OPINIONS

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OUR VIEWS Consensus Opinion

Health Center moving

While the new facilities for the Health Center will be a definite improvement over its current, less functional building, the health services available to students should not be sacrificed to finance the move. Indeed, this move should correspond to an increase in the services that are available to students.

Some improvements in the services area already planned in conjunction with the move. The addition of dental services to the available health care will help freshmen and other students without access to transportation to receive the health services they need.

Despite the strides forward made by the new facilities and the addition of dental care, the Health Center needs to make additional services available to students. First and foremost, the emergency services available at the Center need to be improved so that students whose needs are most urgent are treated first, whether or not they have an appointment. In the same vein, walk-in services, the type of health care that is useful to college students, needs to be added to the menu of options at the Health Center.

Both of these improvements would be labor intensive, meaning that they will require the hiring of new doctors. These additional costs would be well worth it, however, if the Health Center would then be able to provide students with the sense of safety and well-being they should be able to expect.

While the Health Center move will certainly benefit students, it is essential that the cost of this move does not cheapen the services that the Health Center provides.

Emerging Leaders redundant

Although Emerging Leaders is designed to help entering freshman get involved in leadership positions at Tech, the very fact that it is a selective program undermines its stated aim: to help ensure that the leadership initiative reaches freshmen.

The leadership initiative’s goal is to encourage all Tech students to be involved in leadership roles. The goal of Emerging Leaders is to pick a small portion of the freshman class and single them out for leadership development that every freshman who wants to be involved should receive.

Beyond the fact that the program will have difficulty accomplishing its desired goal, the program also seems to serve a purpose that many other organizations and programs already attempt to fill. The role of selective leadership development organizations for freshman is already filled by the likes of Freshman Council and FreshGA. Campus organizations already heavily recruit freshman members every year, so what is needed is not another organization for freshman to join.

What is needed is a way for all freshmen to learn what is necessary to be a leader. The infrastructure to accomplish this goal is already in place: PL’s, PSYC 1000, and Hall Councils, to name a few programs designed with freshman in mind. Money from Buzzfunds should be used to strengthen these programs toward their obvious goals: showing all entering freshmen the value of involvement in the Georgia Tech community. Developing a new program while other programs have not reached their full potential is foolish, especially when there is no reason to believe that a new program will succeed when others with similar purposes have not.

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Israeli conflict not as simple as some think

I write as a Muslim and as a proud citizen of the world’s largest democracy - India. What I see therefore in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict pains me doubly.

First, I agree with Dr. Block and Mr. Greene about the despicable nature of suicide bombings. Targeting of civilian population is unacceptable under any circumstances. It is against most basic of Islamic principles and has to stop immediately. Palestinian leaders need to criticize the bombers forcefully and not just when the US arm-twists them in doing so.

Second, I also agree with Ulhig that Arab propaganda remains virulently anti-Israeli. But the Arabs are not one single faceless entity. That would be as ridiculous as saying that Europeans or Asians are a single entity with no plurality of values, religion, culture and nations.

Third, I suspect that the present US enthusiasm about a ‘regime change’ in Iraq stems neither from high-minded democratic principles nor from valid reasons of security. Iraq’s ownership of chemical weapons and the worst repression of its own people took place in the 1980’s when it was an ally of the West. While, I would still like to see President Saddam go, the timing and the violent means used to do so makes me unwilling to support it.

Fourth, Arabs and Israelis will never agree on whose side morality lies and whether the previous wars were justified or not. But, we, as humans have determined the illegality of the occupation of one nation’s territory by another. History is always contentious, but it is important that it does not impede on our present and our future.

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Editor’s Note: The Technique appreciates the many responses from readers it has received regarding Daniel Uhlig’s editorial. However, the Technique will no longer run letters regarding this editorial.
Breaking out of the Tech bubble into the local community

As students at Georgia Tech we live in a microcosm of technology: a complex network of Internet and wireless technologies that allow us to ‘stay connected’ to one another in ways that even our parents could not have imagined in our lifetime. Yet, we are also in touch with the realities of life in the local community, what it means to be part of a local community, and how the local community can influence communication and in- teraction with what it means to be part of a local community. It is part of our role as leaders in the global village captured the imagination of many of us, and that is why we are here.

When I take my place upon the global stage I hope it will be with the courage to openly challenge the status quo, to redefine the role of leadership in the global community, and to be engaged in the phenomenon we were taught to understand and accept.

When we signed up to take a trip to Cuba to study an island. I returned to the States just in time to hear President George W. Bush deliver his Miami-based Cuba exiles by reaffirming his adherence to the 43-year-old U.S. embargo of the island. Carter criticized this policy of the status quo while in Cuba; he recognizes the benefits that Cuba offers the former American dollars, people, and, undoubtedly, ideas would have on Cuba.

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**Buzz Around the Campus**

**Question** of the week

“What did you do for Memorial Day?”

- **Jang Sik**
  Language Center
  “Watch TV.”

- **Moeko Wallis**
  Management
  “Went to swim practice and lifeguarded - about 9 hours in the pool!”

- **Hye Sok**
  Industrial Design
  “Worked at my dad’s store.”

- **Colette Cowie**
  Mechanical Engineering
  “Cleaned my new house.”

- **Milnes David**
  Mechanical Engineering
  “Saw ‘Star Wars.’”

- **Krit Athikulwongse**
  ECE
  “Went shopping.”

- **Nick Hasara**
  Civil Engineering
  “I went rafting at the Chatahoochee.”

- **Jamila Hinds**
  Industrial Design
  “Went to the Piedmont Park Jazz Festival.”

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