Organizations: Where the Action Is

In the high-pressured, competitive academic atmosphere of Tech, organizations stand out as a means to "get away from it all." Students find that they can develop their extracurricular skills, cultivate new interests, or pursue their hobbies without necessarily neglecting the ever-present school work. Participation in organizations can be as wild and outgoing as the activities on these two pages, or can be as reserved and personal as a prayer meeting.

Organizations have traditionally been very popular on campus. Pictured here are some of the most widely supported: Flying Club, Sports Car Club, Sailing Club, and Motorcycle Club. On the following pages are other well-known Tech organizations.
Opportunities to Be
An Actor, Artist or
Connoisseur . . .
Wine Appreciation and Wire Sculpture were part of the Free University program this year. Some of the other classes taught using this form of informal instruction were Consumer Economics, Introduction to Filmmaking, Yoga, and Human Sexuality.
... to Answer, "Who Am I?"
LEFT AND BOTTOM: Black Awareness Week, sponsored by the Georgia Tech Afro-American Association, featured discussions, a black art exhibit, and an open house party.
ABOVE AND FAR RIGHT: Chinese Night was highlighted by games and a variety show.
RIGHT: Performing Tech student at India Night during the winter quarter.
... To Satisfy a Need for Belonging
Tradition: Key Element of Tech Organizations
LEFT, FAR LEFT AND ABOVE: Cheerleaders help to rally students behind the team and assist in quelling some of the more obscene cheers. LOWER LEFT: The Tech band performed at all football games and were the loudest supporters at home basketball games.
ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT: Johnny Jackson, Local Ad Manager; Steve Rushing, Business Manager; Julianne Cone, Circulation Manager. RIGHT, LEFT TO RIGHT: Bill Henry, Photographer; Michael Krumbein; Curtis Deutsch, Features Editor; Phil Sencil; Mary Forster, Composition. BELOW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mark Percich, Sports; Bob Gibeling, Political Editor; Steve King, News; Steve Harris, News Editor.
In spite of the great controversy associated with this organization in the past, the TECHNIQUE "Rushed" through 1972 with considerable success. Manuele's was the scene for such impressive executive decisions as where to put the condom ads; after a few pitchers of beer, things came easy. The most pressing problem was whether or not to take a 'lique.

Actually, this year was an important one for the TECHNIQUE: financing was obtained which enabled it to get cold type equipment for the campus, which in turn made possible a bi-weekly newspaper. Plans for the near future would transform the TECHNIQUE into a daily paper, best able to cover events at Tech.
WREK: Most Powerful Student Station

WREK radio has progressed tremendously since its beginnings four years ago with 10 watts mono. Today the station boasts 40,000 watts stereo.

This year has been a year of firsts for WREK. It was the first full year of 24-hour-a-day operation. WREK radio participated in the first discrete quadraphonic broadcasts in the southeast during the summer and early fall, along with WGKA (now WZGC). WREK was the first station in the southeast to broadcast a rock concert live: The Grateful Dead in November and Alice Cooper in January. An interview with Melanie and a locally produced program of electronic music were highlights of the past year. The Hornet and The Shadow, radio thrillers of the 40’s, were brought back to life on Sunday nights. All of this in addition to WREK’s standard programming — the best in progressive music. WREK, the country’s most powerful student station, directs all of its programming to Tech students.
TOP: Bruce Sundstrom, Managing Editor; Dee Blomeley, typist; TOP RIGHT: Bill Turner and Jerry Hatcher, Greek Life Editors; CENTER: Wayne Vizcarrondo, Sports Editor; CENTER RIGHT: Mike Moon and Pam Wilkinson, Features Editors; Butch Price; RIGHT: Catherine Broussard and Miriam Quinones, Academics Editors; FAR RIGHT: Bill Henry, photographer.
BLUEPRINT staff members gathered during the winter quarter to honor Fred Hedrick, oldest living staff member, with a low-cholesterol prune cake to insure his future regularity in attending meetings. Good 'ole Fred managed to extinguish all three candles in as many tries, despite the strenuous elevator ride up to the BLUEPRINT Office. In addition to the cake, the staff chipped in for new batteries for his pacemaker. Fred has served in just about every staff capacity, including that of Editor, Business Manager, and Head Pornographer.

