



THE Whistle

DID YOU KNOW?

Over the past five years, 53 companies have been started based on Georgia Tech discoveries.

PEOPLE

Bogost Wins Awards for 'A Slow Year'

Ian Bogost, director of Digital Media and associate professor in the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, took home two awards from Indiecade, an annual festival dedicated to independent games, for his game, A Slow Year.

<http://tinyurl.com/3yt4qk6>

EVENTS

ARTS & CULTURE

October 28

The Ferst Center for the Arts welcomes singer and songwriter Michael Bolton for an 8 p.m. performance. For tickets, call 404-894-9600.

November 5

The Ferst Center for the Arts welcomes world-renowned saxophonist and three-time Grammy winner Branford Marsalis for an 8 p.m. performance. For tickets, call 404-894-9600.

Until December 17

The Robert C. Williams Paper Museum is featuring an exhibit "Twinrocker: Forty Years of Hand Papermaking." The museum is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

www.ipst.gatech.edu/amp

CONFERENCES AND LECTURES

October 25

The School of Architecture will host the Harvey Stahl Lectureship 2010 at the Reinsch-Pierce Family Auditorium at 11 a.m. Michael Davis will deliver a lecture titled, "Designing Heaven: Drawing in Gothic Architectural Practice."

www.arch.gatech.edu

October 26

The Center for the Study of Systems Biology's Distinguished Lecture Series welcomes Gary Siuzdak of the Scripps Research Institute, who will speak on "Metabolomics as a Unique Biochemical Approach for Therapeutic Discovery" at 11 a.m. in room 1116, Klaus Building.

cssb.biology.gatech.edu

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New Senior Vice President Joins Tech

There's one thing in particular that Dr. Amir Rahnamay-Azar, Georgia Tech's new senior vice president for administration and finance, is looking forward to experiencing this fall — watching the leaves change.

"Living in southern California, you don't get to see the leaves change color in the fall," he said. "Palm trees don't really change colors."

Before arriving at Tech, Rahnamay-Azar served as associate senior vice president for operations at the University of Southern California (USC).

He joined USC in 1997 and served in progressively more responsible roles until his most recent appointment at the university, which began in July 2005.

In his role at Tech, Rahnamay-Azar will oversee and manage a wide range of business and financial functions, including financial systems planning, disbursement services,



Dr. Amir Rahnamay-Azar comes to Georgia Tech from the University of Southern California, where he served as associate vice president for operations since 2005.

budgeting, and sponsored project accounting, that support the agenda of the Division of Administration and Finance and the Institute as a whole.

One initial goal is to streamline and formalize the decision support infrastructure used by the President's Office, which provides information that allows for data-driven, informed decisions.

"Under Steve Swant's leadership, I look forward to working with him and his team in evaluating our existing processes, implementing improvements and instituting new key initiatives, such as decision support," Rahnamay-Azar said.

Since arriving at Tech almost a month ago, he has had an opportunity to start meeting faculty and staff and has been pleased with everyone's collegial nature.

"There's a sense of community here, and I feel like everyone has the Institute's best interest in mind," Rahnamay-Azar said. "I look forward to working closely with my colleagues across campus to pursue new and different ways of achieving institutional effectiveness."

www.admin-fin.gatech.edu

Tech Proposals Approved During October Board of Regents Meeting

At this month's meeting, the University System Board of Regents voted on a number of items that impact Georgia Tech and its operations. Each proposal was initially reviewed and approved in committee prior to deliberation by the entire Board. Here is a summary of the Board's decisions:

- **APPROVED:** Establishment of a Master of Science in Urban Design in the College of Architecture. In tandem, the regents approved a professional program student tuition rate of \$6,313 per semester for in-state students and \$15,097 per semester for out-of-state students in this degree program.
- **APPROVED:** Authorization to change the Bachelor of Science in Management to a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.
- **APPROVED:** Authorization to proceed with replacing the steam and condensate line along Bobby Dodd Way. The existing lines, installed in 1928 and 1938, connect to the Holland Building. These lines will be replaced and realigned to accommodate other public utilities along Bobby Dodd Way.
- **APPROVED:** Authorization to proceed with a football indoor practice facility, funded by the Georgia Tech Athletic Association.
- **APPROVED:** Authorization to proceed with an Alexander Memorial Coliseum replacement facility, funded by the Georgia Tech Athletic Association.
- **APPROVED:** Naming the Alexander Memorial replacement facility the "McCamish Pavilion" in recognition of Henry F. McCamish Jr. and the McCamish family.

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Benefits Open Enrollment Starts This Week

Now is the time to make changes to your 2011 benefit plans. Open enrollment for 2011 will run from Oct. 25 through Nov. 19.

All benefit-eligible faculty and staff should have received the "2011 Benefit Update" via e-mail, and the "2011 Benefit Enrollment Guide" was mailed to everyone's homes, said Sharon Ray, director of benefits.

According to Ray, there are several major changes for 2011 that everyone should be aware of, including the following:

- **New Alternative Network for the PPO.** An alternative network for participants enrolled in the PPO or HSA PPO networks will be offered. The alternative network is the Blue Open Access POS, which offers a smaller network of providers than the original BlueChoice PPO network. You are not required to select a primary care physician or receive referrals to specialists in either network. Both networks provide coverage for in-network and out-of-network services, and both networks provide coverage out of state and out of country.
- **Tobacco Surcharge.** Employees who are covered by a Tech medical plan will be required to certify whether they are current tobacco users. A tobacco surcharge of \$50 will be added to smokers' monthly premiums.
- **Flexible Spending Accounts.** U.S. Bank Healthcare Payment Solutions will now manage Tech's flexible spending accounts. U.S. Bank offers a debit card to pay for qualified health care expenses.



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EVENTS

The Department of Biomedical Engineering welcomes Debra Auguste, an assistant professor at Harvard University, as she speaks about "Cellular Analogues: A Drug Delivery Solution to a Dynamic Problem" at 11 a.m. in room 1103, Whitaker Building. www.bme.gatech.edu

October 28

Georgia Tech's ADAPTS-Disability Services Program for Students welcomes Rebecca Palpant to speak on "Combating the Stigma of Mental Illnesses: Unique Approaches through Public Policy and the Media" at 1 p.m. in the Crescent Room, Student Center Commons. www.adapts.gatech.edu

October 29-30

The Women's Resource Center will host the 2010 Women's Leadership Conference. Friday evening's events will be held at the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center and Saturday's sessions will be at the Student Center. www.gtwlc.com

November 3

The Center for International Strategy, Technology and Policy, the College of Management, and the China Research Center will hold a lunch and lecture with Yasheng Huang discussing "Chinese Economy: Dynamics and Challenges." The event will be held at noon in the Gordy Room of the Wardlaw Center. RSVP by noon on Nov. 2. www.cistp.gatech.edu

FACULTY/STAFF DEVELOPMENT

October 26

The Georgia Tech Library will host a class on "Blogging Basics" at the Homer Rice Center at 4 p.m. www.library.gatech.edu

October 28

The Georgia Tech Library will host a class on "Introduction to Dreamweaver" at the Homer Rice Center at 4 p.m. www.library.gatech.edu

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

October 25-28

A campus-wide blood drive will be held in the Student Center Ballroom each day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants will receive a free T-shirt, snacks and a chance to win one of two pairs of roundtrip Delta Air Lines tickets. To sign up, visit the website and enter sponsor code "gatech." www.redcrossblood.org

October 26

Flu shots will be available for \$25 (no cash) from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m. in room 343, Student Center Commons. health.gatech.edu

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Institute

Health Services Offers Free HPV Vaccine

If you are a female faculty or staff member who is 26 years old or younger, listen up.

