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MINORITY RECORD

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Tech Boosts Number of Minority Graduates to Highest in United States

The end of fall quarter brought the last graduation ceremony of 1992. Although it was celebrated as many before it, this December marked another record broken for Georgia Tech—the end of the year during which the school graduated more minority engineers than any other predominantly white institution of higher learning in the United States. During 1992, 127 minority students graduated from Tech's various engineering schools.

For this and other achievements, the National Science Foundation chose Tech as the recipient for the Institutional Achievement Award. The school was noted as being a white majority institution that has made demonstrable progress in the number of minority students that it graduates at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

by Amy Tyson
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BEST COLLEGE BUY

JANUARY 4, 1993

Georgia Tech Ranks Seventh in Money Magazine’s List of Best College Values

An Electrical Engineering student makes adjustments to his project—a flying robot. The January 1993 “Money Guide—Best College Buys” issue of Money Magazine listed Tech’s attention to giving students a quality education as one of the reasons for selecting it a best buy.

By Shirley Dodo

With the cost of a college education steadily increasing, parents paid close attention to getting the best college value for their money. According to Money Magazine’s “Best College Buys,” parents of students who chose Georgia Tech got a break from high college costs.

Georgia Tech ranked seventh in the best overall college buys for 1993 in overall costs. The magazine, which hit newsstands in January, stated, “Georgia Tech’s hands-on approach is reflected in its factory-style architecture, its strong engineering department, and its co-op program.” The article continued to reason that because of Tech’s value, more students applied for admission, and competition for acceptance grew more intense.

Tech also ranked second among science and technology schools in the nation. Among public universities, the Institute ranked eighth in terms of educational value versus cost.
One of the most unforgettable games of the 1993 basketball season featured the tenth ranked Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets against the top ranked Blue Devils of Duke. Over 10,000 students and spectators packed benches and aisles in Alexander Memorial Coliseum to view the contest. Those who came looking for excitement were not disappointed.

During the first half, the Jackets had no problem finding the basket; at one time Tech led Duke by as many as 14 points. Just before halftime, Bobby Hurley of Duke crashed into Tech's Malcolm Mackey and was knocked unconscious. Tech lead 44-37 at the half.

Throughout the second half, Duke desperately tried to come back, but Tech's defense persevered. By a one point margin, the Yellow Jackets defeated Duke with a score of 80-79. The first win over a top ranked team since 1964, the glorious triumph moved Tech up on the polls to eighth, and the Blue Devils fell to second.

by Jean Chen
Established to enhance the success of all constituents of Georgia Tech, the Bill Moore Student Success Center was made accessible to the Georgia Tech community during early winter quarter of 1993.

The building housed two major departments—Career Services and Marketing and Enrollment Services. Career Services consisted of undergraduate, graduate, and alumni services. This department assisted and provided opportunities for all students interested in career employment or graduate or professional schools.

Marketing and Enrollment Services worked under the divisions of admissions, financial aid, and special projects including programs such as FASET, Tech Expo, and the Presidential Scholars Program.

The Center included 32 skyboxes viewing the Stadium which housed tutorials and recruiting programs as well as corporate suites for home football games.
In response to a call regarding a chemical spill, emergency crews rushed to the Boggs chemistry building. Benzyl bromide, a reagent used in organic synthesis, had reacted in a sealed container and caused the container to burst. Small amounts of the chemical spilled onto the walls and floor of a laboratory.

A student discovered the spill Monday morning and reported it to campus environmental compliance officer Lee Zacarias. Due to Martin Luther King holiday, however, the campus emergency response team was not available, so Zacarias called the Atlanta Fire Department's Hazardous Materials Team.

Although only an estimated 3 to 4 tablespoons of material were involved, the team took several precautions to ensure students' safety. Fume hoods were used to remove chemical vapors from the lab, and absorbent granules were spread to soak up the chemical.

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SWINE SMOOCH

JANUARY 19, 1993

Crecine Chosen to Kiss-A-Pig in Circle K Fund Raiser for Humane Society

Contestants in the Kiss-A-Pig contest anxiously await the announcement of the lucky winner who would get to kiss the pig. By donating money to the Humane Society in the name of the candidate of their choice, the campus raised $261.38 and elected President Crecine to do the honors. Photo by Matt Baclar.

Circle K, a campus service organization, sponsored its first annual Kiss-a-Pig contest during winter quarter 1993. The group asked several student leaders and faculty members to volunteer as contestants, and all members of campus voted for the competitors by donating money to the Humane Society in the name of the person that they wanted to see kiss the pig.

After more than two weeks of voting, President Patrick Crecine was elected as official kisser. Wearing a pair of red plastic lips donated by Dean Carole Moore, Crecine smooched the unwilling pig, who had to be forced from his cage.

