Rewards of Greek Membership Last a Lifetime

From that first handshake during rush, a Greek embarks on a road that produces good times and meaningful experiences at every turn. Each person will gain as much from being a member of a Greek group as he is willing to put into it. But everyone will find that joining with others in activities ranging from athletic competition to initiation rituals helps to make a smoother ride out of those rough college years.

The Greek is a well-rounded individual and a many faceted personality. He is civic minded and at Tech alone, fraternities and sororities contribute thousands of dollars annually to charitable causes. However, money is not all that the Greek donates for charity. He also offers his time and energy to the surrounding community.

The Greek has a very competitive spirit and is always striving to be number "one." Whether it be Greek Week, Homecoming, or intramurals, winning is the ultimate goal and each group gives its best effort to achieve this.

Socially, the Greek is constantly refining his skills. Formals, mixers, picnics, beach trips and the like all afford opportunities for practice. This he does continually, keeping in mind that practice makes perfect.

In campus affairs, the Greek is a leader in many areas. Be it student government, publications, Student Center committees or other clubs and organizations, the Greek almost always takes an active part on the Tech campus. Within his own group, opportunities for leadership roles are available too.

But perhaps the most important Greek personality trait is his friendliness. Being a Greek offers the chance to meet and live with new and different people. By sharing in the life of others, lasting bonds develop. To some this is the essence of what is meant by brotherhood and sisterhood.

Upon graduation, one looks back down the road and sees how far he has come, but it does not all end there. Membership in a Greek organization is for life, and one can move forward, knowing that the friendships and memories formed will last forever.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mike Muggridge carves out a jack-o-lantern for a halloween party with Techwood children. Alpha Gams revel in victory over Technique softball players. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Sigma Chi Jack Markwalter, newly elected SGA president, talks with former president Steve Callahan. Brothers lend a hand to an exhausted tug-of-war participant. Rumor has it that T-man is a Greek.
Competition and Hard Work Foster Greek Spirit

Perhaps one of the most visible aspects of the Greek personality is when Greeks are filled with the "spirit" (of a non-liquid nature of course). Greeks vie with each other and the rest of the campus to see who can best uphold Ma Tech's traditions, display the most school spirit, and get the rowdiest while doing it.

The week of home games during football season, banners are strung up in front of the houses predicting dire consequences to befall the opposing team. At the games, the Greeks sit together and whether it be the pledges building pyramids in the Rat section or the actives raisin' hell in the flashcards, they succeed in making a lot of noise in support of the Jackets.

Homecoming marks the height of tradition and Greeks excel in all events, sparing nothing in the way of creativity, such as an intricately engineered medieval catapult that got negative yardage in the distance test. The Interfraternity Council sponsors a parade leading to the pep rally and a week of stiff competition and a lot of hard work culminates in massive lawn displays like the award winning entry depicting King Arthur and Knights of the Roundtable tipping their ale while joining in a chorus of the "Ramblin' Reck." Greek ingenuity produces innovative contraptions that clank and splutter down Fowler Street based on engineering principles governed by Murphy's Laws, in hopes of making it past the judges' stand in the nationally-renowned Reck parade.

In the end, the work pays off especially if one captures the coveted "Overall Participation Trophy," which the Delta Upsilon's claimed this year. The ultimate goal is winning, although the results are a growth in brotherhood, an increased sense of pride in Georgia Tech, and an understanding of why Tech traditions are so cherished and strong.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Chi Phi rats fire-up for Jacket football. Chuck Shockey's, Marla Dover's, and Selena Presley's diligent work and attention to detail helped the Lambda Chis win second place in the display contest. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: After a lot of grease and sweat, Delta Tau Delta's Dan Sullivan earned his honored spot as a helmsman of the Delts' contraption in the Reck parade. Victory in the Freshman Cake Race was sweet for Beta pledge, Mark Lamb, who received a cake and a kiss from 1978 Homecoming Queen, Cheryl Hull. The Pikes, along with mascot, Spike, turned out on their fire engine to rally for the Jackets at the Auburn parade.
Prep Clothes Signify Adherence to Classic Styles

Many people view dressing “Preppie” as synonymous with being Greek. Strong arguments could be advanced for both sides of this issue, but let's face it — there are independents who would “out-preppie” any Greek on campus and some Greeks have never even owned a pair of Topsiders. Nevertheless, the image is there, so why not try to understand the phenomena.

