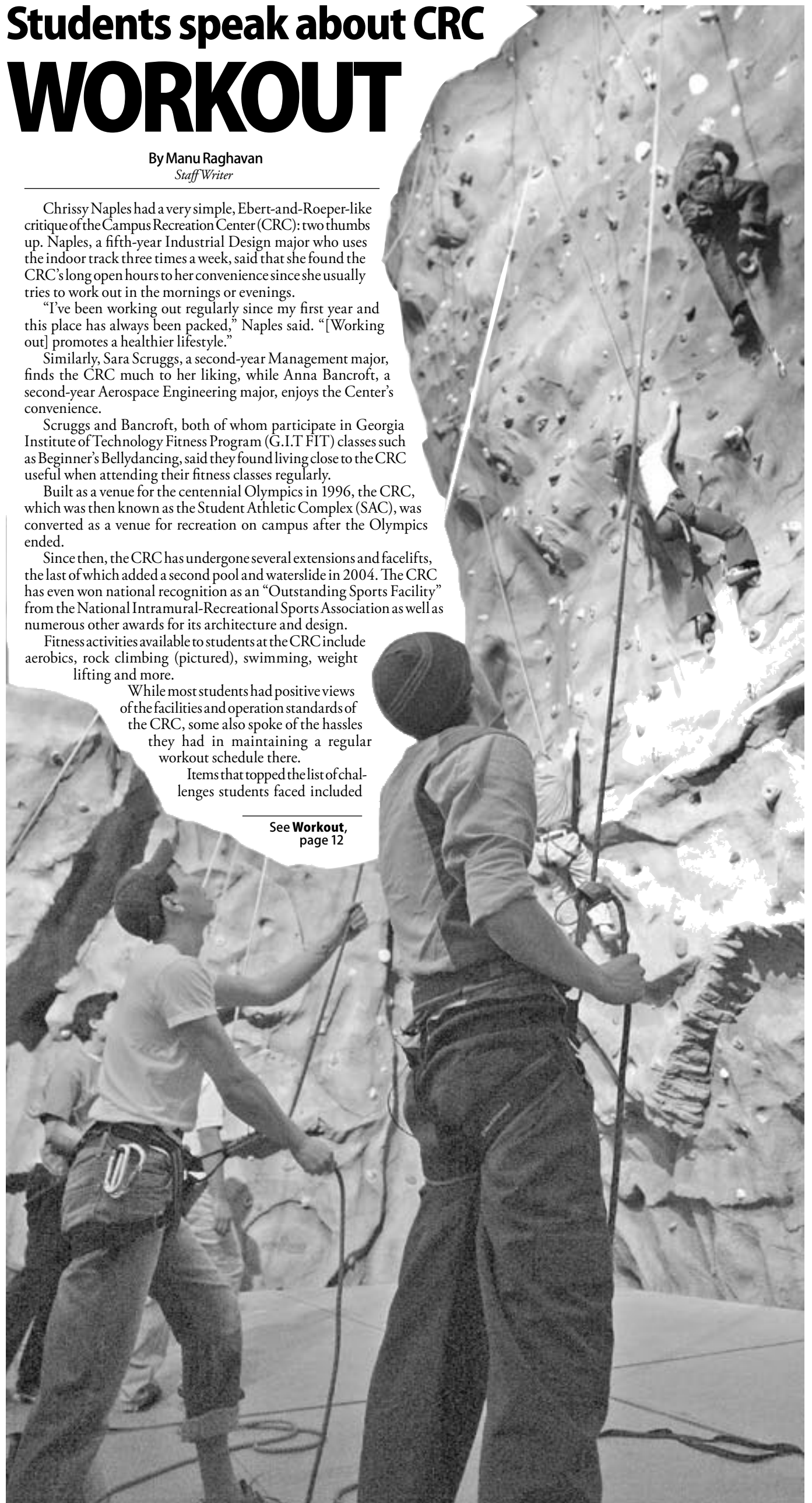
Since then, the CRC has undergone several extensions and facelifts, the last of which added a second pool and waterslide in 2004. The CRC has even won national recognition as an "Outstanding Sports Facility" from the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association as well as numerous other awards for its architecture and design.

