

OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

Wreck relocates

Tech needs to find a place to keep Wreck on campus

It is disappointing to hear that the Ramblin' Reck is still without a new home. While we understand that the Athletic Association needs the space to complete renovations, they should do everything within their power to find other storage options.

The administration at large should have a greater sense of urgency about working out a location for the Reck to be stored in the future. Currently, the issue is not being sufficiently addressed. It is absurd that the campus does not have a more permanent location to store and take care of our mascot. If we can find space for other student organizations like GT Motorsports to have garages on campus, surely the Wreck has a place.

We understand that the responsibility of taking care of the Wreck is

entrusted to the Ramblin' Reck Club, but the added problem of having no space in which to do so is a bit much to expect of a student organization. Although the AA did give the Reck Club two years to find a new place to park the Wreck, this period of time is still short, especially with the amount of inevitable turnover within student organizations. Without the cooperation of the Institute, the Reck Club will not be able to keep the Wreck on campus. This is unacceptable. Tech should put a large priority on finding a new place to keep the most important piece of machinery and tradition at Tech.

The Wreck deserves to stay on campus. Tech should do whatever it must to address this problem and give the Wreck a place to stay.

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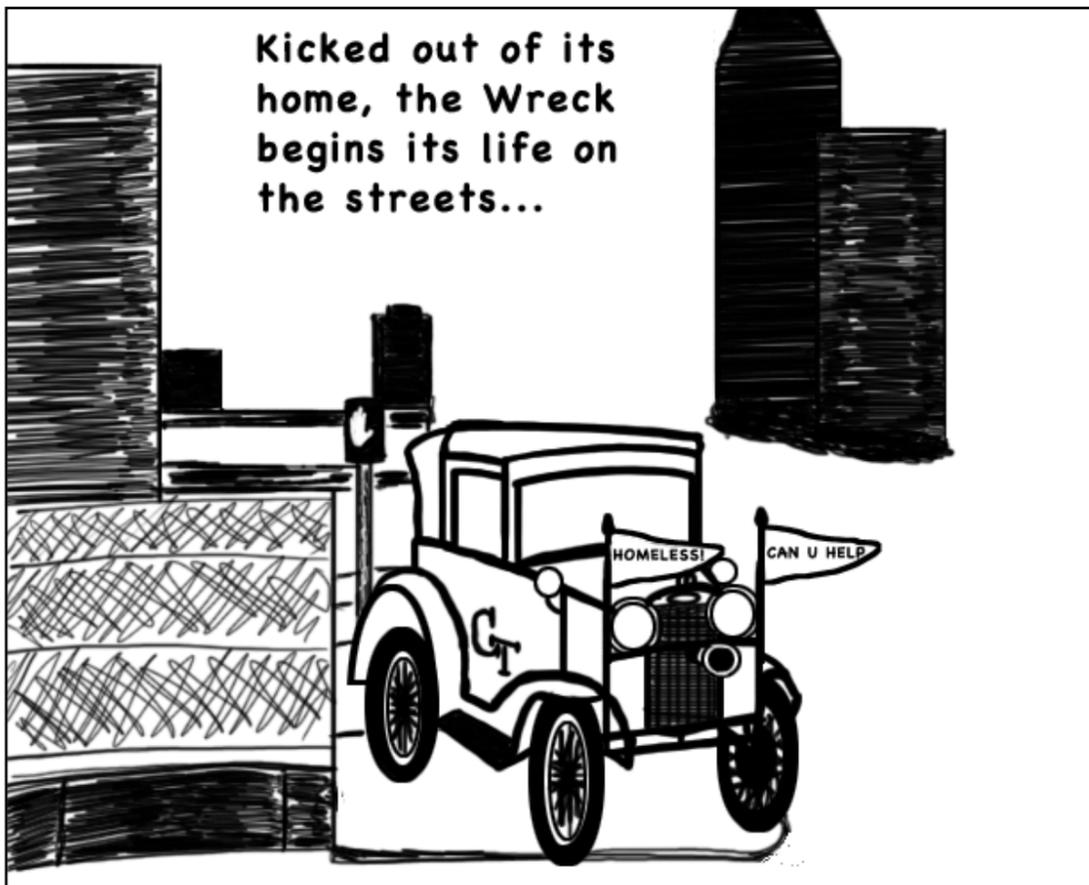
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YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lighten up to help stop the rain and other helpful tips

I'm not sure if you've noticed, but it's been raining more than usual of late. I mean, parts of the interstate had to be shut down because of it. I haven't really told anybody about it, but I've been seeing this coming for months.

