ON CAMPUS vs. OFF CAMPUS

Students discuss pros, cons of both sides of housing debate

By Siwan Liu
Contributing Writer

The perennial housing debate comes in the alterna-
tion of on-campus and off-campus living. The choice to live on or off-campus can be a difficult one to make. On-campus apartments may be roomier and cheaper but may also be less safe, while off-campus apartments are more convenient but are also noisier and more cramped. Whether you’re an incoming freshman or a returning student, the choice between on- or off-campus housing may seem like a no-brainer. Still, deciding upon a place of residence may sometimes feel like spinning a big wheel of fortune—a game of chance that might just make or break one’s first year free of the parental units. After all, there is no definitive guarantee of roommate compatibility, and once in, it is strangely difficult to get out.

For returning students, experience may play a little bit more of a role in the decision-making process. As memories of moldy rafters or the vacillating water temperatures of communal showers make their way to center stage, many students make their way off campus. But then again, off-campus housing is not always what it seems. Indeed, often enough, even off-campus students are prone to relentless verbal discharges of discontent with their living situation.

Whether it be annoyance in regards to ungracious landladies, late rent payments, drunken hall-mates, the corrupt bureaucracy of cable service, stolen laundry or simply the combination of sordid weather and a long journey from home to school, both sides of the housing debate have their own pros and cons.

On-campus housing

The majority of Tech students have at some point in their academic career lived in one or more of the school’s many traditional dormitories.

"[Campus dorms] are quiet and convenient. You can get to places a lot quicker if you live on campus."

Jane Hua
First-year MGT

Pictured above are on-campus Center Street Apartments (left) and off-campus Colonial Homes (right). The choice to live on or off campus can be a difficult one to make. Off-campus apartments may be roomier and cheaper but may also be less safe, while on-campus apartments are more convenient but are also noisier and more cramped.
A Better Campus
Tech Beautification Day
Annual service day aims to improve campus grounds

By Manu Raghavan
Staff Writer

Spring is on its way, but between mid-semester classes, projects, tests and papers, who has time to stop and smell the flowers?

Taken literally, that is exactly what the organizers of this year’s Tech Beautification Day (TBD) hope to change.

TBD was started in 1997 by the Freshman Council in order to engage everyone at Tech in hands-on initiatives that serve to improve the campus grounds.

TBD has since developed into a much larger affair than was originally planned. It now involves hundreds of people coming together one spring morning to improve the look and feel of a campus whose visual appeal is often marred by orange construction cranes and the smog and noise pollution of a downtown Atlanta location.

[“TBD] quickly grew in scope and popularity and it now takes a 20 member executive board planning all year to put it all together,” said Leslie Myles, an Industrial Engineering major who chaired this year’s effort to organize TBD.

Volunteers for TBD participate in a number of projects around campus, ranging from planting flowers at strategic corners to pressure washing areas which seem to need it—projects that improve the aesthetics as well as the environment at Tech.

“This year is our tenth anniversary and we are working closely with the Earth Day [planners]. Now the partnership of our two events has grown into a week of activities under the name ThinkGreen Week,” Myles said.

Myles also said that another focus of this year’s efforts is to attract faculty, staff and alumni to get involved in the projects in order to create a sense of community. Their numbers will be added to the 1000 or so annual, non-Tech affiliated volunteers who show up as a result of TBD’s partnership with Hands on Atlanta.

“Through activities with the TBD seeks to improve the look and feel of the campus environs, such as by planting more flower beds and cleaning up green spaces.
In 1952, four months after the Board of Regents of the State of Georgia voted to admit women into Tech, Elizabeth Herndon and Diane Michel made history by enrolling at Tech and setting the precedent for many others.

In just 55 years, Tech has gone from having zero to 32 percent undergraduate female students on campus.

That is certainly something to celebrate, especially in March, which is also known as Women’s Awareness Month.

Granted, a 32 percent female student population is by no means an impressive statistic compared to schools like Emory or Duke. However, these student populations are among the brightest, most driven and courageous people on campus, in that they are daring to set foot in a place full of men and still succeed.

"Tech women are extremely intelligent and driven. I find that very attractive," said Chase Bradley, a second-year Computer Science major.

