STUDENT LIFE
Many Factors Contribute to Student Life at Tech

Student life at Georgia Tech can be separated into many categories. When analyzing the many factors which make up the specific life styles of students, it was discovered that nearly all fall into one of four categories; Traditions, Living, Leisure, or Frustrations.

There were many reasons for dividing student life into these four categories. Aside from attending classes, which is an assumed part of college life, these four divisions encompass most of the rest of times experienced while attending Georgia Tech.

Tradition is something known to every Tech student from his first day on campus (usually the day he purchases his rat hat). From year to year the number of traditions experienced by students increases. From football to George P. Burdell, the Traditions at Tech give students a feeling of pride and unity.

Leisure time is the time when classes are finished, studying is done, and work is over for the day. In other words, there isn’t very much leisure time left when all other demands have been met. But, engineers are trained to solve problems, and this is one problem Tech students meet head on, always trying to make sure there’s a little time for fun. No matter how each person decides to spend his leisure time, one can be sure he’s using it to the fullest extent.

The variety of ways students live is an integral part of their years at Tech. Whether on campus or off, at home with Mom and Dad or in a fraternity or sorority house, each student learns quickly which best serves his needs. Deciding where to sleep does not solve all the problems, however; other decisions include where to eat, study and how to get around.

Unfortunately, frustrations are also an everyday encounter during college years. No matter how hard students try, it seems as though fate and Murphy’s Laws will at times prevail. To present life at Tech as being all fun and good times would not be honest, and for this reason, it seemed necessary to include in Student Life the day to day hardships that are faced by students.
Individual Expression Is the Backbone of Life at Tech
TRADITIONS

Tech Spirit Alive and Well

Georgia Tech is a school of traditions, which are as varied in practice and origin as are the students. There are traditional rivalries, traditional activities, and even a traditional mythical student, whose true identity was only discovered this year. But any year at Tech can truly be seen through the eyes of traditions, some broken and others made stronger by the unity and closeness that knits together the students and their lifestyles.

Homecoming, an annual tradition at Tech, brought spirit and enthusiasm, disappointment and crushed dreams. But even though homecoming week was climaxed by defeat at the hands of Duke, breaking an eighteen year record of homecoming wins, the activities which preceded that defeat exemplified Tech students at their best. From the Freshman Cake Race to the homecoming displays, student participation and support was as strong and fierce as expected, and no homecoming tradition was overlooked during the week of festivities.

As if in retaliation for their homecoming defeat, the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets took severe measures to see that their most traditional rival didn't get off as easily. Winning the Tech-Georgia game, an annual battle that goes back as far as anyone can remember, was a pleasant and happily accepted event by the student body. Honor was preserved, and Tech students, alumni and fans were gifted with the one thing that could make up for a heartbreaking season, and handed Georgia their first losing season in the fourteen years of Coach Vince Dooley's reign.

The Yellow Jackets provide a good deal of tradition at Tech, but there are many other traditions that are witnessed throughout the year, not only during fall quarter and the football season. Perhaps the proudest of those traditions at Tech, is the Freshman Class, "Rats." This year the student body was blessed with the most spirited and motivated class of Rats in recent years. Rat hats were an abundant and common sight at all classes and campus activities, and the support given to the team by the Rats was unsurpassed by any Freshman class of late.

Who is George P. Burdell? That is a question which has often been asked around campus, but it was only answered for certain this year. Digging through rumors and tales from the past along with mountains of accumulated material, the true origin of George P. was finally uncovered. A Tech tradition begun in 1927 by four creative Rats with a unique and mischievous sense of humor, George P. Burdell is still alive and well, passing all his ESM courses and even graduating with a degree in Industrial Management.

Who stole the "T" on the Tower? Will anybody ever know? How did the Physical Plant manage to put the returned yellow "T" on the white side of the Tower? When will the missing white "T" be returned? It is possible that few of these questions will ever be answered, and even more probable that the midnight phantoms who are responsible for such pranks will return again and again to continue their plunders upon the Tower in keeping with one of Tech's newer traditions.