Fitness activities available to students at the CRC include aerobics, rock climbing (pictured), swimming, weight lifting and more.

While most students had positive views of the facilities and operation standards of the CRC, some also spoke of the hassles they had in maintaining a regular workout schedule there.

Items that topped the list of challenges students faced included

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miracles would have been possible without the active involvement and support CRY experienced from the more than 150,000 [volunteers] and organizations in India and overseas," Bhatia said.

Currently, there are 26 CRY chapters in America. CRY Atlanta and CRY Tech, which was founded last year with three permanent board members, are new chapters that have dedicated themselves to the mission of the international organization.

"We try to spread awareness and raise money for the underprivileged. Ten percent goes to the U.S., the rest goes to India. We spread awareness about abuse, the exploitation of poor children and women victims. Some of the money raised by CRY America

also goes to American underprivileged children," de Vall said.

"We harness the support, money, time and skills for millions of Indians worldwide who could provide resources and thousands of dedicated fieldworkers across India struggling to function for lack of them. As such, we are an enabling organization as opposed to an implementing one," Bhatia said.

The leaders of CRY Tech and CRY Atlanta hope to increase support and awareness for their organizations.

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Jelle van de Vall
Director, CRY Tech

Furthermore, they hope to increase membership in local chapters as well as to create more chapters in Atlanta.

"This is the first time in history that CRY Atlanta and CRY Tech have collaborated together with Saakar on such a grand scale. We hope to further increase membership and open new chapters at Emory and

Georgia State University," said Aditi Misra, co-leader of CRY Atlanta.

CRY Tech sponsors several events throughout the year to encourage students to pledge money for CRY as well as to support the cause, such as a volleyball and basketball tournament held last semester in conjunction with CRY Atlanta.

Organizers have high hopes in terms of the impact of the play.

"At least 1000 dollars is expected to be raised from ticket sales and donations [from last weekend]. In fact, it takes just 25 dollars to fund a one-year education for an Indian child," said Perna Bang, president of CRY Tech.

"Another couple of events to spread awareness [that will] occur later this semester include a mini-carnival along Skiles walkway and a huge wall display with pictures about how CRY has helped poor people progress through society and have potential," de Vall said.



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The opening scene of *Fiddler on the Roof* features a cast of winning characters. The charity play raised awareness and money for CRY.



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Tzeitel, left, and Hodel, right, two of Tevye's three young daughters, take center stage to speak about their matchmaking prospects.

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Monthly executive forums advise future entrepreneurs

By Julie Kent
Contributing Writer

Originally founded in the fall of 2005, the Georgia Entrepreneurs Society (GES) has already recruited nearly 600 members. Working with over 120 different companies, the Society is dedicated to providing services and support to help fast-growth entrepreneurs.

In addition to holding golf outings and dinner parties, one of the main features of GES is its monthly executive forums.

This month's forum, which focused primarily on how to attain investment capital, was held last Thursday, Feb. 1.

Over 25 men and women filled the Wardlaw

building for the forum, which featured three very successful and powerful entrepreneurs.

The first, Tony Antoniadis, is the general manager for the Advanced Technology Development Center, a company that helps Georgia entrepreneurs launch and build successful science and technology companies. Ed Rieker, another speaker present at the forum, has founded four companies, most of which are in the medical industry. The third and final speaker, Alan Urech, is a senior executive with over 30 years of management experience. Urech is also the founder of Stoney River Capital Partners.

With a primary concentration on investment capital, the forum discussed techniques and strategies for accruing capital.

Antoniades suggested working from one's own pocket. Another option is to go to friends and family, although the panel stressed that it is necessary to be careful when doing this.

"Tell them it's like a trip to Vegas," Rieker said, half jokingly, but also very seriously. "The chances of all the money disappearing is very likely."

The preparation and presentation of a business plan were also heavily discussed during the forum. While the possibilities of commercial lending and venture capitalism were quickly dismissed by the

panel, panel members spoke extensively about angel investors and how to approach them.

As the panelists discussed what they thought investors looked for, common themes of leadership, experience and management emerged.

"Investors are betting on the jockey, not the horse," Antoniadis said, using an illustrative analogy to make his point.

