STUDENT LIFE
Atlanta Nightlife Exudes Thrills
One well known fact: All Georgia Tech students are highly dedicated scholars. There comes a time, however, when even the most dedicated will want to, even have to, shelve the books for a night. When this time arrived, Atlanta gave the pleasure seeker a multitude of night spots from which to choose.

Diversity has always been present in Atlanta’s music scene. There’s 60’s rock, disco, new wave, and even hard core punk for the really adventurous. Various clubs are scattered throughout the city, with ones like Confetti and the Limelight in Buckhead for the singles-bars set, and 688 and the Metroplex for the thrill seekers. Whether it’s time to meet Mr. or Miss Right, or time to just marvel at foot high mohawks, this town’s got the place.

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TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Jason “shops around” for some nightlife. The alternative music club, 688. Atlanta lights up at night. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: The Metroplex is where hardcore will always survive. Walking on the wild side.
Spending Weekends on the Town

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Atlanta also offered many ways to sustain hard working students.

No matter what his, or her, favorite fare might be, the student could find it in Atlanta. From dining seventy-five stories up in the Peachtree Plaza, to pizza at Fellini's, any taste could be satisfied. Of course there were the old standbys like Junior's and the Varsity, but come on, above all, Tech students must be original.

Now, of course there is one more aspect of cutting loose. At Tech the students like to drink, or drown as the case may be. If you've got the time, this city has the places. P. J. Haley's, Grumpy's, and dozens of "cozy" pubs are among the places available for this fine activity. There you can share a pitcher with friends and enjoy their company until the early morning. Yes, someone was very kind to Tech along time ago when he gave Atlanta all its nightspots, and Tech students know how to show their appreciation.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: The Fabulous Fox sets the stage for some great concerts. Michael Harder pops the cap off at P.J.'s. Don't pass out on the table.

BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: The wall "bees" of "The Nest." Eating pizza takes talent.
This year while Tech was celebrating a century of her past accomplishments, several new additions to the campus were made that were worth celebrating as well. They helped to make Tech a more convenient, efficient place to work, study and live. These additions ranged from a multi-million dollar bookstore/mall to a new bus stop across from the EE building.

The bookstore/mall puts all of the bare essentials at one’s fingertips. Inside are obviously the bookstore, Kinko’s, Partyland, Microworks, Peppermints, a travel service, and a sundry shop. The mall also provides a place for transient retailers to display their merchandise and add a little variety for Tech students.

The Air Force ROTC headquarters were moved to the basement of the DM Smith building, which was totally renovated to suit their needs and provide the perfect ROTC atmosphere. The Catholics also moved their “headquarters” this year. They moved into the new, million and a half dollar complex the corner of Campus and Brittain. Inside are both an elaborate chapel and extensive recreational and meeting facilities.

The Centennial Research Building (CRB) found on the corner of 10th Street and Dalney, is a perfect example of Tech’s progress in the last hundred years. Boy have we come a long way since 1885.
Money, money, money. It seems that no matter how much a student has, it is never enough. Sometime in their college career, most students remedy the situation by getting a part-time job. The perfect part-time job would be high-paying, convenient, and provide experience in one’s major. But since the perfect job is very hard to find, Tech students usually settle for a job that has one or two good aspects.

One type of job that is well-suited for students is the on-campus job. What could be more convenient than a job in the same (or adjacent) building in which class is held? Students can be seen all over campus — from drivers for Stingerette to cooks for ARA to cashiers in the Bookstore Mall. Graduates and a few undergraduates can also be seen working as teaching assistants, graders, or tutors for large classes.

For those who like a convenient job, but want to get off campus or work unusual hours, there are jobs just off campus. Most of the local eateries — Junior’s, Pero’s, etc. — will hire students.

Some students, however, are willing to give up convenience for higher pay or for job experience outside the Tech area. They sacrifice the time to commute or the extra energy for a strenuous or challenging job. They are willing to make the sacrifice to earn the extra money or to help bolster their résumé.

