Greeks
Dean Griffin: Fraternities —
“An Important Part of Going to College”

Famous for his many stories about the early days at Tech, Dean of Students Emeritus George Clayton Griffin has always held a special place in the hearts of fraternity brothers because of his undying support for them. Once a pledge himself many years ago, Griffin understands the importance of the fraternity lifestyle to the maturing of young college students, and often goes out of his way to spread the gospel of Greek life to misguided dormitory dwellers.

“People always claim there’s something wrong with fraternities, but they’d be really surprised at the good they do. They give a guy something to hang on to and some friends who can help him when he needs it. In a school of this size, you more or less become a number to the people in charge. If you don’t have something to tie on to when you’re here, you can become lost.

You get out of a fraternity what you put into it, and it’s up to the boy to take advantage of what it has to offer. It develops a boy’s leadership ability. A lot of times a fellow may get in a group where he doesn’t know a lot of people, or he’s in a big meeting with four or five hundred students, and he’s afraid to get up and say anything. If he is in a fraternity with fifty or sixty other guys he knows real well, he develops guts enough to get up on his feet and tell people what he thinks. He learns to get along with people and learns to speak out for himself, and those things are very important.

I’ve been a member of Pi Kappa Phi since 1916. That’s a long time ago, but I still remember how much I learned and got out of it. A lot of the boys in those days were doing it as a matter of pride, I guess, and they always seemed to have a much better time than the average boys. Our parties weren’t as wild in those days, and beer was against the rules. Now drinking beer seems to be just another form of entertainment. But they still teach fellows responsibility and how to get along with others.

And being in a fraternity ultimately leads a boy to take better care of himself personally. There are so many boys at Tech who handicap themselves by their inability to put on the right clothes and clean themselves up. Fraternities help them recognize themselves as a part of a team. You’d be surprised at the number of successful businessmen who take a serious interest in their fraternity, and employers hire fraternity boys because they know they’re getting quality workers.

You have to be on the ball to make it in this day and time. You can’t just lay back and play the percentages any more. Being in a fraternity teaches you to always put your best foot forward. And that’s an important part of going to college.”

George C. Griffin, Dean Emeritus, talking to Dan Fineman, Dec. 16, 1977

RIGHT: reprinted from the 1964 Blueprint; ABOVE: as Dean of Students reprinted from the 1951 Blueprint; LEFT: as a Tech student reprinted from the 1917 Blueprint.
Two major accomplishments of the IFC during the past year were the Alumni Roll Call and the Leukemia Drive. Participating in the Alumni Roll Call for the first time, the council was instrumental in increasing alumni contributions. Along with the University of Georgia, Tech's IFC helped raise several thousand dollars for the Leukemia Foundation.

Greek life at Tech is in many ways the responsibility of the IFC. Greek Week, an annual affair, was called by many "the best ever," as 100% of the sororities and fraternities on campus competed in events ranging from beer chugging to mattress racing. Greek Rush is also coordinated by the IFC, and this year's results were among the most successful in recent history.

*TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT:* Gil Garrison, Secretary; Steve Cole, Administrative Vice President; Chris Pappas, Executive Vice President; Scott Strickland, President; I. D. Snodgrass, Treasurer.
The past year has seen the growth and maturation of Georgia Tech's Panhellenic Council. The council, with the aid of Dean Judith Priddy, successfully strived to make their organization a separate but important entity in the Greek system. Through their hard work, the members of the Panhellenic Council created a sorority governing body that not only provides regulation but also offers various programs and activities designed to promote the unity of Greek women.

*LEFT: Chellie Murray, President; Daphne Foss, Treasurer; Ginger Hoffman, Vice President — Rush; Gail Panarello, Vice President — Programs; Renee Gorman, Parliamentarian; Tamara Phillips, Secretary; Dean Judith Priddy, Faculty Advisor; Debra Hall, Alpha Xi Delta Representative; Jeanne Smith, Alpha Delta Pi Representative; Kendall Hobbs, Alpha Delta Pi Representative.*
One of the important factors making Georgia Tech unique is people — the people who make up the faculty, administration, student body . . . and the Greeks. Almost one third of Tech's student population is affiliated with the thirty-three members of the fraternity/sorority system. But what are these people like? How do they differ from other Tech students — or do they?