Urech, who actively invests in entrepreneurs, listed the five things he looks for in a business plan: leadership, market opportunity, business strategy,

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Ed Rieker
Speaker, Exec Forum

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Tech offers pre-med options



Photo courtesy of Liz Ward

Pre-med student Jack Gardner volunteers with others at an arts and crafts party held at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston. The art party was sponsored by MOVE's Medical Assistance Committee.

By Abhinav Bhatnagar
Contributing Writer

Although Tech is primarily known for its engineering students, there is another breed of caffeine-guzzling, sleep-deprived and late-night-studying academic on campus—the pre-med or pre-health student.

Despite the fact that Tech has no medical school or a formal pre-med major, the school still provides many resources for its significant pre-health student population. The trick is to know where to look and being smart about customizing the regular Tech experience to a pre-health focus.

For instance, the institute's strong background in science and engineering includes rigorous pre-health classes like anatomy and organic chemistry that students

can take to build into their major coursework.

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Shruti Kumar
Second-year PSYC

challenging. They prepare us well for the difficult coursework we'll see in med school," said Shruti Kumar, a second-year Psychology major.

Tech also offers students a plethora

of summer programs which serve as gateways for acquiring knowledge and experience.

Students can spend their summers gaining clinical exposure through volunteering, shadowing, interning and specialized medical courses. Many pre-meds can even choose to spend their summers working in research labs or working abroad.

These programs provide students with experience in the pre-health area, which, as all competitive medical or dental applicants understand, may be the determining factor in their landing an acceptance letter to their chosen school by the time they graduate.

Tech organizations give students numerous opportunities to gain more experience of this kind. Every

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Dr. Liu says "is that right?" or "is that alright" (we cant tell which one it is) 69 times in 50 minutes timespan.
stupid f***ing cow!

Tech students are very boring and very often have unattractive bodies- meow

I know this is difficult for you to believe, but we're not really all that impressed by your every-two-minutes lecture-interrupting "insight" (read: pointless, suck-up comment) on the topic.

Ten 4-star recruits committed and a possibility of two more? Not bad, Chan Gailey.

GT Basketball motto: Home (play great!), Away (suck bad!)

5th years need love too

If they hadn't taken our reactor away - then maybe we could have heated the outdoor areas of campus! It's soo cold

Instead of paying Maya Angelou a ridiculous sum of money, they should have given it all to the athletics department here at Tech.

GTCR sell propaganda not truths

Here is your score

When your apologies fail to ring true, so slick with that sarcastic slew, of phrases like, "I thought you knew"

Dane Cook sucks. What the hell is wrong with you people?

you don't like Dane then who do you think is funny. Ryan Seacrest?

Hockey Band pwns.

Hey Shondra, on a scale of 1 - 10, how much do you love me?

did anyone ever solve that IF game w/ chickzilla in it? how?

that asian girl i sometimes see on campus... oh my... if only i wasn't so shy... and not married!

so now it's 2 bits woman? it still sucks.

ruth is a sweetheart!

hesitation leads to masturbation.

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what's up with reposting a full page of slivers

and what happened to sliver girl, she's making me horny

blew, blew... no, that's not how you say it.

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customers and revenues or predicted revenues.

"The product is not nearly as important as a good management team," Urech said.

Antoniades gave further advice on how to successfully present a business plan to an investor.

"Understand the business and the market. Show realism and passion. Most importantly, tell a story," Antoniades said.

All of the panelists also stressed the importance of a short business plan, since investors usually have hundreds of business plans to review and do not have time to sift through a million pages. Not only should a business plan be short, it should also be somewhat easy to comprehend. The panel suggested that if an eighth grader could not understand the business plan, it is too technical and complex.

Finally, the panel gave their "absolute no's" in regard to talking to investors.

"Don't ask them to sign non-disclosure agreements," Antoniades said.

"Never say there's no competi-

tion," Urech said.

Last but not least, Rieker dispensed some commonsense wisdom, saying that presenting entrepreneurs should never drop the f-bomb.