Though all of these jobs are not perfect in every way, on payday the working student is glad he took the challenge of a part-time job.
Life at Tech: How to make it the best! Living in a dorm room can be fun and challenging especially when the object is decorating. Imagine being surrounded by fishtanks while sleeping or waking to Crystal Gayle songs being clamored on an old piano by your roommate. Sound exciting? Teddy bears, beverage displays, posters, momentos, plants, animals, everything including the kitchen sink can be found in some of the dorm rooms around campus.

New paint and designs for the walls can also make a room especially livable. Posters along with pictures seem to be the traditional way to cheer a bare wall and significantly lighten up a room. With some carpet or a rug, that cold tile floor becomes warm and cozy for bare feet. Fraternity rooms, sorority rooms, and dorm rooms are what most Tech students call home, so the more personalized a room is the more exciting it can be to live in.

Some students go all out when decorating. The sky is the limit especially when sky racks that add much needed space are built inside a room. Building zones is a relatively new idea that adds beauty to utilization of space. Zones can be seen in many of the Fraternity houses, as well as tall sky racks and neon signs.

The roommate must be considered before the personalization begins, but most roommates cooperate to produce a unique room that they can call their own. Any way you look at it, room personalization is a must for a fun and distinctive life on campus.

TOP: Joe Cohen plays his piano in Woodruff. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Jay Drews manages to concentrate on his studies despite his distracting surroundings. Beth Logan relaxes in her room at the Alpha Gamma Delta house. Jay Drews and Christi Veal relax in Jay's safari.
Ratio Begins to Lose Tight Grip

In the past, "Hey Tech, give us a break!" was probably the most common exclamation heard from Tech males who were affected by the extremely high male-to-female ratio, known as "The Ratio" to all students. However, as the years passed, the ratio has rapidly declined to 4-to-1 and counting, ensuring more available women. In the midst of this sweet invasion, guys and gals were becoming more inclined to form both casual and romantic relationships. Tech offers quite a few activities to catalyze these relationships.

Fall is an exciting time of year for couples, with a brand new year, rush parties, and football games. Homecoming is also a special time of the year, especially with this year's Centennial celebration. Spring also has its share of activities for couples. With the nice weather guys and girls can be seen swimming, lounging in the sun, or enjoying a good game of tennis. More studious types know that schoolwork is much more interesting when done with the opposite sex, and meet many interesting people through study groups.

Male-female interaction at Georgia Tech is certainly becoming more of the norm than the exception as the number of females increases bringing an enjoyable aspect of campus life.

LEFT: Springtime lures this studious pair outside.
MIDDLE, TOP TO BOTTOM: The library is a good place to meet classmates. This couple passes time together at the fountain. RIGHT, TOP TO BOTTOM: Two friends shoot the breeze while waiting on the bus. This pair stops between classes for a friendly conversation.
Life in the Greek system is exactly the niche some people seek to complete their idea of the college experience. For many, finally being a member of a particular fraternity or sorority is the realization that college will last for the next four years and those years will be particularly rewarding. Others join not to complete the experience, but rather enhance it.

The reasons students pledge the various Greek organizations are many. Some want to have at least one thing to feel a part of at school. A fraternity or sorority gives identity to some lost in the shuffle with 11,000 others. Two more reasons people become members are to make their class load easier through use of extensive class files and to meet upperclassmen who can be outstanding business contacts for the future. Finally, though, most people become active within the Greek community for the potential friendship offered and of course the obvious partying that goes with this implication. People come up with a host of excuses, good and bad, to participate in Greek life.

