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When the hassle of Georgia Tech closes in on you, turn to your activities calendar for relief. Those magic days — circled in red, underlined in black, and otherwise duly noted — make all of the rest bearable. Organized activities put campus life into a new prospective, and make it possible to surmount the day-to-day drudgery. And with the attitude of "Only one week until . . . ," life at Tech becomes an optimistic time, not just a classroom situation. Homecoming, rush, Winter Festival, and so many other things make this campus a fascinating place to be.
ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES
For thousands of racing fans and just plain excitement lovers who filled the grand stands of the Peach Bowl Speedway on the day of the big quarter-mile race, the Tech 200 was a blazing spectacle of color, pageantry, and demonic driving ability. Fans rose from their seats to watch the sixteen go-kart entries trail the 200 pace car around the track. As the green flag marked the start of the race, the crowd settled back to watch the carts flash down straightaways at speeds over 40 miles per hour and around hairpin curves at the limit of driver control.

The Fiji kart led during most of the race, but, due to a pit stop, was forced to relinquish the lead to the Tech Flying Club. Finishing only seconds ahead, and after a duel lasting several laps, Dan Latourrette of the Flying Club took the Tech "200" black and white checkered flag over Dave Stivers in the Fiji kart.
Delta Sigma Phi Chattahoochee River Raft Race
The River Raft Race sponsored by the men of Tech's Delta Sigma Phi fraternity proved to be one of the most successful of all Tech-related events held during the 1969-70 school year.

Publicity of the event was far-reaching, and entries came from such remote states as Tennessee and Alabama, with even the MGM studios of Hollywood entering a wooden raft to publicize their movie "How the West Was Won."

The Raft Race was a mammoth undertaking, as the following data easily proves: with over 10,000 people in attendance, the 1400 rafts began their voyage down the Chattahoochee at Morgan Fall's Dam, ended at the Lovett School — in the course of doing so having, tied up traffic on the Paces Ferry Bridge for the longest length of time on record.

Entries were in three divisions: tugboats — the smallest — those of Battleship size, and the largest being known as commercials, or true liferafts.

Among the winners was Georgia Tech's own Sigma Chi fraternity in the Commercial division.
Derby Day involves some keen competition among girls of Atlanta area sororities and fashion institutes, all seeking to impress the Sigma Chi chapters of Tech and Emory thru a display of their spirit, beauty, talent, and of course, their Sherlock Holmes derby-finding prowess.

Girls from Emory, Tech, Agnes Scott, Georgia State, and Bauder Fashion College visited the chapter houses at both Tech and Emory for five days, loaded down with cakes, smiles, posters and other "goodies" in competition for the Spirit Trophy.

The big Derby Steal took place on Friday of the week, with men of both chapters being chased all over campus by mobs of screaming girls trying to steal the derbies right from their very heads. As well, bonus derbies were hidden at each school, with confusing clues being given as to their unusual whereabouts.

The title of Derby Day Champion is customarily bestowed on Saturday, after points have been racked up by the various sororities for winning the Miss Derby Day Contest, the Daring Debut Fashion Show (most daring costume . . . just how far will these girls go to win?), the "Saw Horse-Pillow fight over water" contest, and others. Miss Derby Day of 1970 was lovely Hilda Beskin representing the Tri-Delts, and the honor of Derby Day Champion went to the Alpha Omega Pi's of Georgia State.
Lambda Chi Alpha Tug of War
Consider if you can a big hole at the lower end of Peter’s Park — 10 feet long and 6 feet deep, to be exact — filled to an overflowing capacity with ice, water and dirt which all too quickly becomes mud. With the rules specifying no more than 8 men on a team and a total team weight not to exceed 2000 pounds, Tech fraternities battle it out on the slick and totally offensive playing field — each seeking to pull the opponent into the depths of the Georgia-Day mud bath. This is a carefree day, designed chiefly for fun in the mud. Sigma Nu won in the Spring 1970 competition.
Greek Week
Once a year the 28 fraternities and sororities of Georgia Tech participate in a week of frolicking festivities and night revelry quite aptly known as Greek Week. The purpose of having this series of events is not so much to give fraternities another chance to party as it is to provide them with the opportunity to work together and compete against each other in events other than intramural sports.

