To Hell with Georgia!
George P. Burdell: the legend lives on

By Daniel Armick
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He’s the most famous Tech student. Ever.

George P. Burdell first enrolled at Tech in 1927, and since that time, his legend has become a beloved part of Tech.

In 1930, Burdell earned a Bachelor of Science degree. He studied at Harvard for a short time before shipping off to England where he flew bombers for both the Navy and the Eighth Air Force during World War II.

Burdell is more than just a gifted engineer and patriot—he is also a prolific writer, having penned countless letters to the editor that have appeared in newspapers including the Technique and the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Burdell’s name frequently appears on credit card applications, guest books and insurance forms. He is often paged by unsuspecting operators of public address systems at Tech away games and other large sporting events.

Of all Burdell’s achievements, perhaps the most notable came in December 2001. Burdell garnered the most votes in an online poll for Time Magazine’s Person of the Year. Then, inexplicably, Time pulled Burdell out of the running, paving the way for George W. Bush to claim that illustrious title.

The origin of George P. Burdell will never be known for certain, but the most likely story was described in a 1977 article in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Magazine.

The article described how, in 1927, William Edgar Smith, BS ’30, received an extra admissions application.

Instead of throwing the form away, Smith decided to write in the name of George P. Butler, the harsh, disciplinarian headmaster of Smith’s high school. Smith changed the name at the last minute to Burdell, the maiden name of his best friend’s mother.

The prank did not end there. Whenever a professor would take roll, students in the back of the classroom would answer for Burdell. Smith even handed in exams for Burdell, changing his handwriting enough to fool professors. In 1930, Smith and his alter-ego Burdell both received Tech degrees.

Smith’s creation soon took on a life of its own. After returning from WWII, Burdell resurfaced at Tech with the advent of automated registration in the spring quarter of 1969. Burdell registered for every course offered, more than 3,000 credit hours. He did the same in 1975 and 1980, despite attempts by administrators to keep him out.

Burdell seems to have found a more permanent position at Tech in recent years. “The continued clamor and ridicule of my name can no longer proceed,” Burdell wrote in a column in the AJC. “I am and have been for 10 years dean of humanities and fine arts.”

The Tech tradition of George P. Burdell now passes to the incoming class. Both alumni and upperclassmen look forward to the creativity of the freshman class in ensuring the continued success of Tech’s most famous student.
Give your left brain a break
Student orgs offer freshmen creative outlets
By Smitha Prasad
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Tech's mechanical mascot keeps rollin'
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One of the many unfamiliar terms you'll start hearing around campus is "Ramblin' Wreck." Outside of Tech, that doesn't mean much, but on campus, it refers to a major symbol of our history and tradition.

The name refers to Tech's automotive mascot, a beautifully restored 1930 Ford Model A, as well as the school's most beloved fight song (see page 12).

The Ramblin' Wreck was a 1930 Ford Model A sports coupe, has served as a Tech icon since 1961. At every home football game, the Wreck leads the team onto the field.

The car has had some cosmetic modifications over the years. The original was painted tan and black, but the current car has an antique gold body and white fenders, with gold and white striped upholstery and a T on the gear shift. The car is in the care of the Ramblin' Reck Club and has been restored several times. It even had to be repaired after vandalism attempts by rival schools, including emergency repairs.

When the Reck Club's long-standing relationship with the Ford Motor Company for maintenance ended several years ago, care of the Ramblin' Wreck fell completely to students. Each year, a new driver is appointed to drive the car to football games and other campus events. The driver assumes primary responsibility of the Wreck's maintenance, including emergency repairs.

The Ramblin' Wreck continues to grace campus today because of the commitment and generosity of Tech students. This generosity allows the entire Tech family to continue to enjoy one of the most beautiful, lasting and distinctive icons of the Institute and our shared history.

FASET FUN

Tutoring options can help with tough courses
By Daniel Amick
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Feeling nervous about your chances of keeping a high GPA at Tech? Rest assured, you are not alone. Plenty of tutoring options are available to help you cope with Tech’s academic rigors.

