

OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

Kasim Reed for mayor

Technique endorses Reed's reforms in crime, MARTA

Since we as Tech students are going to be directly affected by the results of the mayoral election and the policies that follow, it is important to take an interest in the election and vote on Nov. 3.

The candidate who will best represent Tech's interest is Kasim Reed. Reed has a comprehensive plan for change within Atlanta that would benefit Tech students. His plan for addressing crime includes an addition of 750 police officers to Atlanta PD. This will be paid for in part by cost-cutting measures within the city, such as scaling back pension liabilities and cutting employee overtime, but much of this cost is proposed to be covered by an increase in property tax for Atlantans.

We disagree with this part of the platform. We hope that the necessary increase in police will be covered by an increase in sales tax or other means that also tax the many people who commute into Atlanta expect to be safe. However, we hope these measures will be more immediate than candidate Lisa Border's suggestion that we somehow tax the surrounding counties. Her plan is intriguing, but such cooperation would take a long time

to implement and we need change now.

We do agree that cooperation between city of Atlanta and the surrounding counties needs to improve, and we believe Reed's experience as state Senator will help facilitate this. With his extensive connections around the state, Reed has the power to work with the state legislature on Atlanta's issues.

One Reed's most appealing stances is on transportation. He supports the necessary development of the Beltline trains as a means of city transit. Reed also has acknowledged that Atlanta is a hub city for the Southeast region and supports the idea of a high-speed DC commuter train. Reed also intends to expand MARTA to make it easier to access in the larger reach of the city.

One of the more interesting parts of Reed's platform is his proposal of a program to keep inner-city youth in school by sending reformed ex-cons into the schools and teaching them to stay away from drugs and crime.

We have high hope for progress through Reed and support him for mayor. We hope Tech students will support him at the polls, but even more so hope that they will go vote.

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OUR VIEWS MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Focus on the next generation of Tech leadership

By Emily Chambers
Editor-in-Chief

When I first took the job of Editor-in-Chief, I received more advice on how to do things than I will ever use. I was advised to never open a paper on Friday, as it would only remind me of all of the errors I should have caught.

I was told to always have the door to my office open so anyone angry at the paper could find me, rather than yelling at poor innocent contributing writers. I was taught to always assume my writers were correct and to fight for them based on that assumption. Most importantly, I was taught that I had one semester to do my job as Editor before I inherited another, higher calling.

As Editor-in-Chief you have one semester, the fall, to teach your editorial board what is expected of them. While you might improve layouts over the spring, and you will hopefully continually enhance the quality of writers you are working with, you won't convince anyone to redesign a section or branch out into online content once senioritis has set in and everyone knows how long it takes to complete a section.

The spring however, is still the most important time for the *Technique* as an organization.

It is during the spring that we pick our new leadership, train our new editors and let a new generation of students into the cloistered world that is the Student Publications office.

Recruitment and training is now the most terrifying responsibility on my plate.

All of the work that I have put into the paper, that all of the writers, photographers and editors have put in this year and in the almost 100 years before us, will mean nothing if the talented new writers we have on our staff don't take on more leadership, responsibility and quite honestly, learn to love this organization and through it this campus.

Every organization I am in is this way. My sorority spends hours for weeks all summer on emailing, planning and perfecting the experience of our new member class for the upcoming year.

The Mock Trial team (it is dorky but I love it) agonizes over team line-ups in desperate hopes of teaching our new members good technique and presentation.

For every hour spent on the personal experience and opportunity of the upper leadership of an organization, two hours are expended on the opportunities for the new membership. New members make an organization worthwhile, and good organizations will exert effort equal to that worth to entice new members into leadership roles.

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You new members out there in the world, do not forget how powerful you are. As a freshman, or even a junior with a few more years worth of engineering electives, you have more to plan for than your course load this spring.

Think back to the events that you enjoyed, or the events that you blew off. Think back to the meetings you attended, and put yourself on the other side. Place yourself behind the podium, awkwardly clicking through the powerpoint or agenda for the week. Each of those meetings is an opportunity for you to take over, to show off and step up. There is something going on in your organization that you could do better than those in charge now.

