Student Life
Tech Strives to Maintain High Overall Stature

Georgia Tech has always been considered a leading learning institution. However, with changes in technology, culture, and humanity, Tech is constantly faced with the challenge of maintaining its reputation. In fact, in order to be a complete, superior university, Georgia Tech must continue adaptation and innovation in a number of areas. Facilities, programs, academics, research, and the campus itself have all been important in keeping the leading edge.

The fight to stay on top has not been easy, nor has it gone unchecked. Incessant budget cuts by the government have severely hurt attempts to improve overall education and other vital program areas. A previously outdated and inadequate campus hindered the attraction of speakers, faculty, and athletes to Tech and prevented the creation of a total university. These problems and others have been costly to surmount, but donations, effective completion of projects, and careful planning for the future have enabled Tech to continue a tradition of excellence and keep the leading edge.

Campus improvement and beautification was a major focus of the administration. The completion of the IM/ISYE Complex and Peters' Parking Deck was important to meeting this goal. Future renovations, additions promise a pleasant, new look for the campus.

Programs and special events were a very important part of a successful year; their effectiveness was seen in standing-room-only crowds and substantial media coverage. The highlight of the spring was the acquisition of former President Jimmy Carter; in a lecture in the D. M. Smith Building, Carter talked on many topics including his role in politics in both Washington and Georgia. Then, in an in-
formal question and answer session, he read and responded to written questions from the audience of students and faculty.

November brought three important lectures to the campus. As part of the National Lecture Series, Dr. Hans Mark, NASA’s Deputy Administrator, addressed “The Next Twenty Years in Space.” The Intersect Committee provided alumni, faculty, and students with an outstanding program at Homecoming featuring Dr. Edith Martin, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Development, and Dr. William Devries, chief of the team that installed the first permanent artificial heart.

Celebrities from the entertainment world were also welcomed to the campus. In a special reunion concert, Simon and Garfunkel thrilled an enthusiastic crowd of Atlantans at Grant Field. Homecoming festivities included a concert by Firefall in the Student Center Ballroom. Also, Tech baseball fans were entertained, harrassed, and amused by the San Diego Chicken.

The productive year was only a beginning for the continued efforts to maintain Tech’s great reputation, as we strive to stay on top.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: The Tech tower stands as a symbol of traditional excellence. Bill Curry looks determined to reach a goal of competitiveness. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Former President Jimmy Carter gives a response in a question and answer session in the D. M. Smith auditorium. Simon and Garfunkel in a reunion concert at Grant Field. The San Diego Chicken finds a new friend at Rose Bowl field.
Planning and Building Efforts Continue on Campus

All year long students trampled through mud, avoided wet cement, and put up with the noises that go along with construction. In an effort to modernize and beautify the campus, Tech continued to plunge forward making incredible messes, but leaving behind much needed facilities and a prettier campus. This year's confusion and construction gave the students a parking deck, a new Residence Hall, a new classroom building and a beautified hill.

In an effort to do something to alleviate the lack of parking spaces, workers constructed Peters' Parking Deck. Amidst the protests and cheers of the students, the tennis courts and trees were demolished and replaced with a two level parking deck with tennis courts and racquetball courts on top.

A void felt by all students is the lack of on-campus housing. Tech filled this gap with the completion of a new residence hall on West Campus, Woodruff Hall. Woodruff is not the average Tech Hall. It has elevators, living suites, and a cafeteria and has provided a home for 520 students.

The new IE/IM complex was erected out of a need for more space, giving the two schools much needed flexibility and facilities. It also provided classrooms for other schools on campus that found themselves short of room.

Georgia Tech's Hill received a complete face lift as part of the beautification efforts. With widened sidewalks, newly planted trees, repaved roads and several implanted benches, the Hill has achieved a new found beauty of which all Tech students and alums can be proud.

As the student population has expanded, the need for housing and educational facilities has also increased. While the construction continued, the campus beautification drive also moved on. Future plans include a mini shopping mall adjacent to the bookstore and increased academic facilities. In a combination of efforts toward both beauty and practicality, Tech slowly but steadily moves toward completion.