Outstanding during the week were the traditional Greek Chariot Race and Games, which began the festivities on Sunday May 3rd. Rain really made the going rough, but prayers to the hanchos high atop Mt. Olympus proved somewhat successful, as the downpour slightly subsided. Monday’s Bottle Hunt, which led fraternity brothers all over the city in search of those all-important bottles, was won by Theta Chi, and Tuesday night, Beta Theta Pi presented a real show-stopper, thus capturing 1st place in the IFC Variety Show. The concerts presented were tremendous — Blood, Sweat and Tears played to a packed house Thursday night, at which time Pam Pittman was named Greek Goddess and on Saturday night the Allman Brothers and A Group Called Smith rocked out with some of their big hits.

Chariot awards were given as follows: Sigma Nu for the best in beauty, Delta Sig’s for speediest, and best overall went to Theta Chi.

At Sunday night’s concluding banquet, the Pike’s won the highly-revered IFC trophy for 1970.
Greek Week
Field Day

The Co-op Club's Field Day helps keep an otherwise dead summer alive and swinging. Anything to beat the heat and take some of the drudgery out of good old summer school is certainly a blessing, and summer co-ops have long tended to take advantage of every opportunity afforded them to "let loose" and forget about old Ma Tech and her bag of shafty goodies.

On a hopefully warm Saturday afternoon, the Co-op Club entices students, beautiful Atlanta girls, and some of the faculty softball jocks to their Field Day Picnic where Rats take part in pie-eating contests, greased-pig races, softball games, and other fun events planned by the club. Food is good and plentiful, and the Student Center even throws in a real live band to finish out the day.
Homecoming weekend at Georgia Tech is a unique experience, both for the thousands of innocent bystanders who annually cram into Ma Tech’s concrete campus for just a look, and especially for the many students and time-worn alums who have felt the magic of a Tech Homecoming so many times before and have returned to the campus to reaffirm their faith in those things that are good and lasting — namely old Ma Tech herself. The whirl of fraternity parties, beauties, concerts, The Game, and Ramblin’ Recks create a very special atmosphere on the display-studded campus.

The 1970 Homecoming Queens were lovely Suzanne Ripley, taking the honor of Miss Homecoming, and Betty Suddard, chosen as Mrs. Homecoming.

The Georgia Tech football team rallied with the enthusiasm of the season and beat Navy, 30-8.

The Chamber’s Brothers were featured at the annual Homecoming Concert, held in the coliseum.

The Homecoming displays were won this year by Harrison Dorm in the Dormitory Division and by AEII in the Fraternity Division. The honor of being the Ramblin’ Reck Parade’s top pile of junk for 1970 went to the TKE’s block-long whatever-it-was, with second place going to ΔTA’s elaborate “Delta Queen.”

The Mini-500, another of the Reck Club’s activities, was won by ZBT fraternity — “The hottest set of wheels on campus” — with BΩII coming in a close second.

Tech’s new Homecoming event — Homecoming Dog — was won by Yitbos of ΔΣΦ. The feat which clinched him the title? He drank a six pack of beer.

One of the first events of the weekend was the freshman cake race, early Saturday morning. The winners got to kiss Miss Homecoming, Suzanne Ripley.
LEFT: Homecoming Dog Yitbos.
Homecoming
Homecoming
After the riot at Kent State University in which four students were killed, classes were called off at Tech in honor of the memory of these students. A memorial service was held in Bertha Square at which President Hansen spoke.
T-Night 1970 accurately foretold the story of this year's Varsity Football team. The Gold team, under the direction of Eddie McAshan, defeated the White team 27 - 7. Rob Healy racked up 3 of the Gold's touchdowns and played well throughout the game. McAshan was the big star, completing 11 of 23 passes with several others having been dropped. The defensive units on both sides were less than spectacular, but strong efforts by Rock Perdoni, Tim Broome, Smylie Gebhart, and Bill Flowers demonstrated their great potential. After the game, a prediction was published that Tech would have a 7 - 4 season, and would go to a bowl game, a prediction that was to be borne out almost exactly.
Each summer Coop Club Section 1 sponsors Rat Hat Review. The Talent Show is a Freshman-oriented program open to students of all Atlanta Area colleges. A variety of acts ranging from Folksinging to Skits are presented by the talented entrants. A trophy is presented to the best performers. This year three Massey students, Suzy Thomas, Donna and Jeanie Copenhaver, won the trophy which is kept on display in the Georgia Tech Student Center.
Happenings

