

NEWS BRIEF

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THE UNIVERSITY GREEN REVOLUTION

The Princeton Review, known for its annual guide of college rankings, added a new category for students to consider this past year: the "Green Ratings." Based on surveys of energy use, recycling programs, food services and academic courses, just 11 of 534 institutions reviewed received honors as the most environmentally friendly campuses in the country. Two of these schools are located right here in Atlanta. Both Emory University and the Georgia Institute of Technology made the grade, but for different reasons.

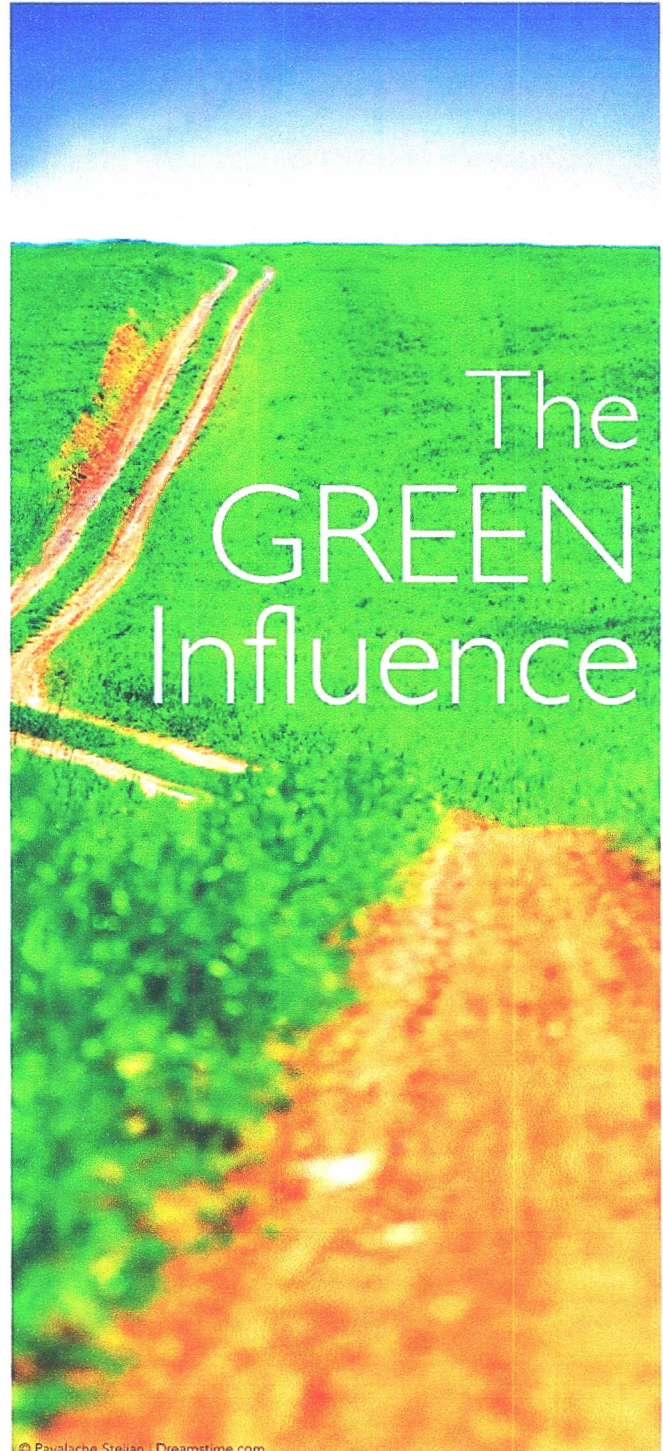
Emory was noted for its initiative to build green, with all new developments constructed to meet LEED standards. The university is also promoting alternative transportation with its extensive shuttle fleet, and provides locally grown food in its dining areas.

At Georgia Tech, living green has entered the classroom environment. Twenty-one endowed chairs and 23 research centers incorporate sustainable living components, and all students are encouraged to take at least one of more than 100 courses with a focus on sustainability.

MILTON GROWS GREEN

In October, the city of Milton officially recognized the Milton Grows Green Committee, which will partner with the city to identify and implement a green agenda. Citizens will volunteer along with business partners to work together to raise environmental awareness, promote green building practices and protect the area's natural resources. The committee is already coordinating the city's Adopt-a-Stream and Adopt-a-Road programs, assisting in the annual Rivers Alive cleanup along the Chattahoochee River, and is helping install a recycling program at Bell Memorial Park and City Hall.

Milton Grows Green is committed to "advocating responsibly managed growth by conserving and protecting resources while preserving Milton's heritage and natural landscape for future generations." In this spirit, the committee intends to unveil several environmental education programs at local schools, beginning with a current pilot program at Hopewell Middle School.



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