Fraternities and sororities engage in several activities during the year to get their respective members together. At the beginning of fall quarter, fraternities sponsor Rush Week to allure incoming freshmen. Activities of all sorts take place during the week with the culmination of prospective bids going out for membership in the fraternity. The next big event is Homecoming. All of the Greek organizations compete against one another in events ranging from tug-of-wars to a tricycle race. The last big event of the year is Greek Week. This annual spring competition between the fraternities and sororities provides a strenuous and entertaining outlet from the stress of bookwork. The Greek system adds life to the campus throughout the year with their participation in and sponsorship of a diverse range of activities.
At a school where the academic pressures are enormous, it is certain that people will find some bizarre way to blow off steam. After a hard day or week's worth of school, a nice refreshing game of hacky-sack, or a trip down the library fountain is a nice way to relax.

Of course, there are plenty of other unique ways to enjoy athletic activity. Many people enjoy playing a game of ultimate or frisbee golf (a game made out of throwing frisbees at trees). For the really far out there is always either mutant football or mutant softball. A mutant sport has one regulation above and beyond the regular, each player must consume a six-pack of malt beverage before playing.

All in all, there are plenty of ways to get all the pent-up frustrations out of one's system. Between all the regular sports and the unusual ones, there is no reason to be bored. If you do not want to play, you can always watch.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Flying through the air with the greatest of ease. Rich Pearlstein confuses and impresses his fellow hacky-sack player. There's a catch that left Wade Kelly in disbelief. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: The poor student was permanently attached and forever trapped inside the man-eating kayak. After many unsuccessful attempts, Steve Sheffield appears to have escaped his creative blocker.
Fans Swarm to the Busiest Bee

Buzz is by far Georgia Tech’s most famous fuzzy bee. Technically a yellow jacket, not a bee, Georgia Tech’s mascot keeps busy by entertaining fans both young and old with his antics.

Most of Buzz’s gametime antics involve snatching an object from the opponent’s side. Whether it be a cheerleader’s shaker, a fan’s sign, or a team’s mascot, if it is not tied down, chances are that Buzz will get a hold of it before the game is over.

Besides performing gametime antics and gametime spirit-raising, Buzz also appears before his many fans at other gatherings. Buzz gets enough invitations to make him a very busy bee. The two students behind the striped suit, Sophomore Jim Perrin and Junior Mike Kluber, each give up a great deal of their spare time to satisfy Tech fans’ desire to see their favorite “fuzzy bee.”

CLOCKWISE, FROM RIGHT: An unwary sportswriter is surprised when a big yellow jacket lands on his table. Buzz leans on a young Tech fan. An Omni usher is about to lose his shirt to Buzz. Our mascot has some fun with a North Carolina stuffed doll.
Jackets' Fans are Back Again!!!

Tech has been without fans for a long time. Oh sure, students always support the school, but alumni are of a different sort. Throughout the 1970s, Tech was without real alumni spirit. Now, with Tech's football team boasting of winning records, and its basketball team earning a conference championship, it seems everyone, alumni included, is waving a gold and white banner.

Georgia Tech sweatshirts are hot items, with younger brothers and sisters wearing them to school. Most cars have a Tech license plate and bumper stickers proclaiming that "The Jackets are Back!" Tech basketball games played to sellout Omni crowds, with many students reaping the rewards of student ticket sales.

Not only are the jackets back, but it seems that their fans are back as well. Hopefully the winning seasons will keep them back for good.

TOP, FAR LEFT TO RIGHT: Tech fans get younger each year. Basketball tickets are worth the wait. Caroline Goldsmith is lost among the crowd. MIDDLE, LEFT TO RIGHT: Cory Collier grins on a good play. Dean Dull shows his spirit. RIGHT: Mark Price runs into trouble.
Jackets Love to Sting Old Dawgs

Georgia Tech excellence lives on in both academics and athletics as does the great rivalry with the University of Georgia. How many times have you seen "Heavy Duty Basketball" or "I Bleed Gold and Black" stickers on the bumpers of Tech cars? Each year the rivalry continues and unfolds as thousands of students and alumni prepare for the annual football and basketball games against UGA. Bright yellow banners, tee shirts, hats and other Tech memorabilia can be seen decorating the students and Tech campus not only during game week but also during the ensuing year. Celebrations as well as UGA jokes and declarations such as the ever popular "To Hell With Georgia" or the infamous Georgia entrance exam highlight the games and strengthen the continuing rivalry.