And yet, no matter how long we stay at Georgia Tech, the day will come when it all is just a memory. Whenever nostalgia strikes — tomorrow or ten years from now — the BLUEPRINT will be the only tangible record of 1971-1972. And so, the job of the yearbook staff is to transcribe a year's events, people, and "personality" into a book form that is both accurate and interesting. Essential to a successful yearbook is a staff willing to work and able to perform as a unit toward a single goal: publishing 1972.
In its second year of operation, the Georgia Tech Student Center has increased and refined its many services. The result has been well-planned concerts such as *Chicago*, bold art exhibits, and worthwhile projects in the tradition of Technology Week. The Student Center complex moved toward completion throughout the year with the closing of Hemphill and the opening of the front parking lots. This year also saw the inception of a convenient check-cashing service.

The Center requires participation if it is to continue to grow — and feedback if it is to respond to campus needs.

RIGHT: Brent Jorgeson, Student Center President; BELOW, LEFT TO RIGHT: David Ness, Programs Director; Jerry Bell, Exterior Vice-President; Pete Matrangos, Activities Coordinator; Brian Kinsey, Treasurer.
ERATO: Who Says Engineers Can’t Write?

ERATO is the literary magazine of Georgia Tech. The name ERATO is derived from the title Engineer’s Review and Tech Ontology, and as this publication moves into its third year it continues to be popular throughout the Tech community. It provides its readers surcease from the sterile textbook material encountered every day on campus; moreover, it enables talented writers to showcase their creativity in something more expressive than a lab write-up.

Clearly, if students remain as enthused and as willing to participate as they have been, the ERATO will continue as a popular Tech publication.

The Student Government of Georgia Tech, under the leadership of President Chris Bagby, did more to represent the students this year than ever before. In areas as diverse as athletics, academics, finance, and social concerns, bold steps were taken to advance the cause of the student. The SGA won new respect from the Tech community for its intelligent and responsible efforts to solve some tough problems.

Students had an active role in the selection of Dr. Joseph Pettit as Tech's new president; student government worked for legalized beer and wine on campus, free Student Center upper lot parking, and the closing of Hemphill Avenue. The SGA became the state headquarters for student voter registration and participated in other projects such as the Campus Chest drive, the student discount service, and the allocation of $450,000 of student activity fees. If the vitality exhibited by the 1971-1972 student government carries over into next year, great things could happen.

RIGHT: Student Government President Chris Bagby, left, and Vice-President Ron Ovetsky attend council meeting. BELOW: SAC-70 became less of a dream and more of a reality this year as funds were pledged and plans were made.
ABOVE: Chris Bagby and candidates for SGA office answer questions and discuss issues prior to elections. LEFT: As a service to the Tech community, the SGA distributed drug and sex information; pictured is the cover of the pamphlet dealing with sex education.
Student Government Takes Action in Athletics

ABOVE: Through the efforts of student government, a reduction in the cost of date ID's was obtained. ABOVE RIGHT: The SGA helped Rats regain their own section and their right to support the team on the field. RIGHT: Another achievement of student government was the revision of PT requirements; shown is the new health course option.
Graduate Students Assume New Voice

The first aim of the Graduate Student Senate this year was to improve the welfare and position of the graduates on campus; emphasis was given on allowing grad students more of a say about what's going on. Through the actions of the Graduate Senate, language requirements have been modified for Ph.D. candidates, faculty bookstore discounts have been obtained, and new parking privileges for graduates are now in effect. Projects currently underway include a proposed salary increase for faculty assistants and a newsletter designed to promote better communications throughout the Tech community. In addition to their own concerns, the Graduate Student Senate is working for more participation between faculty and students.