Stamps Health Services will offer the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, Gardasil, free of charge to students, faculty and staff in room 216 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 25, 26 and 28. No appointment is necessary.

"The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that at least 50 percent of sexually active men and women will acquire genital HPV at some point in their lives," said Michelle Cohen, health educator at Health Services. "Most of these people do not have symptoms and don't know that they have it." The HPV vaccine's purpose is to prevent genital warts and cervi-

cal cancer and is effective against four types of HPV (types 6, 11, 16 and 18).

According to Merck, the manufacturer of Gardasil, Types 6 and 11 cause 90 percent of cases of genital warts, and types 16 and 18 cause 75 percent of cases of cervical cancer.

The vaccine is offered in a series of three shots. After receiving a shot in October, patients will return in four to six weeks for the second vaccine and will receive the third shot in the spring.

Although females as young as 9 years old can be vaccinated (before they become sexually active), women who are already sexually active should still consider getting the vaccine.

"Even women diagnosed with HPV will derive some benefit from the vaccine, because a clinician can't tell which type a woman is infected with, and she is most likely not infected with all types the vaccine protects against," Cohen added.

It would usually cost a patient \$500 to complete the series of three HPV vaccinations, said Dr. Maureen Olson, medical director at Health Services.

However, Health Services is able to offer the shots free of charge thanks to federal stimulus money available from the Fulton County Health Department.

www.preventhpv.gatech.edu

The Details

Free HPV Vaccinations will be available in room 216 of Stamps Health Services from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following dates:

- Monday, Oct. 25
- Tuesday, Oct. 26
- Thursday, Oct. 28

Programs Support Student Success

It's true that students need to take the initiative to reach out to their instructors when coursework gets challenging. But it's also key for faculty members to know what resources are available to assist them.

"We enroll very bright, talented and capable students," said Steven Girardot, director of the Office of Success Programs at Tech. "And as they transition into our rigorous curriculum and throughout their education, I believe that it is important that we offer programs and services that support their diverse learning needs."

This year, Tech's first-year retention rate and six-year graduation rate are at all time highs of 94.2 percent and 79.7 percent, respectively.

More in-depth information regarding these retention rates will be available in early 2011.

Although many departments working together collaboratively have influenced these high rates, the Office of Success Programs is a piece of the retention puzzle that all faculty and staff should be aware of.

In case a student comes to you seeking assistance, here are a few programs to keep in mind:

GT 1000. "One challenge many new freshmen face when they come to Tech is learning time management skills," Girardot said. "They're used to being in high school for seven to eight hours a day — so with only 12 to 16 hours of classes a week, having a lot of unstructured time is a change." Time management is just one of the topics taught in GT 1000, Tech's freshman seminar

course. The course, taught by both faculty and administrators, meets weekly and covers topics such as study skills, co-op, study abroad, and career and major exploration. First-year students may take the course during either fall or spring semester. This fall, 82 sections of the course are being offered, with more than 70 percent of the freshman class enrolled, Girardot said.

1-to-1 Tutoring. "The first step that I advise students to take if they have questions about their courses is to meet with their

an emphasis on introductory freshman- and sophomore-level courses. Tutors are undergraduate or graduate students, and students may sign up for tutoring online at the Office of Success Programs' website.

PLUS Sessions. These peer-led undergraduate study sessions support students enrolled in historically difficult courses by providing an opportunity for them to work with peer leaders who have successfully completed these courses. PLUS leaders attend the classes and meet with students several times each

week. And these sessions aren't just for students who are struggling — all students enrolled in a PLUS-supported course are encouraged to attend. This fall, PLUS is offered in both Calculus I and II.