Wins against both the football and basketball teams of Georgia this year gave Tech fans of all ages cause to show their support and enthusiasm for the fuzzy bees of North Avenue. It's great to be a fuzzy bee and not an ugly ol' dawg!

Proof that the rivalry is increasingly strong comes from this year's popular statement "If you can't go to college go to Georgia!" No matter where or when the games are, and no matter who wins, the traditional Georgia Tech/Georgia rivalry will forever go on.

CLOCKWISE, FROM FAR LEFT: Greg Holden sizes an anti-UGA shirt. All Student Center doors bear this sticker. Greg Williams displays his distaste for UGA. Tech shirts have become hot items. Slashed bulldogs appear everywhere.
Ah, the life of freshmen was not easy. First of all, everyone had to go to FASET which was Ma Tech’s way of saying orientation. It was the first time students got to participate in the fun of registration for classes. Also, FASET gave new students an opportunity to attempt to learn where all of the buildings were on campus. Finally, the real reason freshmen participated in FASET was to receive that obnoxious yellow folder to carry their belongings in for the first two weeks of classes and to come away with that ubiquitous FASET t-shirt. It was what all freshmen wore.

Freshmen did not have their entire life rough though. After all, like the seniors, they did get their own private entrance to all of the football games. Lastly, freshmen had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity of participating in rush week for fraternities and sororities. A whole week was spent shucking and jiving freshmen to be pledges, become fullfledged members, and finally, aspire glory for the Alpha Beta Gamma Kappas or whatever particular Greek organization. Yes indeed, it was a painful life for freshmen, and many upperclassmen would probably love to repeat it.

FAR LEFT: Freshman Martin Jaspar imitates home cooking with Chef Boyardee. BELOW, TOP TO BOTTOM: Dewey Hanson, Tom Seija, Martin Peterson-Frey, Joel Wood, and Tom McGough participate in fall rush. The Stinger route is unfamiliar to new freshmen. RIGHT, TOP TO BOTTOM: This freshman studies what most freshmen do—Chem 1101. The t-shirt is a dead giveaway to this student’s class standing.
Students State Their Individuality

It seems that wherever they travel in Atlanta, Tech students can be easily spotted by their traditional white and gold, although their general dress around campus is not as predictable. Oxford shirts and jeans are popular for guys, with an occasional sweater or sweatshirt thrown in for variety. Girls are usually more adventurous, but jeans always cover the bottom halves.

Speaking of adventurous, there are some who go all the way to outrageous. Shaved heads are few and far between, but a few can be spotted. These students usually have their own dress code as well: army fatigues, leather, and t-shirts bearing political messages are included.

There are the other two categories of dress that all college campuses inevitably exhibit. Preppy styles are always in fashion for class, as many Tech coeds' wardrobes prove this fact. The other standby is sweats. Few students can say that they have not been the victim of a malfunctioning alarm clock that caused them to sleep late. Thus, most have been forced to don their sweats for class.

For some, college life is the time to experiment with dress. Many try out an assortment of styles of clothes to find one that suits them.

As fashions come and go, Tech students can be counted on to follow the trends that the rest of the collegiate world inspires. But no matter where they are in the city, the favorite colors of Techies are the beloved white and gold.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Junior Holly Thompson and Sophomore Elisabeth Cooper show off their interpretation of today's dress. Junior Bill Settle models his clothes for outside of class. These students dress up in order to take their Blueprint pictures. Jim Rensenhouse sports the typical male dress — a madras shirt and jeans. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: This comedian is the epitome of fashion. Some foreign students choose to wear their native dress.
Sleep! Who Needs That?

Sleep (slēp) n. 1. A state or period of complete or partial unconsciousness, normal and periodic in man and the higher animals. 2. Something no Tech student gets enough of.