BELOW, LEFT: Two Senate members listen to a proposal; BELOW: Senate President, Jesús León, presides over a meeting; BOTTOM: Members discuss Senate business.
CO-OP II has been active in many areas this year. Probably the most dynamic evidence of this shows up in their football record: in the play-off against the Baptist Center, the CO-OPs captured the Independent Football League Championship. Other activities of the CO-OPs range from parties to service projects. One of the worthwhile projects undertaken by this group was the renovation of a building for Golden Age Enterprises.

KNEELING: Bob Matheny, Ray Miller, Jim Simon, Jim Chamberlin.
BOTTOM: Partying — CO-OP style, with Advisor, Dr. Rodrique and wife.
CO-OP I Sponsors Casino Night

Co-op I is a service organization open to a limited number of co-op students. Members are chosen on a basis of character, personal qualities, and interest in co-op and school activities. The main aim of this organization is to alleviate the boredom of the summer and winter quarters. The highlight of the co-op activities during the winter is Casino Night. Students get the chance to gamble legally with no financial risk to themselves; moreover, prizes are awarded to the top five winners, computed on the basis of largest percentage increase.

The most ambitious undertakings of Co-op Section I occur during the summer. Freshman orientations and smokers are sponsored to familiarize incoming students with the traditions of Georgia Tech. Field Day, the Rat-Faculty softball game, the Rat Tug, and the Miss Perfect Lips Dance are all popular summer features presented for the Tech community by the co-ops.

Co-op I, through its many activities, tries to create an atmosphere of fellowship among all Tech students.

Delta Sigma Pi . . . Means Business

Delta Sigma Pi is an organization which gives business students an opportunity to prepare for the business world. To this end, several activities were sponsored by the group: lectures by Andrew Young and Hal Suit discussed current political issues in Georgia; field trips were held to the plants of General Motors and Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, and Smith, Incorporated; members took part in a city-wide YMCA project for elementary schools without intramural systems.

RIGHT: Andrew Young, guest speaker.
Alpha Kappa Psi is a national professional business fraternity open to all male IM's in good standing. Candidates for membership must be at least third quarter freshmen. A.K.Psi is the oldest and largest fraternity of its kind, established in 1904 and appearing at Tech in 1962. This organization’s activities cover a wide spectrum, ranging from professional to social programs. Trips were taken to enlarge the scope of the classroom education of Georgia Tech; General Motors, ruling, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta demonstrated what IM graduates might encounter in their career positions. Speakers shared their experiences so that students might receive better insights into the business world.

**Alpha Kappa Psi Expands IM’s Potential**

*LEFT TO RIGHT, FRONT ROW:* Ric Fly, Warden; Tom Robinson, Master of Rituals; Richard Wilson, Treasurer; Bill Sauser, Secretary; Ron Pate, Vice President; Tom Kent, President; Dr. Aristides Abril, Faculty Advisor. *SECOND ROW:* John Rowlett, Murray Air, Bruce Mullinix, Tommy Mitchell, Bob Hightower, Ronnie Ledford, Mohan Bagga, Jerry Tayloe, Terry Ryan. *THIRD ROW:* Dean Reeves, John Jones, Frank Elmore, Allen Bond, Steve Wolfe, Craig Moss, John Wright, Pat Carey. *FOURTH ROW:* Dana Abernathy, Bill Gattmann, Chuck Dobbins, Steve Thamer, Jack Spangler, Jimmy Grant, Les Bales, Earle Johnson.
The Baptist Center . . .
Try It — You’ll Like It

The Baptist Center provides an atmosphere of relaxation and fellowship where people can escape the sterility of Georgia Tech. There are excellent facilities for recreation and study, and many programs invite participation and involvement. The BSU sponsors parties, lecture series, and other opportunities for personal enrichment.

RIGHT: Playing pool in the recreation room; BELOW: The Baptist Center, 740 Techwood Drive.
TOP: BSU vs CO-OP Club football game, Grant Field; LEFT: Reflecting on Scripture. ABOVE: Dr. George Schweitzer lecturing on religion in the life of the scientist.
The Wesley Foundation: A Haven From the Hill

The Wesley Foundation, the Methodist organization on campus, has been pursuing new and meaningful ways to reach out and deal with the needs of Tech students. Experimental worship was one aspect of the Foundation's attempt to make religion a living influence in people's lives.

