Welcome to FASET. To Tech. And to the start of the biggest chapter of your life so far. You probably have hundreds of questions right now. Let us at the ‘Nique help you out. First, a map to get you started.

Important places for incoming freshmen

1. Woodruff Dining Hall
2. Burger Bowl Field
3. Student Athletic Center Fields
4. Campus Recreation Center
5. Howey Physics Building
6. Georgia Tech Student Center
7. Tech Green
8. Clough Undergrad Learning Commons
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A little bit about the ‘Nique

The ‘Nique, as we call ourselves, has its humble beginnings on Nov. 17, 1911. Apparently, we were just as preoccupied back then as we are now with our football rivalry against UGA - our first game that we won, incidentally - and our new student newspaper. Over the past several decades, we have taken home dozens of state-level and national awards, including annual recognitions from the Georgia Collegiate Press Association and the 2004 Pacemaker award from the Associated Collegiate Press. Today, 102 years later, we are publishing space for our fall and spring semester editions, with the extra edition of ‘Dead Week’, finals week and Spring Break. Over 40 students keep our paper running, and of course, we always welcome new writers, photographers, designers, salespeople and students with any other skill set.

Feel free to swing by our weekly meetings on any Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Student Union.

To find us, follow the long hall by the vending machines in the Flag Building (aka Student Services Building) and make a right, following the aroma of free Domino’s pizza to our lovely abode.

You are not required to check off our boozetown FASET as some free Chik-Fil-a, lemonade and iced tea.

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During my freshman FA-SET, I was overwhelmed by the army of booths along Stokely when I arrived as a recreational GT rugby group looking for new members. One of them was called “photon” because...we were small and fast.

My first semester I had a Calculus II class with one of the professors known only as the ‘Four - I struggled on how much time was spent in Reddit during that class, but these will be tears of joy or sadness. You will make mistakes. Hopefully beautiful epochal mistakes. Remember how much you love the show, you will get sick of hearing about Doctor Who. You will fall in love. I'm sure you will find someone sitting next to you in speaking a foreign language, then realize it's Quantum Physics. You will look back and wonder how you ever sat for seven straight hours in high school every day. You will look forward and wonder what the hell comes next.

Welcome to the next stage of your life. Welcome to Tech.
One of the more difficult and stressful decisions new college students make is declaring a major. The possibilities seem endless for the uncertain student. Even those coming into Tech to be an engineer suddenly find themselves faced with an engineering menagerie. But do not be discouraged if you find on the first day of class you still are Undeclared. Essentially all majors at Tech adhere to a set of core classes. There is nothing wrong with taking that first semester to decide as you are going through your cores.

Your first declared major does not have to be the one on your diploma when you graduate. If you find that your first choice is not what you want to do in life as you acclimate yourself to the campus, then each major has able and willing advisors who will be happy to discuss the degree program with you. Make an appointment with them online and ask all the questions you need.

The important thing to remember is that picking a major is important, but it is not the top priority as you settle into Tech. There is an Undeclared option for everyone. Take time to consider what you want to do in life as you acclimate yourself to the campus. And if you change your mind, no problem.

Consider the wise words of Douglas Adams, “Don’t panic.”

Simply put, a Buzzcard is your form of ID at Georgia Tech. It also allows you entry into various on-campus buildings and serves as a credit card for various types of GT currency. This isn’t your average high school ID card that you had to wear on a lanyard - it’s so much more than that.

Getting your Buzzcard, that golden ticket to just about everything on campus, is one of the first permanent things you will do as a Tech student on the second day of FASET. And if you’ve arrived with dreams of redefining yourself, you want to make sure you get that photo right.

It’s almost certain that the afternoon you’re scheduled to take your Buzzcard photo will fall on a day of sweltering heat with record setting humidity. Knowing that, make sure you give your hair a little extra gel or spray hairspray to fight against a crazy hair day (and girls, I would suggest keeping some powder in your purse for some last minute shine control).

Another handy tip, take your FASET lanyard off before your picture, or risk forever looking like a freshman. And smile pretty!

Once you have your shiny new Buzzcards, still free of scratches and swipe marks from countless Starbucks and vending machine runs, it’s important that you know what they can get you.

Buzzcards are much like a normal debit card. As long as it has money in its account, you can use it. The funds on your Buzzcard are either considered Buzz Funds or Ramblin’ funds. You need to know the difference; the cashiers at Starbucks will ask.

Buzzfunds are usable anywhere that takes Buzzcard. This includes Barnes & Noble, vending machines, printing, laundry and Buzzcard friendly restaurants, like in the student center and the Wafle House side of the street of Tech Square. Buzzfunds do not expire, and unused funds roll over to the next semester.