Always deeply aware of student interest at Tech, the Student Center strives to program its activities to provide the gamut of entertainment. In achieving this objective the GTSC sponsored a series of Spring Happenings last year. Every Tuesday at 11:00 students gathered in Bertha Square to witness a Student Center Happening. Acts ranging from the Ruby Red’s Band to actors from the Tally Ho Dinner Theater performed all spring long. In the Fall the Student Center along with the National Entertainment Association sponsored several Mini-Pop Festivals.
Georgia Tech entered two cars in the MIT — Cal Tech sponsored Clean Air Car Race: ME’s natural gas Ford and EE’s Elect-Reck. In the August race from Boston to Pasadena, the ME and EE entries came in second and third, respectively, in their classifications. The Ford ran against two other natural gas cars; the “Reck” competed with six other electrics. The ME car was converted from a stock sedan, a process requiring only a commercially available kit. The Elect-Reck is powered by over 1400 pounds of batteries through a 25 horsepower electric motor, giving the car a top speed of 65 mph. These cars demonstrated practical alternatives to today’s pollutant internal combustion engine.
Kite Fly

Two very simple yet pleasurable objects are the kite and the yoyo. Both are connected to a string, both depart from and return to the individual in control, and both are fun. Nevertheless, in planning a schoolwide activity, Pete Matrangos and the Crafts Area decided that a Kite Fly would create more student interest than a Yoyo. Therefore, the Student Center sponsored one last summer and thirty five people showed up with hand-made kites. An award was given for the kite that flew the highest and the longest. Although the event had little to do with Technology, the participants seemed to enjoy themselves anyway.
This year's 1500 freshmen came to Tech a week before the upperclassmen; they arrived to witness Tech traffic at its worst and Tech spirit at its best. Once they moved into their dorm homes, they made for Grant Field to see FSU's defeat — or they strolled around and became intimate with Mother Tech. But after the amenities of the first hours on campus, freshmen found orientation sessions, departmental meetings, and placement tests to be reckoned with. Orientation Week included President Hansen's Convocation, computer registration, flu shots, and many, many questions and answers. The sessions didn't alter too many concepts of what college, particularly Georgia Tech, would be like: that would come with experience. What they did do was reconcile uncertainties and give the incoming "Ramblin' Recks" confidence. The incredible surveys that were given, and the endless waiting in the heat of the coliseum, and the exposure to school spirit all helped to make the freshmen a determined group of men and women, and started them toward their graduation in '74. Or '75. Or ...
The Community Services Office is an organization whose principal function is to provide support for any school-associated group which has a plan or program designed to help the community around Tech.

Directed by Don Nelson and operating out of offices located in the old Hemphill Church of God, the Community Service Offices now provide administrative support and advisory services to more than a dozen student-operated projects which range from tutorial programs to summer day camps for neighborhood kids.
Free University

TOP, OFFICERS: Dick Donoho, Henry Thorpe, President Bill Sherden, Dave Todd, Joe Hall, Charlie Lee.

RIGHT. Old gasoline storage tank which is to be converted into project AQUATAT is rolled from truck onto school grounds.
The Free University is an attempt by members of the student body and faculty to broaden the educational opportunities at Georgia Tech. It offers students subjects on a non-credit basis, requiring no tests, homework, etc., but only the interest of the student. The courses and special learning projects offered are concerned with subjects not normally found in the Georgia Tech curriculum. Some examples of typical Free University courses are: Living with Sex in the Age of the Pill, Connoisseur 101, Private Pilot Ground School, Investments, Issues in Contemporary Films.

One exciting aspect of the Free University is a project it is participating in with the Aqua Club: Project AQUATAT. AQUATAT is a relocatable underwater laboratory for year-round use at Lake Lanier for ecological and limnological studies and engineering tests. The basic habitat consists of a vertical steel cylinder, 30.5 feet high, 10.5 feet in diameter, and 3/8 inches thick.
Winter Festival’s week long parade of activities were highlighted by the Tech-ville Follies and the Coop Club’s Cassino Night. Other events included The Howdy Doody Revival, Movie Marathon, Ray Whitely at Burdel’s Basement, and A Conversation with Dean Rusk.

