STUDENT LIFE
The life of a student is full of all kinds of experiences. We at Georgia Tech face a unique opportunity as well as a unique challenge. The opportunity lies in the people we meet and the places we can go. There are students here from all over the world, each with a slightly different outlook on life. We meet, make friends, share ideas and good times, and learn from one another. Atlanta also presents exciting possibilities. As one of the most vibrant and alive cities of the South, there is literally something for everyone. From art at the High Museum to music at clubs to beautiful architecture and landscapes, many tastes can be satisfied.

The challenge is obvious. A degree from Georgia Tech signifies many hours of hard work and an understanding of subjects virtually unknown to many others. Consider yourself fortunate to be a student here and appreciate the experiences you have during your time as a student.
Students Can Always Find Fulfillment in Their Friendships

C’mon guys — show a little emotion! No man, even one at Tech, can live alone. Without the friendship and caring of others, life isn’t worth getting up in the morning for. However few, we all have friends. Whether we share notes, thoughts, laughs, insults, or beers with them, we’ve got them. We’ve got boyfriends and girlfriends, too (or at least we dream about them) and they fill a lot of empty spaces with their love and understanding. Talk to your friends — enjoy having them and enjoy life with them. Without them, there’s not a lot to enjoy.
“Friendships multiply joys, and divide griefs.”

H. G. Bohn, writer
“"The only way to have a friend is to be one.""

*Ralph Waldo Emerson, poet*
"Good friends are hard to find."
Gary Benham, junior IE student
These Are a Few of My Least Favorite Yet Necessary Things

Frustration!! Unfortunately a large — (ok — huge) percentage of one's life at Georgia Tech, under the guidance (otherwise known as shaft) of "Ma Tech," can be described as frustrating. There are different kinds of frustration. There is the upset, I want to die frustration of flunking a test or getting a "flush" letter from your dream company. There is the — my class started at 9:05 in the Management Building and it's now 9:20 and the only parking space I can find is in the back corner of O'Keefe. But, there is also the not so bad frustration of Richard asked me to Homecoming first, and I'd really rather go with Phillip. Or, IBM offered me prestige and $35K but "unknown" offered me $45K, and an expense account, and a car, the frustration of "oh, what should I do?" The list goes on and on...
“Aren’t we all just trying to keep our heads above water?”

*Charles Hubert, sophomore physics student*
“It’s good to fail now and again — you learn a lot more out of failure than you do out of success.”

Ian Hunter, rock singer
The reasons are endless and so are the ways. We celebrate all kinds of things: from good grades to good relationships, birthdays to anniversaries, job offers to sports victories, there is always something to be happy about. Everyone has his or her own way of enjoying life’s victories. Going out on the town is popular. Getting dressed up and going out to a restaurant without a drive-thru window can make for a great evening. Bars and clubs are always great spots to have some fun. Slamming a few back with good friends is a good way to celebrate. Going places out of the ordinary can be fun, too. Six Flags or Whitewater can provide a day of fun for a group or just a few people. Of course there are ways of celebrating that have a special place in the hearts of Tech fans. Covering street lights with toilet paper is always a hit and painting “To Hell with Georgia” on the road is a good way to let off steam and enjoy. Pick a favorite one or two and go with them — don’t be afraid to enjoy life.

Classes Really Seem to Detract From College Fun
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Alice Meynell, poet
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“Freedom of the mind, spirit in the body.”

Alex Sharp, senior biology student
“Man lives by habit indeed, but what he lives for is thrills and excitement.”

William James, author
Everybody at Tech Has a Niche — Find Yours and Crawl In
From participation points in a class to the Homecoming week festivities, participation is alive and well at Tech. Every now and then school, Greek, ROTC, and class activities call upon students to endure grueling pain, excess pleasure or mediocre fun. Like it or not, the student must play the role assigned to him. The range of activities to participate in is too wide to publish, but if you just flip through these pages you begin to get an idea. The phrase that comes to mind when thinking of participation is, "a little goes a long way." The organization or persons with the most desire achieve their goals and more. The grades of these students and the scores of the events held during Homecoming week or any other time prove this phrase to be true. Without participation, there would be no graduates from Tech, no fraternities to pledge, and no school to attend.
"What we love to do we find time to do."

John Spalding, author
“A person has to be busy to stay alive.”

Marian Anderson, singer
“Determine never to be idle. It is wonderful how much may be done if we are always doing.”

Thomas Jefferson
You've got to get there, but how? Tech's campus offers many ways to get around. You can ride a bike, skate, jog, run, or of course walk. Driving is not recommended since after 8:30 a.m. parking means getting creative and usually getting a ticket. If none of the physical ways to get around suit your needs, or if you're wearing high heels, riding the bus is always a good choice. You get to make new friends by practically sitting on them or eating a piece of their backpacks. There is no one best way to navigate Tech, but everyone's needs can be met.
Concentrate! Concentrate! George P. Burdell, this is your mother saying that you better start concentrating on school and getting those grades up or it's going to be "no car" and "no beer money" for the rest of your life.

Are you concentrating like your mom said? Are you concentrating on the right things . . . and at the right times? That is, concentrating on flirting during exams and on grades on Friday and Saturday nights — No! It takes a lot of hard work to master the art of concentration. Many have failed, but most can succeed. Here are a few valiant attempts.
"The roots of true achievement lie in the will to become the best that you can become."

Harold Taylor
“You cannot acquire experience by making experiments. You cannot create experience. You must undergo it.”

Albert Camus, writer and philosopher
Okay — it’s time to come clean with your conscience and your parents. We all love to have a good time, and for quite a few of us that means drinking liquor, and sometimes a lot of it. Even though most undergraduates are also underage, many still find a way to kick back with their buddies and some beer. Just to unwind, there is social or light drinking. For the heavyweight, trying to drink everyone else under the table can be a once (or more) a week good time, to be sorely regretted the next day. Whether you want to spit beer or drink it, there is a place for you to go in Atlanta.
"No man is drunk so long as he can lie on the floor without holding on."

Anonymous
It's Hard, But Take Time Away From the Books When Possible

There are never enough hours in the day for all that must be done. This is true for most people but it is especially true of the Tech student and his life. However, no matter how busy, we can always squeeze in a couple of hours of relaxation. There are hundreds of ways to wind down: going to a movie, playing pool, picnicking in the park, having a game of basketball or football, or just talking with friends and catching up with their lives, the list is endless.

The time we spend on and for ourselves is often the most important time. Making our lives fulfilling means making time for more than books and GPA's. Atlanta is full of ways to blow off steam and enjoy life. While you have the time and the flexibility of a student's life take advantage of the situation — real life isn't too far off.
“Cherish all your happy moments: they make a fine cushion for old age.”

Will Rogers, American humorist
“It is no small art to sleep: to achieve it one must keep awake all day.”

F. W. Nietzsche, philosopher
If you attend college anywhere in the world, you live it, breathe it and are a part of it. This is it — Student Life. It is always a difficult task to chronicle nine months of living and experiencing into a few pages of pictures and words. It is also a challenge from another angle. Student Life depends on who you are — your nationality, sex, age and even your major make you see Georgia Tech in a different way than the person in the chair next to you. That's why it is up to the individual to decide what these photos mean and what memories they will conjure. The task of completing these pages is small compared to the task of the individual student. Have fun with it and have a good time looking back in about ten or twenty years.