Dressing Preppie requires only a few basics: khaki pants, buttondown shirts, Topsiders, tassled loafers, Izod shirts, Izod sweaters, Izod belts, and a navy blue blazer. This holds for both the girls and the guys. Often the only way to distinguish between the two is to look for a skirt, a bow in their hair, and an add-a-bead necklace.

If one wants to be a little different (without too much deviation), there are several variations to the basic theme. Button-downs may be monogrammed — on the pocket for the males, on the cuff for the females. Both Izod and Ralph Lauren shirts can be interchanged with all of one's khaki pants. For the girls khaki skirts substitute nicely. And if one desires a total commitment to the Preppie mode, males may sport a pair of plaid seersucker pants or blue, pink, yellow, and green party pants while females may go casual with a pair of bermuda shorts.

Where does one find these items that seem to belong to another era? A look in the attic or mom and dad's closet may be fruitful. If not, there are various establishments around town that sell the items newly made like Brooks Brothers, H. Stockton and Pappagallo's. But if one can not afford top-quality originals inexpensive imitations can be found with some searching.

Even though Preppie fashion has been popular for many years, it will never be outdated for the style is a classic. The fashion originated with the uniform required of Prep school students. To the people who attended such schools it comes honestly, but for those that did not the style caries with it a certain air of sophistication.

Economics also plays a big part in the choice. One can save money by wearing his parents old clothes — the styles have not changed — or one can exchange clothes with a girlfriend or boyfriend since the distinction among the genders is not pronounced. Also, a different color shirt can be worn with the same pair of khaki pants all week long and no one would give it a second thought.

Thus whether it was the way one was brought up or simply the recent adoption of a fashion trend, the desire to dress preppie comes from the student's need to identify with a certain group of people, be it a fraternity, sorority, or all students in general.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Izods and khakis have been campus standards for many years. Khakis with a classic blazer and a straight navy skirt with espadrilles are de rigueur at the Phi Delt party. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Paige Thrasher and Kim Pace wear multicolored “party pants” at a social at the Phi Delta Theta house. A button-down and pleated pants are still the order of the day. Patty Caudle, in her buttondown and penny loafers, shares good times with friends at the Kappa Sigma house. From the 1950s, this photo shows the timeless style of a basic skirt, blazer, and pumps or loafers.
So, what makes the Greek lifestyle different? The main difference is that the central hub of a Greek's activities focus on his or her own fraternity or sorority house. It becomes a home away from home for four years where one eats and sleeps, studies, parties, and carries on the day-to-day business of student life.

The house offers a haven for studying, and there is always someone around who is able to help. Many houses offer tutoring sessions and require pledges to attend weekly study halls, and there is always access to the "word" file, which to many is a way of life and a means of survival.

Home cooked meals are the daily fare at most Greek houses, bringing all the members together for a time to keep up on the week's activities. Oftentimes entertainment accompanies the meal with pledges singing for their supper or the staging of small-scale food fights. Although the "mystery meat" sometimes served doesn't quite measure up to mom's standards it sure beats one's own hot pot delights or a quick bite from the "V."

As a member of any Greek organization one is by no means rid of household chores and responsibilities. Each brother or sister is expected to do their part to keep the house in order. This may include cleaning the bathrooms, painting, or feeding the dog.

Thus, the Greek lifestyle is truly a family existence with the house serving many individuals who are united by the bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood.
If an ancient Greek were to happen by the Tech campus during spring, he might be a little confused by the events taking place. Thousands of students calling themselves "Greeks" would be busy preparing for a whole week devoted entirely to themselves. Greek Week meant time out from books and conjured up notions of wearing togas, munching on grapes and living a life of leisure and tuning up for the game to come.

The week kicked off with the Greek Goddess contest where mortal beauties vied for the crown and a chance to reign over the week's festivities. One would have to admit the contestants rivaled the likes of Aphrodite, and the winner, Brenda Lea Shannon, a freshman AI from Atlanta, certainly deserved to be Goddess-for-the-week.

Unlike the games fifth-century B.C., the modern contestants in the athletic events were not nude and women were allowed to watch and even participate in the contests. It seems that Title IX and ERA weren't relevant issues in ancient Greece as they are on today's Tech campus.