The Tech 200, a eight year old tradition that kicks off Greek Week every spring quarter, is sponsored by the Interfraternity Council, Interdormitory Council, and the Student Center. The race is held in the EE parking lot where the course is set up to accommodate Go-carts, built and driven by the entrants. It gives students the opportunity to show off their mechanical and engineering talents, and the chance to live out their fantasies as Richard Petty or Mario Andretti. The event is well supported by the students and gives everyone an opportunity to shed the gloom of winter and get outside and enjoy the coming of spring.
The President and Faculty
of
The Georgia Institute of Technology

To all to whom these presents may come, Greeting: Whereas
George Paul Bardell
has completed all the requirements for graduation, now, therefore, We, under
the authority vested in us, do hereby confer upon him the degree of
Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management
with all the rights, privileges and honors thereto appertaining.
In witness whereof, the signatures of the Chancellor of the University System,
the President and the Registrar of The Georgia Institute of Technology are
herein subscribed, and the seal of the Institute is affixed.
Given at Atlanta on the sixteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord,
nineteen hundred and seventy-one

[Signatures]

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Homecoming 1977: “The Thing That Tech Ate”

Say the word “Tradition” and one immediately thinks of something long loved and seldom if ever broken. Tech unfortunately managed to break a long standing record by losing her first Homecoming game since 1959. The loss was a disappointing end to a week of spirited festivities, but it in no way affected the usual enthusiasm traditionally displayed by Tech students.

Kicking off the week of activities this year was the “Biggest Anything Contest,” supporting this year’s theme “The Thing That Tech Ate.” The entries included the world’s largest devil food cake symbolizing the ease with which the A.D. Pi sorority sisters hoped the Yellow Jackets would devour Duke’s Blue Devils, a giant Q-Tip swab, and the winning entry: a box of animal crackers which Tech undoubtedly ate.

With Homecoming falling on the eve of Halloween, this year’s Homecoming committee took full advantage of the mischievous spirit by sponsoring a “Frankenstein Look-Alike Contest.” As could be expected, the entries were not only imaginative but extremely convincing as well.
Old Traditions
and New
Events Are
Homecoming

Setting off the Pep Rally was the traditional Banner Parade ending outside the Student Center. Gathering with banners, beer, and all the spirit they could muster to support the Jackets, students were rewarded with cheers, skits and a dazzling display of fireworks.

The Homecoming Dance was a costume ball in keeping with both the theme and the Halloween date. Costumes ranged from the largest bowl of Raisin Bran with several students representing the raisins to a large representation of the characters from the current motion picture hit STAR WARS. There were Ja-Was, Princess Leah, Darth Vader and of course, the young hero Luke Skywalker. The winning costume however, was a self-wired space robot whose face lit up in an array of lights at the flick of a switch.

The organizations all around campus were represented enforce with creative and ghoulish horror houses built liberally in nearly every available room the Student Center had to offer.
Next to his class ring, any graduating senior’s most valuable memory of his years at Tech is without a doubt his “Rat Hat.” The freshman student is immediately an integral part of the student body, and feels it strongly himself, the first time he hears “Rats on the Field” at the opening home game. Rats are not only a beloved part of tradition at Tech but as protectors of the Wrek, are entrusted with the care of what is perhaps Tech’s greatest tradition “The Ramblin’ Wrek.”

Being a “Rat” is not only attending football games. It’s an eight o’clock Calculus class in the Physics Building, followed by a nine o’clock class in Lyman Hall. It’s dorm life without the “comforts of home” and Brittain Dining Hall instead of Mom’s good cooking. A Rat faces the harsh reality of suddenly losing the status he held as a high school senior, and instead being at the bottom of the priority list of all Tech students.

Somehow, though, the brand of “Rat” is not really regarded as a degrading title. The idea that he is not alone, probably gives the average “Rat” more security in his first year at Tech. For some, the added identity may even be the factor that keeps him at Tech for the remainder of his four-or-more years.

