The Best of Tech (and worst)

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Success of Hewitt, Jackets mark the “Best of Tech”

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The past year marked a change for the Tech community. After years of building new facilities and relationships, it was Tech’s year to shine in the spotlight of many different avenues.

In the fall, Technology Square opened, and the city of Atlanta took notice. Then this spring, Tech proved it was more than just that engineering school in the South, when Coach Paul Hewitt led the Jacket basketball squad to a place in the NCAA championship game—a feat we had never before accomplished.

However, the best part about this accomplishment and the part that makes this year’s Jackets and Coach Hewitt so special is that they achieved so much because of the “family”-type relationships that developed. And all along the way, Hewitt continued to shine as a national representative of Georgia Tech.

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We were proud to call Hewitt and his Jackets “our team.” And the Technique is proud to name them this year’s “Best of Tech.”

This issue marks the continuation of a new tradition started last year by the staff of the Technique. However, this year we have reached further in garnering actual input from the Tech community. We wanted to give everyone’s opinion on what makes Tech—and the parts of Atlanta that the Tech community frequents—so great, which we did via our online survey.

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How many students said to their parents and friends after FASET, "Wow, the dorm rooms aren’t as bad as I thought they would be"? FASET leaders don’t explain to the incoming students that the "nice" rooms they stay in during the program are fought over tooth and nail every year by students wanting to avoid cramped, decrepit rooms and the communal showers found in the remaining dorms on this campus. The apartment-style dorms are available only to juniors who get housing or those with priority—a fact often spun during the summer scam.

Cheesiest Institute slogan
Readers’ Pick: "Auxiliary Services Loves Students"
Our Pick: "Open for Business"

Tech has a long history of cheesy slogans, like RHA’s "We Know Where You Live," but some slogans are so bad they don’t even manage to be funny. "Open for Business," the name of the commemorative video of the GT-Auburn football game, is just plain awful. The slogan refers to the opening of the refurbished Bobby Dodd Stadium, where the game took place, but it comes off too cheezy by Tech standards, and most students fail to make the connection to Grant Field’s re-opening.

Best campus make-out spot
Readers’ Pick: Paul Meyer (Skiles) Garden
Our Pick: Student Center

That little enclosure of green space that borders the East side of the Skiles building is Georgia Tech’s secret garden. Tucked away beneath foliage and trees, most students forget that it’s even there, but those who remember can detour through it away beneath foliage and trees, most students fail to make the connection to Grant Field’s re-opening.

Best looking majors
Readers’ Pick: Management
Our Pick: Management

Maybe it’s because they have a little bit more time on their hands to worry about fitness and fashion, or maybe there is something special in the water at Technology Square. Whatever the case, the guys and gals that roam the halls of the College of Management are among the hottest you will find on Tech’s campus, and given their majors, they are also probably some of the most fun as well. Next time you are looking for a man- or lady-friend or perhaps just some eye candy, stake out seat over on Fifth Street.

Best place to study
Readers’ Pick: Library
Our Pick: Library

Finding a place of solitude to study at Tech can prove to be a difficult task, as almost any student knows, so those who need an escape from the commotion of the daily rush can take refuge in the Georgia Tech library. Here, quiet is an unwritten rule and the walls block any outside noise. Plus the musky smell of old books simply adds to the building’s peaceful quietness. (If this puts you to sleep, the lobby of the Flag Building with its characteristic white noise is an excellent alternative.) Another great feature is that the library has almost anything one would need on a night of studying. Whether its books, computers, individual desks, group tables, the help of a friendly librarian or a quiet corner to hide away, it can all be found in the library.

Best student life event
Readers’ Pick: GT at Six Flags
Our Pick: GT at Six Flags

It’s no secret that most students don’t come to Tech because of its student life. However, this past year marked a new era with the establishment of the Student Life Fund and a renewed interest in improving student life at Tech. These efforts combined to put on Georgia Tech at Six Flags night last September. The event was a phenomenal success and attracted over half of the student body, a feat that most events don’t even come close to matching. It proved that despite the diversity of our student body, large-scale student life events could be successful. Sure the lines were a little long, but no longer than a normal day at the park. Thankfully, the event will likely become an annual tradition.
**BEST OF TECH**

**Best construction project**

Readers’ Pick: CRC (SAC II)

Our Pick: Student Center Commons

It’s hard to top a construction project like Technology Square, which was last year’s winner in this category. However, Tech administrators did a great job resuming some of the space left open by the bookstore’s move. Although not everything is complete, the new Student Center Commons is quickly becoming a popular gathering place for the student body. Pan-dini’s and the soon-to-open Jackers provide students and faculty with more dining options in the center of campus and the new flat screen TV viewing area is sure to attract its share of students. The new spaces and offices for student organizations that will open in the summer and fall will only make it better.