In today’s society, women are treated with much more respect and admiration than they were 50 years ago, even at a school that is predominantly male.

Many female students feel that being a girl is an advantage in many respects.

"Being a girl definitely has its advantages," said Rebekah Shaner, a teaching assistant for a freshman chemistry course.

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In fact, she feels more comfortable with them anyway," said Rebekah Shaner, a teaching assistant for a freshman chemistry course.

"As someone who’s in charge of their grades, from time to time I still feel there is a slight bias towards guys in chemistry, but that’s just how it is in science fields and the bias is barely noticeable most of the time," said Rebekah Shaner, a teaching assistant for a freshman chemistry course.

Many male students admit they sometimes treat their female friends like just another guy in the group.

"I do treat some of my female friends like guys," said Steve Heitner, a fifth-year Biology and Biochemistry major.

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and seniority.

The Fourth Street Apartments at Tech are considered to be suite-style dormitories, and they are apartments with shared baths and a community kitchen. These rooms cost approximately $2,854 per semester. For less money, other suite-style rooms are also available for $2,273 a semester, and they are generally shared rooms with semi-private baths.

Apartment-style dormitories at Tech consist of individual rooms, a shared kitchen, lounge and bath within each apartment. The price per semester for these rooms is generally around $3,042.

“Living on campus is convenient, because there are several academic facilities close by, like the library, tutoring, etc. Also, there’s really good cable and internet, and the service staff is reliable in any涌现出 problems,” Sahoo said.

“However, there are problems with privacy, since the rooms are very close to each other and are small. You also can’t have pets, you have to follow the housing policies and you’re constantly having to move in and out every academic year,” Sahoo said.

Other negatives? “It’s more expensive sometimes,” Hua said.

Off-campus housing

After living on campus for awhile, many Tech students decide to move off campus for reasons that include saving money, avoiding disorderly off campus for reasons that include many Tech students decide to move

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said Eric Faust, a third-year Electrical

Engineering major, who currently shares an M Street apartment with Michael Gabriel, a third-year Management major.

 Altogether, monthly rent for an apartment is $1,000, and utilities generally cost around $200 (this includes water, cable, internet, phone, electricity and gas). The total per month comes out to about $1,200, which they split at $600 per person per month.

“Until this year, I would have believed on-campus living to be better. Now, however, I really appreciate living in these apartments. We’re so close to campus that most of the benefits of being on campus still apply, and I like how big the apartment is. There is so much room compared to any of the off-campus housing I’ve seen, and I like the added space, the relative quiet and the free parking,” Gabriel said.

There are some downsides to off-campus living, though.

“You have to walk a bit further to get to class, which is particularly annoying when the weather’s bad. If you forget something at home you can’t just run back to the dorm and get it. And there’s the need to provide your own furniture,” Faust said. Also, despite the short distances between some housing facilities and campus, residents still admit to feeling somewhat shut out from campus life. Not having that ready access to the academic facilities and campus, residents still admit to feeling somewhat shut out from campus life. Not having that ready access to the academic facilities and campus, residents still admit to feeling somewhat shut out from campus life. Not having that ready access to the academic facilities and campus, residents still admit to feeling somewhat shut out from campus life. Not having that ready access to the academic facilities and campus, residents still admit to feeling somewhat shut out from campus life.

Likewise, safety and security are still unresolved issues. While some apartment complexes directly on the outskirts of campus may be considered relatively secure, walking late at night, even right outside the apartment’s gates, can still be dangerous.

“Safety is always a concern at night. Some random drunk driver pulled into the parking lot and destroyed four or five cars before leaving,” said Alexander Lu, a third-year Economics major, who lives in an apartment directly on campus.

Whether or not students choose to remain on campus or to leave, the best way to find a suitable residence is to research it.

Still unsure about where to live? For starters, check out www.housing.gatech.edu, which has information about both on- and off-campus housing.

Housing Debate

With the extension of the housing application deadline due to Tech’s recent acquisition of the Georgia State village, students will be reconsidering whether they should live on campus or off campus. The following price checks should help in that decision process.