It is a good assumption that while being a “Rat” is rarely looked forward to with great anticipation, it is always remembered fondly. Years after a student has graduated from Tech, he can look back proudly on the time when in defiance of the upperclassmen he chanted loudly “DAMN GOOD RATS.”
DAMN GOOD RATS!
Traditions, New and Old, Continue

Tech traditions are not limited to age old happenings whose origins have long since been forgotten. There are some traditions that go back as far as Tech's early years that continue to carry on today, but there are others whose beginnings are traceable to more recent years. Stealing the "T" off the Tech Tower is a tradition that goes back to the middle sixties. Ever since the first "T" was discovered missing, it has become a common occurrence to see the neon letters spelling out _ECH, when the lights are turned on at night. "T"'s have been returned and removed again as quickly as the Physical Plant managed to replace the returned letter. It is doubtful that the Tower will ever remain long undisturbed with all four neon "T"'s illuminating its four sides.

The Tech 200, a relatively new tradition, saw its seventh annual competition during spring quarter. The first official activity of Greek Week, the go-cart race was an impressive example of student talent and ability. Built and driven completely by the participants, the machines offer an excellent opportunity for students to put to use their mechanical and engineering talents, some of which were hopefully learned at the hands of Tech faculty and curriculum.

The Tech 200 has gained continual support from the student body and the Atlanta business community which sponsors individual entries. This year's competition was won by Hank Aviles, a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity and was sponsored by Georgia Steel, Inc. Director Randy Green was extremely pleased with this year's race, feeling it was the best ever held.
The present Ramblin' Reck was bought in 1960. There had never before been an official Reck, but the tradition had been maintained by various fraternities. Dean Dull, who had been searching for a car to be used by the students, saw the car which is now the Reck parked up on the Hill, and put a note on the windshield asking the owner if he was interested in selling the car. The car belonged to Ted J. Johnson who refinished cars as a hobby and had just finished working on this car, a 1930 Ford Sport Coupe. After a great deal of discussion, Johnson agreed to sell the car for $1000. Bobby Dodd, at the request of Dean Dull, appropriated the funds from the Athletic Association to pay for the car.

The Ramblin' Reck, with its present decoration, is maintained by the Ramblin' Reck Club, and major repairs and renovations are done when necessary by the Ford Motor Company without charge. It still contains the original motor and is in excellent working condition.

The Ramblin' Reck has long been a symbol of tradition at Tech. The students who care for this precious car exemplify Tech spirit and pride at its finest.
The Ramblin' Reck:
One of Tech's Most Popular Traditions
George P. Burdell: Tech’s Most Famous Student

A freshman at Georgia Tech is immediately acquainted with the many traditions he is to uphold. He will learn to sing “The Ramblin’ Reck”; he must wear his Rat Hat. He also soon learns of Tech’s most famous student: George P. Burdell.

George arrived at Tech September 15, 1927, from Augusta, enrolled and registered for his freshman courses. On the first day of class, he added his name to the professor’s gradebook by signing a roll slip. But George never returned to answer roll call. What effect did that have on his grades? None. George always turned in perfectly typed term papers and his exam grades were among the highest in the class. This mystified his professors, since he never attended class.

But George did not spend his days immersed in books alone. He was as active as any other student. He was a prolific supplier of articles to campus publications (the editor of the old Yellow Jacket claimed to receive his by carrier pigeon), often winning awards for them. He was a member of many honoraries and is the only person besides Robert E. Lee to ever hold membership in three national fraternities simultaneously. George even did his stint in World War II — he joined the 8th Air Force and is credited with twelve bombing missions over Germany.

George is best remembered for the legendary pranks he has pulled off. He is suspected of stealing the whistle on April Fool’s Day 1935. He sends magazines to friends (Dean Dull remembers that George sent him Playboy once) and takes out insurance policies, but always neglects the bills. His greatest triumphs are stealing U. Ga.’s Bulldog Statue and managing to register for every section of every course at Tech — twice!