**Worst construction project**

Readers’ Pick: Atlantic Street pipe construction

Our Pick: Atlantic Street pipe construction

There are a myriad of problems associated with the pipe construction project on Atlantic Street, but the biggest one may be that no one really knows exactly what is going on. What we do know is that the project has grown from a small, metal-covered hole to a monstrosity that blocks student traffic in a key area of campus. Not only is it a major inconvenience, but it also creates a safety hazard as students are forced to walk in the street as the sidewalk is passable only on one side of the road.

**Best bathrooms**

Readers’ Pick: Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center

Our Pick: Student Center Commons

The entire building from the ballroom to the bar is stunning, and with their nice ambiance, they are worth checking out even if you don’t need to use them.

**Worst bathrooms**

Readers’ Pick: Skiles Building

Our Pick: Student Center Commons

Perhaps Skiles should get the title not only for the worst bathrooms, but also for the most confusing ones; there is no consistency in the bathroom configuration throughout the building, with each floor having a totally unique bathroom tucked into some hard-to-find nook. Furthermore, some bathrooms have a bizarre sign that prohibits showering. Considering how dirty and run down this building’s bathrooms tend to be, many students would be hesitant to wash their hands there, let alone take a shower.

**Worst thing the bookstore sells**

Readers’ Pick: Starbuck’s coffee

Our Pick: Pink Tech clothing

If you’re a guy, you either love them or hate them; if you’re a girl—well, what guy doesn’t enjoy having an excuse to have his attention drawn to a cute girl’s rear end? Available in a variety of colors to suit each lady’s taste. And this one really does not need any further explanation.

**Best thing the bookstore sells**

Readers’ Pick: Georgia Tech clothing

Our Pick: Pink Tech clothing

Our sports editor said it first, but what’s up with pink Tech clothing? We have enough trouble deciding what color “game day gold” is (bright yellow? butter? school bus orange?), so why complicate things? Since the first pink sweatshirt was spotted in the bookstore, the choices of different colored Tech clothing has diversified even more, including (but not limited to) baby blue and lavender. In addition, the gender gap at this revered institute is already wide enough, so why make it worse by producing Tech clothing in a color that is clearly associated with girlish stereotypes? Then again, if this editorial board saw a guy wearing a pink Tech sweatshirt, maybe we would reconsider.

**Worst smelling area on campus**

Readers’ Pick: Outside near Brittain

Our Pick: Outside near Brittain

There’s nothing worse than, after having gone through the process of working up an appetite large enough to eat in Britain dining hall on east campus, being greeted by the most putrid smell imaginable on your way to the door. The dumpster area on the side of the kitchen always seems to have a haze of stink surrounding it. Students are forced to hold their breath and make a mad dash for the door or risk inhaling a potentially fatal breath of air.

Submit a sliver and we’ll print it in the paper! Go to www.nique.net/sliver, and express your feelings!
Worst green space on campus
Readers’ Pick: Peters parking deck
Our Pick: Peters parking deck
What can we say about this mass of concrete? Besides not being anywhere near a green space (unless you count the green of the poorly-kept tennis courts on the top level), it’s a low topographical point on campus, which means that whenever it rains, the parking deck floods.

Best form of campus transportation
Readers’ Pick: Walking
Our Pick: Walking
Though the Stingers have improved a lot this year with the addition of new buses and Tech trolleys (now with GPS), walking remains the best way to get around, especially since the busiest buildings on campus—Van Leer, Skiles, D.M. Smith, and the library, for example—are not reasonably close to any main Stinger stop.

Best lecture hall
Readers’ Pick: College of Management
Our Pick: College of Management
Although Management majors may have to walk a little farther than the rest of us to get class, once they arrive they definitely learn in style. The lecture halls in the COM building look like they belong in posh settings and not Tech. The chairs alone make going to class that much easier. Plus, what other school can claim to have flat panel monitors outside each lecture hall and classroom detailing the day’s class schedule and any other pertinent information.

Worst lecture hall
Readers’ Pick: Old Architecture
Our Pick: Boggs-Chemistry
We’re not sure if it’s the uncomfortable seats, tiny writing surfaces, horrible echo, lack of natural light or the smell of chemistry experiments that put Boggs lecture halls at the bottom of our list. Perhaps it is a combination of all the above. But regardless of the cause, we don’t think anyone will disagree that after a class in Boggs, you are bound to leave feeling as though your very soul has been sucked out of you.

Worst pedestrian spot on campus
Readers’ Pick: Bobby Dodd and Techwood
Our Pick: Fifth and Spring Street
This year, Fifth and Spring beats out the intersection of Bobby Dodd and Techwood as the place where a student is most likely to be run over. As great as Technology Square is, the fact remains that it is hectored by one of the most heavily traveled streets in Midtown Atlanta. This means that not only do lots of cars zoom through the intersection at high speeds, but it’s also an exit point for car-owning students who are looking to leave campus.

Best beard
Readers’ Pick: President Clough
Our Pick: President Clough
This superstar is indisputable—the Institute’s President, Dr. Wayne Clough, has the best-kempt beard in all of campus. His pristine, snowy-white, soft-looking whiskers always appear as if they’ve come right from the freshly-sharpened blade of a barber. His characteristic beard has become almost as much of an icon of Tech as the Campanile.