Fierce competition marked all of the events pitting teams in contests like the Tug-of-War and the Pyramidion, while events like the Keg Throw and Musical Ice Buckets tested individual agility. The Mr. Pretty Legs contest offered spectator enjoyment, especially for the female audience, but one wonders how they could judge a man by his legs alone. Other events such as the beer sucking contest, Pedaling Under the Influence (PUI), and the Bat Race involved the consumption of mass quantities of beer; contestants were then required to perform some physical task, while trying to stand up was the most difficult physical feat of them all.

Controversy interrupted the festivities when the Atlanta Humane Society cried, "Cruelty to Pigs!" and threatened legal action to stop a greased pig contest. The society's action caught the attention of the local media, as it successfully halted the Chi Psi sponsored event, and all of Georgia Tech's pigs breathed a little easier.

On top of that the chariots in the chariot race had rubber wheels and metal spokes and weren't even pulled by horses, but then again, Tech engineers are always striving for new ways to do old things.

A cocktail party topped the week off celebrating the victors. Instead of a laurel garland, the winners received trophies with the Beta Theta Pi's capturing the Best Overall Fraternity Award.

Though some of the events have gained a new twist through the years and a few things may have been lost in the translation, the zealous participation and the desire for victory likened that which characterized the ancient Olympic games.
Where would you find a flasher, a Playboy bunny, a lady wrestler, and a professional ball player all in the same room? Only a fraternity or sorority would have a theme party like “come as your secret desire.” Whether it be a national holiday, a Yellow Jacket football game, or a drop day, Tech Greeks can think up any excuse to celebrate, and they usually do.

The same spirit of competition that exists among students grabbing for grades, Greeks in their partying. Success is often gauged by noise and extravagance or how many girls come. Parties range from massive street dances to sedate sorority teas. Some require months of planning, such as the formals, while others are impromptu affairs when the brothers do no more than gather to watch Monday Night Football.

Each quarter the parties seem to acquire a flavor all their own. Before classes even begin in the fall, rush parties are in full swing, and there are always parties following home football games. Winter usually brings the annual formal dances; horrendously expensive affairs that last till the sun comes up. Warm weather moves the celebrations outdoors with cookouts and festive island parties.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mark Orr knocks his partner over with his charm. Terri Robinson and Steve Page seem oblivious to the party going on around them. Trey Sutter gets his turn dancing with Sweetheart Laura Newsome at the SAE formal. Rich Galloway and Laurie Macleod make a Bloody Mary toast at the Phi Kappa Theta pajama party. BOTTOM, RIGHT: Steve Brabaw, with his portable bar, was the most popular man at the party.
Barry Birckhead - Has What It Takes to Handle Greeks

After the resignation of Dean of Fraternities, Jerry Gallups, an extensive search landed Barry Birckhead to head fraternity affairs at Tech. Barry is a Sigma Chi from West Virginia University, where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and his Master's Degree in Counseling and Guidance. Following are excerpts from an interview with Dean Birckhead on January 17, 1980.

What are your impressions of Tech and its traditions, and how do you feel about your new role as Dean of Fraternities?

"My first impression was 'great.' I think it is refreshing how the students carry on a nostalgic tie with the past in the midst of a school devoted to technology and change. I enjoy what I am doing here very much, and I've felt very well received by students, administrators, and faculty alike. I've found the students quite easy and fun to work with. In my graduate work I had lost touch with the Greek world, and this job has brought out a lot of the positive aspects I enjoyed as a Greek."

Tell me about the positive experiences a student can derive from being a Greek.

"I think membership in a Greek organization provides stimulation for personal growth. It provides a stage or a forum for you to be active on campus, be it acting as a leader in your organization or just interacting with other campus events, you're active. It provides social outlets, but it also offers organized intramurals, cultural experiences, and community service projects - things that you can get involved in, learn a lot about yourself, a lot about others and a lot about life in general."

What do you think about the Greek system at Tech?

"I think it is definitely good. It is traditionally strong and is quite large in per capita comparison to other campuses - one of the largest in the nation. The Greeks here have a reputation of being very active on campus, being campus leaders and upholding the Tech traditions. When it comes down to who is involved in traditional things like football, Homecoming, and Greek Week, it seems that these activities revolve around the Greeks."

