

OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

Student-based strategy *A year of planning awaits Tech*

The incoming class this fall will be the first at Tech to begin their education under Dr. Peterson. The formation of his 25-year strategic plan is an extraordinary opportunity for Tech students to involve themselves in the future of the Institute, an opportunity that should be taken advantage of.

The Student Experience Survey released this May is a guide to the issues that students and administration should keep in mind, while remaining open to other areas of improvement within the Tech community.

The issues of student life, campus environment and student feedback should be central focuses of the development plan, but students should also weigh in on issues such as campus development and student body growth, issues not touched on by the survey.

The social environment at Tech leaves much to be desired. Students here are a different breed, and in many ways their needs are catered to. The competitive, goal-oriented nature of many students at Tech creates a mature population of students focused on graduation and employment.

While this approach is fantastic for the job market, it doesn't encourage students to take time away from their resumes to plan and participate in "fun" activities.

The social experience of students after their first-year should be a priority for student leaders and staff. Pre-organized events like GT Night at the Aquarium or Sting Break are one way to encourage students to socialize, and their rampant success illustrates the need for similar outlets. Local arts and culture venues should also be utilized.

The city that we live in could offer much more to students. Departments on campus could partner with local venues to get discounts for students. Any relationships that already exist between Tech

and local businesses should be better advertised.

Students also crave more interaction with their professors. Tech has one of the highest student to faculty ratios in the nation, a statistic which much be improved, and many students feel that they can't approach their professors outside of class.

The typical Tech student was the top of their class in high school, not the student who spent lots of extra-time with their professors. In order to encourage students to interact with faculty, the faculty must meet students half-way.

Events such as "Take a professor to lunch" could be reversed, and professors could take a more active interest in their students as individuals, not just as answer sheets.

Students must be encouraged to submit feedback on the class, and kept abreast of how their feedback is used. Procedures like the end-of-course surveys could be made mandatory, or at least have the results made more directly available to students during registration.

These changes would make Tech an instantly better place while paying dividends in the long-run. It is this long-term growth that must be the key focus of any development plans under Dr. Peterson.

Our Student Center and Library need expansion to deal with our increased student body. Adequate parking and transportation must be provided, especially as streets and walkways close throughout campus.

Campus safety must be prioritized, with a more comprehensive plan developed to accommodate student populations living and commuting from off-campus. Tech has expanded enrollment in the past years, and our planning and policies must expand in kind. Tech must have a predictive plan for growth with expanded services and facilities instead of reacting to new students haphazardly.

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YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Technique copy-editing error

Please do a better job editing. In Mr. Narayanan's article, "Tech helps launch 'green vision,'" she quotes Sarah Mallory as saying "The more information and in-teraction..."

In-teraction? That word doesn't exist.

It makes Tech students look like idiots when writers start using dashes in the middle of words at will.

I am really disappointed.

Katherine Hamblin
Third-year HTS

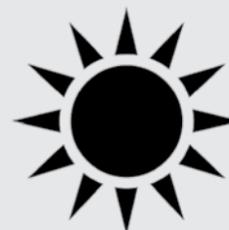
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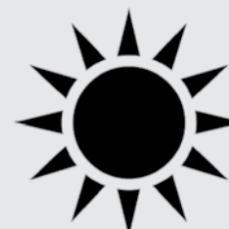


Food Frenzy

With the beginning of the fall semester comes the much anticipated and never underrated free food bonanza. From rushing through the fraternity houses to the first meetings of the semester of nearly every club on campus, if students pay for a meal this week, they are simply not trying hard enough. Besides, most of these event are great ways to meet new, albeit sometimes overly interesting, people.

Illicit Embarrassment

It is an embarrassment for any member of the Tech campus to be associated in any way with child pornography. If this incident involving associate professor Al-Khayyal turns out to be a gross misunderstanding, an outcome which is most preferred, then we hope all the best for the professor. However, if the allegations turn out to be true, then it must be made clear that there is no place for such actions at Tech.