Not really. Take away a brother's or sister's Greek letters and you'll discover just another person underneath, one who doesn't fit into the mold of any other. Greeks express themselves academically, athletically, and most of all, leisurely. Legends abound about the amount of beer consumed by one brother before collapsing. Weekend parties are the best in Atlanta; rush week parties are the event of the quarter.
Greeks Differ From Other Tech People — Or Do They?
Homecoming Traditions Test Greek Spirit
The Greeks are at their best during Homecoming Week. The engineering creativity of the membership is strained to the limit to come up with the most flimsy-looking, smoke-belching disaster of a wheeled vehicle for the traditional Ramblin’ ‘Reck parade. Every year, hordes of Alphas, Phis, Kappas, and other Greek letters storm down Fowler Street in pursuit of a cake and kisses from the Homecoming Court or student body president. Displays are laboriously constructed in defiance of freak night winds which often dismantle them. The hours of work and lack of sleep is all worth it, though, for the groups that pick up the trophies in the end.
Greeks Celebrate Homecoming Despite Loss
Inter-Greek rivalries are perpetuated by the yearly Greek Week and the ongoing intramural program. Actually, rivalry really doesn’t describe the competition — war is more like it. It’s always a pleasure for one tug-o'-war team to dump its opponent in the mud, or for a football team to trounce the house down the road. Most Greek organizations maintain teams in basketball, football, soccer, and softball, so the spirited battle goes on.
Greek Week: Almost Anything Goes
Intramurals Pit Greeks Against Greeks
Sisters Maintain High Scholastic Average
Last spring, Alpha Chi Omega hosted the province district convention, sponsored the Alpha Chi Mattress Race during Greek Week festivities and swept first place in Derby Hunt during Sigma Chi’s Derby Day. A well-planned fall rush resulted in 20 pledges anxious to become Alpha Chis. For the third straight year, the Alpha Chis held the highest scholastic average of all sororities on campus. Throughout the fall, the chapter was active collecting for Unicef and Leukemia.

The Zeta Chapter of AEPi started off this year in great style with the initiation of a little sister program and a fantastic rush, nearly doubling the size of the chapter. Sports proved to be another of this year’s highlights with AEPi continuing its excellence in basketball, volleyball and winning its division in softball. A successful social calendar was highlighted by the Wild West Weekend and the fraternity weekend at Lake Burton.

1. Bren Cleveinger
2. Linda Hovan
3. Knox Ratill
4. Claudia Murphy
5. Christopher Polaski
6. Amy McDonald
7. Elizabeth Martin
8. Melanie Watts
9. C. T. W. Prentice
10. Dee Dee Bennett
11. Robin Volner
12. Jari Houton
13. Party Candle
14. Betsy Raines
15. Jonathan Fite
16. Tammy Nahari
17. Sue Settles
18. Penny Harrell
19. Erin McComick
20. Susan McComick
21. Ron Proctor
22. Angie Ford
23. Ruth Finne
24. Angie Chin
25. Karen Jones
26. Dominge Thrasher
27. Chris Levy
28. Elise Harris
29. Patty White
30. Ann McConnell
31. Nanette Rivera
32. Karin Borchers

Alpha Gamma Delta once again made itself heard on campus during the 1977-78 academic year. Sisters actively participated in Greek Week, sponsoring the "Mr. Pretty Legs Contest" and the annual "President's Kidnap." Alpha Gam also contributed to a successful Fall Rush and Homecoming for the Greek system. The year was a very memorable one for all of the sisters and pledges of Alpha Gamma Delta.