To be honest, I could have stopped it, but I wanted the Tech community to see the wrongs it's been committing so that it can have some incentive to correct itself.

The following is an incomplete list of adjustments the Tech community must make if the rain is to stop in the form of helpful, easy-to-follow tips.

Tip 1: Wear more waterproof fishing shirts and PFGs. If this rain continues (which it will), people will have to start buying everything waterproof, so why not start now?

Besides, velcro's the new button. Zippers were never in.

Tip 2: Stop wearing cargo jeans that zip off to become cargo capris that zip off to become cargo jorts that zip off to become cargo tights that are made of denim material.

The ground is convinced you're soaking up at least 20 percent of the rain that it should be getting.

Tip 3: Either reinstate the old ticketing system or get a better one. Nah... but seriously, no one likes the new one, including the rain.

Tip 4: Say 'Nah... but seriously' more often. It's funny, and maybe the rain would lighten up if more people used that phrase.

See what I did there?

Tip 5: Start replacing the word 'serious' with 'serial'. There's really no relation between the two words except that they sound similar, but it's still kind of funny.

Maybe the rain would lighten up if people replaced the two.

See, I did it again. Nah... but serially.

See what I just did? I just used my past two points in three words. Donezo-brozo.

Tip 6: Use the phrase, 'donezo-brozo' when you feel like you've either accomplished something (as I did in the previous point) or one-upped somebody.

It's annoying to the people you do it to, so maybe the rain would lighten up if it saw other people angry. I just did it again. So what? It's called a play on words, friend.

Tip 7: Annoy other people by using the same jokes over and over again. It's funny to you and that's

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all that matters.

Plus, similarly to my previous point, perhaps the rain would lighten up if it saw multitudes of people getting mad at other things besides it. Nah... but serially.

Donezo-brozo.

Tip 8: No more Nickleback. Nah, but in all serial-ness, I would rather be captured by Somali Pirates on a boat owned by a North Korean executioner, locked in said ship's freezer for three days, thrown into the Red Sea with no clothes on, sunburned over 90% of my body, caught in the net of an Egyptian fishing boat, only to be recaptured by Somali pirates, sold into slavery and forced to denounce my own religion than listen to any Nickelback song.

Unforgiveable.

I'm not 100% sure the rain will stop if these measures are taken, but they can't hurt, can they?

And that's something to think about.

Seamus Coleman
Third-year BC

Leadership editorials needed

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Information overload floods students

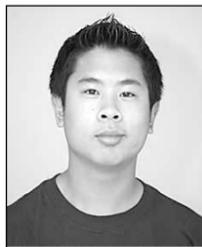
This past week, the city of Atlanta probably got the most rain that it has in a long time. The monsoon-like conditions caused flooding, traffic and general havoc all over the city.

The crazy torrential downpours were in stark contrast to the drought that characterized the weather of the city over much of the past year—apparently Sonny's prayer for rain worked.

"When it rains, it pours" seems to apply well to the city's weather situation. It also happens to apply well to the way I feel about information overload, a problem that seems to be particular to our generation.

The concept of "information overload" is not new; Alvin Toffler coined the term in the 1970s in his book *Future Shock*. Toffler defined information overload as being overwhelmed by copious amounts of information, to the point that people cannot differentiate between what is important and what is irrelevant. He describes a time when people become desensitized to information and cannot utilize it effectively.

Just as the rain has inundated the city and brought many of the city's operations to a halt (except Tech, of course; we never close down the school or cancel classes), information overload has the potential to drown out the important in-



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Jonathan Saethang
Managing Editor

formation and make simple tasks incredibly difficult to complete.