Furthermore, you can deposit Buzzfunds online or at Buzzcard offices. All Ramblin’ Plans offer you 10 percent off the door price at the Dining Halls. The Ramblin’ 250, 300, 400 & 450 plans offer you an additional 10 percent in bonus funds to be used at Dining locations.

Confused: Ramblin’ Dollars or Buzz Funds?

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The Center for Academic Enrichment (CAE) is a unit of the Georgia Tech office of Undergraduate Education.
Let’s face it—parking at Tech is expensive. For 2013-2014, the price of parking passes has risen to just over $700. But should that deter you from bringing your car to campus? Having your car on campus gives you plenty of freedom while here at Tech. Atlanta’s only public transportation is MARTA, a rail and bus system that, while useful, has a limited number of stations. Getting around the city, whether it’s to go to a concert or just to pick up some groceries, necessitates having a car or at least making a friend who has a car on campus. Plus, if you live fairly close to campus but too far away to take MARTA, it’s nice to be able to go home when you want (or when you don’t feel like doing your own laundry) without having to ask someone to travel to Atlanta to pick you up. Finally, while it might seem a little lazy, being able to drive across campus after a long night of studying at the library is quicker and safer than walking back to your dorm late at night.

There are some downsides to bringing your car to college: it’s an extra responsibility, someone could break in, your friends make you drive them places and you save $700 by leaving your car at home. Plenty of students choose not to have a car on campus and they are just fine. Alternatives include riding a bike, taking advantage of the Stringer busses or just walking. Whether you bring a car to campus really depends on if you want the freedom to go where you want when you want.

Another website GT Housing has set up is called Shop and Swap, which will allow you to look and search around for availability in dorms, rooms and different roommates before the semester starts. They can’t ensure that a request will equal a change but it will increase the chances of making the changes you want. Be sure to explore your options and make the best decision for yourself. Nonetheless, there will be always be chances that you end up with the partner who will spend as much time searching for each night’s party as throwing them in your room or the study-bolic who will spend as much time in your room studying as they do in the library; the early riser who gets up at 4 a.m. to workout or just be ready for the day; or the night owl who stays up until 4 a.m. “multi-tasking”.

Regardless, the main thing is to make sure that you’re aware of whatever situation you’re getting into and always be the good roommate - but taking advantage of your future Peer Leaders (the RAs for Freshman Experience) in case of any problems. The relationship between roommates can bud into a friendship for life or end up being someone you avoid for the rest of your life, so communicate and don’t feel bad about making changes in advance to ensure that you will be safe, comfortable and successful next year.

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Should I bring my car to Tech?

A map created by Parking and Transportation showing the different parking areas across campus. For this academic year, parking passes cost $706 and valid until August 14 of next year.

How important is my college roommate? Must I love them? Can I still switch around?

As many horror stories floating around about first-year roommates, the reality is that half of them are made up and the other are always a possibility that you can’t truly know until move in day. There are so many opportunities available in advance to ensure that you can end up with the person you want to spend a year living with so take advantage of what’s out there. In the technological age we live in, Facebook is the best bet for looking up and finding possible roommates in groups like the Georgia Tech Class of 2017. The Housing Department also tries to alleviate some worries by making the application highly comprehensive to make sure that, if you are looking for a random assignment, there will still be some compatibility there.

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BY IAN SMITH & ALLY STONE
INTERIM FOCUS EDITOR & PHOTO EDITOR

There’s no shortage of activities Tech students can participate in on campus, but don’t worry - there’s plenty more to Atlanta than calculus tests and cramped dormitory rooms. Here are five picks we made for what you can do to get out of the Tech bubble and enjoy the city life that Atlanta provides:

PIEDMONT PARK
THE MASQUERADE
ATLANTIC STATION
GEORGIA AQUARIUM
WORLD OF COCA-COLA

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Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program

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Purchase a GT Parking Permit at FASET!

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Barnes & Noble @ GT
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Visit www.pts.gatech.edu for more information.
Piedmont Park is about two miles off campus, and for students interested in scenic views of Midtown, running trails or wide open fields in the middle of the city, the park is a perfect choice for a visit any time of the week. The park covers 189 acres and includes softball fields, a volleyball court, a dog park, a community garden, a pond and more. Be on the lookout for impromptu volleyball and ultimate Frisbee games.

After a day at the park, Atlantic Station is an option for students looking for shops ranging from DSW to Old Navy, a movie theater, or even just a well-deserved break from Brittain Dining Hall. Located a couple blocks north of campus, Atlantic Station is reachable by foot, car or bus. The neighborhood is a great example of the fringe benefits Tech students reap by living in the city; one of the trendiest neighborhoods in the southeast is just a stroll off campus.