Landscapers Are Rewarded With Colorful Campus

Appearance has become increasingly important on the Tech campus. Because one of the first impressions one gets of a university is the look of the campus, much effort has gone into this beautification aspect of upgrading Tech.

In spite of her location in the heart of a major city, Georgia Tech has slowly taken on the look of a complete university. Of course, on the perimeter of the campus there is traffic, construction, and other maladies of the big city. However, renovations, landscaping, and just Tech’s natural beauty make her a comfortable entity, separate from the urban surroundings.

The beauty of Georgia Tech comes in two forms: the old and the new. Perhaps the most astonishing thing about Tech is the fact that a large part of its traditional, old beauty has remained relatively unchanged. Although some of the campus has gone through drastic change (Peter’s Park, for example), East Campus, the Hill, and other sections have been preserved in their original state. Recently, the most noticeable form of beauty has been implanted or erected before our eyes. Modern buildings are obvious additions to the campus, and, while not overwhelmingly beautiful, they do add a clean, modern balance to the Tech environment. The ongoing landscaping has been a considerable aid in giving the campus a complete look. Tech students have learned quickly the value of a row of flowers or a well-placed brick.

As Tech goes through the changes of the coming years, it is comforting to know that, along with the adaptations to remain a contending university, a great deal of time and effort will go into preserving and improving the Tech campus. As Tech continues to grow within her urban bounds, she will need to mount a concentrated effort in order to remain differentiated from her environment. Tech’s newly found beauty reflects a promising future.
Academics Are Still on Top at Tech

Perhaps the most enduring tradition at Georgia Tech is the dedication to academics. This year-round pursuit of excellence was seen in research, studies, lab work, and career-oriented activities. This continuing tradition has given Tech and her students an outstanding international reputation.

Research and laboratory work were essential in developing careers, obtaining funds, and maintaining overall excellence. This hands-on experience began early for students at Tech as freshmen and sophomores worked in chemistry, physics, and engineering laboratories. Co-op students gained valuable training at such facilities as the Engineering Experiment Station. Graduate research was perhaps most important at Tech because, in addition to furthering students in their careers, it enabled them to provide valuable service to government, business, and community. Tech's reputation in this area enabled students to get large grants from major corporations for research.

The most noticeable academic tradition on campus was studying. Although students chose a variety of means, settings, and accomplices, they all seemed to get the dirty work done. This often included the infamous all-nighter, a perpetual cramming session that runs on for days. Even if they sometimes didn't make the grades (which they usually somehow did), Tech students studied a lot and learned more.

Tech students also continued a fervent tradition of pursuing careers. Standing in line for interviews has always been a problem at Tech, and even though efforts to change the system were carried out, the process was still tedious. In addition to interviews, career-conscious students attended career fairs and departmental lectures held by members of the business world. Tech men and women obtained valuable information and brown-nosed their way into prospective jobs.

The pursuit of education at Tech continued to be an important tradition to both the Institute and her students. It is in this spirit of excellence that Georgia Tech graduates will be referred to by those from other schools as "boss."

*TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT:* A student heads for class in a hurry. A coed studies a specimen in biology lab. *BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT:* A business representative rambles at a career fair. Students examine a printout. Design lab confuses.
Students Retain Tech Traditions

Despite the important research, excellent educational opportunities, and increasing adaptability of Tech, traditions are what Tech is all about. Student life practically revolves around traditions, and without them memories would be obscured or even lost.

Of course, the biggest time for reliving traditions is during the fall, and the biggest single event is Homecoming. Even without the pageantry and festivities, just the mention of the word Homecoming and the feeling in the air at this time of year bring back memories and encourage activity. To an outsider, the antics of Tech students, faculty, and alumni would probably seem fruitless at best — putting in twenty-four hour days for a solid week just to prepare for one weekend. But to a Ramblin' Wreck, the hard work and enthusiasm come naturally and are merely an extension of a year-round love of Georgia Tech.

Although the traditions of Homecoming have gone practically unaltered through the years, the theme that is incorporated into the festivities each year provides new opportunities for ideas and activities. The 1983 theme, "Tech Tropics," was no exception with Tech students outdoing themselves and their forerunners in originality and versatility. Whether they were competing, showing off, or partying, Tech students used this year's theme to the fullest.