It's great that we live in a digital world and that everything is at our fingertips. Ideally, to find something, all we need to do is to hop on the "information superhighway" better known as the internet, pop a few words into a search box and voila: we find just the thing we are looking for. But anyone who has searched for something online knows that it's not always that simple. Everything is on the web now—literally, everything. Sometimes that makes it extremely difficult to zero in on the information that we need.

Between the news sites, the blogs, the wikis, the tweets, the e-mails, the RSS feeds and countless other sources of information, sometimes the situation becomes more like looking for a needle in a digital haystack. Technologies that were created to make our lives easier and more connected are becoming sources of frustra-

tion.

Take the simple task of managing an e-mail inbox, for example. In this day and age, we receive so many e-mails in one day and have to sit down and manually sift through each message to extract the important ones from the inbox. That little number in parentheses that enumerates how many unread messages we have often multiplies in a matter of minutes. It becomes a chore and an extremely time-consuming daily task.

The reason why situations like these often arise is because of the age in which we live. We no longer have to go to a library, pore over a book nor talk to a live person in order to find the things that we need. Only a few decades ago information was largely a passive resource. Now, it's an active resource that is being pushed onto us every second. Because of this very fact, we cannot afford to be passive about managing information anymore; we must actively manage the

information that comes our way in order to maintain its usefulness or otherwise face a flood of superfluous information.

On a small scale, that means organizing our digital lives by using little things like folders, bookmarks and filters, to name a few small things. Taking a bit of time to sort things out will definitely make our digital existences a bit more productive.

However, thinking about things on a larger and broader scale, information overload is a problem that will continue to grow fast into the future unless we start thinking about how to control it now. While we will never be able to stifle the growth of information, we can come up with ways to more effectively utilize it.

This is our generation's unique challenge: to maintain relevance in a world of e-junk. Our generation is still figuring out how to manage the incredible influx of information that has been made available in the past two or three decades. I'm pretty sure that information overload is just a type of growing pain that we have to deal with until some geniuses come up with a way to streamline and optimize the way we get our information.

Until then, we should actively be taking steps to deal with the issue, instead of letting our inboxes explode.

BUZZ

Around Campus

How do you feel about the library fountain razing?



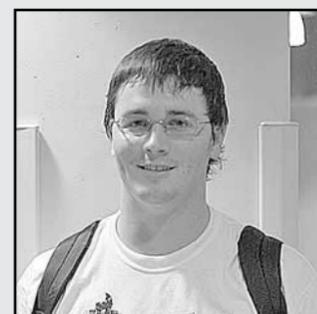
Rob Agocs
First-year ME

"Now we have room for captured UGA students."



Abhishek Shroff
Second-year CS

"It shouldn't be demolished because its part of Tech tradition."



Matt Cahir
First-year CE

"I don't see the need for demolition."



Courtney Gibbs
First-year ChE

"I don't think it should be."

Photos by Jarrett Skov

Don't cry over library fountain demise

Two attributes seem to stand out about our campus community, I have found. One is that it is full of people who love to complain, which I find kind of ironic given that we are supposed to be a school full of engineers and engineers are supposed to develop solutions to problems rather than stand around and whine about them. The second is that it is stuck in many of its old ways, eschewing change for the sake of preserving tradition and what is familiar.

So given the above, when it is announced that a campus fixture has a wrecking ball headed its way you can expect some noise to be made about it. Such has been the case with the proposed demolition of the library fountain so that the area can be replaced with a new set of stairs, reminiscent of the Spanish Steps in Rome. It's part of the transformation of the center of campus, the centerpiece of which is the Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons (CULC).

The way some have reacted to this announcement, one would think someone had suggested something drastic, like that our fight song no longer presume that everyone who attends this university is an alcoholic male studying engineering. We've even had a sit-in to protest the fountain's demise, which represents a pretty serious show of resistance from a student body who typically re-



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Online Editor

stricts its outcry to the avenues of Technique slivers, Facebook statuses and Post-It note signs.

The fact is that this fountain will not be missed. Don't get me wrong; I like the library fountain. I've spent more than one afternoon doing homework perched on its ledge. I've seen people bathe their dogs in it and I've seen it turned into a foaming volcano via the power of dishwasher soap. When it has water, it's an asset to this campus. But that doesn't mean it's not expendable.