The true story is that freshman Ed Smith was mistakenly handed two registration forms back in 1927, and after completing his, decided to enroll his former headmaster at the Academy of Richmond County, a loyal U. Ga. alumnus, George P. Butler. He got as far as George P. before nerves set in, and he substituted Burdell, the maiden name of his best friend’s mother. Mr. Smith relates that Tech used the honor system for tests in his day and so the professor usually didn’t come to class. Thus, it was easy to pick up an extra exam and fill it out for George. The boys had to be careful that only one Burdell paper was turned in and that his answers were different enough to prevent a charge of cheating. Mr. Smith felt honored when Tech awarded George his B.S. in 1930. George has gone on to get his Master’s in I.E. (that’s Imaginary Engineering).

The tale of George P. Burdell would seem to be at a close now that the story is out. Or is it? George wrote a letter to the Atlanta Journal/Constitution Magazine thanking them for printing an article by Mr. Smith dated September 11, 1977. Tech fans can still hear him paged at football games. It appears that George is still alive and well and living in his Techwood apartment. We’ll never know for sure — you can’t see George’s place; he had it camouflaged.

RIGHT: Various articles about George P. have been printed. Photos of Ed Smith, George’s creator, George even made it into Augusta’s phone book!
Happy Birthday George P.!!!

Winter quarter, Tech students celebrated George P. Burdell’s birthday, an annual bash thrown by the Co-op Club. Party games included pyramids, root beer chugging, hugging, and paper airplane throwing. As in previous years, George P., the mythical student in whose honor the party was thrown, failed to make a personal appearance, but three Atlanta T.V. stations were there with camera crews, recording the events for posterity and the local news.
Various Lifestyles of Students Contribute to Campus Atmosphere

Students at Georgia Tech exhibit a variety of different lifestyles. Sleeping, eating, working, and relaxing are all parts of life, not to mention studying, which usually demands most of the available time outside of classes.

Living quarters are one of the primary concerns of college students, and at Tech there are many options open from which to choose. Dorm life offers a relatively inexpensive, convenient lifestyle and assures that one will never be lonely. Provided that roommates get along well, dorm living can be a pleasant experience and a good way to make friends.

For those students who do not wish to live in the dorms, or are not able to get a room, there are several other choices available. Fraternities and sororities offer on campus living outside of the dorms. During summer quarter, some fraternities often allow independents to rent rooms if they are not filled by the brothers.

Off campus living appeals to many students, whether living with parents or in their own apartments. Several apartment complexes in Atlanta offer bus service to Tech for those who don’t own cars or simply do not wish to fight the traffic twice a day.

Once settled in, students usually don’t have to worry about housing for the rest of the quarter. Eating on the other hand, is an everyday problem.

Between the places on campus and the many establishments in the surrounding area, it is possible to find almost any type of food. Some of the more creative and industrious persons, however, prefer to prepare their own food at home or even in the dorms, which have in the past few years constructed kitchens for the use of the residents.

After buying books and paying tuition, many students find they must take a part time job to supplement their income for the remainder of the quarter. Most are able to find off campus jobs or a variety of different positions on campus. The administration has instituted many programs around campus to help the students face financial burdens. The library, Student Center, cafeteria, and different departments hire students for a variety of jobs. Counselors and Resident Advisors are also hired every quarter to staff the dorms on campus.

With the little time left over after working, studying, and attending classes, students at Tech pursue many outside activities for their enjoyment. Relaxation is something Tech students find very little time for, but the minutes that are available are always put to good use. Some prefer to fill every waking minute of the day with activities of one sort or another, while others like to spend at least part of their free time just laying back and doing nothing at all.
Oh No! Not the Cafeteria Again!

Eating at the same old place every day can get pretty boring. Georgia Tech Food Service offers several eating places around campus to meet the needs of both on and off campus students. Whether one wants just to grab a quick snack, or to eat an entire meal, it can be found somewhere on campus.