Your first source of aid is your graduate or undergraduate teaching assistant in your specific class. But when that fails, you might be able to turn to study sessions organized by individual schools. The schools of Math, Chemistry and Physics each offer study sessions for students in introductory courses. Professors, TAs or academic advisors can provide information about specific meeting times and locations.

The Office of Minority Education (OMED), located in the Chapin Building, offers tutoring assistance to all Tech students. Complete information about tutoring hours can be found at www.omed.gatech.edu.

The Office of Success Programs also provides individualized tutoring services, as well as workshops and seminars focusing on topics like effective time management. More information can be found at www.successprograms.gatech.edu.

The Department of Housing’s Freshman Experience program offers tutors for students Sunday through Thursday nights in freshman dorms. GTCN produces a call-in show hosted by a student who explains tough problems and works them out on a white board.

Another popular strategy is forming study groups. Some students find it helpful to pool your notes and cooperate on homework and other assignments.
New Whistle draws on the past

By Smitha Pradash
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By now, returning students have noticed a small but distinct difference on campus—the Whistle.

The high-pitched, single-toned sound that once could be heard across campus five minutes before every hour is gone. Its replacement, a deep, multi-tonal sound, is quite different from what students are accustomed to.

Harold Cash, superintendent of the Tech powerplant, decided to replace the Whistle because he had used the last remaining spare part to fix a crack in fall 2002. If something happened to the existing Whistle, there would be no replacement.

Cash turned to Dennis Brown, manager of the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) Machine Shop to help design a replacement.

They decided to have a new Whistle on a whistle used in the early 1900s that is now on display in the Alumni House.

The Machine Shop photographed, measured and studied the old Whistle for about four months. They then fabricated the new Whistle at a cost of about $7,000.

The Whistle blows five minutes before the hour from 6:55 to 5:55 each weekday. It also blows after every football victory. Like the ‘91 atop Tech Tower, the Whistle has been stolen numerous times, first in 1902 or 1903.

In fall of 1905 four Tech students took the Whistle and, fearful of punishment, kept it hidden until 1949.

In 1981, the Whistle was held for ransom. Some faculty members on the Hill had complained so much about the loud noise that the Whistle stopped blowing. Outraged, students were unable to quell. The edict of the Atlanta Constitution, Ralph McGill, wrote “A freshman is not a freshman until he has bloodied somebody’s nose, or had his bloodied.”

In 1946, UGA fans convinced a local union boss to call a coal strike that shut down the railroads taking Tech fans to Athens. Coach Bobby Dodd used an Eastern Airlines DC-3 to take his team to Athens.

In 1984, Tech fans tore down the goal posts after defeating UGA and paraded them onto North Avenue.

On the one-hundredth anniversary of the first Tech-UGA game, players fought in the south endzone in a brawl similar to the 1930 event.

Georgia Tech plays Georgia in Athens on November 27.
### The dictionary of essential Tech terms

#### A
The first letter of the alphabet. It also appears on grade reports. We'll believe it when we see it.

#### Acronyms
Used for anything and everything on campus. Examples include buildings (MRDC, majors (ME) and colleges (CoC)).

#### British Beach
The patch of grass in the East Campus quad where freshmen traditionally throw frisbees and sunbathe in summer and spring.

#### Bursar's Office
The place where you take your money, or your parents' money, or the government's money...

#### BuzzCard
Student ID and campus debit card. Don't leave home without it.

#### BuzzPort
A portal for Georgia Tech web resources. Mention BuzzPort to an upperclassman and you'll probably get a puzzled look.

#### Caffeine
Sleep in a bottle, cup or other non-bed form. See Sleep.

#### Capital Campaign
President Clough's fundraising drive that concluded in spring 2001. It raised $712 million for the Institute, including the funding for many of the recently-completed construction projects around campus.

#### Chem Annex
One-fourth of the College of Computing's building.

#### Clyde Bumps
Giant speed bumps (near the CoC and CRC, for example) that are only crossable at speeds under five miles per hour (any faster, and you'll make the guys over at Midas very happy and very rich). Named for Clyde Robbins, who at one time was responsible for campus planning. See also Clyde Walks.

