OUR VIEWS

Consensus Opinion

Atlantic Station development

Atlantic Station will bring great benefits to Tech students, although there may be significant downsides to the project. Traffic, environmental concerns and housing problems may all arise from the construction. The Home Park and Berkeley Park neighborhoods, where many Tech students reside, are especially wary of the effects of the development, as they may cause significant changes to these areas.

The potential traffic problems may be alleviated by the extension of MARTA services to this area as well as the rumored 17th Street bridge, which will connect the area directly to the Interstate. Tech should be in regular communication with the city to ensure that campus traffic is minimally affected. As pedestrian as this campus is, a significant increase in traffic could have a profound effect on campus safety.

The environmental concerns about pollution and decreased green space also seem to be well addressed by the plan for Atlantic Station. The site of the project is what is called a “brownfield,” previously developed property that is not useful for much else besides development. Without Atlantic Station, this property may have been left unused. The developers of the project have also promised to plant two trees for each homeowner in the area who requests it so that decreased vegetation and green space will not be an issue for the campus.

The most significant problem of the development for Tech students may well be the housing shortage that will arise from the new development. Despite the fact that many new units of housing will be constructed, property values will skyrocket in all of the surrounding neighborhoods, ones traditionally inhabited by Tech students. Although there are covenants to keep rents down in the plans, experience has shown these sorts of agreements to be untenable. Tech may need to take drastic steps, including the subsidizing the rent of students who must live off-campus and the purchase of off-campus properties for students to live in. Tech has been fortunate to have cheap property around campus; now, the school must assist its students in living off-campus. The development will be largely positive for Tech; the administration must be sure to counter any negative effects that may arise for students.

GT commemorates 9/11

The ceremony honoring the memory of September 11 was a meaningful remembrance, but it could not truly be called a campus-wide event because many professors declined to cancel their classes. While the ceremony was designed to propt everyone to inspect how they have changed this year, Tech students seem largely the same. There are many reasons why this could be true; perhaps college students everywhere have remained largely unaffected. However, it seems as if Tech students are especially absorbed in their classes. Perhaps allowing all students to attend the ceremony would have helped broaden the horizons of Tech students, increasing their ability to focus on the big picture.

The Technique would like to honor the memory of the three alumni who died in the attacks:

Mike Gann
Murray Greer, Jr.
Carl Max Hammond, Jr.

Chi Phi unfairly treated in coverage

I am not a student at Georgia Tech, but I visit Georgia Tech on a frequent basis and have many friends in different fraternities and sororities there. The articles about Chi Phi Fraternity have been quite upsetting to me personally, as well as the Greek community at any campus. The actions by the Technique have been causing the labeling that has been placed upon the Chi Phi Fraternity. I can promise you that if the IFC were to investigate the entire Greek community at any campus, they would find that Chi Phi’s actions are insignificant in comparison to other fraternities and sororities. By placing this much emphasis on Chi Phi’s actions, the Technique and the IFC have actually become free publicity for the fraternity. Chi Phi still a fraternity and will continue to be one as long as their Nationals recognize them as one. As the poll in the latest online issue of the Technique shows, 94% think that Chi Phi should be allowed to deal with this internally. It is apparent by this poll that someone on your staff believes that maybe Chi Phi should be able to handle their own concerns with the help of their alumni since they are not harming any of the fraternities or the Greek system at Tech.

This situation reflects poorly on Chi Phi, but not necessarily the opinions of individual editors.
Internet useful tool, hindrance to social life

I used to joke with other Peer Leaders that the quickest way to get freshmen off their cell phones and talking to each other was to take down the network. Tech is home to people from all over the world and has become an integral part of our college experience. I have a question and want us to think about this, my first step is to pull up Google and quickly scan through a few pages. My mind has been clogged with just four books, any four books that list atmospheric conditions. Before I pull one out and refer to it, I will pull up a json安全事故表. Otherwise I would have to flip through a book in the bottom of my stack or, go to the library. Yes, “back in the day” I understand a library was used for research. It might still be, I have not made it past the mesmerizing array of computers drawing me in recently. The electronic reserves keep my thimphoe at a minimum. At the library, they often direct you straight to the web or at least to one of the libraries web resources. I am doing this, searching for. The only books I have actually looked at are the photography book I got from the scale of Tech, having to go through the poor brick library to find my answer to my question. I think I could spend less time on IQIC and AIM with my friends.

Tech is not the place to hang out with a bunch of friends and doing a little studying? Now that we can research wherever we want to (or at least as far as internet stretch), we should be able to hang with friends and discuss our assignment under a common lamp.

Nope, we do it in the common glow of monitors separated by brick walls. We read our electronic resources and watch our chat windows pop up. But the brief creepy comments later we have renewed a friendship and will attempt to re- member to invite our long lost friend to lunch sometime (over e-mail, of course).

In days past, social interactions must have occurred in a different way. Did people actually pre-arrange meetings and have discussions with the use of ASCII symbols? A little known fact is that most of those ASCII symbols are derived from non- spoken communication. Expressions and gestures with one’s hands and face are the basis.