Cassino Night has become an annual function of Section 1. All Tech students and their dates were invited to try their luck at everything from cards to roulette, and all bets were on the house. The big winners won special prizes. Talent winners also won prizes in the Tech-ville Follies. This year’s talent show was divided into three categories: Vocal, Instrumental, and Variety. A group from the Ad-lib night club acted as the Masters of Ceremonies for the evening, introducing everything from piano-jazz improvisations to a very Tech-oriented magic act which won in the variety division.
Technology Week

Georgia Tech in an effort to help find a positive means of solving some of our Nation's environmental problems, sponsored Technology Week last February. The purpose of the week was: 1. to bring together national student leaders, faculty members, administrators, corporate executives, government officials, and the general public in a positive atmosphere to discuss how the accomplishments of technology may be used responsibly and constructively; 2. To provide for a series of educational experiences; 3. To provide leaders from education, industry, and government common ground to gain constructive ideas and plans for future action.

The proposal called for two basic types of presentations during the week; first, technological exhibits presented by Tech departments and their contacts in industry, and secondly, first class lecture programs with well known civic, government, and industrial leaders as speakers. Some of the more distinguished guests that were invited to speak were Dr. Arthur G. Hansen, J. Paul Austin, president of Coca Cola, Elmer W. Lower, president of ABC News, Sam Massell, Ivan Allen Jr., Ralph Abernathy, Carl Sanders, Walter J. Hickel, Senator Charles Percy, and Senator Herman Talmage.

Technology week shaped up to be a program of national significance. What made this program so outstanding was that it was the first student initiated conference in the United States to bring together leaders from education, industry, and government to seek a means to help solve our environmental problems.
Campus Entertainment

Drama and the arts, seemingly foreign to a Scientific-Technological environment, draw considerable attention at Georgia Tech. Student interest is evidenced by the long lines and sell-outs at campus flicks. Each week recent motion pictures are shown featuring big stars like King Kong and W. C. Fields.

Though Films are popular, students really get into culture through Drama Tech. During the year three plays written by famous playwrights such as Shakespeare and Arthur Miller, are produced by Tech students. This year Drama Tech put on two plays, Rhinoceros, and Orpheus Descending.
Among the many programs open to the students the presentation of important guest lecturers is certainly among the most invaluable. Through the prestige and financial resources of the Institute, students are afforded a timely association with contemporary, history-making figures. Some of this year's distinguished speakers were associate Supreme Court Justice, William O. Douglas, Admiral Moore of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Maynard Jackson, Lester Maddox, Dick Gregory, John Young, Julian Bond, Dean Rusk, Senator Charles Percy, Walter J. Hickel, and Georgia Senator Herman Talmage.

"The benches bend my spine. My tail hurts. I wait impatiently, small talk with my date helps pass the time. The odors of scotch and perfume hang about me. Cigarette lighters flicker. Finally, the lights dim. A burst of applause. 'Ladies and gentlemen, the Georgia Tech Student Center proudly presents in concert ...' Waves of sound wash over me. Vibrations overwhelm me."

A lot can be said about concerts at Tech, yet few students can complain of not ever having heard of the groups. This year the Guess Who; Blood, Sweat, and Tears; The Chambers Brothers; Bread; Cactus; The Allman Brothers; Smyth; and The Association performed before audiences in the Tech Coliseum.
Blood Drive

That red stuff running through the tube is yours — or was. "It's for a good cause." "Someday you might need blood." And so each spring Tech donors give up gallons of their precious plasma in the annual Blood Drive. Under the direction of the Atlanta Red Cross, this program was set up to insure the availability of typed blood to the public. Donors are guaranteed free transfusions should the emergency ever rise. The ordeal must be painless or else so many Tech students would not participate. Few endeavors produce so much good for a few minutes in bed.
The Bulldog Club is defunct. No more will little Bullpups with their hotdog necklaces, derby hats, and red and white socks be seen. This year the GTAA has completely revised the Intramural program at Tech. Under the direction of a professional coordinator, Jim Culpepper, and the Georgia Tech Intramural Council, $25,000 worth of assistance has been appropriated to Intramural Sports. This money was used to pay for student referees, sports equipment and the Intramural Banquet.
Intramurals
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Out of boredom and loneliness, frustration and acute nudism, there comes a spontaneous need for diversion; spur of the moment decisions to seek out some fun — to abandon Mother Tech for a few hours in favor of a younger, sexier companion; to escape from the pressures that evaporate incentive; to leave, for a while, the confining and stagnant atmosphere that so often characterizes Tech. Even if just to take in a flick with your roommate or some friends. And somehow, when the party’s over, the game has ended, your girl goes back home, — whatever — it’s easier to face Tech once again.