Prices are reported from www.housing.gatech.edu, www.atlinfo.com, www.atlanta. citysearch.com and www.atlantatestimation.com. Quotes for on-campus housing include both rent and utilities. All rent and utilities prices are monthly costs.

On Campus

TRADITIONAL DORM Monthly cost: $523–$550 Semester: $2100–2200

SUITE Monthly cost: $569–$761 Semester: $2273–$2834

APARTMENT Monthly cost: $761 Semester: $3042

Off Campus

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Alumni Association and specific tenth year anniversary [activities] geared towards departments, we hope to have a greater presence from these groups this year,” Myles said.

Sheliza Bhanjee, a second-year Psychology major, has been involved with TBD for the past two years and said that the event has provided her with an opportunity to be involved with the environment as well as to gain a leadership position through her role as a project coordinator.

“I think [the campus environment] needs a lot of work. People need to recycle more regularly. I think [students] should be more conscious about certain environmental practices like not throwing cigarette butts everywhere. About recycling, people just need to be more aware of what they’re doing with [simple practices] like recycling the ‘Nique instead of throwing it away,” Bhanjee said.

Although TBD has generally been successful in mobilizing both the campus and outside communities in its beautification efforts at Tech, there are always new ways to come up roses for the group.

Bhanjee spoke about one difficult, albeit ultimately fulfilling past experience as a TBD project coordinator.

“The last year, it rained on [TBD]. Everything was soggy and so people weren’t always enthusiastic about doing their project. Of the people who signed up to volunteer in my group, only one person showed up. We were planting flowers near the Centennial Research Building. Even though it was soggy and raining, we did a good job and were proud of ourselves,” Bhanjee said.

Myles also spoke positively of her experiences with TBD.

“I got involved [with TBD] and stayed involved for [two main reasons]. It’s an extremely gratifying feeling to be able to walk by the work that you have done and see the difference it makes. TBD projects are a great way to share that feeling with other students who might feel a little underappreciated and overworked at Tech,” Myles said.

“Secondly, it bothered me a lot when I read that Tech’s campus was rated one of the ugliest [campuses in the U.S.], since I actually think we have a great campus. So I thought getting involved in TBD might be a good way to help alter that opinion,” Bhanjee said.

Students looking to get involved with TBD are welcome to check out www.techbeautificationday.org.

The event will be held April 21 this year. Applications for project coordinator were due Feb. 23.

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that some women come to Tech to get married. TBD, short for Tech Bitch Syndrome, generally says that since there are so many guys to choose from on campus, all Tech women are stuck up and mean when it comes to dating. The Tech goggle phenomenon is defined by Urban Dictionary as “the reduced standards in women that all Tech men fall victim to, as a result of so few attractive women.”

Many students, especially men, assert that none of the stereotypical claims made about women are actually true.

“Generally, I don’t really have respect for women who come here just to get married. Going to any college to get married is the wrong reason to go to college,” said Mark Hilmy, a second-year Biology major.

Several female students have expressed disapproval of the stereotypes, saying a Tech education is not an MRS degree.

“I would get offended if someone said I came here just to get married. I would like to get married someday, but that is not why I’m here; I’m here to get a solid education,” said Katie Ruth Landers, a second-year International Affairs major.

Not only is there a majority of male professors on campus, there is also a majority of male professors on campus. Despite this, students have expressed a preference for female professors.

“Female professors are more approachable and easier to talk to,” said Kyle Thomas, a first-year Chemical Engineering major.

In addition to actively recruiting women, Tech offers many success programs for women on campus, one of which is the Women’s Resource Center (WRC), which is located in the Flag Building.

“It is important to have outreach groups like the WRC on campus, especially at a school like Tech. Depending on the major, one can still be one of the few women in class, and that can make them feel very left out at times. It is important for women to have a place where they can form networks and friendships with other women on campus,” said Yvette Upton, director of the WRC.

The biggest issue WRC has faced with women is sexual violence, which is something that is less likely to impact a man than a woman. Their ultimate goal is to enhance the academic performance and personal development of the women at Tech,” Upton said.

For more information about WRC programs, check out its website at www.womenscenter.gatech.edu.

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Former Tech student Kla Davidson and two young Hands on Atlanta volunteers plant flowers for a previous Tech Beautification Day.

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