ABOVE: Reverend Bill Landiss, Director of the Wesley Foundation, discussing issues with Techmen; RIGHT AND BELOW: Singing and fellowship.
Circle K, closely related to Kiwanis and Key Club, is a service organization open to Tech students who have an active concern for the community. In addition to promoting service projects, the club also provides outlets necessary to develop character and leadership in its members.

Once a month, Circle K holds a banquet and invites a prominent community leader to speak. The club also participates in all intramural activities and with the downtown YMCA's fatherless boy program.
The Photo Club, located in the YMCA building, is an association of student photographers who share facilities and past experiences to expand their own abilities. The club provides darkroom and studio facilities and sponsors salons and programs on photography. In addition, the Photo Club members provide most of the photographic services for Tech publications. Members of the club also instruct novices on techniques of taking and developing pictures. The club's darkroom, completely rebuilt during the first part of winter quarter, is the most extensively equipped and readily available darkroom for use by Tech students. This year the club had a membership of approximately twenty-five students. Several salons were sponsored this year.
Barbell Club Builds Up

The Barbell Club of Georgia Tech is open to all students and provides very complete facilities for working out. Weight lifting not only builds a better body, but also lets academic stresses be channeled into physical exertion. The Barbell Club, which works out in the Commons Area of Area III, has been very popular on campus in the past few years.
The Georgia Tech Glee Club opened their 1971-1972 concert season with two on-campus performances. This year, the male group, which usually numbers about 40, was complemented by 15 co-eds who also sang as a separate group. The singers are directed by Jerry Black, who has done much to refine their quality since he assumed his position in 1969. They are accompanied by Don Larson on the piano.

A novel performance was at a champagne breakfast at the Marriott. They have also sung with the Atlanta Symphony.

Glee Club Sings With Atlanta Symphony
Ramblin' Reck Club Maintains Traditions

The Ramblin’ Reck Club has the responsibility of keeping the great heritage of Georgia Tech alive. To the incoming freshman, age old customs and crazy, wild practices may seem irrelevant and even bothersome. But after the Reck Club unravels the history behind Tech’s strange behavior, these traditions become part of the Techman—a source of pride—and they help to make everyday existence at Tech more meaningful. The efforts of these white-hatted Recks have resulted in the strong common spirit shared by students and alumni. This year the Reck Club’s main responsibility was the handling of pep rallies before football games.

BELOW, BEHIND CAR FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Larry Sanders, Leslie Spencer, Tom Robertson, Steve Clark, Larry Patrick, Jack Vaughn, Dave Philbrick, John Reeves, Charles Cheney, and Chuck Smith. SEATED IN RUMBLE SEAT: Loy Dranchak. STANDING IN FRONT OF CAR: Dave Burford, Neal Bramblett, and Scott Kroell. BOTTOM: A member helps keep the Reck in perfect condition.
IDC Holds Elections

This year the Interdormitory Council of Georgia Tech held general elections for the selection of their president. This facet of IDC operations was a result of an internal structural revision which this year brought more complete representation to those Tech students who live on campus. The Council takes part in all affairs pertaining to dorm life and specifically in planning rules and regulations for residents. In addition to these activities, the IDC also arranges interdormitory athletics, dorm banquets, and parties.

*RIGHT:* IDC President Bill Rund presides over Council meeting.
T-Club Provides Fellowship for Jocks

The Georgia Tech "T-Club" is an organization composed of Varsity Lettermen in gymnastics, golf, track, cross-country, tennis, swimming, football, baseball, or basketball. T-Club lets men who share athletics among each other share fellowship as well. Although members are drawn together by their being jocks, they use the strength of their numbers to improve relations between themselves and coaches, professors, other organizations, and other athletes. The club also serves to encourage and influence freshmen who are interested in sports. In addition to the support it gives its members, the T-Club also contributes to programs around the campus. These activities make for a higher quality of athletic achievement.