Sleep, as all Tech students soon find out, is a valuable commodity; every minute is something to be treasured. A student's busy schedule includes eating, studying, partying, sleeping, and studying. Of course the eating, studying and partying can not be given up, so sleep is the one to go. The alarm clock, once and old companion, becomes a bitter morning-time enemy.

With a constant lack of sleep, the Tech student makes use of every little bit of available time to catch a few winks. Any place becomes fair game for a bout with the sack monster. Some of the more popular spots are the Library, the TV Lounge, the Music Listening Room, and in front of the fountain.

Techies also tend to fall asleep at some less than appropriate times. It is not an unfamiliar sight to see a Tech student sound asleep in front of his professor, pencil in hand. Tech students have even been known to fall asleep right in the middle . . .

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: "Just five minutes more then I'll go to class . . ." "It's such a gorgeous day, I think that I'll just enjoy it . . ." BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: "Yawn . . . Who needs to study anyway? . . ." "Any quiet corner will do me just fine . . ." Even Buzz can't help catching some Z's in a remote corner of the library.
To Eat or Not to Eat...

For most students, eating was one of the major preoccupations of the day. A sizeable amount of students' food budget was gobbled up by A.R.A. Services. They operated the cafeteria in the Student Center and in Woodruff Dining Hall to name but two. Many students decided to forgo the dining halls for food they cooked themselves. With kitchens available in most of the dorms, this task was made a bit easier.

If cooking for themselves was considered too hard or dangerous, a multitude of eating establishments were more than happy to provide the needed nourishment. Of course, the most popular with the Tech crowd was the Varsity. Where else could you order a glorified, a naked dog, and a F.O. and actually receive food? To the unknowing, it almost sounds perverse.

Another favorite, especially of East Campus residents, was Junior's Grill. They offered good home style meals at reasonable prices. Just down North Avenue and across from the Tech main gate was Pero's Pizza Experience. Many an Italian dish was served to students who were watching the big screen T.V.

If none of the restaurants satisfied an appetite, then food was just a phone call away. Calling Domino's Pizza rewarded students with a hot pizza within thirty minutes. The limited number of places to fill up were fortunate that Techies never ran out of empty stomachs.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: These connoisseurs decided on Woodruff Dining Hall for lunch. Many people mastered the difficult task of eating and studying at the same time.

BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Senior Philip Imhof prepared many pizzas for delivery to campus dorms. Pero's Pizza was popular with those who needed MTV to go with their Italian food. Late night runs were made for doughnuts and coffee to the Krispy Kreme on Ponce.
The problem of getting from place to place was an aspect of campus life that no one managed to escape. Most people resorted to walking, though there have always been other options. Stinger busses took care of the problem during the day, while Stingerette was almost always available at night. (Their sudden popularity was amazing on cold or rainy days.) Among the more original methods were biking, running, mopeds, skateboards, and racing around in the band buggy.

Even those lucky souls who brought their own cars to campus quickly learned to park them in the first available space and leave them there. This is only after being late to class for two weeks because there were no parking spaces left, accumulating a two-inch stack of parking tickets, and being towed twice. Those "lucky souls" soon learned to get around like almost everyone else . . . they walked.

LEFT, TOP TO BOTTOM: MARTA quickly becomes a way of life. Two wheels beat two feet. An inventive engineer on his way to class. The easy way out. RIGHT: "No rush, let's walk." Hanging ten on the way to class.
For many, exercise is more than a fad; it is a way of life. Maintaining a healthy body holds a high priority. Tech provides a very efficient athletic center to give students an outlet for academic frustrations and athletic aspirations.

The Fuller E. Callaway, III Student Athletic Complex (SAC) is one of the most popular facilities on campus. The massive complex compels students to join in a game of basketball or volleyball, or to challenge competitors to an intense game of racquetball, squash, ping-pong, tennis or badminton.