Rankings Repeat

U.S. News and World Report released their annual rankings. The institute held steady for a third consecutive year as the No. 7 public school in the nation, and 35th overall. Both ME and EE jumped up a spot in their respective categories. The College of Engineering also jumped up a spot to fourth in the nation tied with Illinois and Caltech. While the rankings should not define Tech, they are an affirmation of Tech's success.

Forced Furloughs

On Tuesday the Board of Regents decided to mandate six furlough days for most employees under the University System, including faculty. It is disappointing that the regents, who initially decided to leave the ability of using furloughs with the presidents of the schools, decided to mandate this action for all universities and colleges. In the future, refraining from monthly shifts in policy would be preferred from the board.

Do not sleep through the next few years

From my first few weeks at Tech onward I heard the mantra that students here want three things; sleep, good grades and a social life. We students want all three of these things, but we are only allowed two of them per semester.

Long before I heard this cursed rule of three, I learned that absence makes the heart grow fonder.

Combine these two axioms and your can explain my heart-felt longing over the past three years. I have had a long distance relationship, from the end of my first week here till today, with sleep. Like all long-distance relationships, sleep and I see each other rarely, usually on the weekends. Our weekend dates are romantic rendezvous, and I rarely leave the bed.

I have tried to explain to sleep that if only he wasn't so demanding of my time, it might work out better. If only I could get some work done while seeing him, or maybe go out for a drink with my friends and bring him along, then we could see each other more. But alas, no, sleep is possessive, and when we are seeing each other, there is no room for a third wheel.

This is how I have chosen to negotiate Tech; sleep deprived, but happy. It is amazing, in retrospect, how little sleep you need to get by. I have spent three years mastering the art



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Emily Chambers
Editor in Chief

of the nap, the power-nap, the snooze button and the 18-hour weekend catch-up sessions. My health hasn't suffered overmuch, and I am happier for it.

By forgoing the sleep I love so dearly, I have been able to get decent enough grades, that I am not all that scare as I apply to law school this fall. By managing my sleep schedule I have built relationships with people that I hope to maintain for years to come, both as friends and professional colleagues.

Without sleep I have sat through countless Technique deadlines, Mock Trial tournaments, finals sessions and even the occasional party. Without sleep I flew across the country to study abroad, and with very little sleep I flew home.

Each student should of course, pick their own schedule and preferences. If you cannot safely get by with less than eight hours a night, by all means, get your eight hours. Maybe you will be the exception to the rule. Maybe you

will wake up each day fully rested, with all of your homework done and all of your friends seen and satisfied. I am sure it has been done.

Good grades can be attained. If you study, attend class and ask for help when you need it, you will get good grades.

Friends can be kept. If you are punctual, or even just polite, and are willing to eat nachos, gossip, and walk to class in a slightly different pace than your normal walking speed, then you will graduate with friends. If you are willing to put in the effort of an occasional facebook post and birthday party, its a guarantee.

Sleep, despite my personal experience, can happen. If you make it a priority, if you schedule it and keep your health in mind, then you will sleep plenty.

In fact, you can get all of these things, in some doses, every week. You just might not get them all the time, every week.

Start school with purpose and frivolity

With the upcoming Fall semester rapidly approaching, Tech is engulfed in a flood of timid critters who move in packs, desperately clinging to their sharpened #2 pencils and campus maps.

Only a short time ago they were royalty among underclassmen, masters of the lunchroom, geniuses of the classroom and Dwyers on the field. Now these critters are back to where they started four years ago. They arrive to class fifteen minutes early on the first day of school...they show up to all their classes fifteen minutes early...they just show up to all their classes in general.

They wander campus with a befuddled look around their face, looking longingly at the upperclassmen with suave demeanor who know exactly where they are going. They have yet to acquire the fine taste in attire that is sweat-pants and free t-shirts. They are freshmen once again.