The city of Atlanta also supplies many restaurants that serve the needs of the Tech students. It isn't possible to say a word about food and eating at Georgia Tech without mentioning the Varsity. A tradition at Tech since the first onion ring was fried, the Varsity is the world's largest drive-in fast food establishment. It not only serves the student body of Tech, but is also a favorite of many in the Atlanta community as well.

Along North Avenue, several eating places have sprung up over the years that are well supported by the students at Tech. Tom is always behind the counter at Junior's. While taking orders and cooking the food, he asks about everybody's classes. How he remembers who is taking what is beyond belief, but he does, and his interest makes one feel that much more at home when he walks through the door.

The next stop on the route of Tech favorites is Pippin's. On any given Friday afternoon, after classes are through, Tech students flock to Pippin's to drink away the sorrows (or test scores) of the week, and eat their way to oblivion.

Owned and managed by Nick, Spiro's is next along North Avenue. Aside from the menu of good food, Spiro's also has a game room in the back where students can relax, combining their leisure time with a little food and fun.

Next door to Spiro's is the Campus Corner, a home style restaurant. With a comfortable unhurried atmosphere and good home style cooking, Campus Corner, which has been around for many years, still remains one of the favorites of hungry Tech students.
Students Find Part-time Jobs Around Campus

Many students who have spare hours find part time jobs around campus. Some work to supplement their income, while others find it a necessary diversion from their daily routines. The library, cafeterias, Engineering Experiment Station and various departmental offices hire student workers; while still others find it easy to make a little extra money by offering their services as tutors.
Entertainment Takes Many Forms at Tech

The Student Center hosts many programs designed to entertain Tech students. Tuesday Happenings fill the 11:00 void where no classes are scheduled, providing an hour of talent for viewing by students; shows this year included performers and local acts.

Tech T.V., a closed circuit video setup, was introduced winter quarter, offering a variety of programs including feature films, classics, documentaries, science fiction, comedy, fine arts and sports for student entertainment between classes.

IDC sponsored a Drop-Day concert during winter quarter, featuring "The Dixie Dregs." The band came alive during the second show as attendance rose, and students relaxed and enjoyed themselves, some with a few less classes to worry about.
It certainly is wonderful when on the first day of class a professor states nonchalantly that he expects at least three hours of homework for every hour spent in class. The problem is that there are very few students who have that amount of time to dedicate to any one course. But somehow, students manage and the work gets done.

Tech students are known for their ingenuity and problem solving ability. Their talents are never put to use as diligently as they are when it comes to organizing their study time. Each student finds the best method for himself, and those methods are as wide and varied as the students themselves. For some, any place they can prop their book will do, while others find they need the quiet and seclusion of a study carrel in the library. Some students find studying alone in their rooms is the only way they can accomplish their ends, while others feel they must go elsewhere; take for example, the three rather creative co-eds who solved their studying problems during fall quarter finals week by taking over the ladies' lounge on the third floor of the Student Center.
Studying?
It's Intuitively Obvious!
Students Relax Between Classes

The academic grind at Tech places students under constant pressures to perform. They learn very quickly that relaxation must come whenever and wherever a few moments can be found to alleviate the tense atmosphere created by their studies. Whether used talking with friends between classes or catching a few zzz’s on the grass in the quad, pursuing hobbies and extracurricular activities or just reading a good book, the extra minutes are always appreciated and put to good use.
Students and Profs Enjoy Casual Wining and Dining
Each quarter the Student Center sponsors "Take a Prof to Lunch," where students are able to invite a professor to lunch. This activity offers students and profs a chance to meet on an informal basis. The Program is over a year old and grows more popular every quarter.

The wine tasting party put on by I.D.C. offered students a chance to add a little culture to their otherwise dull lives. Open to faculty as well as students, this is another well attended function on campus.
The musical and dramatic groups at Tech are very rewarding to the students who can meet the time demands. Those who are not involved with any of these organizations usually consider them to be strictly a leisure time activity, but asking anyone who belongs to the Chorale, Jazz Ensemble, Band or Drama — Tech quickly corrects this opinion.