#### Clyde Walks
Term for the sidewalks that have bricks in them. Another useful innovation of Clyde Robbins. See also Clyde Bumps.

#### Coca-Cola
Obey the word of the man. This is Atlanta, after all. Use this building to locate the Student Center, which houses the only Pizza Hut in the country that serves Coca-Cola.

#### Good
A female college student was first admitted to Tech 52 years ago. Although more sightings are reported each year, females only account for around 30 percent of the student body.

#### College of Computing Building

#### Complaining
Something all Tech students are expected to do often and well. Good examples can be found on newsgroups and in *Technique* letters to the editor.

#### CRC
Campus Recreation Center. A place to exercise and forget about differential equations for a while. Enjoy the fact that you will be the first freshmen to enjoy the completed facility, waterslide and all. See also SAC.

#### Cumberland College
The school that the Tech football team defeated 222-0 in 1916.

#### Dead Week
The week before finals during which you are not supposed to have any tests. Be forewarned: some profs don't understand this concept.

#### Dean's List
Only takes a 3.0...sounds easy, doesn't it? Just wait.

#### D.M. Smith
History and Social Sciences building across from the library.

#### Drop Day
The Friday that marks the last day to drop a class. You freshmen have it so easy..."

#### Drownproofing
A P.E. class that was required of all Tech students up until 1988. The class involved being tied up with rope and thrown into a pool. The goal was to allow you to survive indefinitely in the water through a variety of techniques.

#### E-Mag
PHYS 2212, considered one of the most difficult and/or confusing classes at Tech. Back under the quarter system, the saying used to go, "E-Mag, Re-Mag, Three-Mag, Management."

#### Faculty Honors
A 4.0! Keep dreaming...

#### Final Four 2004
The event which generated more excitement at Tech than anything else in recent memory. Hopefully, it will become an annual event.

#### F.O.
Frosted Orange. See "The V." Gates
The best development in parking, ever. Please do not break them.

#### Good Word, The
"To hell with Georgia!"

#### Hill, The
The area filled with old, historic buildings between the Administration Building and the Library. See Tech Tower.

#### Honor Code
Supposedly sexy. Says you're supposed to squeal on cheaters. And profs are supposed to provide word. Yep, that's what it says.

#### Howey
The Physics Building on the corner of Ferst and Atlantic where many freshman classes are held.

#### IC Auditorium
a.k.a. Tennenbaum Auditorium, located in the Instructional Center, which is across from the CRC.

#### Junior's
Campus diner where Tommy serves pizza and the only crossable at speeds under five miles per hour (any faster, and you'll make the guys over at Midas very happy and very rich). Named for Clyde Robbins, who at one time was responsible for campus planning. See also Clyde Walks.

#### Late Fees
Fees that apply in addition to regular semester fees if your payment is late.

#### Letters of rejection
Letters of rejection from prospective employers. Three or four will sometimes get you a free meal.

#### Flush Letters
Letters of rejection from prospective employers. Three or four will sometimes get you a free meal.

#### Phi Beta Kappa
The first letter of the alphabet. It also appears on grade reports. We'll believe it when we see it.

#### S.A.C.
Supposedly sexy. Says you're supposed to squeal on cheaters. And profs are supposed to provide word. Yep, that's what it says.

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Who are these people? Some names and faces on campus

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George P. Burdell
Most famous Tech student. Ever.
To avoid big-city crime, follow these safety tips

By Daniel Amick
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You’ve finally arrived at Tech. You’ve moved into your dorm and successfully weathered the first week of classes. Now you’re ready to go out and see what Atlanta has to offer.

But before you do, it’s important to remember that Atlanta, like any big city, can be a dangerous place if you are not careful.

Ensuring your personal safety

Violent crime is not a major problem on campus; still, there were 10 armed robberies last year. According to Carla Cook, a public safety officer with the Georgia Tech Police Department, one of the best ways to ensure your personal safety is to be aware of your surroundings. Keep your eyes open for anything out of the ordinary. Trust your instincts; if a situation feels wrong, leave.