Let's start with the simplest reason. We have a beautiful fountain in the middle of campus. It has spacious, easy-to-access amphitheatre-style seating surrounding it. Best of all, it contains a towering monument to Tech's most time-honored tradition: "The Shaft". It's all located less than 700 feet from the library fountain. Do we really need two fountains that close to each other?

Just wait for the CULC to be completed. The middle of campus will have undergone such a tremendous transfor-

mation, from the improved academic facilities to the indoor and outdoor lounging space, that future students will wonder how we ever managed without it. Even the proposed Spanish Steps-style staircase will represent a better place to sit down and hang out than the current library fountain.

Perhaps you don't think we even need to redevelop the staircase connecting the library and Skiles Walkway. If so, be glad you don't require a wheelchair. The current path for a disabled student to reach the library from the Student Center is to cross Skiles Walkway, make a right into Skiles, take the elevator up, walk across Skiles, exit on the second floor and take the bridge across. Whether it's a ramp or a library entrance at the level of Skiles Walkway, this needs to be fixed. If the new plans don't include a ramp, that's worth protest.

If the objection is to the removal of one of campus's few instances of standing water, have no fear. In all likelihood,

the future of Peters parking deck will be a green space (an actual grassy area, not a parking deck painted green) with a pond in the middle of it.

This is what Tech's current Master Plan calls for and what, barring a radical shift in approach to campus landscaping, should make its way into the 25 year plan next fall. A beautiful pond in a spacious park will put to rest any notions about the fountain being some great loss to campus.

Nobody is looking forward to more construction, and it might be more honest if we marketed ourselves to prospective students as the Georgia Construction Zone of Technology. I understand if you object to tearing up the library fountain and Skiles Walkway staircase on the grounds that we're already past the acceptable threshold of how much construction can be done while still maintaining a habitable campus. I would suggest the students be flexible and understand that the resulting improvement to our campus after this wave of construction will be incredible.

Nevertheless, I do want to extend my heartiest appreciation to the students who participated in the sit-in. Though we might disagree now, I really am glad to see students take an interest in a campus issue. My hope is that the next time an issue really demands a student protest, that interest renews.

OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

HOT-or-NOT

**Donuts Arrive**

Last Wednesday the new Dunkin' Donuts officially opened to students in the student center. The sugar content and caffeine levels on campus just spiked drastically. Not only does this come right in time for midterms, but the addition of more places to grab coffee before class makes every student's life just a little bit easier.

**Flags flooded out**

After days of rain and floods, students were looking forward to a sunny day at Six Flags relaxing in the newly pleasant weather. The floods continue to plague us, however, as the park is still too flooded to allow the rides to be opened to Tech students. While tickets will be refunded, the yearly tradition of Six Flags fun is canceled.

**Van Leer funded**

Anyone who has spent any time in the Van Leer building can attest that it is beyond the point of needing some renovations. The Harris Corporation has pledged \$2 million dollars to the ECE department over the next four years in order to do repairs and renovations to the building. While no Tech student enjoys hearing that there will be more construction on campus, this needs it.

**Canada canceled**

Tech men's basketball was scheduled to do three exhibition games in Canada before the season. This would have been the basketball team's first international trip in 18 years, but for unspecified reasons, the trip was unexpectedly canceled. The trip would have been good exposure for Tech, and the unexpected cancellation reflects poorly on the Institute. Canada's missing out.

Get off campus and get to know the rest of Atlanta

Tech's legendary heritage is intricately woven into the fabric of Atlanta. In 1885, just 38 years after Atlanta was officially established, the Georgia School of Technology was chartered to provide an education based on the principles of leadership and industrial expansion. The city was growing rapidly, and Tech was vital in helping to support and encourage further development.

Today, Atlanta is the largest city in the Southeast, home to the third-largest concentration of Fortune 500 companies in the nation and the birthplace of major media networks such as CNN and TBS. Many of Tech's faculty, staff and students have been integral to this growth and progress. Iconic Atlanta-based companies such as Waffle House, Delta, UPS and Coca-Cola were all founded, led or significantly influenced by Tech graduates.