As freshmen, you must have had a plethora of information and advice thrown at you when you entered high school.

The same may have been done when you started your college selection process-what college to choose, what to do, what you should major in, what type of organizations you should join. As a rising third year, there are only so many things I could advise you on.



"While we are on the subject of passion, make sure you do something that you really enjoy"

Reem Mansoura
Development Editor

The rest is up to you to figure out. However, I will share some of the more important aspects of Tech life that you should definitely not miss out on.

The fountains have been turned back on! Freshmen, you may or may not understand why some of us are so excited, but we at Tech have had to endure a drought-ridden and fountain-less campus for the past two years.

Before we find ourselves engulfed in another two-year drought, take advantage of a time-honored Tech tradition. Make sure you take the time to swim in Tech's fountains. Do it now before you miss your chance.

What better time to act frivolously than your freshmen year? And what better way to cool off from the late August heat than a dip in the Campanile.

Freshmen don't be fooled. Hazing occurs on campus... in the form of the Freshmen Cake Race that takes place during Homecoming week.

OK I lied it's not hazing; it's optional. Each year, freshmen line the streets to participate in this race that started as a mandatory race for all students back in 1911.

From what I've heard of recent races, the guys' race is pretty brutal.

If you want to see real Tech spirit, you have to check out the freshmen boys who will be trampling each other in a frantic attempt to win a kiss from Ms. Georgia Tech. Yes, I know 6 a.m. is early to wake-up on a weekend, but it is totally worth it.

One of the most important aspects of college life is making friends. I would encourage everyone to go through fraternity or sorority recruitment. Even if you don't pledge a fraternity or sorority, you will meet a number of people who you will connect with.

Don't be afraid to meet new people. You've got to make at active effort to get to know your hall mates, your classmates and even your lab partners.

On those weeks when you skip on sleep, or bail on a friend, or miss homework don't despair.

Do not panic if you wake up one day and have forgotten that homework assignment. Yes, it will probably hurt your grade, but no, it will not be the sole difference between you and graduation. It has happened to every-one, or at least almost everyone.

Do not feel bad if you have to call your friend and cancel that dinner, your friend will survive. It might be nice to offer to drive next time you go out though.

No matter what impression you get from that older girl in your sorority, or your PL, no-one at this school has it perfect yet. There is not a student here with a 4.0 GPA. a perfect best friend and a loving, gorgeous significant other, the perfect body and a healthy sleep-schedule. This student does not exist, and so while this idealized student is a good goal, it is not one worth driving yourself crazy over. A normal college life is hard enough to manage.

Perfection, for most students, is like sleep is for me. It is illusive, fun to fantasize about, and mostly unattainable. Put the idea of it in the back of your mind, and work towards it as hard as you can, but when you don't get there, relax. No-one else has either.

BUZZ

Around the Campus

What were you up to this summer?



Caleb Galeos
Fourth-year CS

"Graduating"



Tyler Meehan
Third-year CS

"Went to the beach with my family"



Rachel Munnerlyn
Fourth-year CS

"Going to Stone Mountain and doing the sky hike"



Amanda Magabo
Third-year CE

"Going to Costa Rica"

Discover Tech through choices



“If you, like me, are experiencing your first fall semester at Tech, I encourage you to reach out to your peers and faculty”

G.P. “Bud” Peterson
Institute President

Some things at Tech never change. Since my arrival in April, I’ve learned that the letter “T” has been, and will always be, a highly sought-after token of school spirit, that Junior’s Grill serves some of the South’s best chicken fingers, and that you can set your watch by the whistle’s daily blasts.

Some things never change – but as I begin my first fall semester at Tech, I am eager to experience the traditions that await me in the coming months.

I am excited to experience my first Tech football game on September 5 as our nationally ranked Jackets face Jacksonville State University. I can only imagine the proud display of community and tradition that awaits me at my first Team Buzz community service day. I also hear there is a tricycle race on campus – the Mini 500 – and it is a “must see” event.