Dr. Pettit Highlights Spring Banquet
Alpha Tau Omega experienced another outstanding year with as many activities as ever. The spring banquet was a success; the highlight of the evening was a speech by Dr. Pettit. The Hawaiian party was wild, as always, and helped kick off the longest rush ever. Successful fund raising projects for such worthy charities as the World Student Fund and the Leukemia Association were held. The Togas participated in all sports, winning the soccer championship and playing well in softball and football.

1977-78 again found the Alpha Xi’s active all over campus. It was an exciting year, beginning with the redecoration of the house and a successful rush, in which the pledge quota of 25 was filled. A new group of Big Brothers could not help but liven things up. In between the Homecoming Reception, Christmas Party, and the all-important formal, there was somehow enough time for the sisters to study their way into a fourth place ranking among Greeks in scholarship. It was another wonderful year filled with memories for the Alpha Xi’s.

Betas Lead Fundraisers in Leukemia Drive

Beta Theta Pi was stronger than ever in 1977. After winning the fraternity softball championship, the Betas charged into the year with a successful rush. Fall quarter was highlighted by the Betas winning their division in raising money for the Leukemia Society. Homecoming brought a chance to welcome back many alumni. The Sweetheart Ball was the traditional highlight of winter. Spring quarter saw the Betas enjoying the sun in Panama City and saying a warm farewell to the seniors at the annual Champagne Party.

Shark, Cadaver, Heirless Weimeraner, Toilet Face, Flitt, Shelley Schwaab, Winky, and Ralph . . . Feelin' a Lil' peekid . . . Oh about 40% . . . Nice one, Yet! . . . S.P.D. #1, 2 and 3 . . . A few friends . . . Oh, what a smelly . . . Pete Zahut, Tom Ahawk, and Ben Lade . . . 10% P.H.O. . . . the Pits . . . If you can't take a joke . . . Damn Delt! . . . Oops, Soreee! . . . I'm gonna fly into you . . . the Maymones . . . I.L.A.D. . . . How 'bout chugging some more wine, Krea? . . . 87.3% COP . . . McCarver is still the finest . . . Great, I love it!
Grades Improve Despite Beer Drinking
After four weeks of hard work, rush proved profitable as the Omega Chapter of Chi Phi pledged eighteen men this fall. Spirit was boosted even more during intramurals and the annual weekend outing to Lake Lanier Islands. The Chi Phi little sisters (alias Benny’s Boozers) won first place trophies in intramural softball and volleyball.

The fraternity’s overall grade point average rose to a 2.8, increasing the Chi Phi’s academic ranking from 30th to a tie for 6th among the Greeks.

The Chi Phis, noted for their “Hell Raisin’ and Beer Drinkin’,” again sponsored the infamous beer drinking contest during Greek Week.

Possom... pigbones... rat punch... Hurricane Hedges... Callaway, hooooooooo!... The old one, two... Teddy bear... duck fuke!... cry brats... goode as hell!... L.L... crash-koe... Willy Mangler?... Lester raid... 110 mph??... Betty won’t!... graffiti wall... auto-swirly... psssst... J. Arch-a-nerd, you’re whipped!... MD’s tear-away uniform... rat dog... Hat-steal, choke???... keep off the bannister... cutoff time... Green Ice... Chopper... Drs. Grat, Dan and Stanford... TJ — charge... burly-Bob... Dead bug... camel power... turn off that damn siren!!!... Tube Room Drilling Co., Inc., Bruce Bowen, President.
Chipsis Host National Convention

The Alpha Iota Delta Chapter of Chi Psi continued its usual fine performance in academics, athletics and activities this year, as it rose to campus and national prominence by undertaking several significant projects.

Spring saw the design and construction of a front entrance plaza. During the summer, the Alpha hosted the 136th annual Chi Psi National Convention, which was widely acclaimed by its hundreds of participants.

Sustaining its growth, Chi Psi pledged 23 new men and 14 new little sisters this fall.