Sophomore EXCEL Cohort. The logic behind offering a support program aimed specifically at sophomores is that historically there has been a dip in retention rates between students' second and third years, Girardot said. This program is being piloted this fall and is designed to help second-year students who aren't meeting their own academic expectations. The cohort includes students with a GPA of 2.2 or lower. Participants attend

biweekly academic coaching meetings and success skills workshops and complete five hours per week of study hall hours in Office of Success programs such as 1-to-1 Tutoring or PLUS sessions.

www.successprograms.gatech.edu



1-to-1 Tutoring is just one of the support services that the Office of Success Programs provides for students.

professors and/or teaching assistants during office hours," Girardot said. "The next step I encourage is to take advantage of the numerous free tutoring programs on campus. In Success Programs, we offer 1-to-1 Tutoring, where students may sign up for an individual tutoring appointment." The service is free and is offered in more than 60 courses, with

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Provost Names Engineering Dean Search Committee

Following the announcement in August that College of Engineering Dean Don Giddens would retire at the end of this academic year, Provost Rafael Bras has named a search committee to begin the process of identifying the College's next leader.

With more than 60 percent of the students and about half of the tenured and tenure-track faculty at Georgia Tech, the College of Engineering is the largest program of its kind in the country. The committee is expected to meet for the first time later this month, where they will discuss the search process and receive a formal charge from the provost.

"The committee will be charged with articulating the qualities of leadership needed to implement the Institute's new strategic plan; with screening and interviewing candidates; and with recommending finalists for the position," Bras said.

An executive search firm will be retained to help facilitate candidate identification and vetting.

Members of the search committee include:

- Mostafa El-Sayed (Chair)
Regents' Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry
- Dean Alford
Chair, College of Engineering Advisory Board
- Mostafa Ammar
Regents' Professor, Computer Science
- Karolyn Babalola
Graduate Student, Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Gisele Bennett
Director, Electro-Optical Systems Laboratory, GTRI
- Corey Boone
Undergraduate SGA president
- Barrett Carson
Vice President, Development
- William Cheesborough
Director of Financial Services and Administration, Mechanical Engineering
- Sam Graham
Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering
- Deborah Harris
Alumna and Georgia Tech Foundation member
- David Ku
Regents' Professor, Mechanical Engineering
- Michelle LaPlaca
Associate Professor, Biomedical Engineering
- Steve McLaughlin
Vice Provost for International Initiatives
- Shuming Nie
Professor, Biomedical Engineering
- Elsa Reichmanis
Professor, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
- Stephen Ruffin
Associate Professor, Aerospace Engineering
- Ken Sandhage
Professor, Materials Science and Engineering
- Carlos Santamarina
Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Jeff Shamma
Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Sandra Slaughter
Professor, College of Management
- Julie Swann
Associate Professor, Industrial and Systems Engineering
- Jeff Wu
Professor and Associate Chair, Industrial and Systems Engineering
- Jennifer Herazy (ex-officio)
Assistant Provost
- Marita Sullivan (ex-officio)
Interim Associate Vice President, Human Resources

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- APPROVED: Naming the southwest corner of the Henry F. McCamish Jr. Basketball Complex at Fowler and Eighth Streets the "Alexander Memorial Courtyard" in recognition of William A. Alexander.
- ADOPTED: A new admissions policy for undocumented students. Specifically, Policy 4.1.6 of the Policy Manual of the Board of Regents states: "A person who is not lawfully present in the United States shall not be eligible for admission to any University System institution which, for the two most recent academic years, did not admit all academically qualified applicants (except for cases in which applicants were rejected for non-academic reasons)."
- POSTPONED: The regents met as a "Committee of the Whole" to review the University of Georgia's application to expand its engineering degree programs. After discussion, the regents elected to postpone a vote on the proposal until November, when a similar application from Georgia Southern University is on the agenda. The Board will consider both proposals at that time.

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- **Donated Sick Leave Program.** Employees will be able to donate unused sick hours to a sick leave pool to be used by other benefits-eligible employees. The pool will cover absence(s) due to illness or injury of the employee or an immediate family member. The policy is applicable to all faculty and staff who earn sick time and have been continuously employed for no less than 12 months. Employees may donate eight to 80 hours.