The 1996 Summer Olympic Games helped to focus the world on Atlanta with Tech serving as both a venue for events and the Olympic Village.

Thirty years earlier, all eyes were on Atlanta, as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led the civil rights movement, converging on the very streets we travel today. And in 1961, Tech was the first school in the Deep South to peacefully integrate, following a student vote endorsing the acceptance of qualified applicants regardless of race.

Today you can not only walk in the paths of former Olympians and Dr. King, but also enjoy events hosted by our Ferst Center, exhibits featured at our Robert C. Williams Paper Museum and a broad range of athletic events.

As you embrace the many opportunities on our campus, I also



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G. P. "Bud" Peterson
Institute President

want to encourage you to become acquainted with your surrounding community that extends far beyond our traditional boundaries.

The Atlanta History Center will give you a great overview of our city. You can also tour the Margaret Mitchell House, where "Gone with the Wind" was written. In addition to the rich history of Atlanta, the city has an abundance of parks, music and theater venues.

The Woodruff Arts Center houses the Atlanta Symphony, the High Museum of Art and the Alliance Theater. The Fabulous Fox Theater, the Atlanta Ballet, the Martin Luther King Historic Center and The Carter Center are among the many other attractions within a short distance of campus that offer experiences that will broaden your perspective of Georgia's capital city.

Tech is only a short distance from Piedmont Park, which offers plenty of green space for picnics, social gatherings, concerts and other events. Val and I walked there from campus last month to the Paul McCartney concert. With views of skyscrapers, a pond and trees, it reminds me of Central Park in New York City.

Not far is the Atlanta Botanical Garden, where you can explore an exhibit by Henry Moore and

check out what's blooming. Or visit the Fernbank Science Center for a different perspective on science!

Atlanta is also home to a wonderful zoo and a world-class aquarium. If you want to see animals in their natural habitat, take a walk at the Chattahoochee Nature Center.

For those of you who like to spend your free time at athletic events, Atlanta has plenty of those to offer, too, from the Georgia Dome where the Falcons play to Turner Field, home to the Atlanta Braves.

The Varsity is a cultural icon, but just for a change try Mary Mac's Tea Room for a taste of home-cooked southern food. You might be tempted to say that some of this is very expensive, but be sure to check out the student rates and volunteer opportunities!

The Atlanta we know today would not be the same without the presence of students like you.

So, while I challenge you to study hard, I also encourage you to seek out opportunities that expand your horizons by taking advantage of the many experiences that are right at your fingertips.

Embrace the many opportunities available on campus, but also look around for other new experiences in the city you now call home.

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To the person with 5 yards of fabric, you can't make a kilt, kilts are at least 6-9 yards, hence "the whole 9 yards"

i love grinding

wearing gym shorts does not necessarily make you trashy! maybe they're on the way to crew practice or they're about to work out. or they like to be comfortable. not every girl wears really short gym shorts

Our volleyball team is incredible

That tall RAT that plays sax is a cutie

go to the health center for free condoms!

The girl who works at the Student Center help desk is pretty

I miss the MLR... I don't have anywhere to take a nap, except class

Should've waited in line longer for homecoming signups... we didn't get a really important song for Mock Rock
red head that works at the CRC check in desk- stop acting so arrogant

In the market for a cuddle buddy... *sigh*

ctemp is a dbag

dear Bad-highlights-girl, shut up!

GT Parking is interfering with my booty calls.

STOP being so hot M.K.!! seriously.

seriously adil you really need to stop being so cheap its disturbing
hey PM play poker much? seriously!!

JS has a tuft of brown hair which just sticks out. Makes you just want to yank it!

VR come on dude grow a pair already

What to sliver about...

For the coldest taste...absolut zero?

The sliver gods smiled on me. 4 for 4 :-)... or do I :(
does everyone see how important the band is now??? If we would have been there last night, that game would not have gone down like that. Stupid budget cuts!

An oodle is a quantity similar to "much" or "many"
For example, oodles of noodles

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