"The Greeks here are much more competitive than where I graduated. They compete in everything down to who can have the best parties. But I think competition makes the Greek system strong. The groups must compete to survive. It gives them motivation. I suppose you could call it a positive evil."

What are your goals for Tech's Greeks?

"First of all, I want to be open, impartial, and fair in my dealings with the students and try to hear both sides of every conflict. With this in mind, I want to keep the Greek system as strong and active as it has been. Traditionally, Greeks have been faced with bad public relations. The 'Animal House' syndrome has a negative impact on Greeks by stereotyping them as beer-drinking, hell-raising kids, and I'll try to fight this by continually stressing the positive aspects of the Greek World."

"Also, the grade-points of the Greeks at Tech have always been higher than the non-Greeks until just recently. It is my job to keep their grades on the up because academics should be number one."

How do you feel about raising the drinking age, and what problems would this create for the Greeks?

"I definitely think that there is too much drinking by young people today. The thing is that when the drinking age is 18, kids start drinking when they are 14 and 15 or even younger, and that's when you have a problem. So, I would be for raising the age, but I don't know to what exactly. "This legislation would make some broad changes in fraternity life. If raised to 19, I.D.'s may have to be checked at the door, or if it is raised to 21, you might not have alcohol permitted in a fraternity house at all. It will be a real challenge to all administrators if this law is passed."

What trends do you predict for the Greek system in the 1980's?

"From what I have heard, college enrollment is predicted to decline throughout the nation in the 1980's, and this will be a challenge to the Greeks to try and keep their membership up. Students don't go to college anymore to avoid the draft or to just get a degree. They are now shelling out a good bit of money, and they expect an education that is worth something. So, if they are going to invest time and money in a Greek organization, they want to know how it will benefit them."

"The fewer students, the fewer people there are to join fraternities, so the Greeks are going to have to be aware of what they have to offer a college student. They will probably have to work harder to upgrade their public image and to sell themselves."
INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL AND PANHELLENIC

Panhellenic and IFC Promote Greek Growth

The Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils act as the governing bodies of the twenty-nine fraternities and five sororities at Tech and provide each of their members with educational, organizational, communicational, and judicial services.

Each fraternity plays an active role in IFC. Bimonthly meetings and a quarterly publication, the Oracle, keep Tech Greeks informed of events occurring around campus and within the Greek system. The council's organizational responsibilities include the planning and development of the mainstays of the Greek system, rush and Greek Week. Educational services such as scholarship seminars and leadership workshops are offered. The council also settles judicial matters that develop among its members. These programs and projects, like the Freshman Register and the Annual Leukemia Drive, are all reasons why the Tech IFC is considered one of the strongest organizations of its kind in the nation.

The number of women on campus is constantly expanding, and consequently Panhellenic must oversee the establishment of new sororities, in addition to working toward a successful rush for all its members.

In spite of obstacles, such as the resignation of Dean Judith Friddy, there was a record pledging, and the council voted to raise the chapter limit to sixty members.

This year saw the installation of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority at Tech thus expanding the number of sororities to five. The council also took an active role in the Fall Leukemia Drive, Homecoming, Greek Week, and worked to strengthen its relationship with the IFC.

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL: Ed Metzger, Kelly McKeague, Frank Clements, Ken Klaer, Matt McKenna. PANHELLENIC: BOTTOM; Jane Ames, Anne Cox, Tracy Garner, Roxanne Drago, Sonya Rush, TOP; Carol Bramblett, Leslye Alex, Jan Hardin, Fran Belle, Jane Heavrin.
Alpha Chi Omega ended the decade in style keeping up with their traditions of successful participation in campus activities and equally successful partying.

Some highpoints during the year included a first place finish in Sigma Chi Derby Days and a victorious effort in a record 37 minute tug-of-war during Greek Week. Alpha Chi Omega also collected Miller bottles and cans in both the spring and fall Miller drives. Placing first among sororities in Homecoming, they also placed a sister, Terry Honick, on the court. During rush they pledged 31 outstanding girls.