Faculty and staff are not required to go through the enrollment process unless they want to make changes to their plans, are smokers, are renewing or enrolling in a flexible spending account, wish to donate sick leave, and/or have a dependent age 45 or older and need to provide a social security number for that person.

Employees can review their benefits and make changes on TechWorks, Ray added. Changes made during this time become effective on Jan. 1, 2011.

www.ohr.gatech.edu/benefits/openenrollment

Got Questions? Come to the Benefits Fair

The annual benefits fair will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Representatives from the various benefits plans will be available to answer questions.

Complimentary glucose checks and cholesterol screenings will also be offered, and flu vaccines will be available for \$25.

Welcome New Editor



Amelia Pavlik

Hello, Georgia Tech faculty and staff! My name is Amelia Pavlik, and I'm the new editor of The Whistle and the Daily Digest e-mail. I come to you from the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers Inc., where I've worked as an assistant editor for the past three years.

In the weeks to come, my goal is to get out of my office in Wardlaw and meet as many of you as possible. Also, I hope to hear your feedback. Whether it's positive

or negative, it's always welcome. I'd especially like to hear about any of the following:

- Article ideas.
- Events for the calendar.
- New feature ideas.
- What we're doing right and wrong.

I can be reached by e-mail at editor@comm.gatech.edu and by phone at 404-385-4142. Let's work together to make this a publication that you look forward to reading every other week.

EVENTS

October 27

Flu shots will be available for \$25 (no cash) from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Piedmont Room, Student Center Commons.
health.gatech.edu

October 29

The Campus Recreation Center (CRC) is hosting the Annual Halloween Holla 5K Run: Ghosts, Ghouls, and Walkers Welcome! Runners/walkers will begin at 7 a.m. at the front of the CRC and complete the Tyler Brown Pi Mile. Costumes are encouraged, breakfast will be provided after the event and prizes will be offered.
www.crc.gatech.edu

Flu shots will be available for \$25 (no cash) from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m. at Centergy.
health.gatech.edu

MISCELLANEOUS

October 29

Call for faculty proposals to lead a ThinkBig Living Learning Community. The deadline to submit is Oct. 29. Visit the program's website for proposal forms and more information.
www.thinkbig.gatech.edu

For a more comprehensive listing of events updated daily, visit www.gatech.edu/calendar.

CLASSIFIEDS

AUTOMOBILES/ MOTORCYCLES

1992 Honda Civic Si, selling for parts. Wrecked on passenger side but good transmission and motor as well as other misc. parts. E-mail vicki.speights@physics.gatech.edu.

2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo. Gray, 165K miles. Kelly Blue Book valued at \$4,600; asking \$4,200 OBO. Beautiful car that you must see to appreciate. If interested, e-mail sandysong07@yahoo.com.

REAL ESTATE/ ROOMMATES

1BR fully furnished Midtown condo, \$1,700/month. Balcony over Piedmont Park, fitness center, pool, home entertainment system, 24-hour concierge, covered parking, one block to MARTA or Tech Trolley. Call 708-373-7943.

Tech employee interested in renting a 4BR/5BR home for 2 years in Marietta. Call 678-717-9251.

2BR/2.5BA townhouse, end unit, hardwood floors, new appliances, granite countertops. Great roommate plan. Over 1,200 square feet. Courtyard patio, very private. Great area, near everything! \$1,300/month. Call 678-637-5527.

2BR/2BA bungalow, HW floors, new large kitchen, W/D plumbed, new central HVAC, rear deck and back yard, large front porch, unfurnished. \$1,500/month rent or \$325,000 sale. Call 404-523-8067.

3BR/2BA + bonus room for office or nursery, hardwood floors, W/D plumbed, new central HVAC, unfurnished. Located in Home Park. \$1,500/month rent or \$325,000 sale. Call 404-523-8067.