Atlanta is also home to cheap concerts. Check out the Masquerade on North Avenue or the Loft at Center Stage near Arts Center for concerts that feature talent ranging from local bands to Matisyahu. Don’t be fooled by the flimsy looking exterior of either establishment; once inside, bands and rappers rock the house and leave audience members’ ears ringing for days.

The Georgia Aquarium or the World of Coca-Cola are both just south of campus and make great options for weekend getaways.

First-Year Reading Program
GT First-Year Students:
This is your book!
The 2013 First-Year Reading is

Living with Complexity by Donald A. Norman

The Georgia Tech community is invited

For more information, visit:
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Hungry? Try out our favorite eateries nearby.

While the freshman meal plan may be a suitable option as you’re settling into your first year at Tech with its unlimited food options and convenience, sometimes you will need a little zest in your life. The restaurants below, which are close to Tech, will give you just that. Google their addresses and try them out both before and after FASET with your newly made friends.

Highland Bakery

LOCATION: near Tech Tower
RATING: 5/5
PRICE: $ Sweet potato pancakes. Peanut butter banana French toast. Is your mouth watering yet? Highland Bakery has been a staple in Atlanta for years with three stand-alone restaurants located close to campus. Enjoy a fancy assortment of breakfast, brunch, or lunch with visiting parents, professors or in between classes.

Ray’s New York Pizza

LOCATION: Tech Square
RATING: 4.5/5
PRICE: $$ This gem is located in Tech Square along side the College of Business. A hybrid of Greek and Italian food, the menu varies from classic Mediterranean pita wraps, gyros and tabouleh to pastas, pizza and even burgers! With outdoor seating, you can enjoy the lovely view or try the hookah bar they have available. No cash on you? No worries. Ray’s accepts buzzcard as well.

Antico Pizza

LOCATION: 1093 Hemphill Ave.
RATING: 5/5
PRICE: $$$ Escape to Italy for a night at this quaint pizzeria just down Hemphill. The atmosphere is very relaxed, but the pizza is on another level. The fresh mozzarella cheese melting off the slices in an authentic pizza oven, veggies and sliced meats piled high and crispy hand-tossed dough will elicit nothing short of an orgasmic journey through traditional Napoli.

The Vortex

LOCATION: 878 Peachtree St.
RATING: 4.5/5
PRICE: $$$ The restaurant you have waited to go to all throughout high school, because in order to enter you must show your I.D. and prove you are 18 - just one of the many “house rules” unique to The Vortex Bar and Grill. Go on an empty stomach to put a dent into the famous “Coronary Bypass”, the “Fat Elvis” or the “Zombie Apocalypse” burgers.

Heather’s Legacy

The Heather J. Kwiate Foundation

Come out to Paddy’s Pub on July 16th and party with a purpose-- and get your chance to win a signed Darius Rucker guitar, a Ride-Along at Atlanta Motor Speedway, and more! Live performances by Huey & The Man, Katie Quick, Sound By Satellite, & Michael Allen. All proceeds go to Heather’s Legacy, a nonprofit organization assisting victims of domestic violence.

The Fun, the Show, and the Action all begins at 7pm at:
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All families and students are encouraged to participate at their FASET session by donating travel sized toiletry items to benefit the Atlanta Day Shelter for Women & Children.

For more information, contact Sarah Perkins, Civic Engagement Coordinator
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Tech also has a few bike racks around campus, but they can sometimes get a little crowded. Through not common, it does happen occasionally. If you plan on bringing your bike to campus, make sure to bring some sort of bike lock to decrease your chances of being a victim of bike theft, as well as registering it with the Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD).

The Stinger (left) and the Trolley (right) are the two types of buses that run around campus. The Stinger usually tends to run the red, blue and green routes, and the Trolley runs its own route.

Getting Around Campus

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Taking the Bus: Routes and Suggestions

BY NEWT CLARK
SPORTS EDITOR

As you will soon learn, walking from point A to point B on campus can get very tiresome, which is why Tech offers students, and anyone else who may be visiting campus, two main types of transportation - the Stinger and the Tech Trolley. Each are paid for by student’s transportation fee.

The Stinger, which is a bus, has three different routes: red, blue and green. The difference between the red and blue routes is that the red route travels clockwise, while the blue route travels counterclockwise. Due to several one-way roads, their paths to getting to the stops are not identical, but they do stop at the same places. At nearly every stop, there will be a sign informing you when the next bus will be arriving, but be aware that it isn’t the most accurate system, and it isn’t uncommon for it to stop working altogether. The red and blue routes will be what you most commonly use to get to class. The green route can be a very interesting trip, taking you all the way out to 14th Street. Before hopping on the Stinger, always check and make sure the bus isn’t the green route, or you could be stuck on it for a while.