Another vital tradition is the intense rivalry of the Tech-Georgia game. The biggest preparations for "The Game" are internal as the players and fans get excited and keyed up for the big event. This year the game was at Grant Field, so Tech students were able to continue their mediations, vibrations, and libations non-stop throughout the weekend.

The more subtle and timeless traditions at Tech are equally important. One relatively unnoticed tradition at Tech is the students' use of free-time. The Student Center steps are becoming a traditional gathering place, especially on Fridays when students use the arrival of Techniques as a basis for conversation.

In a changing society, it is important to keep in touch with our roots. Traditions at Tech enable us to do just that and are an integral part of campus life.
Each year, the flavor of Homecoming is determined by the selection of the theme. This fall, the entire Tech campus was transported to the South Pacific for a week of “Tech Tropics.”

Central to this year’s theme was the competition sponsored by the Student Center Homecoming Committee. Points were awarded to each organization based not only on their finish but also on their simply having participated in the event. This provided a spirit of good-natured fun amidst the cut-throat competition.

For a group to prove its tropical prowess, it first had to rule the beach. Showing off for the native women meant sand volleyball at its best. Some groups, no doubt, found more comfort among the spotlights within the safe confines of the local Student Center outpost. The “Head Hunt for Talent” talent show brightened the night with song and dance, bringing culture to this savage adventure. The Survival Olympics competition included punch chugging, limbo dancing, and a formidable obstacle course. Rounding out the competition and proving that all true natives must be adept at island hopping, the boat building contest rewarded proficiency on the high seas.

All who ventured into the “Tropics” made it back safely, each with a few more stories to tell, all of them eagerly awaiting next year’s journey into the depths of whatever theme is used.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Richard Murray, Mike Leon, and Hosea Lopez work on their prototype. Scott Partin, and Mike Whitney act tacky. A real classic.

BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: A limbo dancer gets down. A talented student does likewise.
Homecoming Brings Tradition to Life at Tech

Traditions are what give Georgia Tech her heritage and identity. As the leaves start to turn and temperatures begin to fall, thoughts turn to the annual event of Homecoming.

One of Tech’s greatest traditions, Homecoming is much more than a football game and a halftime show. It starts out slowly, with subtle hints that it will come: pictures of hopeful candidates on revue in the Student Center, scrap wood piled in front of fraternity and sorority houses, and early-arriving alumni strolling around campus. But by Thursday of Homecoming Week, the whole campus is alive with activity and anticipation. Display building, reck wrecking, and Tech Tropics competitions were capped off with a march down Techwood to the Homecoming Pep Rally at Grant Field.

Saturday is the day, Homecoming at Georgia Tech. The Freshman Cake Race, that annual test of rat prowess, ushers in the morning. Finding a more interesting way to traverse campus, the Ramblin’ Recks roll down Fowler Street in a cloud of dust, proving that we do learn something around here after all. In the early afternoon all roads lead to Grant Field for the long-awaited Homecoming Game. Tech fans young and old cheered the Jackets to victory. At halftime, the suspense ended as Amory Gable was crowned Homecoming Queen, ending another exciting Homecoming Week.

The enthusiasm and unity that went into the efforts of the week made it one of the best ever. This Homecoming, as have all the previous ones, assumed its place in history, an event and a tradition to be remembered.

Homecoming is our most important tradition, perhaps because of the number of people it brings together. Alumni, students, and faculty working together toward common goals was what Homecoming was all about. The spirit of Homecoming transcended all barriers and allowed everyone to enjoy our most cherished tradition.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Dean Dull and Bobby Cremins judge a Homecoming event. A truly tacky tourist struts his stuff. Lisa Admunson pomps. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Amory Gable enjoys her Homecoming victory. A tropical display.
TO HELL WITH GEORGIA

GOOD GUYS 24
BAD GUYS 27

TIME OUTS LEFT
DOWN TO GO BALL ON QTR

GO JACKETS!
DELTA IS READY!
The Good Word Lives as Tech and Georgia Battle

The traditional rivalry between Tech and Georgia seemed to somehow grow in intensity this year. The anti-UGA sentiment was everywhere — the football and basketball games, the newspaper, and even items in the bookstore.