The GES has two additional programs for members: the Executive Training Program and the Strategic Business Incubation. The Execu-

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Founder, Stony River
Capital Partners

tive Training Program is designed to assist budding entrepreneurs by holding additional presentations on topics important to starting a business. For example, the program holds sessions on business planning, developing a business plan, designing organizational structure, funding, consumer service, marketing, etc. The Strategic Business Incuba-

tion is more intense, as GES links individuals with highly successful entrepreneurs to help guide the development of their entrepreneurial ventures.

GES feels it is very important to be integrated on a college campus.

"There is a large community of innovative individuals, but they don't necessarily know the process of how to turn their ideas into a successful venture. With GES, they would be able to accomplish those dreams," said JP James, GES managing director.

Currently, there are over 200 undergraduate and 100 graduate students registered as part of GES. There are also over 150 alumni and approximately 20 participating faculty members.

Students who would like to get involved or become a member of GES can sign up at www.gesnow.com. Membership is 35 dollars per year.

As a member, students will be able to attend members-only events, as well as obtain access to business services providers. If interested in the Executive Training Program, there is an additional 45 dollar, one-time fee that will give students lifetime admittance to the courses.

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year, the Tech chapter of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) and the GT Pre-dental Society invite representatives from local schools like Emory and Medical College of Georgia to teach students how to build a strong application.

In the spring semester, AMSA and the GT Pre-Dental Society also offer practice Medical College Admission Tests and Dental Admission Tests as well as mock interviews. Additionally, the organizations will offer workshops through which students may improve their application essays.

There are also many ways to volunteer in a pre-health capacity with organizations on campus. The Medical Assistance Committee of the Mobilizing Opportunity for Volunteer Experience (MOVE) organization, HERO and the Tech chapters of Unite for Sight, Engineering World Health and the Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children offer many service projects to interested students. These projects are available throughout the year and may take place both locally and abroad.

Students who are seeking more advice and support in their pre-health careers can contact Jennifer Kimble, Tech's first ever pre-health advisor.

Kimble provides students with a number of health-related resources. Through her online mailing list, Kimble periodically notifies students of important news, information and links to more pre-health resources or programs.

Several students have found excellent pre-health opportunities throughout Tech.

"I took a biomedical engineering clinical research practicum course taught by Dr. David Wright, and that involved actually working in the ER [emergency room] at Grady Memorial Hospital. We would conduct real ongoing medical research in the ER, had good interaction with the residents and hospital personnel and even watched actual procedures being done in the ER, such as a spinal tap. [We saw] patients come in from

car accidents and various surgeries being performed on patients," said Dale Han, a fifth-year Electrical and Computer Engineering major.

In addition, many Tech graduates that have become doctors live in the

"We would conduct real ongoing medical research in the ER... and even watched actual procedures being done..."

Dale Han
Fifth-year ECE

Atlanta area and may allow current students to shadow them.

Nikhil Kadle, a first-year Biomedical Engineering student, spoke of the need to seek out shadowing opportunities.

"Get out there and get your hands dirty. Ask doctors if they will let you observe them for a day or even

a week. I shadowed three doctors last summer and found out a lot of things about the career that I wouldn't have known otherwise. All I had to do was ask," Kadle said.

Tech students can even find clinical exposure abroad.

"I plan on studying abroad in a medical mission trip this summer, most likely in Cuba," said Maithri Vangala, a first-year Industrial Engineering major.

Kimble stressed the importance of these types of experiences.

"As pre-health advisor, I find that students with extracurricular activities help students create another realm to their application. Do you think a medical school would rather consider the student who participated in a medical mission abroad and volunteered at Grady, or the student that simply studied 24/7 throughout their college career?" Kimble said.

With coordinated forethought and planning, pre-health students at Tech should be able to have many such rewarding and enriching experiences that will prepare them for their futures.



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Tech student Ajaykumar Patel helps a child play "Pin the Carrot on the Eye" as part of a service project sponsored by Unite for Sight.

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TECH STUDENT RESEARCH

Shoaib discusses Afghan women post-Taliban

By Shikha Choudhury
Contributing Writers

There has been much speculation on the situation of women in Afghanistan, an issue that has been fervently discussed in newspapers, journals, news channels and even at Tech.

Summar Shoaib, a fourth-year International Affairs major, recently conducted a research study on the condition of women in Afghanistan after the fall of the Taliban regime.