In all, $261.38 was raised by the contest, and after the pig kissing ceremony, the money was handed over to the Humane Society. Both Circle K members and other students agreed that the contest was a success, and plans for 1994 were in the works.

by Matt Baclar
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Voting for the Student Government Association officers and representatives was set up differently for the 1993 elections. Due to problems that occurred during the 1992 elections when students were allowed to vote on-line from any computer terminal, all voting was moved to easily accessible sites in the Student Center, west campus commons area, and Matheson Residence Hall on east campus.

After the initial elections and a run-off election for both the presidential and vice-presidential positions, Ashley Gigandet was elected president, and Colin Wright was elected vice-president.

Two weeks after officer elections, students wishing to represent their class or major on Council vied for their positions.

Voter turnout was low; approximately eleven percent of the students at Georgia Tech voted in the officer elections.

by Belle Gayler
ICING THE DAWGS

FEBRUARY 5, 1993

Four Wins Over Georgia Bulldogs Highlight Ice Jackets’ Season

A Georgia Tech Ice Jacket prepares to check a rival Bulldog player during the third match between the two teams. Played at the Omni, the game was one in a series of four straight season wins for Georgia Tech as it shut out Georgia 7-0 and secured a second place standing in its division. Photo by David Pauli.

The Georgia Tech Ice Jackets continued to dominate their archrivals by defeating the Georgia Bulldogs for all four games during the 1993 season.

In the first match, the Jackets played without team captain and offensive standout Fred Nielsoll who was suffering from a broken wrist. With a strong defense, Tech overpowered the Bulldogs 5-2.

In the second game, the Ice Jackets dominated Georgia by scoring five unanswered goals in a 6-1 rout. Things remained the same for the third game. The 7-0 victory kept them in second place in their division.

The final game was pivotal for the Jackets, who need a victory to get a bye in the playoffs. The Dawgs proved no match as Tech coasted to a 10-4 victory and finished the sweep for the season. Unfortunately, Tech was later eliminated from the playoffs by Tennessee.

by Patrick Hulman
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Students Appeal to Georgia Board of Regents for Replacement of Tech’s President

A student shouts his opposition to President Crecine being reappointed by the Board of Regents for the 1993-1994 academic year. Despite students’ protests and their rally on the Student Center steps, the Board voted unanimously to renew Crecine’s contract.

Photo by Vincent Hill.

Only two days before Georgia Tech President Crecine was to undergo his annual review by the Georgia Board of Regents, members of the Tech student body held an anti-Crecine rally on the steps of the Student Center. Hank Roarke and Jeremy Wilkening organized the rally to give students an opportunity to speak out against the president and the negative publicity that Tech had received during his previous year in office. Although the meeting was covered heavily by the local media, only around 60 students attended.

In conjunction with the rally, a petition against the president was circulated among ralliers and campus residents, and it amassed over 100 signatures. Roarke and Wilkening later presented the petition to the Board; however, they were unsuccessful in their efforts. By a unanimous vote, the Board reappointed Crecine as president of Georgia Tech for the 1993-1994 academic year.

by Matt Damrau

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The African American Student Union, formerly the Georgia Tech Afro-American Association, once again held the African Awareness Lecture Series as a part of Black History Month. Based on the theme, “Where Do We Go From Here?” the series included four lectures from February 10 through March 11.


In addition to the events, discussions monitored by faculty members followed each of the lectures.

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In January 1991, a comprehensive planning initiative was started at Georgia Tech. The result of this initiative, triggered by the impending 1996 Summer Olympics, was a proposed Long-Range Master Plan. The Technique, the student newspaper, unveiled these plans in a winter quarter 1993 weekly issue.

Created by Sasaki Associates, Inc., the plans were reviewed by the Georgia Tech Master Planning Committee, which included Tech faculty, staff, and students.

One of the most visible changes projected to occur at Tech was its conversion to a residential campus. After the construction of 2,700 new beds required to house Olympic athletes, sixty percent of Tech's student body would be housed on campus.

The move to a residential campus would, to a large extent, be at the expense of on-campus parking. Under the current parking plan, 1,670 of the current 9,320 parking spaces would be eliminated by 1996.
The Student Government Association sponsored a lively debate in the Theatre for the Arts in February. The debate concerned the controversy over the possibility of removing the Confederate flag from the Georgia state flag.