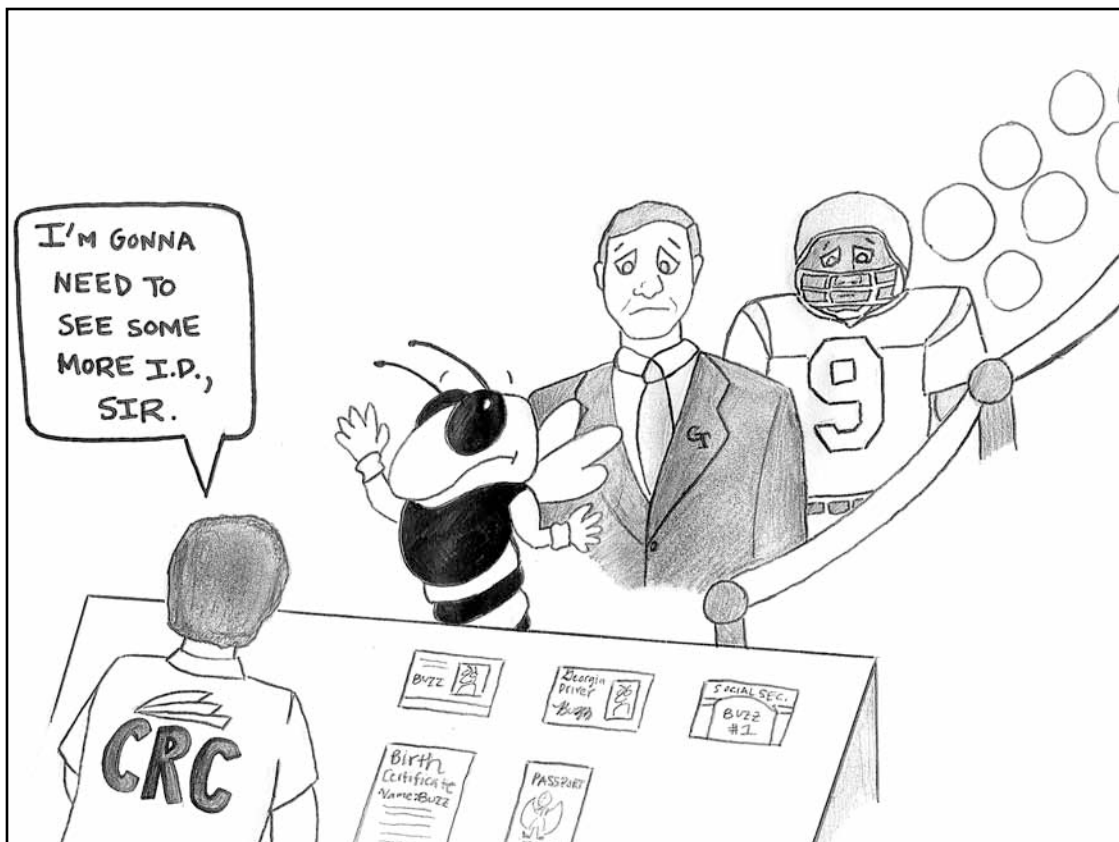
Find out what it is, convince them to let you fix it. Or, be cunning, save your idea, and win a leadership position with it. Either way, fix your organization. It, and in turn the school, will not improve without your input.

Older people, plan early. Unfortunately, fall is the perfect time to start planning your graceful exit from the Tech leadership scene. If you are fortunate enough to belong to an organization that has an independent leadership application process, start reminding your new members what leadership takes.

Hold seminars to teach the ten thousand random things that people forgot to tell you, like how to get a check written by SGA, or how to make someone an officer on Jacketpages. Offer bribes to get them to attend said seminars, like slightly burnt baked goods or eternal friendship (both work fairly well for me).

Whatever you have to do, get the new talent you have recruited into leadership now, so you aren't scrambling come March. Train them, because current student leaders are already old news.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY MAGGIE SMITH



No one is exempt from new security at the CRC.