The fall semester also brings my official Investiture as Tech’s 11th president and the kick-off of the Institute’s strategic planning initiative. Each of you is invited to join in the festivities, beginning with the Investiture Ceremony in Alexander Memorial Coliseum on September 3 at 11 a.m.

Following the Investiture, the campus community is invited to engage in the first public conversation on the strategic vision for Tech.

I hope this day will mark not only a first for the Institute, but also a first for you, as we ask ourselves, “What do we want Tech to

look like in 25 years?”

The Tech that I see today is a remarkable place where traditions and tenacity meet innovation and independent thought. A place where learning does not just mean “making the grade” in class, but also asking difficult questions formed from the human experience and relentlessly seeking answers through technology.

It is a place where life outside the classroom is just as important to learning as the time you spend in class; where you can grow from a Tech student into a globally minded graduate by participating in one of approximately 70 study abroad programs.

The Tech of today is, in fact, both a university and a research institute – a place where we are all working together to answer some of the world’s most challenging questions.

You are a part of that tradition. You work and study side by side with some of the world’s most renowned scholars. You examine today’s accepted wisdom and find yourself on a trajectory to solve problems we’ve yet to define.

If you, like me, are experiencing your first fall semester at Tech, I encourage you to reach out to your faculty and peers to learn something new about the Institute and yourself. It’s important for you to ask yourself what you want to accomplish while you are at Tech besides a degree.

There are more than 400 student organizations to help you

explore your interests as well as a committed group of faculty and staff who care about seeing you succeed. There are unlimited opportunities waiting for you – get started!

If you are a returning student, I encourage you to take a closer look at the Tech you think you know. You will undoubtedly see the Tech Tower standing tall, the comings and goings of the campus community at the sound of the whistle, and the unmistakable white and gold “GT” on many well-worn t-shirts.

But, if you take a moment to examine your Tech experience beyond the obvious, you may realize there are a few “firsts” you have to stumble upon. Have you ever stopped after class to speak with your professor just to get to know her?

Have you wondered what Tech is doing in countries such as India, China, Ireland, France and Columbia? Have you ever asked yourself what it means to be successful?