The cold-war rivalry between the two schools turned to all out war in “the game.” Because the game was at Grant Field, Tech fans were especially hopeful that this would be the year for an upset. Some key ACC victories and a certain feeling in the air added to the Tech fans’ expectations. Georgia Tech was defeated in the final minutes of the game, but won a moral victory by contending with this top-notch Georgia team.

The intense competition between the schools did not disappear over Thanksgiving break, however. The basketball match-up promised to be another close game because of a carefully recruited Tech team. Although it was a Georgia home game, it was held in the Omni, adding a pseudo home field advantage for the Jackets. The rowdy Tech fans who were willing to pay seven dollars to see the game got their money’s worth as UGA barely edged Tech in the last seconds of the game. The event helped Tech students to release frustrations before finals week and showed them a promising Tech squad.

Anti-Georgia feelings went beyond the field as students reached for new levels of attack. A symbol of Tech’s sentiments was created: an international road sign that meant “No Bulldogs.” The slogan was seen all over campus on bumper stickers, notebooks, and banners. The Technique continued this spirit by publishing a “To Hell With Georgia” issue.

As they do in anything they pursue, Tech students were diligent and dedicated to the cause of putting Tech on top of Georgia in all aspects. For effort and innovation alone, Georgia Tech is the state champion.
Students Search for Excitement to Escape Books

Upholding a tradition of academic excellence is a tiring, tedious, and thankless job that Tech students just have to live with. Similarly, getting as much as possible out of what little spare time they have takes a lot out of them and goes unnoticed. But somebody has to do it.

Faced with these numerous hours of spare time, sometimes as many as ten a week, Tech students found a variety of ways to fill them all. At night, Tech and the surrounding Atlanta night spots really come to life as the party-minded hit the town and even a few nerds come out of the closet. On-campus attractions included fraternity and sorority parties, private get-togethers, and the somewhat infamous movies at the EE. Those with a need to get away from it all flocked to "the strip" or P.J.'s, and those adventurous souls fortunate enough to have access to a car journeyed to Buckhead and beyond to dance at Confetti, Limelight, and the newly opened Thrills.

Daytime excitement (no, not soap operas) usually came in the form of sports and fitness. Programs such as intramurals and PEACH provided students and faculty opportunities to show off what they have and get rid of what they don't want. And, if participating was not enough, Tech varsity and club sports allowed students to work up a sweat by verbally working over the opposing team and the referees they seemed to bring with them.

In the limited spare time they had, Tech students seemed to be in stiff competition with their partying rivals of the University of Georgia in Athens. What they lack in quantity, Tech students make up for in quality, and, anyway, who cares if you finish a close second in partying to your future employees.

TOP: Peachtree is the corridor to most Atlanta entertainment. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Students can take advantage of any opportunity to relax, even in the city. "The Strip." A thriller at the Fox is always a great way to blow off steam.
Transportation Proves Difficult

As students traversed the campus and the big city, one of their biggest concerns was transportation. Getting around Tech involved a variety of transportation modes, and there were problems associated with each.

Although most students without cars envy those having them, automobile owners are faced with a number of disadvantages. There are a number of incredible responsibilities that go along with having a car on campus such as paying insurance premiums, filling the tank with gas, and remembering to take the keys out of the ignition when you leave the automobile. In addition to these inherent problems, Tech added her own driving maladies. Any student that expected to sleep to a normal hour in the early afternoon might as well walk to school rather than attempt to find a parking space. Illegal parking was out of the question, also, because those sneaky parking officers quickly slapped a five or ten dollar GTPD gift certificate on the windshield.

The obvious alternative to this pain was to turn down any automobiles that might try to come your way. Then, transportation was a picnic. Walking quickly separated the fleetfooted from the flatfooted and the wise from the foolish. Pedestrians who for some reason attempted to survive a late night walk through the third street tunnel enjoyed the similarity to a dark alley. Alternatives included everything from bicycles to unicycles, but, unless they were chained to one's person, he would quickly become a part of the above-mentioned pedestrian category. When all else failed, one could grab the Stinger or bum a ride, taking the chance of losing both your pride and your friends.