Members of the Jazz Ensemble and Chorale combined their talents during winter quarter in the presentation "Winterlude." Featuring music of the thirties and forties with a little Barbra Streisand thrown in, the two music groups displayed the talent and dedication interested students bring to these organizations.

DramaTech's presentation of "Wait Until Dark" fall quarter allowed Tech students the opportunity to display their acting talents to the campus and the Atlanta community. Hours of rehearsal and preparation went into this production as is always the case in successful theatrical endeavors.

Talent isn't the only requirement for belonging to the fine arts organizations on campus. In fact, a lot of dedication usually goes further than a lot of talent. Students who participate in these organizations make them a major part of their lives, and not just a part of their leisure time.
Fine Arts Groups Require Dedication and Talent
Relaxation Is a Necessary Means of Escape for Tech Students

During the week, life at Tech can get pretty tense. So when the weekend finally comes, Tech students are ready to get down and have a good time. Fall quarter provides an almost weekly avenue of leisure with the five to seven normally scheduled home football games. If the Jackets win, it's time to go out and celebrate; if (God forbid) they lose, it's time to go out and drown the sorrows of the day. All in all, football accounts for most of the weekend leisure time students have during fall quarter.

Throughout the year, there are numerous programs sponsored all over campus to help students relax and enjoy their well deserved weekends. The Student Center Programs Board offers movies every weekend in the EE auditorium, with a varied schedule that always meets the needs of students seeking whatever entertainment the cinema has to offer. In addition to movies, the Programs Board also offers a wide variety of lectures and presentations for the entertainment of Tech students. The recreation area of the Student Center also has much to offer the student in the way of fun and games. With card tables, billiard tables, and bowling lanes, as well as a wide assortment of pin-ball machines and video games the recreation area has something for nearly every student on campus.

During the warmer months, there are many outdoor recreational activities, some impromptu, and others sponsored by the many clubs on Tech's campus. There are tennis courts and a variety of outdoor equipment made available for Tech students, faculty and staff. Peter's Park and the West Campus recreational facilities offer an excellent opportunity for outdoor escape.

The newly opened Student Athletic Center (SAC) offers students a relaxed club-like atmosphere in which to pursue whatever their recreational desires may be. There are weight rooms, handball courts, and an olympic swimming pool. The facilities at SAC are made available solely for the use of Tech students, faculty, and staff. The construction of SAC has eliminated the previous conflicts between student use of available facilities and PT classes and intercollegiate teams.

Greek Week announces the arrival of spring on the Tech campus. It is an annual tradition which breaks the final ice of winter and gets everybody back outside to enjoy the gratefully welcomed warmer weather. With numerous scheduled outdoor activities pitting Greek against Greek, the week of festivities offers an excellent chance to participate in many events. However, there are those who prefer to merely sit back in the sunshine and view the fun and games.

There are constant pressures heaped upon the students at Tech by their academic endeavors. The Institute takes great care to provide outlets for the frustrations created by the normally studious atmosphere. If there is something that interests a student, there is probably a program sometime during the year that highlights that interest. Nearly every leisure activity imaginable can be found somewhere at Tech; all that the students have to do is look.
Relaxation in the Recreation Area Is a Common Pastime

The Student Center offers students an excellent recreation area, which is constantly in use. The area is located on the first floor of the Student Center, and a vast array of students can always be found there indulging in whatever form of play strikes their fancy. There are bridge and card tables for intellectual recreations, bowling lanes for the more active students, and a number of billiard tables offering everyone a chance to fantasize about being Minnesota Fats.
Peter’s Park and SAC: Outdoor and Indoor Workouts

Peters Park and SAC are two of the most popular recreational areas on campus. Peters Park is usually at its busiest on the first warm day of spring. Weather permitting, the tennis, volleyball, handball and basketball courts are normally in continuous use.