The Tech Trolley is the simpler of the two because it only has one route. Some key stops on the trolley are the CRC, Tech Square, the Scheller College of Business and the Midtown MARTA station. Although not exactly a bus, the Stingerette is a shuttle type of service provided by Parking & Transportation from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. If you’re stuck late cramming for a midterm in the library and need a ride back to your dorm on West Campus (or even East), then this is your best bet. Simply call 404.385.RIDE, or from www.stingerette.com.

Pro tip: on some days, what seem like most of campus ends up requesting the Stingerette, it may best behoove you to take the Midnight Rambler, which runs from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. from Sunday through Thursday.

Super pro tip: if you have an iPhone, download the app GT Nav, which shows the user the location of each of the active buses are in realtime.

Buzz, the school mascot, rides a bike across campus (left). U-locks (right) should be purchased and used to avoid bike theft.

Going Green with Your Bike

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Join other incoming Tech freshmen at Tech PrEP, a non-credit residential summer program that previews fundamental pre-calculus concepts and other first-year courses.

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1: Woody’s
Once considered the premier dining hall on campus before the North Avenue Dining Hall came, Woodruff Dining Hall, affectionately called Woody’s, is the best place to eat for those residing on West Campus.

2. Burger Bowl
Since the SAC Fields next to the CRC began their renovations, the Burger Bowl has become the place to go for outdoor recreation this summer. However, it is a great spot to play football, ultimate or soccer when the SAC fields are fully occupied by other students.

3. SAC Fields
The best place for outdoor sports, the Student Athletic Center (SAC) fields are home to many club sports and the GT band’s practices, as well as outdoor intramural games. They are currently being renovated, and should be ready to use in the fall.

4. The CRC
The Campus Recreation Center (CRC) is one of the best college recreational facilities in the nation - so much, in fact, that Tech was ranked No. 1 in athletic facilities for the CRC in 2011. Personal training, group fitness classes, a rock wall and multiple indoor sports courts are just some of the amenities this building offers. When classes start picking up and stress piles on, this is the place to be to keep yourself healthy during the semester.

5. Howey
Taking a big math or physics class at Tech? Of course you are. Chances are, as a freshman, you’ll be entering this building multiple times during the week. Take a sneak peek into a room where you will take notes, exams, numbers from the opposite sex and, sadly but inevitably, naps.

6. Student Center
The heart of campus to some, the Student Center is a conglomerate composed of restaurants, a shopping store, study spots, the Student Government Association (SAC) and walk through routinely.

7. Tech Green
Tech Green is exactly as the name suggests. Okay, maybe not exactly, but it’s a large grassy square between the CULC and the Student Center. Grab a blanket, take a frisbee, some friends and you’ve got yourself a stress free zone to relax and enjoy.

8. The CULC
While the administration may refer to the Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons as Clough Commons, students have historically called it the CULC. Designed to be a place for undergraduates to study and take core lab sciences and other core classes, the CULC is truly a central hub for students. Its connection (fourth-floor) to the library, as well as the full-service Starbucks on the second floor, will make you come to this two-year-old establishment many times during the week. Oh, and there’s a roof garden on the top of the building.

9. Skiles
Affectionately known as Smelly Skiles, this building houses the math department and much of the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts. Your math recitations will, with 99 percent certainty, take place in this building.

10. Brittain
Brittain Dining Hall maintains the reputation of being open Saturday mornings, which may be the little edge it has over the North Avenue Dining Hall. However, it is home to an outstanding omelet bar and a burrito line. Don’t miss out the holiday festivities it offers, as well as “breakfast for dinner” nights close to the time of finals.

T: Technique
The Technique office is located in the Student Services Building (known as the Flag Building, as it houses the flags of all nationalities represented at Tech). If you’re interested in writing, design, photography, business and even web design and development, this is the place to be.

Notable Buildings
Stamps Health Services: If you’re sick, Tech’s health center, located just west of the CRC, is the place to go. Be sure to make an appointment first.

Technology Square: Not only does this two-block area house many favorite restaurants such as Moe’s, Tin Drum and Ray’s, but it is also the location of the Barnes and Noble bookstore, the newly moved Buzzcard office and the Scheller College of Business. Take the Tech Trolley to get here.

Biotechnology Quad: A conglomerate of four buildings where heavy research in biotechnology, chemistry and other engineering disciplines is conducted, the bio-tech quad is an area worth checking out for bio-related majors.

The Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons shortly after it opened its doors in Fall 2011. It is commonly called the CULC.