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Grad Returns to Tech to Teach

When Kobi Abayomi set foot on Georgia Tech's campus as an undergraduate, he was thinking about how to land a job that involved cars — not about becoming a statistician.

Abayomi started off as a physics major but soon realized that the curriculum wasn't for him. After visiting an optometrist who had



Kobi Abayomi

a really nice car, Abayomi decided to try his hand at optometry.

"Statistics was a prerequisite for the program, and I loved it," he added.

Over the years, Abayomi's interest in statistics continued to grow, and he now holds a master's, master's

of philosophy and a Ph.D. in Probability and Statistics from Columbia University.

Abayomi has also held positions as a visiting professor at Duke University and as a visiting fellow at Stanford University.

These days, he is an assistant professor in the statistics group at the H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering.

Recently, The Whistle sat down with Abayomi for a conversation about research,

teaching and his favorite lunch spot. Here's what he shared:

Explain your research in statistics in one sentence.

I work with data that doesn't match the bell curve and focus on a lot of sustainability-related issues.

Tell me about your current research.

I'm analyzing data related to environmental hazards and what areas of the world are most vulnerable.

I'm also collaborating with people at Georgia State University's Law School and the Georgia Innocence Project to determine factors that can identify the wrongfully convicted.

What is your greatest challenge when it comes to teaching, and how have you dealt with it?

I feel like I want to teach to the student that I was. But, I've realized that everyone doesn't learn the same way, and everyone doesn't have the same goals as I did (i.e., they don't want to go to graduate school).

A few things I've done to address this issue is I've tried to slow down how quickly I go through the course material. I also try to be very clear about what information will be covered on tests, so students know what they should be studying.

Who are your teaching mentors?

Maria Montessori because she wrote about student self-determination, and Andrew Gelman because he taught me a few tricks for teaching statistics.

What is your teaching philosophy?

I wouldn't assign grades if I didn't have to. The whole point of grading and testing is to get students to engage themselves in study. The best classes occur after tests when everyone has spent time learning the material.

What is one thing all faculty and staff should do while working at Tech?

Swim in the Olympic Pool at the Campus Recreation Center and the pool at the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center. They're both impressive.

Where's the best place to grab lunch (on or off campus), and what do you order?

Spoon. I like to order tofu pad king.

Tell us something unusual about yourself.

I have Siberian huskies named "Sasha" and "Trooper" that I rescued using the website www.petfinder.com.

If you weren't in your current line of work, what would you be doing?

I'd be living in Encinitas, Calif., and I'd have a performance shop where I would change automatic transmissions to manual.

NEW FEATURE

'Ramblin' Through Time' Commemorates Tech's 125th

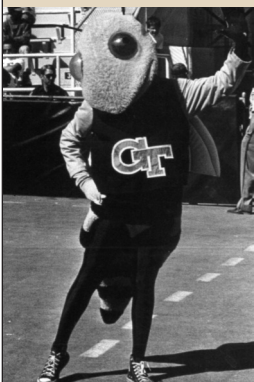
As Georgia Tech celebrates its 125th birthday over the year to come, The Whistle will be marking the occasion with a yearlong feature called "Ramblin' Through Time."

In each issue, we're partnering with Georgia Tech Alumni Magazine to highlight a piece of Tech history. This month's topic: the first female Buzz.

The following is an excerpt from an article published in the Fall 2004 Tech Topics titled, "Buzz: How Time Flies:"

There has been only one female Buzz — Susan Davis, currently a trustee for the Georgia Tech Alumni Association.

For Davis, Homecoming 1988 was her shining Buzz moment.



Susan Davis as Buzz

Most people inside the football stadium didn't know that Buzz was a girl — and they didn't care. They were too busy cheering for the beloved Yellow Jacket chauffeured into the stadium in a limousine as part of the "Buzz for President" theme.

"One of the fun things about being Buzz is you can get away with a lot of stuff you wouldn't normally as a person. I looked up and there was the sunroof. I got a wild hair and climbed out the sunroof and stood on top of the car as it drove onto the field. The fans went wild. It was great," Davis said.