If you walk around campus at night, avoid poorly-lit areas. Be aware of the location of the police station in the Beringhaus Building. Find out which campus buildings are open 24 hours. Try to avoid walking alone or while intoxicated. Walk in a way that conveys confidence.

Cook recommends carrying a cell phone so you can call for assistance if you need it. If you do not have a cell phone, there are emergency telephones located at strategic locations around campus (see campus map, page 8). Call the GTPD at 894-2500 or press the large red emergency button for assistance.

If you need a ride from one point on campus to another after Stinger service has ended, the Stingerette is an option. This is a van service that runs until 2:30 a.m. There are, however, significant service restrictions. Complete guidelines can be found at www.parking.gatech.edu/transportation/2_stingerette. You can call the Stingerette at 894-9649. Police are available for escorts after 2:30 a.m.

If it happens to you

Taking these precautions can reduce your risk, but is not a guarantee. Here are some tips to follow if you become a victim of crime.

If you are being followed, cross the street, change directions or vary your pace. Do not resist if an attacker is just after your purse, wallet or other valuable items. No amount of money is worth your life, Cook said.

Get a good description of the attacker, looking for distinguishing tattoos, scars or gold teeth. Also try to get license plate numbers if the attacker flees in a car.

Securing your property

While violent crime is a rare occurrence at Tech, property crimes are more common. Cook said vehicle break-ins and thefts, bike thefts, and larceny/thefts have all fallen significantly over the past year, but they remain a problem. To keep your property secure, follow these tips.

Whenever you leave your dorm room, close and lock the door. Do not assume that because you are only going to be gone for a few minutes you do not need to lock your door. Also, do not prop open exterior doors.

Cook suggested that students keep a room inventory listing expensive items along with the model number, brand name, serial number, color and approximate value. That way, if something turns up missing, you will be able to report this information to police.

If you own a laptop, keep it with you at all times. Do not leave it unattended in the library or in a lounge, even for a few minutes.

If you own a bicycle, use a U-style lock to secure it. Cook said that about 20 bicycles stolen last year, all were secured with cable or chain locks. You can register your bike for free by filling out a registration card at the police station.

If you have a car parked on campus, be sure to keep all valuable items out of sight. Park in well-lit areas. To report broken lights in parking areas or elsewhere on campus, visit www.police.gatech.edu.

Cook suggested buying stereos with removable face-plates. She also advised against leaving your car parked in the same place for a long period of time.

Other helpful information

The GTPD communicates with students in several ways. Officers routinely post BOLO (Be On the Look-Out) flyers in campus dorms and academic buildings. These flyers have photos and descriptions of criminals. Call the GTPD immediately if you see these individuals.

The GTPD also offers a number of free pamphlets with more safety tips and crime statistics.

To get regular updates about campus crime, sign up by emailing crimealerts@police.gatech.edu.

Cook said students should feel free to contact her with questions at carla.cook@police.gatech.edu or by calling 404-894-1288.
Perks, drawbacks come with living off campus

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To many students, living on campus may seem like the ideal arrangement. After all, friends, food, and classes are all within easy walking distance, and conventional wisdom holds that living on campus away from home is an important part of the college experience.

However, some members of Tech’s student body have elected to live far from campus—so far, in fact, that they’re forced to drive or ride their bikes to classes every morning. But they argue that there are merits to this arrangement, something they would encourage freshmen to consider after they’ve been at Tech for a year or two.

“I like having more room,” said Hudson DeLee, a fourth-year Mechanical Engineering major who drives to campus 15 minutes every morning from his apartment in Dekalb County. “Price-wise, you can get a lot better deals off campus.”

Kevin Guthrie, a fourth-year Math and Physics major, agreed. “The apartment is cheaper…Also, I had been living right next to [the 75/85 connector] for two years, so it was nice to have a quiet place to sleep back away from the highway. One big plus was not having a communal bathroom and shower.”