Getting around campus was involved and hectic, but it was accomplished by most. Getting out of Tech is still next to impossible, however.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Parallel parking needs work. Late to class, call the Thunderbirds. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Walking never goes out of style, and it's cheap too. Joey Hanser finds himself missing class once again. Spot repairs keep it running.
Tech Students Escape to Atlanta

Visitors to the Georgia Tech campus probably wonder how students can survive without vast expanses of grass and greenery. What they don't realize is that Tech students have about the biggest playground around — Atlanta.

Hunger and thirst are two prime motivators for adventuring away from campus. One needed to look no further than P.J.'s, Grumpy's, Pippin's, Reckshaw's, or Chollie's for good food, froth and fun. Within a few miles of campus, students could travel to some of the finest restaurants and pubs around.

Located about five miles from campus, the Buckhead area offered variety of clubs for Tech's night crowd. The conversion of Buckhead Beach to a more modern club, Thrills, was extremely successful as many students welcomed the change.

Atlanta also offered Tech students a number of daytime escapes. Central City Park was an excellent spot to watch people watching other people. A newly completed High Museum of Art attracted aesthetic students, as did the annual Piedmont Park Arts Festival. Although Tech is equipped with an incredibly well-stocked bookstore, many students found it worth their while to catch MARTA and shop in the somewhat more stylish Lenox Square.

Georgia Tech is actually fortunate to be set apart from the traditional small town, rural college scene. Many college students would love to come play in our backyard.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: The Arts Festival of Atlanta attracts large crowds to Piedmont Park. The completion of the new High Museum of Arts greatly to Atlanta culture. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: The familiar skyline welcomes Tech visitors. A clown enchants a young admirer.
Students Seek Escape Through Campus Activities

In addition to going out on the town and enjoying Atlanta’s night life, students found a variety of ways to amuse themselves on campus. The fitness craze seemed to be the most popular, but others included video games, watching sporting events, and just wasting time.

Physical fitness became increasingly important to many Tech students this year. Many were seen working out at SAC, participating in intramurals, or jogging around campus. The PEACH program gave the Tech faculty an organized approach to staying healthy through health education and exercise. The weight room at SAC was more crowded than ever, with a surprising number of women joining the men to pump iron. The competitive spirit of intramurals attracted even more students, offering a tremendous combination of organized athletics. Through these activities students reached for the perfect combination of body and brains.

For those non-active enthusiasts, Tech’s sports teams provided exciting schedules of intercollegiate competition. The student center recreation area also had a competitive atmosphere, as students engaged in billiards, video games, and bowling. The EE Auditorium was host to the best movie schedule in the history of the theater. And, if all this excitement was too much, students found new ways to take it easy.

With all the things Tech students found to do, it is amazing they kept their GPA’s off the ground. Even so, most students seemed to achieve the right mixture of work and play to make studying at Tech bearable.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: A group of students watch television in the Student Center. The PEACH program offers organized exercise. The SC Programs Board offers free ice cream. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Students relax in the Music Listening Room. Wendy Morris throws a pitch.
In the past several years, the seeds of an uncontrollable, inevitable war were sewn at Georgia Tech. Minor confrontations were commonplace, but, until recently, they had remained hidden from the public eye. This is the battle of the sexes, and this year Georgia Tech was the setting of mass efforts by both sides to obtain strongholds and prove the dominance of their gender.

Of course a few decades ago, such confrontations would have been impossible. The next-to-nothing female minority held a very small role on the campus and went relatively unnoticed by the diligent male students. However, with the recent mobilization of female troops to the unsuspecting Tech campus, the men have literally had their hands full trying to compete, cooperate, and communicate with the women invaders. The guys have somehow had to adjust to the totally un-
foreseen ratio of four-to-one. The onslaught of women has been noticeable campuswide; they were involved in and in charge of military corps, publications, student government, and other important student organizations. The reactions of the Tech male populace were shocking. The majority of them moved to the front lines to engage in hand-to-hand combat with the female forces. Their efforts to confront the women were seen in a variety of stunts and guises. Muscles, insanity, and pure charm were weapons frequently used by Tech guys to show off. Calling on a long tradition of too few women on campus, Tech men proved that they were the best at these guerrilla tactics.