B.C. . . . CRASH . . . CRY . . . Delyc's not whipped . . . Short People . . . I say Georgia, You say sux . . . How bout you, heh, clap, sssh, whistle . . . Stanley J. Birge entrance what? . . . All roads lead to the langford . . . devastating . . . give me a break . . . Ruby Red's Party . . . Where's your car Bwana? . . . That's true, you're absolutely right . . . good as hell . . . not at all . . . drill his chest . . . can I help it if I have overdeveloped calves? . . . this is the seventeenth official announcement . . . La La La Laaaatt.

1. Steve Miller
2. Ed "Moose" Moolenaar
3. Jim Chamberlain
4. Carl Sherrill
5. Dave Tate
6. Steve Rogers
7. Tamara Beddingfield
8. Dean Meyer
9. Lisa Guyette
10. Henry Cox
11. Paul Furlong
12. Mike Casper
13. Gary Seville
14. Walter Miller
15. Tony Cramer
16. Steve Forman
17. Dave Humer
18. Dana Lewis
19. Sam Willard
20. Ken Miller
21. Mike de la Rosa
22. Tom House
23. Chip Morris
24. Dave Kunkel
25. Andy Smith
26. Paula Lengsman
27. Randy Prillitt
28. Nan Reinkeaux
29. Steve Brown
30. Gary Backweiler
31. Shari Gersher
32. Bill Wood
33. Laurie Meeker
34. Scott Biggane
35. John Kilman
36. Spotswood Miller
37. Mike Gallagher
38. Doug Beardsworth
39. Robert Lumpkin
40. Mary Jo Petri
41. Johnny Miller
42. Ken Raff
43. Kenneth Zapf
44. Eric Shoppene
45. Bill Wrenon
46. Wayne Gilmour
47. Greg Lee
48. Bill Perry
49. Rick Gray
50. Rob Kompinski
51. Mike Miller
52. Ray Iacubacci
53. Mark Harris
54. Cliff Williams
55. Doug Harris
56. Dwayne Morgan
57. Melanie Meyer
Delta Sig Makes Strong Homecoming Showing

Delta Sig grew again, this year adding 27 pledges and 15 little sister pledges. This increased size contributed to a fine Homecoming effort, including a first place banner and a second place "Ramblin' Reck."

Sports were highlighted by championships in street hockey, decathlon, volleyball and bowling. These team showings coupled with fine individual efforts in tennis, arm wrestling, and swimming, encouraged high hopes for the coming year.


Oh no, not another window!!!
DELTA TAU DELTA

Delts Wash Cars for Muscular Dystrophy
For the Gamma Psi chapter of Delta Tau Delta, the spring was highlighted by a marathon car wash for the benefit of muscular dystrophy; working around the clock for five straight days, the Delts cleared $1,063.00 for this worthy cause.

The beginning of fall quarter brought eighteen fine young pledges to the Shelter. An experienced Delt volleyball team made the school finals for the second year in a row, only to lose again to ISYE. The surprise of the year came when the Delt independent volleyball team, the Nads, won the championship of the Southern League.

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the Georgia Tech Chapter of Delta Upsilon. The year was highlighted by winning three of the Greek Week contests, including repeat victories in Chariot Presentation and Beer Chugging. The Chapter made additional improvements to its house after constructing a new addition last year. The chapter had its second consecutive excellent rush; the new group of Junior Actives promises to add further vibrancy to the fraternity. Membership was at a ten year high, and the upcoming year holds great promise.

Alpha Sigma Chapter of Kappa Alpha Order pledged twenty-two men this year, raising its total membership to the highest level in several years. Social highlights included Homecoming, the annual softball tournament for other KA chapters, and Old South. The KA's intramural program continued to be strong. Once again, Alpha Sigma owed much of the credit for its success to the efforts of its devoted Alumni and especially to the Alumni Advisory Council.