In the way of parties, the sisters enjoyed the annual Pledge Formal and initiated big brothers in the renowned Royal Order of the Red Carnation. Big time . . . slur words . . . "Who the hell is Warren?" . . . I don't remember . . . Thomas syndrome . . . Flower POTS . . . Off the Bench and into the BUSH . . . 27 Birds . . . sweater Queen . . . Cindy stops Marta . . . beer under the bed . . . napping on the dance floor . . . Cindy's ring . . . Ahhh Wayne Newton . . . Blow Beets . . . GO FOR IT . . . Man of Man oh Man . . . "We're not ones to go 'round spreading RUMORS!!" . . . Hey you . . . PAPAYA!!!


TOP, RIGHT TO LEFT: Taking a break from dinner, Laura Coleman and Mike Furbish mug for the camera. Brenda Bollinger and Julie Moore concentrate on teamwork while Noelle Marier intently stares at the finish line in the Greek Week Chariot race. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Sue Yeoman puts a block on an opponent to make way for Julie Moore with the ball. Sisters turn out in force for the Homecoming parade.
Continuous Growth Strengthens Sisterhood

For the Zeta Omicron Chapter of Alpha Delta Pi, fall quarter brought a return to school and the addition of 32 pledges to the sisterhood. Stressing sorority unity, the sisters and pledges participated in many joint activities including a picnic and spaghetti dinner.

During the course of the year, charity efforts were especially satisfying to the ADPi’s. On several Sundays, sisters worked at the Atlanta Ronald McDonald House, their national philanthropy. The sorority also sponsored a school-wide “Big Man On Campus” contest and a band party to raise money for the Leukemia Foundation. However, a special trick-or-treat program on Halloween for underprivileged children proved most rewarding.

The return of spring weather saw the Pi’s move their forces outdoors. A Daytona Beach trip, Sigma Chi Derby Days, Greek Week and the annual Black Diamond formal kept the sisters busy and provided a break from studies.

Eunice, Mama, and Ellen . . . moonlight beach drives . . . Let’s take a hop to the bakery shop . . . How bout them Pi’s? . . . Carol S., who is Marilyn? . . . Fashionably late . . . Weee need a touchdown . . .


Alan, take our picture . . . Alice, are you really from Tifton, N.Y.? . . . Mick Jagger concert . . . ADBB’s . . . we love those pyramids . . . Oh nooo! . . . Hey, Hey Baby-ADPi’s are no. 1.
TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Coach Butch Woodard checks an injured player, Carole Klesius, while sisters Tracy Garner and Galen Kilpatrick look on. Angels, Beth Roach, Jeanmarie Kearney, and Mary Greiff, drop in for the Lambda Chi Halloween project. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Tracy Garner gives Anne Hageman a stamp of approval for her good work at the Leukemia dance. Stacie Binns and Tere Volmar practiced for the chariot race, while Genia Salter enjoyed the ride. Sisters and pledges enjoyed themselves at the Homecoming pep rally.
Alpha Epsilon Pi participated in all sports and gathered first place trophies in bowling, softball, floor hockey, racquetball, and tennis. Aside from involvement in intramurals, the brothers were very active in other segments of Greek Life — including philanthropy and social events. The slogan, "M.I.T. — The Georgia Tech of the North," became known on campus due to Alpha Epsilon Pi selling T-shirts displaying the slogan as a fundraising project for Leukemia. A Wild West Weekend and a 60's party climaxed the social events of the year. During rush this year, Alpha Epsilon Pi started a little sister program.


TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mike Dennis tries to steal the puck from two ZBT opponents in a game of street hockey. Mitch Diamond makes adjustments to the Alpha Epsilon Pi cart while brothers, David Gray and Harry Chikanek give advice on racing strategy. The brothers match wits in a grueling game of Risk. BOTTOM RIGHT: Beach bum, Ben Knowls, dreams of summer at the shore.
TOP, RIGHT: A grimacing Cathlyn Carley is aided by Sherry Sturrock in the Tug of War sponsored by Lambda Chi Alpha during Greek Week. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Pooh Grems and Patty Caudle pull an anxious Patty White during the Theta Chi Chariot Race. Doralee Thrasher says, “Have a Coke and a smile.” Patty Caudle devours a bowl of grits in the Kappa Alpha Grits Eating Contest.
Alpha Gamma Delta, ranked scholastically among the top five Greek organizations on campus, began this year with their first Rush Retreat. Fall quarter continued as the chapter jointly sponsored its first annual dance marathon with Lambda Chi Alpha to benefit Leukemia, took part in the President's Kidnap to collect canned goods for a local organization and contributed to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. The Alpha Gams also continued such old traditions as the Mr. Pretty Legs event during Greek Week, lunches at the house on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and a spring retreat. Socially the sisters enjoyed attending the Big Brother Cocktail Party and the Sweetheart Formal.