The identical spirit of competition that Tech students exhibit in the classroom and on the job market comes out in every event. Most discover that SAC is also a great place to scout members of the opposite sex, swim, run, and lift weights.

SAC possesses Keiser weightlifting machines. This innovative equipment adjusts, with the touch of a button, air pressure that regulates the weight resistance of the machines. These are located in the men's weightlifting area. The women's exercise area contains Lifecycles, the latest in exercise bikes.

These computer controlled bikes simulate hills and count the number of calories burned at each level.

SAC is a great facility that offers fun activities and an excellent workout . . . tennis anyone?

BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Martial arts requires concentration and lots of practice. It's possible to get two things done at once. New Keiser equipment was instantly popular. Aerobics is a popular way for ladies to stay in shape. TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: For some, free weights are still the best way to work out. Balance and good flexibility is important when executing kicks in martial arts.
Life in Rays and Rain

It seemed that Nature was trying to fulfill every student's wish this year, that of an endless summer. Instead of donning heavy coats for the usual cold of November, everyone was basking in an unusual sun until just before Thanksgiving. Confused, but certainly not complaining, we suffered through the days of warm rays and the warmest November on record.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature can turn her back on you just like that. Tech's bricks were still warm when the cold blew in. It arrived with dead week, forcing us all inside to at least attempt to produce those good grades we always promised our skeptical parents. The sneezing began; winter was finally here.

Thankfully, all things do pass, and the arrival of spring sent students outside in droves for the long hidden sun. It was time to take beach towels and radios, along with books, outside for "creative studying" in the sun. Whether it be studying, socializing, or studying, spring brought new life to all the activities on Tech's campus.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Time for a quick study break. Students catch the last waves of a balmy fall. BOTTOM: Tech's courtyards provide the perfect spot for conversation in the sun. Ducks enjoy a quieter life than most Tech students.
The Fred B. Wenn Student Center contained a multitude of activities for students. The first floor was the real heartbeat of the Student Center. Most importantly, the post office was located there. Most students left the P.O. empty handed only to be cheered up by the Tillie machines which spat out cash to awaiting students at any time of the day. If entertainment was desired, video games, pool tables, and a full bowling alley offered the bored and restless warm and social places to go.

Continuing upward, the second floor was responsible for most of the food consumption in the Student Center. A cafeteria and a snack counter satisfied the cravings of the masses between classes. For music lovers, the Music Listening Room carried most popular records. The second floor also featured a word processing room to give papers a professional look.

Finally, the third floor of the Student Center was important in its own way. The Programs Area coordinated the various clubs on campus while the Crafts Center offered students an opportunity to put their creativity to work. Student Government also had its office on the third floor.

The Blueprint and the student newspaper, the Technique, were on the same floor, giving journalistic types a way to kill free time.

Within its three floors, the Student Center probably had something to offer most every student on Tech's campus.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Trips to their P.O. boxes were a daily ritual for most Tech students. Bowling was one way to pass the time. The popular pastime of cardplaying is carried out by these students.

BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: The cafeteria on the second floor was the site of many meals for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Jack Duff and friends take advantage of the available pool tables. One of the lesser known features of the Student Center was the barber shop, Techair.
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**TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT:** Students amidst the fervor of fee paying. Almost everyone’s day begins like this. Music can help to offset the laundry blues. **BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT:** Miller Cunningham is one of those few lucky ones who can display a care package from home. Late night studying is almost always the cherry on top of the cake of a bad day, as this unfortunate student displays.
Finding The Right Place

Like death, taxes, and labs, studying is an inevitable part of a student's life. Some study with heroic devotion, while others expend equal effort in procrastination. Everyone agrees, however, that finding just the right place to hit the books can be the difference between hours of drudgery and a relatively pleasant experience.

The library is the obvious place to catch up on homework. Choose the east wing for serious concentration or the first and third floors of the west wing for a more sociable atmosphere and a better chance finding someone who really knows about thermodynamics.