Cack ... 1865 ... KWA ... Slack pledges ... Red Atlas ... Punk rock ... Barnes ... Dixie ... Goose, Budroe, and Beave — KA House 2 ... BLT's ... Moms ... elbow drop ... Drink Miller! ... Dot ... Annual Softball Tournament ... Spanky ... Houndawg ... Green ice ... Dog Man ... puppy man ... dotburgers ... ebins ... P-W Party ... Our Kappa Alpha Rose ... Slimy ... Travis Hawk ... you bet! ... Yam! ... The lumberjack ... the big knee ... Old South ... Wimps I and II ... Beer Drinking contest ... Let's go to the placement center ...
KAPPA SIGMA

Increased Membership Improves Spirit
Kappa Sigma was fortunate to experience an increased membership, accompanied by increased enthusiasm and spirit. As a result the annual Black and White formal and Luau were among the best ever.

The fall quarter pledge class was one of the strongest in recent years. The expanded little sister chapter was also a valuable addition to the fraternity.

Campus activities included an outstanding effort in the IFC Leukemia Drive and many fine intramural teams. A restructured House Corporation and alumni contributions brought many improvements to the Chapter.

This year, Beta Kappa Chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha made some changes that strengthened an already strong brotherhood.

This strength was evidenced by the fraternity's accomplishments. The chapter helped Easter Seals and Muscular Dystrophy and placed first in support of the Georgia Tech Alumni Telethon. Fall quarter started the year off with pride after a very successful rush, third place in the 'Reck parade, second in the display contest and second place in overall Homecoming events. The chapter also continued to excel in sports, but brothers still made time to hit the books and won the "Most Improved Scholarship Award." Little sisters continued to strongly contribute to the chapter.

Disco boze . . . pub, club, and redneck heaven . . . Gene, Gene, the dancing machine . . . Love that Lapper! . . . butt-head . . . "blow-it-off" . . . doctor crude . . . Longstreet . . . cheese . . . "crash on" . . . break that machine and I'll break your face . . . "I love it" . . . the shaft . . . T. J. Swan . . . club wars . . . the mole is gonna burrow to the V . . . chunkmobile . . . the bean wants change again . . . "I love the south, HO HO" . . . the main hatch . . . danaroo . . . R.B. never crashes . . . Timmy the torch . . . 4-alarm, Red Hot Dam Texas Chili . . . "Was he really all state?" . . . "Phakungah . . . stand up, Debard" . . . the porn-x . . . "D.L.C." . . . the "lee-man" . . . 101-power structure . . . "A.P."
LAMBDA CHI ALPHA

Changes Strengthen Brotherhood
OMEGA PSI PHI

Activities Form Basis for Growth

This year Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and its auxiliary group of women, Omega Pearls, worked together on campus, social, community, and scholarly activities, broadening the scope of its members and the general campus. In addition to regular fraternity duties and traditions, Omega men and Pearls, as always, found time to perform their choreographed steps. Although relatively new on campus, Omega Psi Phi continued to forge a good foundation for expansion at Georgia Tech.

With the addition of 23 pledges during fall rush, the brothers of Phi Delta Theta began the year on a good note. Active participation in community service projects, including fund raising for leukemia and cerebral palsy, showed the brothers' civic spirit. The brothers enjoyed another successful year on the gridiron, finishing second in fraternity football. In the academic arena, Phi Delts had the sixth highest overall among Greeks. The social season was highlighted by the annual Bowery Ball and included numerous socials and band parties. Overall, it was another great year for the fine men of Georgia Delta, Phi Delta Theta.

_Sasquatch... face... doughboy... simba... that was one hell of an elephant joke... that guy has got dumpster written all over him... run, Webb, run!!... deerman, AYYY... tranients, 21 chromosomes, buzzy, jockman, potato-head, DUI-Pöl, rocket warfare, fire in the hole... social with G.T.P.D. “Ah cain’t believe yer so simple minded”... get serious, Roy... Ruff Acehole... fifth quarter... That, Bimsthy... what a cocky pledge... Sheriff, these boys is lyin’._
Continued achievement marked the '77-78 year for Phi Gamma Delta. Scholarship completed its year above the all-men's average. Increased participation in intramurals produced outstanding performances in softball, swimming, track, volleyball, table tennis, waterpolo, badminton, and wrestling, including two league championships. Fiji's typically active program of community service topped the IFC leukemia fund drive with $2,500 raised. Spring's Island Party again lived up to expectations as the largest and wildest on campus. Summer quarter saw the completion of many long hoped for house improvements. Fall's large pledge class and high chapter spirits made for a very productive year.