It can't snow tonight — it's the formal. . . Dancing fools — Only 23 more hours. . . Where are the trophies . . . and the composite . . . and the sign . . . and the mailbox . . . Big Star been very very good to Erin . . . Swami Initiation and Imaws Recolonize . . . Those Lucky Dogs of New Orleans . . . Animal Crackers . . . Pledges looking for trouble-sisters retaliate . . . Victory rides on Bozo . . . How'd you get those bruises Cheryl? . . . Greek Week Beer Chugging Champs.
The Nu Beta chapter at Georgia Tech founded on April 14, 1979 was the first black sorority chartered by the Tech Panhellenic Council. Immediate goals of the new chapter were academic excellence and involvement in the Tech community. The chapter took an active part in the Panhellenic Council and participated in a diverse range of activities throughout the year.

Several community service projects included a party to raise money for the United Negro College Fund and the donation of time and labor to the Red Cross Health Fair.

During the winter, the chapter sponsored a speaker at a GTAAA meeting and set up a display in the Student Center telling about AKA. These things were part of a week of events held in commemoration of Founder’s Day. The chapter also hosted a Tea open to all the other sororities on campus. The week was wrapped-up by a dance held at the Stadium Hotel.

Other special events included the Pink Ice Ball, a formal for all AKA’s and Ivey Day which symbolizes the aims and ideas of the sorority.

Alpha Tau Omega enjoyed a productive year in 1979, beginning in the spring with their annual Hawaiian Party, a Founder’s Day Banquet, and a house party at Fort Walton Beach.

Extensive house repairs made for a fresh start in the fall, and keeping their high standards of quality over quantity, the Togas staged a successful rush. The active pledge class went undefeated in football and the racquetball team made it to the finals in intramural competition. The IFC Leukemia project was a major focus this season with an especially strong effort made by the pledges through roadblocking.

Several sororities from Gainesville’s Brenau College joined the brothers in a successful fall mixer and this festive atmosphere carried over to the annual Halloween party. Colony Square’s Crown Room added an elegant touch to the winter formal as the chapter partied to the music of the “Dynamic Upsetters.”


TOP, LEFT: Chip Bottone finds a unique niche for a private telephone conversation. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Jay Casabonne tries to get some studying done while a party goes on downstairs. Grimacing with pain, Ronnie Sytz and Mark Armstrong are determined to win in the tug of war during Greek Week. Stan Harris adorns himself for the Christmas season.
The sisters and pledges of Alpha Xi Delta had a hectic calendar this year. During spring quarter they were kept busy with mixers, Derby Days, and the spirited competition of Greek Week in which they placed first. While they were away for the summer everyone was doing her share to plan Alpha Xi’s rush parties. This advanced planning helped, as the chapter pledged 32 fantastic girls, a just reward for their efforts. Rush was not the only thing which kept them busy during fall. There were mixers, Alpha Xi football games, the Leukemia Drive, a brunch at the Roosevelt House, and other activities which kept the sisters and pledges on their toes. Things calmed down a bit during winter quarter, and the year was culminated by their March eighth formal.

Even though the chapter was busy this year, the members did manage to achieve first place over all other women’s groups in scholarship for spring quarter. Scholarship was stressed during rush, because the sisters know how rough, academically, Georgia Tech can be. Yet, the sisters found that time surrounding study periods often enhanced friendship in Alpha Xi Delta.


BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Cally Wall brings the trike back to the pit after a strenuous effort in the Mini 500. Alpha Xi Delta sisters take time out from their display and ‘Reck to get ready for the Homecoming game. Alpha Xi’s Tamara Phillips, Lisa Johnson, Diana Cates, Leslie McClure and Lynette Raville enthusiastically join in the Auburn pep rally. A strained Sally McRoberts struggles along with Penny Sams in Lambda Chi Alpha’s Greek Week tug-of-war.
For the seventh time in the last nine years and for the third straight year, the Betas were named the most outstanding fraternity on campus by the IFC. This honor resulted from a high finish in athletics, an active role in community service, and a first place ranking in fraternity scholarship for the year.