The Student Athletic Complex, unlike Peters Park, is in constant use during all seasons. With an olympic-sized swimming pool, basketball and racquetball courts, as well as other recreational areas and equipment, SAC offers year-round indoor recreation for Tech students.
Greek Week Intensifies Spring Fever

Greek Week provides an annual outlet for all of the winter frustrations built up in Tech's Greeks. It serves its purpose well, getting all the Greeks outside and involved in some old-fashioned fun.

This year's organizing committee worked hard to see a greater involvement and participation in the week's scheduled events. One of the major events is by tradition the Lambda Chi Alpha Tug-O-War. Staged in Peter's Park in a messy puddle of mud, this event always provides humor and entertainment for all the spectators who gather to watch.

This year also saw the addition of several new events, the first of which was a wet T-shirt contest. This was followed by the P.U.I. (Pedaling Under the Influence), a challenge to the Greek alcoholics to try their best. But the highlight of this year's activities had to be the Nipple Sucking Contest, which judged who could drink the most beer from a baby bottle.
SAC Hosts Summer Quarter Luau

For all those who dream of tanning on the beach at Waikiki or feasting on the tropical delicacies of a Hawaiian Luau, the end of summer quarter brought the realization of their dreams at the Student Athletic Complex Luau.

The food, entertainment, and atmosphere were authentically tropical, and they provided, at least for a night, an enjoyable and relaxing retreat into the world of romantic sunsets in the Sandwich Islands. Food was abundant and tasty with a wide assortment of tropical fruits and dishes covering the table.

Although the atmosphere and music were distinctly Polynesian, the hospitality was downright Southern, with students and faculty mixing freely during what should be a long remembered night.
Beech Mountain Provides Winter Entertainment

The American Society of Civil Engineers arranged a skiing trip winter quarter to Beech Mountain, North Carolina. Weather conditions were perfect for skiing, and the trip was well attended.

Another winter sport, ice skating, was made available to Tech students in November. This annual event, sponsored by IDC, is always quite popular with dorm residents.
Casino Night, an annual winter quarter activity sponsored by the Co-op Club, is always well attended. It offers everyone the chance to build up and lose imaginary fortunes, enticing would-be gamblers to the Student Center Ballroom to try their luck.

Even though the money is only make believe, the prizes which are auctioned off at the end of the evening are quite real. Atlanta businesses help out by donating prizes for the biggest winners. This year's prizes included theater tickets, a room for two at the Peachtree Plaza, a turntable, and a camera.
Spring quarter brought an interesting show to the Student Center Ballroom. Edwin Baron, billed as the "World's Greatest Hypnotist" mass hypnotized fifty eager Tech students with the snap of his fingers and one word, "Sleep."

Lack of feeling, amnesia, and stuttering were just some of the effects Baron induced into his willing victims. One student even became unable to speak or comprehend the English language; he could only understand Martian.

Probably the most interesting example of hypnosis was witnessed when one Tech student was taken back to a time before his birth. He began describing a battle scene from the Civil War. He spoke through the eyes of Bill Morris, a nineteen year old Confederate soldier.

Aside from the serious ending of the evening's entertainment, for the most part, the show was funny and enjoyable.
FRUSTRATIONS

At Times . . . Life's a Bitch

Life at Tech can be full of fun and good times . . . but then there are the other times. To list the many frustrations met by the students at Tech would take forever, but there are a few universal tribulations that all Tech students experience at least once in their four or more years on campus.

Where to begin? Why not first thing in the morning — winter quarter! Two inches of ice are on the ground, and the alarm clock goes off at 6:30 for an 8:00 physics class. There is no hot water for a shower because the pipes froze overnight, so even brushing the teeth is an impossibility. The vending machine steals 30¢ instead of delivering the Twinkies, and even the coffee machine in the Commons Building is on the blink.

With an empty stomach and no shower, it's off to catch the Stinger. After twenty minutes in zero degree weather, the Stinger finally appears — full of people. The door is slammed in your face, so it's either walk across campus, or miss physics. A fifteen minute trek with two slips on the ice results in a huffing and puffed arrival at Lecture Room 2 in the Physics Building. But what's this? The room is empty, and a sign on the board reads “Class Canceled”. Some days you just can't win!