When the library gets a bit stuffy, students head for the great outdoors, often getting no further than the fountain out front. It is not a very comfortable study spot, but it has the benefits of improving your tan and watching the daily parade go by.

The more reclusive sequester themselves in dimly lit dorm rooms, hoping that their roommate does not return with noisy guests. Without the distraction of a TV, a dorm room can be an excellent place to study. Sometimes, however, these quiet studiers venture to the Music Listening Room of the Student Center, where they can still maintain their privacy through a set of headphones. Some students occupy one of the cozy sofas in the Student Center for what can turn out to be both a study and sleep session.

In any case, while choosing a place to study, Tech students try to find a location that helps to make the most of their available time.

TOP: Pero's customer meditates on Calculus after dinner. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Pam Thomas concentrates on Psychology in Woodruff. Gil Benatar studies math while listening to headphones. Sometimes good music soothes the pain of studying. Dana Boggs contemplates Literature. Nobody can study inside on such a nice day!
Exam week can mean “the blues” for many students at Tech. An exciting atmosphere does not carry through this week, because exams are on everyone's mind. An entire quarter of work boils down to five final exams. Time-management becomes the major method for getting everything done. Putting things off to the last minute - or rather, not being able to get to them for a while leads to the inevitable last-minute studier.

Imagine what a studious Tech student looks like during this week: He walks around with a calculator hanging from his belt, pocket protector full of pens, and armloads of textbooks and indecipherable notes. Possessing his usual baffled look, he staggers into his room and drops the armload of books and notes on his desk. The phone rings; he is told about live bands at fraternity houses. At around 12:00 noon the next day, he awakens in the library fountain and begins the search for his room. Luckily, he finds it and decides that the time is “right” for studying, now that he has put it off for as long as possible. An hour later, he leaves his room to go to the exam scheduled for 1:05.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Group studying becomes common during exam week. Student studies to a beat in the Music Listening Room. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Relaxing is the first step to effective studying. Paying attention in class becomes important before finals. Professor gives helpful hints to his class to prepare them for the upcoming final.
Now that his finals are over, the only things left for a Tech student to do in exam week are find out grades and pack to go home. He seeks out his final grades by joining the swarms of students checking lists of posted grades. These crowds soon disperse as individuals learn the fate of their grade report. This quarter's responsibilities end. The tech student can now continue his week in a more relaxed manner and begin thinking of going home for break.

Unlike the cut-throat competition for parking spaces at the beginning of each quarter, moving out turns out to be a much calmer process for a Tech student. He can pack his suitcases with no worries about classes or studying. Exam week has managed to drain him, but a quiet week or two on break will restore him with enough energy to take on another quarter and its exam week.

BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Finals are over . . . let the party begin. Some can't wait for grade reports. Many students head home after finals. TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Finding grades early can have negative results. A Sigma Chi packs for the drive home.
Ceremonies always seem to mark the great transitions of our lives. A ceremony causes us to reflect upon past accomplishments, disappointments, and unfulfilled dreams as it prepares us for the future. With the college years being so important to our personal development, the graduation ceremony has become a much-remembered event in our lives.

Unlike many lesser institutions, Georgia Tech still conducts graduation ceremonies at the end of each of the four quarters of the year. At the large spring graduation, a notable outside speaker is brought in to give a perspective of the world from someone not affiliated with Georgia Tech. For the other three quarters, the speaker is someone from within the school organization.

To a Tech student, graduation is still an important part of the college years. It marks the end of four (or five) of the hardest years of his life. Despite all of the trials and tribulations, however, graduation can make all those rough finals, hard tests, and long hours of study worth the effort. And, of course, it will always serve to remind the new alumnus that, "I MADE IT!"

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: An elated Mark Lesser gazes in awe at his newly received piece of parchment. School officials proudly hand out another diploma to a deserving student. New graduates take time at the ceremony to think about what their life will be like after graduation.

BOTTOM: A graduate student is awarded her long-awaited degree by a smiling Gus Baird.