Fall quarter found the Betas with twenty-four new pledges and a third place overall finish in Homecoming. Taking first place in the Freshman Cake Race and second in the Wreck Parade Classic Car division served to boost their Homecoming effort.

The third annual Runfest for the American Cancer Society and the annual Sweetheart Ball, along with a Casino party and several sorority socials kept the brothers of "Little Tara" active throughout the winter.

The chapter ended the year by placing their racquetball and street hockey teams in the playoffs. During spring, the brothers also found time for their annual pilgrimage to Panama City.


TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Wesley Howard checks out Dan Alford's hand and says, "You've got the Old Maid." The brothers display spirit at the Homecoming Banner parade. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Phil Lunsford, David Asbell and Chuck Shaughnessy carefully consider their bets at the roulette table. Steve Ferro supervises Carl Gussler and Doug Simpson in the operation of the Beta catapult.
This year the efforts of the Chi Phi brothers proved fruitful in many ways. Dedicated brothers helped, during the summer months, to renovate the house just before the Omega chapter hosted the Chi Phi National Congress Convention in August. A pre-rush workshop, held by the brothers at Lake Sinclair, proved instrumental in the motivation of the brothers during this year’s rush.

Fall rush provided the Chi Phi’s with 27 new men, the largest pledge class in the past decade. The Little Sister’s Polynesian Party was but one of the many outstanding parties enjoyed during rush. Rush was highlighted by the chapter’s 75th Anniversary Celebration. During the weekend of Tech’s game against Auburn, over 300 Chi Phi brothers gathered for the celebration, which was held at the Piedmont Driving Club in Atlanta.

The brotherhood was brought closer together by the Marathon Keg Roll for the U.S. Olympic Committee, roadblocking for Leukemia, and participation in all phases of intramural sports. Playoff berths were earned by both the tennis and racquetball teams, and the Little Sisters placed championship teams in Softball and Volleyball.

Once again, Chi Phi’s held their annual Beer Drinking Contest, and during Greek Week of 1979 they emerged as one of the top fraternities on campus with a fifth place overall performance.

You’re going down, Boosh ...
Cephus ... Drewbles ... Hose Bag ...
Sack of Wheat ... Tonto ... H-cone ... Pug ... You gaze ... Bong Fag ... Well Good! ... Reee ...
Omega II ... B.J. ... L.Z. Lab ... Hey Bri, there’s a butterfly followin’ you, Ah, Ah, Ah ... Tractor? What Tractor? ...
Yea Baby ... Arrr, Arrr, Arrr ... BD ...
... Eurpides Who? ...

TOP, RIGHT: Lamar Gostan expertly drives the Chi Phi entry in the ’Reck Parade. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Late in the fourth quarter, Mike Swink makes one last rally for the Jackets. Tom Carney and Mike Sewell unload a keg for the marathon keg roll for Leukemia. Cliff Stanwick and his brother hang out of the window in order to hear each other during Chi Phi’s anniversary celebration.
Starting fall with a record rush of twenty pledges, the brothers of Alpha Iota Delta were determined to improve in all areas of activity, as they were attempting to win a Chi Psi national award.

During winter, the chapter hosted the Region III Conference bringing together southeastern alumni and brothers and offering them a chance to exchange ideas, renew friendships, and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood.

On Friday afternoons, members usually gathered at the house for "brew time," and their traditional drop day "Grain Parties" helped relieve strenuous mid-term pressures. A different mood and the special setting of the Hyatt Regency marked the formal as the year’s memorable social event.

In spring, the brothers took to the outdoors to participate in Greek Week and intramurals where they succeeded in winning the school golf championship. However, no winner or loser was named in the greased pig contest the chapter sponsored for Greek Week. The event was cancelled when the Humane Society put a damper on it implying that the contest was cruel to the animal.