The activities of the gals and the antics of the guys seemed to lead to an inevitable end — romance. This one factor caused dissention, treason, and even fighting among the troops. The intensity of the battle seemed to disappear because of it. A better balance of males and females seemed to afford both with a better outlet from the rigors of Georgia Tech. Romantics came out of the closet and on to the battlefield neutralizing much of the competitive and confusing atmosphere of Tech.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: A couple battles it out in Techwood dorm. A face-to-face confrontation on the dance floor. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: A male student resorts to drastic measures. Michelle Crawford is ambushed.
Women Accept Roles of Importance on Tech Campus

The growing number of females on campus greatly contributed to the battle of the sexes. The traditional male student body found itself competing with women for important positions and among themselves for the women. It all sounds confusing, but women made life at Georgia Tech very interesting.

Women were not only very active in a large number of campus organizations this year, but they were also the leaders in many of them. In student government, the positions of vice-president, secretary, and treasurer were all held by female students. Similarly, the Army ROTC, the Air Force ROTC, the Technique, and the Blueprint were all led by women. Women also showed that they were skilled in engineering, classroom academics, and research. They were at the head of a number of honorary lists including Omicron Delta Kappa and Tau Beta Pi.

Not only did the women of Tech show that they could compete with men in leadership, knowledge, and versatility, many could cause riots or whiplash just walking across campus. Tech guys were shocked and pleased with the increased female population and proved it with their reactions. Tech men were relieved to find that the women could be formidable and feminine at the same time.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Lisa Volmar entertains at a Pep Rally. A new conductor readies the band to play. Four Alpha Gamis dazzle the audience at the Homecoming "Head Hunt for Talent" Show. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Anne Wise leads the Student Rally. Susan Raffensberger looks over some SGA paperwork. A coed shows her great form on the tennis court.
A girl enters a party, looks around, and finds that she is one of eight girls out of thirty people. She continues into the room and is soon surrounded by three guys. The guys each competing for her attention by offering her drinks, food, and dances. This scene is found often at many Tech parties.

The men of Tech find that they are at a distinct disadvantage when it comes to the hunting of girls. Even with an increasing number of women, there just are not enough to go around. The supply of girls is supplemented by girls from nearby colleges such as Agnes Scott, a women's college, and Bauder Fashion Institute as well as hometown girlfriends. Even with these increased odds, the guys still compete with each other for a girl's attention.

There are all kinds of techniques used by guys to get girls, some more normal than others. The more normal techniques used include being the perfect gentleman, a macho man or jock, the fantastic and often spastic dancer, or simply the outgoing talkative guy. Each guy feels a certain competition which more often than not goes unnoticed by the women.

If an even larger proportion of women results in the future, perhaps Tech guys will not have to go through so much for a date. However, as was evidenced this year, boys will be boys.
Romance Thrives Amidst Tension

Romance transcends all the rivalries and conflicts at Tech. This year, couples were seen everywhere doing just about anything together. Tech offered people a variety of ways in which to get together and get to know each other.

Many relationships began in autumn, due to the migration back to campus and the thriving activities taking place. Rush parties enabled freshmen and upperclassmen men and women to get together. Football offered an excuse to embrace in the excitement of a Georgia Tech touchdown. Homecoming, with its traditions, events, and atmosphere was a special time of the year for romantics. Romance turned into coziness as the weather grew colder and couples snuggled to keep warm. Spring brought active pursuit by both sexes due to legs coming out of hibernation.

Along with the traditional, seasonal pursuits of romance, couples were seen doing new and individual things. At SAC, it was not unusual to see couples working out or playing together. Studying seemed less boring when done with the opposite sex. Couples seemed to be more open and therefore could talk about or do just about anything.