Be aware of the world outside of Tech

In the ninth grade, I had an AP human geography teacher that as a year-long assignment required his classes to learn to recognizably draw a map of the world, identify the location of all the countries and be able to place any number of major physical features in the appropriate location on our map.

He even taught us pick-up lines to use on people that involved drawing the map. (For example, go up to a stranger and draw a map on a napkin. Revolve the napkin around stranger's body, and say "baby, my world revolves around you.")

I got five extra credit points on my grade that spring for using a map pick-up line on a cute boy over spring break and getting the whole embarrassing debacle on film. (No, I did not get his number.)

It was an insane sounding proposal at the time, but by the end of the year, most of the class was really good at it. The class also taught us to chart linguistic dispersion across the world and stressed understanding the culture of the many countries of the world that I otherwise would have never even realized existed.

The other day, I told the story about my once-famed map-drawing skills to a friend. They, of course, wanted to see proof. I started sketching, only to discover that I couldn't do it anymore. The Americas looked



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Kaitlin Goodrich
Opinions Editor

decent, but Europe, Asia and the Middle East were a mess. The only continent I could draw with any accuracy was Africa, which to be completely honest isn't a very impressive skill at all.

Discovering my loss of map skills ended up being a surprisingly rough blow. I have since found myself sketching the world on my notes during class and trying without avail to remember the countries of Africa. I have lost a skill that I was proud of once upon a time.

While the usefulness of map-drawing skills in my dating life is doubtful, knowing where all the countries of the world were located and the culture within them proved to be a spark of my interest in the world at large. As a freshman in high school, I felt connected to the rest of the world.

For the first time, no matter where news was happening, it seemed relevant to my life. After all, I now could not only place a country on a map, but I also knew its main linguistic

and cultural influences.

This fascination with the rest of the world shaped much of my high school experience and led to my choice of international affairs in college. When I came to Tech, I was sure I was going to learn even more about the world at large and become a well-informed citizen of the world.

In some ways this happened. I became heavily involved with an international organization that keeps me connected to the rest of the world, and my classes emphasize all sorts of aspects of international politics and foreign relations.

However, like most, I find myself often bogged down by daily life within our Tech bubble. I barely can keep up with the seemingly endless readings for my classes, much less take the time to read up on international news online.

Upon realizing that I could no longer tell you where in Africa Niger is located nor what all the countries that touch

Russia are, I also realized that I have stopped keeping up with world events as well as I would like.

To be an active member of society, you must be informed about not only the things that happen within your small sphere of activity, but also the greater world around you.

The political turmoil in Honduras right now or the bombs in Pakistan may not seem to affect your life right now, but they could be events that shape the world we will be living in and working in for the next few years.

While as students we often feel immune from everything going on outside of the Tech community, in a few years we will be the people responsible for making sustainable business decisions in order to deal with global warming caused by things happening around the world right now and mitigating political conflict rooted in the issues we are watching develop in the news right now.

Sure, many of us may not go on to have jobs that directly work toward international policy, but I think any Tech student aims to make an impact on the world, and that requires being a global citizen.

So while I am going to just have to let my days of map-drawing stay in my past, I am going to make an effort to stay informed and be an active global citizen while at Tech.

Fantasy football fans are fair-weathered

I spend most of my Sundays devoted to watching professional football. I know that not everyone is an NFL fan, but there are certain aspects people can relate to when talking about team loyalties. Like diehard fans in any sport, I find a bit of distaste with "fair-weather" fans.

However, with even more disdain, I do not like sitting around spectators that cheer for an individual player and personal statistics over the integrity of the game and team success itself.

Avid fantasy football fans are not real football fans. You should choose to enjoy the game itself over the calculations of fantasy team points and worries of waver-wire situations. Loyalty is what football is about. Before the world was scourged with fantasy sports, people went and watched games with one goal: to cheer for their team. People want to see their quarterback tear up a rival's defense, see their defense wreak havoc on opposing offenses, and also earn the right to "talk smack" after beating a classmate's cherished team.