TOP LEFT: Ken Raff has the upper hand on the other brothers for the last chair in musical chairs. TOP RIGHT: Steve Frazier adds a new twist to his bluffing techniques. BOTTOM LEFT: Sim Wilford and Sandra Meredith discover a new way to get together. BOTTOM RIGHT: Clarissa Busby admires Ralph Smith's cowboy hat at a Chi Psi party.
This past year has been an eventful one for Delta Sigma Phi. The chapter is in a period of transition and reorganization; the changes implemented have helped the Alpha Gamma chapter become stronger and more cohesive than ever.

Spring quarter of last year was highlighted by the recapture of the IFC All-Sports Trophy, the culmination of an entire year of hard work against great competition. Receiving the trophy at the Greek Week banquet provided a rewarding end to a fantastic Greek Week. This chapter sponsored a human pyramid-building event — the Pyramidion.

A superlative spring served to psyche the Delta Sigs up for fall quarter. Fall has always been an exciting time for the Alpha Gamma Chapter, and with the pledging of 26 freshmen, and the addition of 15 girls to the little sisters, this year proved no exception. Both the brother and little sister pledges assisted the national fraternity’s philanthropic organization, the International March of Dimes, in a nationwide fund-raising project for Muscular Dystrophy. Fall quarter ended on a high note as the intramural teams secured league championships in volleyball and Ultimate Frisbee as well as adding a playoff berth in football. Finally the first phase of plans for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary and Rededication of the chapter’s house have been completed.

LEFT TO RIGHT: What the Delta Sig’s did to their ‘reck is enough to make Baron Von Volkswagon turn over in his grave. Katherine Reeves and Mike Boatwright raise hell at the Homecoming pep rally. Dave Sweat decides the ratio of 5 to 1 too much to fight and tries another approach. Jeff Harnett and Colleen Hessio discuss the finer things of life.
The Gamma Psi Delts had an active spring quarter both academically and athletically. Intramural teams in both softball and street hockey made the playoffs, while school-wise, Delta Tau Delta placed third among fraternities in combined GPA. Increased participation yielded a fourth place finish in Greek Week as well.

Fall quarter was marked by a strong rush giving the chapter 22 fine pledges. In sports, the cooler weather produced a greatly improved football squad and a fraternity championship in volleyball. Homecoming week, too, saw the Delts well represented by fine entries in the display contest and ‘Reck competitions.


TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Delts and Mascot sit back and enjoy the ride in the Wreck Parade. Scott Edwards gives last minute tip to John Helms as he waits his turn to qualify. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Delta Tau Delta’s “Stick” proves he can do more with a beer keg than just tap it. The Delt display takes shape at the handiwork of Frank Castaniera.
A new spirit emerged this year within the Tech chapter of DU. Increased participation and countless hours of hard work finally began to reap benefits as the fraternity finished among the top seven participants in Greek Week for the first time ever. Homecoming, however, added the real spotlight to the year. The brothers, little sisters and 27 newly acquired “junior actives” culminated the event-filled week with a first place finish in the contraption division of the ‘Reck Parade and the capture of the “Overall Homecoming Participation Award.” Athletics, too, gave DU a chance to get away from the books, as the chapter fielded a team in each sport offered by the intramural office. Finally, to prove that all was not work, a full social calendar including the Diamond Formal and outings to Lake Lanier and Stone Mountain furnished the brothers with ample relaxation.


TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Proud DU’s pose on their first place ‘Reck. Brian Duane’s hard work pays off with a first place win for the DU’s. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Cade Johnson and Chip Gill pull Scott Davis in the Chariot Race during Greek Week. Ron Wolf serves punch to Ivan Howitt at a DU party.
Alpha Sigma chapter of Kappa Alpha Order got off to a great start this year with the addition of 27 fine young men. As usual the social calendar featured such events as the annual softball tournament, a brother’s weekend, Little Sister Rush, and, of course, Old South. In keeping with a fine athletic tradition, the Intramural program remained strong and fan support increased. Academically this chapter ranked second among fraternities and for the second year in a row, received a Samuel Zenas Ammen Award for excellence at the National Convention.


TOP LEFT: A newly acquired pledge brother, Rob Palmatier tries his quick wrists at Foosball. BOTTOM LEFT TO RIGHT: A jubilant group of KA’s celebrate a Tech Victory in the east stands. The brothers relax at the house after a tough week of fall finals. One brother seems to be oblivious that the KA ‘Reck is in trouble.