The interaction between men and women at Tech is growing and changing. Romance and relationships were a major part of campus life, and they will continue to be as Tech becomes a more complete university.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Clark Wieditz is stumped in the dating game. A couple promenades at the Smith square dance. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: A coed is educated. A couple enjoys a tropical party. Victory brings relief.
Changes in Tech
Mood Parallel
Season’s Change

Just as the weather in Georgia seems to go from one extreme to another, so do the moods and activities of the Tech student body. The activity of fall, the dormancy of winter, and the rebirth of spring reflected the changing moods of the seasons.

Fall brought activity in nature as well as in people. The trees and animals seemed to hurry in order to prepare for the ensuing cold weather; similarly, Tech students took on numerous tasks and activities as if they knew that winter weather would surely forbid such outdoor pleasures. Fraternity rush parties, football games, and intramural fever seem to bring out all the energy that students could muster. Homecoming was faced with unbelievable enthusiasm as a last chance for fun and freedom before final exams mark the slow entrance of the Christmas break and winter’s chill.
Although it is a traditionally dormant season, Tech students faced winter with a sort of muffled enthusiasm. Their energies were directed toward studying as the weather kept them inside. Basket-ball games served as an outlet for cooped up emotions, with the referees receiving most of the flack. As usual Tech students were ready to take advantage of any good turn of weather that came their way.

Returning from a refreshing spring break, Tech students felt revitalized and were ready for the new quarter. Of course, this rebirth had nothing to do with academics as students did everything they could to escape to the great outdoors. Popular outlets were sunbathing, baseball and softball games, intramurals, and skipping classes.

The dramatic changes in the weather that take place every year in the South probably the cause of such a variety of moods and trends on campus. One temperature and one temperament just wouldn’t be as much fun.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: An anonymous student braves the elements. Barry Herrin and other rats cheer on the Jackets. Lori Watson stops to chat.
BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: A familiar warm weather sight. A student soaks up rays by the fountain.
Campus Comes Alive as Students Return in the Fall
When the leaves begin to change in September, the Tech campus was also transformed. The annual return to campus resulted in unbelievable activity. Preparation and initiation seemed to sum up the autumn season at Tech.

Preparation was so much a part of fall quarter that hardly anything got accomplished at all, especially studying. The training of Faset leaders to be knowledgeable, counselors to be understanding, and freshmen to be human signified the advent of autumn. Homecoming preparations included reducing cars to scrap metal and training for something called the "Survival Olympics."

Fall was the season for initiation, as well. Tech students were amazed that apparently stagnant construction yielded a new dorm and a new academic facility so quickly. Fraternity and sorority members sought revenge for all the embarrassing things they had to do as pledges by going to great lengths to humiliate their future brothers and sisters.

Perhaps the fuss, bother, and activity of fall was a response to the coming winter season. However, instead of preparing for hibernation, Tech students seemed to be inviting future celebration.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Sig Ep's celebrate rush week. Allen Williams demonstrates fire safety to incoming counselors. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: A couple converses at the Delt house. An up and coming band performs. A TTN photographer zooms in on the student rally.
Winter Constrains Students' Habitats to the Indoors
Winter is thought of as a dormant season, and, indeed, Tech took on a somber mood. However, in many ways, winter quarter was merely a carry-over of the unceasing activity of fall.

Cold weather definitely affected the Tech campus. Forced to stay indoors much of the time, students were compelled to study hard, correct the wrongs of the previous quarter, and pull their grade point averages back up to two significant figures. This extra effort in cramming was counteracted, however, by the widespread cases of oversleeping. Those who were foolish enough to schedule eight o'clock classes often slept through the A.M. chill anyway.

This dormancy was apparently just a cover-up for the devilish student body. Flocking in hoards to Alexander Memorial Coliseum, Tech students raised the roof off the "thriller dome" as they cheered the jackets to numerous ACC victories. Of course, the most obvious plot of the season, and the one that makes winter worthwhile, was the unified hope for the elusive white stuff — snow.

Students found many ways to compensate for the academic and atmospheric constraints of winter. Tech slowed down a little, but just enough to catch her breath and move indoors.

*TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT:* Peach Fitness program livens winter. Richard Ruth gets to studies. *BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT:* Formals help winter to be more sociable. Students pass time in the music listening room. Intramurals continue even during winter.
Students Welcome Warm Climate by Moving Activities Outdoors

A great migration occurs every spring on the Tech campus. As if attracted by some mysterious force, students abandon any forms of restriction or confinement and head for the great outdoors.