There is nothing better than being able to give a proud smirk to your friend after beating their self-proclaimed "America's team" in their flashy new stadium on Monday night. There is no better feeling than believing that your team will defeat anyone,



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Steven Cappetta
Assistant Sports Editor

no matter how true that might be.

Fantasy football takes that vital aspect of fandom away. Non-loyal fans act like they know what they are talking about when it comes to football for the week, when in reality, they just repeat what they heard on SportsCenter for the day. These people will go to the bars and move from television to television to see how Jay Cutler, Ronnie Brown, Reggie Wayne, Robbie Gould and the Jets' defense are doing.

They do not have any interest in the game nor care about any scores or division standings. They will cheer after a running back breaks for a big gain in the fourth quarter, even though the team itself is down by three scores and has no chance for a comeback. They probably will not be able to recall the final score, but they sure will be able to tell you how Phillip Rivers fared on the day.

Fantasy sports also take away the pure respect people have for athletes on gameday.

I say this because statistics that people are awarded for in fantasy games are only for certain aspects of the game. They do not account for nice blocks or smart time management play.

A friend might say, "Oh, Hines Ward had a horrible day!" when in fact, he might have had a spectacular day blocking for runs and splitting on routes to get Antonio Holmes open down the field. Statistics only tell half the story in football and even if a player does not score touchdowns or make any receptions, they could still have a productive day in contributing to their team.

With the amount of disgust that I have shown in fantasy sports, I have to admit that not everyone who plays them should be regarded as those that I expressed above.

Some people are lax about their teams and just seem to do it for fun. They will lay back, enjoy the games themselves and probably forget what players they started on the week. I find this an appropriate al-

ternative to those who watch games to cheer for individual players.

This season I am playing in a fantasy football league and sometimes find it hard to keep my eyes away from the bottom bar that flashes the top fantasy players on the day. I feel that no matter how big a fan you are, the moment you step onto the virtual turf, you start to lose even a little bit of your true fandom for the sport.

Playing fantasy football raises another big problem for those that are big fans of one team. Suppose your favorite team is up against players on your fantasy team. For example, suppose you are an enthusiastic Green Bay Packers fan and your team is up against the hated Chicago Bears.

Unfortunately, you have both Jay Cutler and Matt Forte on your fantasy team. What do you do? The true fan would hope to get smashed by their fantasy opponent in that week of football.

If a person tries to explain how they can see both Green Bay and their individual players fairing well on the day, their fan loyalty should be put into question.

Watch football to love the game. The next time someone tells you how they hope Minnesota does not score a touchdown so that Ryan Longwell can get a field goal, ignore what they say and tell him to just enjoy the game.

BUZZ Around Campus

What are you doing for Halloween?



Nic Vasconcellos
Third-year CM

"Carving spooky faces into pumpkins."



Jack Tang
Second-year CM

"Going to a party as the invisibility cloak."



Melissa Gerrior
Fourth-year STAC

"Giving candy to kids in my neighborhood."



Lauren Weisheit
Fourth-year MGT

"Studying for finals."

OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

HOT-or-NOT



Dig for cancer

The volleyball team just held their annual Dig for the Cure game. During the game, each dive for the ball (or dig) is worth a certain amount of money towards a donation to the Susan G. Komen foundation. This year the team made a total of over \$1,500 from their 76 digs. The team also hopes to make more money by selling autographed team jerseys.



Communal germs

Even though we are in the midst of flu season and swine flu cases continue to be on the rise, GT Dining insists on continuing to use the communal stacks of trays and plates, as well as communal canisters of silverware. It's bad enough that we have to dodge people coughing on Skiles but now the germs are collecting throughout the day as people touch the dishes.



COW on campus

Skiles was graced by a colorful door and an arc of balloons to celebrate Coming Out Week by the Pride Alliance. The week included a series of events to support LGBTQ students and issues and let allies on campus stand up for the cause. We are glad that the campus can show their support, and we can't help but love anything that brightens the drab walk along Skiles.