Davis was not scarred by her Buzz days. She credited the mascot with helping her land her first job after getting out of Tech.

"A Tech alum was doing the interview. I think the first thing he said was, 'Tell me about being Buzz.'"

<http://gtalumni.org/Publications/techttopics/fall04/>

Know of Anyone We Should Profile?

Do you know of someone who would be good to profile for our faculty and staff Q&A feature (above)? If you do, please e-mail suggestions to editor@comm.gatech.edu.

Charitable Campaign Runs through November

The 2010-2011 Charitable Campaign kicked off on Oct. 14 and will run through the end of November.

Donations can be made through TechWorks, and donors may designate gifts to the charities of their choice.

www.charitable.gatech.edu



CLASSIFIEDS

3BR/2.5 BA townhouse in Smyrna, 9 miles from Tech. Two-level, end unit, two-car garage, nice community with pool. New flooring and stainless steel appliances. Water, trash and landscaping included in rent. \$1,450/month. E-mail frantastic483@gmail.com.

Tybee Island, Georgia beach cottage for rent. 2BR/1BA with additional shower. Sleeps eight. Family owned, located three blocks from the beach. Ground level and pet friendly. For information and rates go to www.vrbo.com/317979.

5BR/4BA home in Inman Park. Recently renovated kitchen, stunning master retreat, upstairs bedrooms. Walk to restaurants and shops. Unique architectural accents throughout. Terrace level with full kitchen and potential for rental income. \$889,000. Visit www.tinyurl.com/2ad5cpe.

Two story house w/ basement, 4BR 2.5 Bath. Off Hwy 78 between Stone Mountain and Snellville, 24 miles from GT. Much desired Gwinnett Co. Brookwood schools. Renovated, new systems, new carpet, SS appliances. Wooded and lovely fenced back yard. MLS # 2934085. Reduced price \$179,900. Contact tcron@isye.gatech.edu or trudy.cron@yahoo.com.

FURNITURE/APPLIANCES

Must sell immediately. Two bookshelves, table, microwave, a toaster, lamp, pots and carpets. Less than 1 year old. Willing to negotiate price. Pics available; must pick up. E-mail annamaria.conti@mgt.gatech.edu.

Bedroom set consisting of captain style bed, chest of drawers, desk w/keyboard tray, and nightstand. Very good condition. Brand name is Grant Hill Collection. Pictures available. Asking \$300 for all. Call 404-385-3898 or e-mail rita.brown@nrc.gatech.edu.

Full-sized, 3-section couch with large, oversized matching chair. Beige with multi-colored flowers, \$150. No animals or children, so both pieces are in good condition. Pics available. Call 404-488-3293 or e-mail carol.york@gtri.gatech.edu.

MISCELLANEOUS

Authentic African masks from western and southern Africa. \$45-\$50 each. Call 678-992-9142 for more information.

Interested in carpooling? Looking for a ride from Stilesboro Road/Mars Hill Road in the Hedgerose Development. Working hours 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; flexible hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. E-mail to KMuru@comcast.net.

Eueka "The Boss" SmartVAC vacuum. Top-rated by Consumer Reports. Carpet and floor selection, like new, 18 months old. \$50 OBO. Call 404-894-1390 or e-mail bruce.henson@library.gatech.edu.

Free yellow jacket nest removal. Nests to be used for research at Georgia Tech. Call 385-6311 or e-mail michael.goodisman@biology.gatech.edu.

HP 12c financial calculator—hardly used w/ case \$35. E-mail lks@gatech.edu.

Speakers for sale: Mirage FRx-7 floorstanding speakers, \$500/pair. Mirage OM-C3 center channel, \$200 or \$500 for all three. Call 404-717-9186.

Pro-Form 485EX Treadmill. Elevates, odometer, in good condition! \$75. Call 770-386-3181.

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