Lee Collins, chairman of the Georgia Committee to Save the Flag, and Charles Lunsford, spokesman of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, were panelists for saving the state flag. For changing the flag, SGA invited state Senator Ralph David Abernathy, III and Earl Shinhoster, southeast director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

After the opening remarks, the moderator directed questions to the panelists from members of the audience. Questions ranged from why or why not the current Georgia flag should be retired to what might happen if the Assembly voted to keep the current flag.

by Shireen Khan
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HOME SWEET HOME

MARCH 30, 1993

Final Touches Put on Graduate Living Center as it Opens for Spring Use

With the beginning of spring quarter, the new Graduate Living Center opened its doors to residents. The residence hall was built to house graduate students; however, it was initially used to house occupants of Smith Residence Hall when Smith was closed for renovations.

The rooms were based upon apartment style housing. Each apartment housed four students, each in their own separate bedroom. Every two students shared a total of four rooms including a single bathroom. The kitchens were fully equipped with full size refrigerators, dishwashers, garbage disposals, microwave ovens, and stoves. Living room furniture was also included with the exception of a television.

The major drawback for graduate students who wanted to live in the new halls was cost; rent per person was expected to be over $900 per quarter.

by Matt Baclar
Information for this article was taken from The Technique.
Institute of Paper Science and Technology Finds New Home on 10th Street

Although offices for the Institute of Paper Science and Technology moved to their new building during fall quarter, the official ribbon cutting ceremony did not take place until April.

Originally located on the corner of 14th and Hemphill streets, the offices moved closer to campus. The new facility contained several offices, labs, and meeting rooms for use by students and faculty. The building even included a cafeteria, a feature especially convenient for those who did not have time to leave their offices for lunch.

In addition, the building had an expanded library. The journals, books, and conference papers that had to be kept on hand for reference had a larger storage area and rooms for students and employees to do research. Especially for students involved in the pulp and paper program at Tech, the library was a much needed asset.

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SAVE THE PLANET

A Georgia Tech tradition, members of The Environmental Forum sponsored Earth Day during spring quarter. Through movies, slide shows, guest speakers, and open discussions, the group informed students and the Atlanta community as to how they could help preserve the planet's resources.

Also important to the group was their push to get more recycling centers on campus. Students welcomed the bins that The Environmental Forum placed at the Student Center and around campus, and they used them frequently to recycle aluminum, glass, and paper.

Students acted on their own during Earth Day as well. Several people joined community efforts to clean up playgrounds and parks and to plant trees and flowers in their neighborhoods. Students found that by being conscious of their environment, they could protect it.

by Matt Baclar
Spring Fling

MAY 5, 1993

The annual spring fling of Greek Week took place again this May on the Georgia Tech campus. Greek organizations vied for first place in events such as the Quintaped, the Tug-of-War, the Olympus Derby, the Obstacle Course and the Bat Race.

There was also a Greek god and goddess competition where contestants dressed in non-traditional "Greek" attire and recited funny poems. Greek sing was a major highlight of this year's Greek Week as sororities and fraternities danced and sang in a variety of entertaining acts.

Philanthropy once again played a major role in the Greek competition. Activities such as the blood drive, Techwood Clean-up and raising money through selling raffle tickets allowed fraternities and sororities to earn points toward winning Greek Week. The annual Awards Banquet was held at the end of the week when Greek organizations were presented their trophies from throughout the year.

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Among the events of 1993 was the closing of Techwood Dorm—a significant East Campus landmark. The razing will occur at the end of spring quarter 1993 in order to make room for Olympic construction. Techwood first opened in fall of 1935 and was the first of the completed buildings in the Techwood Homes project. In 1935, a student could live in Techwood for $36 a semester.

Techwood has continued to maintain a reputation for uniqueness. Its residents loved their home and put on various activities such as Techwood-Con, a weekend of games and movies, and the Techwood Spring Party, band music and dancing in May.

In remembrance of Techwood and all the years of fun, stress, memories and madness, the residents had t-shirts made—"Fifty-nine years of living on the wrong side of North Avenue." Those students privileged to live within this historic hall will sorely miss the lifestyle of Techwood.

by Amy Tyson
Where do you go when you’re just out of class, you are really hungry, you have little or no nutritious food in your dorm room and you don’t want to walk far? No, not your neighbor’s room but Junior’s Grill located next to Engineer’s Bookstore. As soon as you enter this fine dining establishment, a decades long Tech tradition (since 1944), the history of good service overwhelms you. Tommy, the proprietor will probably shake your hand and ask you how your tests have been. It is here that you can get a meat, two vegetables, rolls or cornbread and all the tea you can drink for only $4.72. Whip out $.55 and you get three chocolate chip cookies. Sadly to say this landmark’s demise may be quite soon. Due to the Olympic construction and Tech expansion, it is possible that when students return in the fall, Junior’s Grill may not be here. It will be a sad day in the hearts and stomachs of many Tech students.