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Best Tech tradition
Readers’ Pick: Stealing the ‘T’
Our Pick: Stealing the ‘T’
Though talk about stealing the ‘T’ is now more taboo than talking about ANAK, older members of the Technique staff still romanticize the now-outlawed tradition—especially since its occurrence made for great headlines. Though newer than some Tech traditions—the first time a group of seniors took one of the letters off the Tower in 1969 to honor the retirement of then-President Ed Harrison—and now shunned by administrators and student-leaders alike, it should nonetheless remain a part of the Institute memory and tradition. It represents the ingenuity in all Tech students, though the Technique now discourages any new attempts.

Worst dining hall meal
Readers’ Pick: Dinner
Our Pick: Dinner
For a flashback to the good old days of elementary school, all you have to do is pop in for a bite at dining hall “Theme Night.” They usually include food that is even more saturated with fat and calories than normal dining hall fare, as well as loud, irritating music and someone’s sick idea of “cute” decorations. Although most theme meals include one redeeming quality (REAL ice cream!), it’s just not enough to balance the bad ones. In fact, some theme meals (namely the southern one) were downright insulting to what is truly considered “southern” cooking. Students from the south could deal without insinuations of being brought up in a hick or redneck environment.

Best of Tech

**Best green space on campus**

Readers’ Pick: Yellow Jacket park
Our Pick: Tech Tower lawn

The area by Tech Tower is one of the most picturesque spots on campus, and the grass there is no exception. The few benches and quiet atmosphere are perfect for studying, or just sitting and enjoying a sunny day. Though the area is a little small for running around or playing frisbee in, it’s one of the few areas on campus where the grass remains perpetually green, no matter what time of year (though it’s been rumored that artificial methods are used to keep it that way...)
Moe’s wins our pick for best burrito over stiff competition including Willy’s, Q-Doba and Chipotle. The fun-loving atmosphere, the clever names for menu items, the proximity of the Technology Square location and—most importantly—the quality of the food make Moe’s the best place to grab some beans rolled in a tortilla with some combination of meats and veggies.

**Best Americanized burrito**

Readers’ Pick: Moe’s  
Our Pick: Moe’s

Finally, a way to get Asian fare that’s not delivery, or worse, the stuff they call Chinese food at the dining halls. Besides the colorful decor, you’re sure to see at least one or two fellow students you know, either working there or having a meal. Though there are probably better Asian restaurants around, the food is decent and entrees are reasonably priced at between $6-8 dollars—definitely within a student’s budget.

**Best on-campus restaurant**

Readers’ Pick: Doc Chey’s  
Our Pick: Tin Drum

As if we actually need to justify our choice. Jake’s Ice Cream is where it’s at. They’ve got the best—and most creatively named—ice cream that you’re likely to ever come across. While it’s too bad the one on Howell Mill closed, just wait for the one to open near Rocky Mountain. And of course there is always the dependable Piedmont Road and Highland locations if you wish to indulge in the very near future.

**Best ice cream**

Readers’ Pick: Jake’s  
Our Pick: Jake’s

The Roxy has the old theater nostalgia of The Fox with the acoustics of your living room. Whether the open floor is full of dancing or has been lined with seating for the more intimate shows, no artist with an ounce of talent can go wrong in this venue. More importantly, there’s not a bad seat in the house. From the balcony, to standing room in the back, any show at The Roxy feels like its being played for you alone.

**Best city concert venue**

Readers’ Pick: Regal Hollywood 24  
Our Pick: Regal Hollywood 24

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Join the Technique staff.
If you wanna rock out with the best burger in town, then you’d best make your way on over to the Vortex on Peachtree. Seriously, dude, after a whole semester of Britain food, you owe yourself. Plus, the décor, something akin to a TGI Friday’s in Hell, so perfectly skirts the line between cool and kitschy that it cannot help but be awesome. Moderately priced and walkable from campus, the Vortex serves up fun food in a unique atmosphere.

*Best neighborhood restaurant (West)*

Readers’ Pick: Figo

The word pasta is just not descriptive enough to account for the endless combinations of fine Italian food available at Figo. Located near the intersection of Howell Mill and 14th Street, its nondescript exterior can fool you. The name of the game here is to pick your pasta then add a sauce. Don’t compare this to Eats though, as whoever opens the can there isn’t worthy to even care for that matter. Unlike some other Tech bars, this is the best place to go where nobody will know your name or except alcohol of course.

*Best Tech alumnus still in the pros*

Readers’ Pick: Nomar Garciaparra

NO-MA-H!!! That’s what the Boston fans call Nomar Garciaparra, one of the only major leagues famous enough to be identified by first name only, and the Technique’s favorite athletic alumnus. Nomar was the twelfth overall pick of the 1994 MLB draft by the Boston Red Sox, and he was the unanimous rookie of the year in 1997.

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