Returning from a reckless or at least refreshing spring break, Tech students hit the campus determined to extend it for a few more months. The beauty of the Tech terrain and the natural warmth of the season seem to urge them on in their rebellious ways. The library fountain became a literal playground as students basked around it, waded in it, and threw just about anything in it, including various dyes and assorted friends. And when they did wander in the general direction of classes, students were obnoxiously and scantily clad.

The call of the outdoors affected students in a variety of ways. For most, it did not matter what they were doing as long as they were outside. Laying out in the returning was perhaps the most popular undertaking; as the Tech populace enjoyed catching rays in the same brief outfits they usually wore to class. Tech baseball and intramural softball games attracted large crowds as well, enticing students to support the Jackets, catch some rays, and occasionally skip class. The Student Center steps was a popular Friday afternoon spot, as students read the hot-off-the-press *Technique* and shared the latest gossip.

Springtime at Tech is definitely a most distinguishable and lively season.

*TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT:* The Student Center steps provide a meeting place. Students picnic in Central City Park. *BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT:* Bill Gregory catches some rays at the FIJI house. Students enjoy campus beauty. Jill Weaver and friend raise money by selling doughnuts.
I'M A RAMBLIN' WRECK
FROM GEORGIA TECH
The Georgia Tech fight song is one of the most easily recognized in the country. However, the significance of the lyrics is known only to those that live through and survive the Tech experience. This year, Tech students both learned and demonstrated what it means to be a "Ramblin' Wreck."

The importance and tradition of this infamous term was emphasized in the fall when the Athletic Association attempted to adopt the Ramblin' Wrecks as a Tech team name. Although a small controversy arose, it became clear that, because of the historical and personal meanings of the two terms, the Ramblin' Wrecks and the Yellow Jackets could peacefully coexist in representing the Tech enigma.

Through all of this confusion, the definition of Ramblin' Wreck remained unchanged; Tech seems to stand for determination. In all aspects of campus life, Tech students refused to quit trying and put forth everything they've got. A struggling football team strove to revive a winning tradition at Tech. Homecoming brought out the tremendous respect for tradition inside of all Tech students. Intramurals also exemplified the camaraderie and competitive spirit of Tech. And, of course, the incredible amount of effort students put into studying and research has made Georgia Tech a legend.

Becoming a Ramblin' Wreck is indeed an honor, as Mayor Andrew Young found out in receiving an honorary Tech letterman's jacket. However, the alumni of Georgia Tech perhaps know best what it means to be a Ramblin' Wreck, for they have lived through the experience of Tech and carry it with them always.
As meaningful as it is, the traditional value of being a Ramblin' Wreck is overshadowed by the career value of being a Tech engineer. The quality of a Tech education is respected by Tech students, prospective employers, and just about anyone whether they are familiar with engineering or not.

The Tech atmosphere is clearly an academic one. Although Tech students clearly know how to play, the obvious underlying motive behind most aspects of campus life was to excel as an engineer. Georgia Tech professors were fortunate in that they knew that the students were there to learn and that they would make a meaningful contribution to their school and to their field. Studying at Tech is equally unique. Georgia Tech students used a variety of settings to study, including Grant Field, dorm rooms, bars, and sometimes even the library. However, despite the unorthodox scenario, the studying was no doubt all-out and all-night.

The engineering atmosphere of Tech did not confine itself to academics. The creation of amazingly functional "wrecks" for the Homecoming parade demonstrated the creative and mechanical prowess of the students. Even the sidelines at Tech athletic events seem to incorporate engineering into bringing home another victory for Tech.

Becoming a "hell of an engineer" is an impossible process that seems to take forever. But, after the struggle, the fruits of earning a Tech diploma are sweet.

TOP. LEFT TO RIGHT: Sig Ep brothers work on their water wheel. This Tech co-ed finds fascination in electrical hardware. BOTTOM. LEFT TO RIGHT: Calvin Chandler ladles Halloween slime punch for himself. Coach Cremins exercises his right to object to a call. "Gosh," I could've sworn I brought my calculator!"