Her study involved four major subjects in regard to the situation of Afghan women in the war-torn country: education, employment, health and the representation of women in government positions.

Shoaib discovered many interesting things in the course of her research, including a number of underground activities to educate women that were conducted during the oppressive rule of the Taliban.

At the time, women were restricted from seeking either education or employment.

Shoaib spoke of the plight of widowed women and the helplessness of their situation if they did not have a male to support them. According to her, healthcare also suffered in the time of the Taliban.

"Women doctors were no longer allowed to pursue their profession, which resulted in a sharp decline in the number of doctors in the country, thus proving to be a disadvantage to the nation. Female patients were at a disadvantage too and felt uncomfortable discussing certain health issues with male doctors," she said.

Shoaib also discussed one of the other effects of the Taliban's reign: the negative impression that many

non-Islamic people came to have of Islamic principles and teachings.

Shoaib clarified the misconception of Muslim women being forced to wear burkhas, describing how the all-enveloping outer garment was something that Muslim women were actually proud of because it helped them gain an identity in society.

Shoaib explained how her sister had adopted the traditional Muslim wear, as it helped her feel more modest and secure from being accosted by men. It also helped her gain a more distinctive identity in an increasingly multicultural American society. Shoaib's sister believes that by expressing her Muslim identity she not only gains respect for her culture but also succeeds in representing her community's ideals.

Shoaib first became involved in research under the tutelage of Sylvia Maier, an assistant professor in the school of International Affairs. She had taken classes with Maier that deeply influenced her.

"She was my mentor. In spite of being such a busy woman, she took out a lot of time for this project, encouraged me and inspired me to work on it," Shoaib said.

Shoaib felt that her interest in issues pertaining to women in the Middle East dates back to the days when she participated in high school debates which dealt with women's rights and the situation of Middle Eastern women.

Born into a Muslim family in Georgia, Shoaib has

grown up in close proximity to the ideals of the Islamic faith, visiting mosques like the new one constructed at the corner of 14th and Snyder Streets (pictured below).

Shoaib feels that, like any religion, Islam has different interpretations in different nations—be it Saudi Arabia, Tunisia or Pakistan, each country has a unique interpretation of the Quran.

Shoaib said that the Taliban's interpretation was unfair to women, as they inappropriately placed higher priorities on certain restrictions, especially those relating to women and their rights.

One of the most difficult challenges that Shoaib faced while conducting her research was finding enough information, statistical data and specific details about Afghan women after the Taliban's demise.

"Finding enough information about their condition during the Taliban's regime was not as hard, but finding information

on their condition after the Taliban's regime ended was really hard. One could hardly find any valid data or details on it. Most of it was usually

"...finding information on [the condition of women] after the Taliban's regime ended was really hard."

Summar Shoaib
Fourth-year INTA

exaggerated by the media," Shoaib said.

In an effort to obtain accounts of firsthand experiences, Shoaib contacted a few people in Pakistan with the help of her parents and friends.

She spoke with one of her friends who is a Pathan, or Afghan na-

tive. Her friend had interacted with many Afghan refugees and talked to Shoaib about what she learned about them.