Actually every quarter brings a variety of hassles with it. There's always the fun of moving back into the dorm after quarter break; breaking in a new roommate and/or the new freshmen on the floor can be quite a challenge. Beyond the trials of dorm life, each new quarter brings the ultimate frustration: registration. Of course, the computer has given you a partial schedule, so you have to register manually. Needless to say, every course you want is closed, closed, CLOSED.

The first few weeks of classes usually go fairly smoothly, but along about the week before midterms the snowball starts to roll, taking you along with it. Assignments start to pile up as time seems to race by. And then, on top of everything else, you find yourself in the infirmary with dozens of other students who have encountered some dreaded mid-quarter disease. What luck!

Every quarter at Tech ends the same way: Final Exams. After weeks of studying, lab reports, and general frenzied insanity, finals week invariably — and unwelcomely — arrives. The campus quiets down; the library fills up . . . both phenomena are caused by the same horror. Coffee sales go up exponentially and tempers flare. Roommates fight constantly when one has to pull an all-nighter while the other one wants to sleep the previous night off. It is absolutely amazing that even though finals bring out the worst in everyone, students always manage to make it through.

There are many things that are remembered as the most frustrating events of the college years. This year, old problems got worse, and new headaches appeared. Looking for a parking space will stick in the minds of Tech's commuters for a long time to come, as will traveling during rush hour traffic in Atlanta. The redecoration of the Student Center Cafeteria made finding lunch companions a near impossibility, with the modular construction sectioning off the dining area into well-hidden alcoves. Perhaps the year's biggest frustration, however was a one-time event: the loss of the 1977 Homecoming game to Duke by one point!

Life at Tech is not always a pain in the neck, but at certain times, students have to wonder whether it's all worth the trouble. When things are going well, Tech is a fine place to be, but when they aren't, anywhere else would have to be better!
The Agonies of Tech: A Face Shows Them All

A picture is worth a thousand words, or so it is often said. No matter how hard students might try to hide their inner conflicts, sometimes facial expressions give them all away. The test that was failed after endless hours of study, a walk through the snow on frozen slippery sidewalks, and the sprained ankle injured on the first weekend of spring weather, are only some of the agonies too frustrating to keep inside.
Excedrin Headache #35: Parking!

"Well the EE lot was full, and even the quarter lot behind the Student Center didn’t have a parking space left. The Physics Building student lot had double parked cars from one end to the other, and the only available spot left was in the Civil Engineering faculty lot." That was the excuse some poor student undoubtedly gave the Tech Police when he went to reclaim his car after it was thoughtfully towed away from the illegal space in which it was parked.

Packing his car on campus and trying to get within twenty miles of his classes is probably the biggest frustration faced by every commuting student at Tech. It’s pretty bad when he has to get to school at 8:30 just to find a parking space in time for his 10:00 class. Then, of course, there was the time it was 10° outside and one poor Techman found his radiator frozen solid after six hours of P. Chem lab, and he couldn’t get his car to start.

Yes, it seems as though cars and Tech just don’t mix, and unfortunately, as Tech grows in size, the number of parking spaces available for students diminishes. It looks as though the problem is going to get a lot worse before it gets any better.
Everybody has his off days, but sometimes it seems that the Tech administration has had more than their share. The “Wind Tunnel” at the Student Center that supposedly shelters people from 90% of vertically falling rain is a prime example — when was the last time anyone saw vertically falling rain? Then of course there’s the people mover which doesn’t — but it makes a great sidewalk for those who want to walk to the West Campus instead of riding the bus.

Everyone knows the Tech infirmary does its best, but that isn’t much consolation when it’s midterms, a student is sick as a dog, and the doctor tells him to stay in bed, take aspirin for the fever, drink plenty of fluids, and call him in the morning.

With all the frustrations Tech can offer, there is one breed of person that is truly amazing: the commuter, who rises at six every morning to fight his way through rush hour traffic to get onto campus, only to get stuck behind the bus going up the hill.