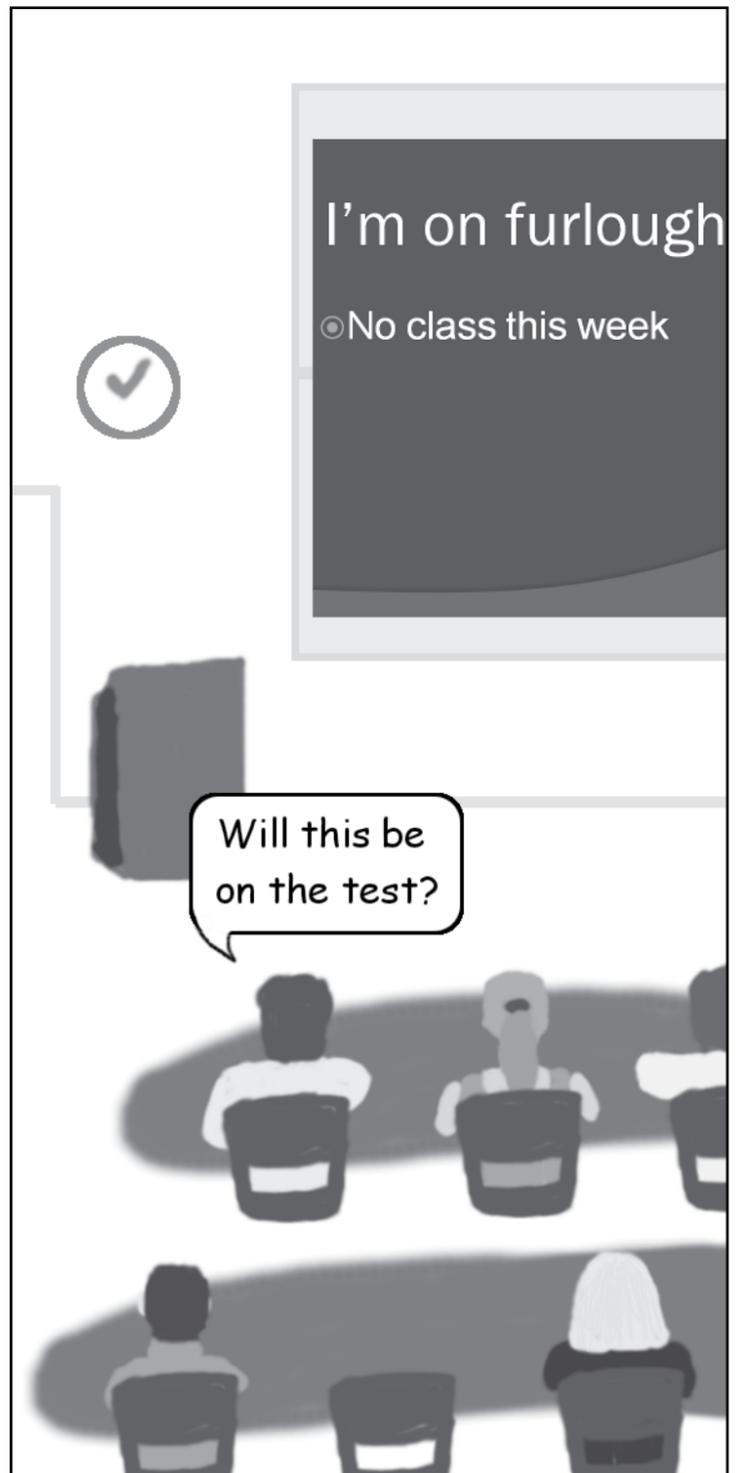
Have you ever thought about what makes you, as a Tech student, different from every other college student in the world?

I certainly cannot answer any of these questions for you. But, I can attest to the fact that Tech is the place to be if you have questions, because I am confident that if you look closely enough, you will find a community of faculty and staff who sincerely want to help you search for answers. I look forward to learning more about each of you as the entire Tech community participates in the strategic planning process.

Innovation begins when we, for the first time, see something familiar through a new set of eyes. Together we will envision a future for the Tech we’ve all come to know.

See you September 3.

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Tech traditions create ambitious and inspiring students



“Be proud to be in an academic environment of such high caliber, and in a circle of classmates of such high ambition.”

Alina Staskevicius
Undergraduate Student Body President

Freshmen: by now, you have undoubtedly heard that the years you spend in college will make up some of the best days of your life. It was in the graduation cards you received last spring, in the sage words your aunts and uncles shared with you, and in the advice your older friends gave. But did anyone bother to tell you the “why” and the “how”?

The reasons you will love life in university stretch beyond living away from home and finally not having a curfew – although those are some pretty nice perks. Still, those reasons apply to any university with a largely residential campus.

Since you have chosen Tech, though, the reasons your college experience has the potential to be phenomenal are truly endless... but what follow are a few of my favorites.

Involvement

You have learned about many of our campus organizations at FASET, through pamphlets, and through work of mouth. During

the week of August 24, campus organizations will showcase their missions, talents, and events. Take an active role in pursuing membership to a student group, whether it be a freshman leadership organization, Greek life, a cultural club, or any of the other student groups on campus.

Find a cause that you care about and dedicate yourself to it. After all, college is about doing what you love and exploring your interests. Be selective, but make a choice.

Academics

The professors at Tech are arguably some of the most intelligent people you will ever meet.

Introduce yourself after class one day, ask them questions, engage in research with them, and say “Hi” to them when you see them walking around campus. They have dedicated their lives to enriching yours.

