OF CONSENT AND ACTION

Diversity is a struggle, as it is at every University. In a place of competition, we must compete not only against the best in the nation but also in our own community. Despite the fact that many students may not realize it, the percentage of minorities here is growing rapidly. The demographics at Tech are changing and need to be considered. The University has done a good job in recruiting minority students. These efforts need to continue. However, the process must be more efficient and better organized. Existing offices need to improve and be more aware of the needs of students and faculty here at Tech. If non-minorities see one black or one Hispanic in a classroom then that is okay. However, if this poll is correct, many people are NOT aware of this. Georgia Tech talks about trying to increase minority enrollment. However, since I have been here at Tech, I have never seen or heard of any department actively recruiting minorities. I have never seen Georgia Tech announce that it would go to schools and actively recruit deserving minority students. However, these jobs are delegated to OMED, NSBE, and other black organizations. Recruiting a regular minority student is no different than recruiting a black football player. However, I believe Georgia Tech believes that it is.

Lack of minorities not realized by most

I have a response to improving diversity here on campus. I do not know how accurate the poll [on the Technique website] is. What is the best way to increase diversity at Tech? a) We are diverse already; nothing else needs to be done. b) More need-based and minority scholarships. c) More active recruiting and retention programs for minorities. d) An admissions program with an affirmative action component. But in my opinion the 66% that said Tech is diverse enough represent the beliefs of many of the students and faculty here at Tech. If non-minorities see one black or one Hispanic in a classroom then that is okay. Gary Gunter stated in his article, "Tech striving to increase minority enrollment," that "...most of us are aware of the fact that the African-American student population at this Institute is small." However, if this poll is correct, many people are NOT aware of this. Georgia Tech talks about trying to increase minority enrollment. However, since I have been here at Tech, I have never seen or heard of any department actively recruiting minorities. I have never seen Georgia Tech announce that it would go to schools and actively recruit deserving minority students. However, these jobs are delegated to OMED, NSBE, and other black organizations. Recruiting a regular minority student is no different than recruiting a black football player. However, I believe Georgia Tech believes that it is.

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Another problem has sprung up again with Georgia Tech's Parking Office. This time, it's not about lack of space, or parking congestion, or any aspect of normal parking. But, it's about money, I was free with it and at West Side Market.

"There is hardly any warning of the new spaces and the lane closure until you are almost to where the lane is closed." Jamie Schutz Advertising Manager

The Buzz Card: It's more than just an ID, but why?

When I first came to Tech and received a Buzz Card, I was excited about all its possible uses. It was more than just a college ID. I could use it to eat at Britain, get into SAC and get football tickets, and to use it to eat at Brittain, get into campus. It was great because it was my parents’ key, get football tickets, and to use it to eat at Brittain, get into campus. It was my parents’ key, get football tickets, and to use it to eat at Brittain, get into campus. It was my parents’ key, get football tickets, and to use it to eat at Brittain, get into campus. It was my parents’ key, get football tickets, and to use it to eat at Brittain, get into campus.

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If Parking is considering this spaces as long-term, there should be campus police or Parking Enforcement officers patrolling the areas. While Parking has done well in responding to the changes in the parking arrangements, they can do much more to expand their enforcement. Demand has increased steadily for parking spaces over the last two or three years, and Tech probably should have ed its Master Plan about four years ago, there should be more leeway in terms of adjusting the plan. While there shouldn't be two spaces for each person requesting a space, there seems to be a space (in front of the traffic lights) that users desperately need a space only to be rejected.

Added parking around campus was poorly planned.

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By Jennifer Hinkel
Staff Columnist

One morning, you might wake up and discover that you are not only a student. Long before the plunge into the “real world,” we may realize that isolation in academia can prevent us from involving ourselves with our surroundings.

The boundaries of campus set us apart from the city we inhabit, like an imaginary moat encircling a concrete island. Within its bounds, we are safe and content. We remain unchallenged.

However, when we travel out into the concrete jungle, do we encounter the outside world as bystanders or as participants?

As university students, we have a unique chance to affect our surroundings for the better. The world around us should not be deprived of our presence because we are part of a college community, but instead should be enriched by it.

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Techs and the City

In this multifaceted city, with an equally diverse student body, infinite potential exists for enriching interactions between Atlanta and the Tech community. Even if we refuse to reach out to the city, we cannot deny its inescapable presence in our lives. We cannot escape the smog and traffic anymore than the next Atlanta resident, but uniquely, we have the resources to affect changes that will influence not only our lives, but also the life of the city that encompasses us.

Campus can be no more of an island than the Tech community allows it to be, and no less of one than the surrounding city can force upon us. This urban campus should reach out to its habitat, much as its constituents should allow Atlanta to add to their collective collegiate experience.

We need to be more than island dwellers, lowering the drawbridge so that Atlanta and Tech may come and go freely.

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UJC here to serve students

We would like to commend the Technique for its coverage of the procedures of the Undergraduate Judiciary Cabinet. We believe that every student should understand their responsibilities and their rights on this campus.

The UJC is not meant to be an institution shrouded in mystery; this panel serves all the students on this campus in trying to uphold justice and honor. Our procedures are available over the web.

Part of the role of Chief Justice is to ensure that all students understand UJC procedure and their rights. The Chief Justice may be contacted at any time to answer any additional questions that students may have.

The only part of our process that is not permitted to discuss is the specifics of a particular case. This is to protect the privacy of those involved in our process.

In order to facilitate even more open discussion, the Chief Justice will begin to release a report every semester providing basic information about the activity of the UJC, including the charges and dispositions of cases but revealing no identifying information about those involved.

We would also like to encourage all students to understand how all parts of student government work. The point of the Student Government Association is to provide us with power over our own lives. The only way to effectively use this power is to be aware of what the Student Body President, the Representatives, and all the other people involved in SGA do.

We believe the Technique can do a valuable service to the campus community by continuing to provide coverage and analysis of the doings and procedures of SGA.

In short, everyone involved in SGA is here to serve the student body. By being informed and involved, you are helping all of us to be more effective leaders and to better serve your needs and concerns.

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Minority

The football player has certain assets that Tech is looking for; therefore he is given spending money, apartment style housing his freshman year—preferential treatment because he is a customer that Tech is trying to buy. Getting a minority student should have the same structure. If financial aid is needed, offer scholarships to get them here if you are actively recruiting minorities.

If Tech wants to increase its minority enrollment then it needs to be better at marketing itself as a product. Tech needs to realize that getting a college education is a two way street: Tech provides the degree which is a ticket to getting a good job and students, specifically minority students, increase school funding and its marketability to other minority groups.

Until non-minority faculty, staff, and students realize that increasing minority enrollment is important to the image that Georgia Tech wants to project, I think that minorities will continue going to other universities and colleges that actively recruit and offer scholarships and grants for their college education.

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Buzz Around the Campus

Question of the week
“Do you think student opinion really counts?”

Michael Ramsey
MGT Sophomore
“No, because my opinion only appears in places like the Technique.”

Brent Louie
EE Sophomore
“Of course it matters, or I’d go back to China.”

Megan O’Grady
Bio Freshman
“It counts as much as it can.”

Nina Paolella
UEC Freshman
“Yes, we are the future, of course it matters.”

Matt Steele
MGT Senior
“Of course, we are the foundation of this institution.”

Brent Louie
MGT Sophomore
“No, because my opinion only appears in places like the Technique.”

Matt Warrens
CS Senior
“It has more weight on the more minor issues.”

Jessica Lott
BioMed Sophomore
“Yes, with all the organizations, it is easy to voice your ideas.”

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