Toxic labs

We were all concerned to hear that a chemical reaction in the basement of the College of Computing created toxic gases sending three people to the hospital. While neither suffered any real hurt, any hospital visit is less than fun. Freshman chemistry lab is stressful enough as a GPA killer, but now we apparently have to worry that the chemicals in the lab can hurt us.

Facebook can be a change agent

Almost all of us are guilty of Facebook-ing excessively. Whether it's to stalk people's pictures when we're bored in class, get people together for an event or send messages, we find many ways to stay true to Facebook's goal of helping to "connect and share with the people in your life." Did the creators of Facebook, now one of the fastest growing and most recognized sites in the world, know it would become the platform for an actual civil society in the Middle East?



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Amira Choueiki
President of AIESEC

In Egypt, freedom of speech and the right to assembly are limited; however, to the almost 800,000 Egyptians on Facebook, they have found their outlet for activism. In a country where newspapers and websites are monitored and censored by the government, walls and groups on Facebook become places not just for keeping in touch, but also for news stories and true personal accounts of events. Perhaps one of the most impressive examples of this is the April 6th Youth Movement. Now standing at just over 70,000 members, this group is dedicated not to being a political party, but a way for young Egyptians to dissent and organize protests. In the Iranian elections this past summer, social networking sites played a role they never dreamed for their sites when the government stepped past their already stringent censoring policies to shut down text messaging capabilities.

Both Facebook and Twitter became the sole means for people to express honest opinions and arrange the endless protests that took place across the country. Twitter even delayed a regular maintenance shutdown because they recognized what that would do to the tens of thousands of users in Iran that were updating each other via a #IranElection tag. Part of these sites' successes are that they are more difficult to block than standard webpages created by groups in the past. "The government can't simply shut down Facebook,

because doing so would alert a large group of people who they can't afford to radicalize," said Mark Zuckerberg founder of Facebook.

Facebook is used by so many for non-political purposes, that angering the wider population would only hurt governments. Twitter is difficult to block because posts are submitted in so many ways. People in countries like Iran and Syria can download free proxy software from groups like Global Internet Freedom Consortium and even individual technology experts all over the world that believe in aiding the effort.

The US State Department has not let this surge of interest and activity go unnoticed. They recently announced a \$5 million pilot program to help expand social networking efforts in the Middle East and North Africa. The State Department also created its own Facebook group, called the "Alliance of Youth Movements" that brought together members from different political groups across the world, including some from the April 6th group. They recently organized a conference for some of these members, as well as representatives from Facebook, MTV and Google.

All efforts by the State Department should remain quiet and be executed very carefully, however. With a Gallup Poll approval rating of just 15% in the Middle East several websites in the Middle East are very hesitant to accept any sort of US funding, as it can lead to a loss of credibility by many in the region.

While a third of Egypt's population is between the ages of 15 and 29, 67% of this group is unregistered to vote. Similar statistics exist across the Middle East, which hosts the second largest ratio of people in this age bracket behind Sub-Saharan Africa. Until social networking sites, these young people had no motivation to become involved with the slow moving, corrupt governments in their country. Young people begin so many revolutions, both of thought and of change. From Tianamen to Invisible Children, student-led movements have drawn some of the most recognized global attention that has led to action- they just need to find an outlet for their voice.

Fed up with ancient politics, this new Middle Eastern generation has finally found something fresh to develop ownership of, and engaging this massive group is key to any sort of success for peace and democracy in the region. With these sites they can do what they can't do in reality: meet in large groups, talk freely about ideas and disagree with their government. In doing so, we hope they will redefine the way their society operates and break away from a leadership dominated by radicalism.

So next time you're on Facebook, instead of just looking at pictures from last weekend, explore the new ways it's being used: Arab Youth Emergence, Syrian Secular Youth, the list of groups goes on and on. You may be surprised to find something we take for granted every day is actually changing the world.

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cause he's the most badass receiver
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west side is the blest side
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the film screenings or sleep somewhere else
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youre gonna do is play on your laptop