PHI GAMMA DELTA

Fiji Top Leukemia Fundraisers
Chapter Enthusiasm Increases
The year was a growth year for Alpha Nu Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma. Successful successful rushes resulted in a quickly growing fraternity. Fledgling intramural teams made surprisingly good showings and held much promise for future success. Greek Week saw the Skulls capture the overall participation award. Growing chapter enthusiasm resulted in the first wreck in years and the first raft in nearly as long. The year marked the beginning of what would hopefully be a long range upgrading of the fraternity.

It sounds like a personal problem to me... De Foe!... Homer... White Cycle... You'll get over it... David who?... Mammoth... The Shadow... Ragtime... TOTR... Bonzo... Raise Hell, Drink Beer, Have... Go to the Infirmary... Toilet seat... Booger... How old is she?... The orphanage... Spanky, spanky, spanky... Bag attack... I'm confused... Football... A What motor?... It runs!!!... Bif — what ya doin'?... Oh my God — There's a crab loose in here... Three stroke... Wimp... Strong, wise, and dynamic... My girlfriend has one of those, but.
The Alpha Rho Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau entered a stage of rebuilding this fall after a bout with internal difficulties last year. Many needed repairs and additions to the house were made as the year began, with fall rush bringing in thirteen new associates and two new Little Sister pledges. Phi Tau was an active participant in intramurals, Homecoming, and Greek Week, as well as in the 1977-1978 IFC Leukemia Drive.
Who's been decorating the head? . . .
I'm going to move upstairs . . . teenage idol . . . Big Ed's Bessie . . . the squirrels are restless . . . Wimpy Benco . . .
When I lived in Baltimore . . . Mr. I . . . 
The past year was full for Phi Kappa Theta. Last spring saw the continuation of a tradition with the floating of the largest tube train down the Chattahoochee in the Ramblin’ Raft Race. Another highlight of spring quarter was the expansion of the Little Sister program. The summer was spent painting the house and making significant improvements inside, efforts which surely aided a productive rush. Homecoming was quite successful, an important part of another year of continued growth and improvement.

PHI KAPPA THETA

Water Loving Brothers Float Longest Train
1. Kinney Bacon
2. Tom Pennell
3. Sherill Edwards
4. Marc Foster
5. Jeff Hollis
6. Stan Breen
7. Andy Voss
8. Mark Bennett
9. Jeff Cox
10. Jeff Oaker
11. Bob Friedman
12. Mike Baden
13. Lou Schoenbachler
14. Jim Fitawley
15. Dave Johnson
16. Te Ward
17. Tim Johnson
18. Alan Vann
19. Ken Ko
20. Jack Donovan
21. Carol Donovan
22. Liliby Pooc
23. Front Hifeland
24. Lisa Bemhart
25. John Hartka
26. Karen Robertson
27. Lou Rigasino
28. Mike Riley
29. Karen Becher

[Image of a group photo with numbers corresponding to the names in the list above]
The Kappa Deuteron Chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa was ranked fourth among all fraternities this year based on sports, scholarship, and community activities. Homecoming was highlighted by the dedication of the new chapter house on the corner of 5th and Techwood. The Phi Sigs continued their dominance of the Greek Week Frolf Tournament and won their division in football, bowling, and volleyball. The future looked bright for Phi Sigma Kappa with a strong pledge class and a fine new house.

Pi Kappa Alpha excels in every phase of fraternity life from service projects to sports to campus leadership. The Pikes claim many prominent campus leaders and are involved in numerous campus organizations. Annual service projects include: Big Brothers of America, Leukemia Drive, Married Student Easter Egg Hunt and the Georgia Tech Blood Drive. In sports, the Pikes are always contenders for the number one fraternity spot with exceptional teams in wrestling, soccer, softball, golf, tennis, water polo and volleyball.