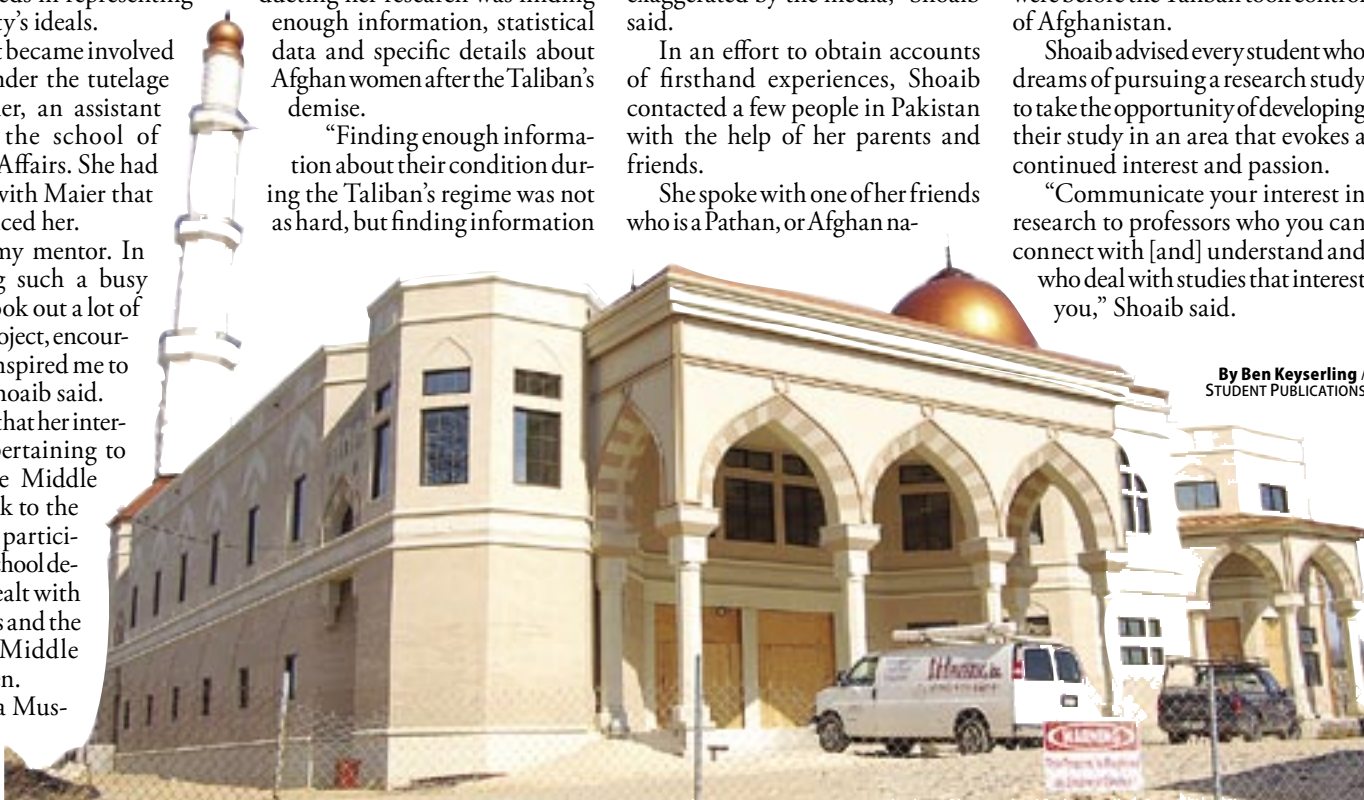
Shoaib also spoke to a professor in Georgia who teaches Pashto, a language spoken in southeastern Afghanistan, about what he knew of the plight of women in that country. She attributes a lot of the information that she found to these sources.

According to her findings, the statistics reflecting education, employment, healthcare and the representation of women in the national government has improved since the fall of the Taliban regime.

However, Shoaib admitted that the figures were not as high as they were before the Taliban took control of Afghanistan.

Shoaib advised every student who dreams of pursuing a research study to take the opportunity of developing their study in an area that evokes a continued interest and passion.

"Communicate your interest in research to professors who you can connect with [and] understand and who deal with studies that interest you," Shoaib said.



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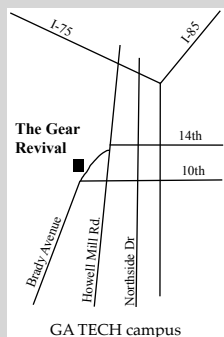
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Dance Marathon is going to ROCK!

YAY for the GTLC!

Kel Bel is my LOVE!

I'm so over boys and their games..yall are mean!

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I love my snuggly buggly!

A clue! A clue!

cheers to our building staff who got us back to bed quickly

definite jeers to the a-holes that actually pulled the alarm

try it again but don't get caught you little , you'll only get caught ONCE

meh

How many days till I can leave?

Once upon a time there was a little girl who believed in a sunny happy world. Then she went to GT. Yada yada yada. Unhappily ever after.. She moved to Miami and became a stripper.

I finally took the first step in turning around my procrastination addiction... I deleted my facebook account. I'm taking it one day at a time.

See page 20 for more Slivers!