But to get through some of the tests these professors will throw at you, you will need to study in groups and ask questions of your

peers. One of the reasons I love Tech so much is because of the great students I have met throughout my years here.

Your fellow Jackets will go through calculus and chemistry with you; someday, though, they may join the Peace Corps, pursue graduate studies, find a cure for cancer or HIV-AIDS, or run for President. Be proud to be in an academic environment of such high caliber, and in a circle of classmates of such high ambition. (Also: be proud to be a part of the first year in its history that Tech has more than 30% female students!)

Sports

Tech is a Division I ACC university. At how many schools can you stand on the floor of the basketball stadium, or cheer on the volleyball team in a gym louder than a MLB baseball game? The spirit of Tech students shines at these events.

Each of our athletic teams has something unique to offer, and student support only helps our athletes succeed. Become an active Tech fan! Attend the Traditions Night (T-Night) on September 9th, and wear your white during our 2nd Annual student-led White Out football game on September 10th. Also, if you haven't yet, register online for your student season football tickets. Visit the SGA (www.sga.gatech.edu) or the Athletic Association (www.ramblinwreck.com)

web sites for more details. Registration for freshmen tickets begins August 20th!

Traditions

Tech opened its doors in 1885 to the first class of Tech students.

Since then, GT has become a university with numerous rich traditions of which all alumni and students are exceptionally proud. So keep the traditions alive! Pick up a RAT cap at Freshman Convocation.

Know that your school colors are White and Gold. Learn about George P. Burdell and Sideways the Dog. Memorize the lyrics to the Ramblin' Wreck fight song, Up With the White and Gold and the Alma Mater. And under no circumstances should you touch the Reck before the end of your freshman year.

The Unexpected

You can plan out your life at Tech as much as you want: orga-

nize class schedules through your senior year and develop a plan of organizations you want to be involved in.

You should know though that it is truly the spontaneous and random moments that you will treasure and remember more than your GPA or a group meeting. So take a 2 a.m. trip to Wingnuts. Watch an entire season of your favorite TV show on DVD in one day. Say hello to other students and learn about their backgrounds. Escape your comfort zone.

I could go on all day long about how Tech is this wondrous place and how it will change your life. But instead, I am asking you to experience it for yourself. Experience it to its fullest. Open your eyes to our campus and take it all in. Your time at university goes by far too fast and there's no time to waste.

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I'm da boss
“ R’ is definately the best number.”
So this is the new year? I don't feel any different...
ugh noooooooooooooo
“I'm in GT Glee Club.” “hahahahhahah, Oh. You're serious?”
Scrubba heeey jojo
Ear
vortex is fun
Forever Folk
Being in Europe for 3 months is like nothing else but Atlanta is still better
Gonna see GI Joe, hope it isn't as terrible as I think it will be
WHY AM I HEARING DRUMMING FOR 12 HOURS A DAY?!?!?
I mean... you all sound good... but... CAN'T YOU PRACTICE SOMEWHERE ELSE OTHER THAN RIGHT NEXT TO OCCUPIED RESDIENCE HALLS??!
And just when I thought that they wouldn't drum today... they start.
Listen, I've been patient and nice about the drumming all week... but now it's Sunday. How much more do I have to listen to?
Test
is it a bad sign that i watch bleach and spongebob for the bright colors?
will work for underpants
Awesome!!!!!!!
i like cookies... call me the cookie monster
Water in the fountains!!!!
Jon Dwyer is ready to punch some babies!! ..I mean bulldogs.
Don't freaking stand on my grass, Paul!!!
I sail all day...
You study all day...
Who is cooler?
Male, 21, Caucasian, Looking to date for 2 weeks
lectures were not that rough today
I have lost respect for FASET
Biochemistry is so super extreme
I love everybody...but not you
that FASET with the bags is annoying
No one cares about drama tech... no one
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