College has been an online experience for me. Ethernet brings assignments to me from the internet. It brings me the girlfriend. It brings me from dis- tant and not so distant friends. Fun and community come streaming over those copper wires: animations, jokes, discussions, and pictures. As I wrote this I unplugged my Ethernet cable. The influx and tempt to look at all the other information was just too much. I am thinking about problems moments after someone gives them to me from anywhere in the world. As we gather to write, the ideas are still foreign to me. Instead I chat with people miles away, connecting only by the cable. I communicate upward and easily to so many different places. I am exposed to the ideas I pick, the ideas I pick are facing the variety of ideas that Tech presents.

You can still communicate with friends and organize meetings without email! No more attached files to send out the newest copy of a group project via email. All interactions are face to face. The intricacies of people were seen. Friendships developed.

I have worked with parts of four different editorial boards for countless hours on Wednesday nights. By the end of 30 plus pages this is a group of bonded friends. We know embarrassing stories, inside jokes, and favorite drinks. We could do each section alone in our room and email it together. I doubt we would enjoy this. It brings me to my point. I would not want to paste to- gether the羁与 a typewriter and photographic prints. A typo would take so long to correct, and the waging machine is only fun for Christine. However, we can e- mail each other suggestions at the drop of a hat. I can receive detailed instructions and lengthy notes from Jody without having to look in a muffin box located far away. I can start thinking about problems moments after someone gives them to me from anywhere in the world. As we gather to write, the ideas are still foreign to me. Instead I chat with people miles away, connecting only by the cable. I communicate upward and easily to so many different places. I am exposed to the ideas I pick, the ideas I pick are facing the variety of ideas that Tech presents.

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The problem arises when we use the internet as the exclusive source of human contact. John and Sue living on the hall have not been here long enough to talk to me, but the ideas are still foreign to me. Instead I chat with people miles away, connecting only by the cable. I communicate upward and easily to so many different places. I am exposed to the ideas I pick, the ideas I pick are facing the variety of ideas that Tech presents.

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Original Comic Fresmhmen

I NEED A CIGARETTE!

BUT, YOU DON'T SMOKE.

YEA, BUT I'VE BECOME ADDICTED TO NICOTINE FROM ALL THE SECOND HAND SMOKE!!
Question of the week
“What do you think the definition of hazing is?”

“Being forced to do something you don’t want to do.”
Lindsay Launius
BioMed Senior

“Whatever Dean Boyd says it is.”
Jennifer Schwert
ME Junior

“The retarded harassment of those with low self-esteem too stupid to walk away.”
Allen Ulbricht
MGT Senior

“Isn’t that when it’s muggy and overcast?”
Jeremy Schell
MGT Senior

“Something that scars you permanently.”
Deric Robinson
CS Sophomore

“Unnecessarily putting people through physical/mental/emotional pain to join a group.”
Scott Reida
ME Senior

“Feed them 4 bananas and 3 Sprites in 5 minutes, so I’ve heard.”
Anne Crawford
ME Senior

“The retarded harassment of those with low self-esteem too stupid to walk away.”

Feature and Photos by Kimberly Hinckley
I found the letter written by Mr. Roger Parise, a fellow Georgia Tech alum, to be a poor representation of the attitude of most Georgia Tech alumni. I disagree completely with the content and, more importantly, the tone of the letter.

Mr. Parise makes no attempt to acknowledge the conditions surrounding the decision to play UConn at Storrs, such as the fact that UConn was a last-minute substitute who agreed to fill a gap created when another school (MTSU) dropped Tech in order to play against Tennessee. Our AD, Dave Braine, was forced into a difficult last minute restructuring and UConn at Storrs offered the best alternative to be found when all factors were considered.

Mr. Parise spends much of his time bemoaning our willingness to play a "fledgling program looking for credibility." Perhaps he has forgotten that our own program has had its moments of low credibility, a fact that he should know well given that his playing days coincided with a nearly 20-year period where we were not part of a conference and our aggregate winning percentage hovered just over the 50 percent mark. There was a time when our program was the unworthy opponent and we needed to play up to better competition to improve. Being in the position to be played up to is a right reserved for programs who have succeeded and one that we should accept with pride.

Finally, and most importantly, the tone of his letter is a poor representation of what should be the true spirit of collegiate athletics. Denigrating an opponent, regardless of where they fall in the ranks of a given sport, is in poor taste and is not representative of the ideals of collegiate athletics and least of all the true spirit of collegiate athletics. Denigrating an opponent, regardless of where they fall in the ranks of a given sport, is in poor taste and is not representative of the ideals of collegiate athletics and least of all those of Georgia Tech. Braine and Gailey both have a goal of developing a program that creates leaders of men on and off the field. True champions learn to perform their best regardless of the arena or the ranking of the opponent. Learning to execute soundly in situations where all of the emotional factors are tilted in favor of a lesser skilled opponent is just as important as learning to win when the skill factors favor your adversary and a heroic effort is required to win.

In closing, UConn’s alumni and players deserve much more respect for getting into the ring than Mr. Parise affords them. Just as importantly, Georgia Tech’s athletics staff deserves our support for striving to build a program that balances the success factors important in the football world with the factors that will make our men winners outside of football. When it comes to GT athletics, it is for this reason that we should all be “proud Tech alumni.”

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The results of this week’s online poll, “What should happen to Chi Phi if they continue to ignore Tech’s sanctions?,” are not reported in this issue because the preponderance of the responses were from off-campus sources that do not reflect the Tech opinion.