Some students like DeLee also leave when they become fed up with the Department of Housing’s quality of living.

“Over here, I’m not living under the thumb of Housing, my air conditioner works, and I don’t have all that uncomfortable furniture in my room that I have to keep in there,” he said.

Others even defy the rebellious college student stereotype and return home to their parents, especially if finances are tight.

“I moved in with them to save money while I looked for work,” said Charles Whittington, a fifth-year Computer Science major. “Being on loans, I did not want to rent an apartment and drive up my loan money.”

But, he said, that hasn’t kept him from reaping the benefits of living off campus.

“The best thing is that I can’t go back to my room and goof off. I get more work done during the day and the time that I am there,” Whittington said. “When I lived on campus, all I did was drink and download stuff off the web with that killer connection. I actually go out now. My spirits and grades rose dramatically after moving off campus.”

Living off campus even carries psychological benefits. Some students who commute find it easier to relax every evening because they can escape the academic environment.

“I really enjoy getting away from the campus each day, as it gives me a time to unwind and to differentiate from work (that is, school) and home,” said Frank Rietta, a fourth-year computer science major.

Some commuters can also take advantage of MARTA, Atlanta’s rapid transit system. While users argue about its reliability, it provides a cheap alternative for those who worry about transportation expenses.

MARTA is also beneficial for on-campus residents eager to explore the city. The trains can take riders to a number of Atlanta’s major hot spots, and the buses—free for train riders—drive to most of the remaining locations. But, said Rietta, be forewarned; “Walking to the MARTA station late at night is not exactly safe.”

Other students argue in favor of living on or near campus. Time, they said, is a premium.

“Spending 1.5 hours on average in the car takes a chunk out of the day which at some times could be used for studying,” Rietta said. He commutes from his parents’ house in Duluth. “In addition, group classes can be harder when other group members prefer to meet late at night.”

It also means that students with early classes have to get up even earlier than their on-campus counterparts, and there’s no room for those famous last-minute mad dashes to lecture.

“When I wake up at 7:55 a.m. for a final at 8 a.m., I’m going to be late,” DeLee said. “Whereas on campus, I can sprint out the door and get there.”

“I prefer living on campus,” said Scott Kim, a fourth-year electrical engineering major. He commutes from his parents’ home in Lawrenceville—a 45-minute drive—and regrets that the cost of housing could not justify staying on campus over the summer. “It’s more convenient, and I enjoy being around friends at Tech.”

Part of the problem, DeLee said, is that commuters often find themselves away from campus during peak social hours.

“You’d be going home after classes, or at dinner, and really, after that, that’s when all the fun stuff happens.”

That is why many students, including commuters, usually recommend on-campus residency to incoming freshmen. Living with fellow students, who are facing the same challenges of being on their own for the first time, can create good friendships.

“You can go out and meet new people and enjoy the college atmosphere,” Kim said. “It also gives a greater feeling of independence and responsibility since you are on your own.”

And that, Whittington said, helps students grow up.

“Moving out of the house changes a person a lot. They mature a little bit,” he said. “There is a huge difference in the students who have never not lived with their parents and those who have been out of their parents’ house for a year or more. It is a rite of passage.”

“I think it’s important to get out into the college lifestyle, and if you’re living under the mandate of your parents, it’s pretty hard to do that to any degree of satisfaction,” Guthrie said.
Tech through time

These are just a few of the many events that have defined Georgia Tech since its creation almost 120 years ago.

1885
Dr. Isaac Hopkins becomes first Tech president.
Administration Building and Shop constructed.
First class of 84 students enrols.

1888
The first on-campus housing opens. "The shacks" have no running water or electricity.

1893
Dr. Lyman Hall named second Tech president.
ANAK, a secret society, founded.
First Blueprint published.
First Technique published Nov. 17.

1896
Tech football defeats Cumberland College 222-0, the largest margin of victory in history.

1905
The Whistle is stolen and not recovered until 1949.
Dr. Kenneth Matheson named third Tech president.

1906
An A.J. cartoon uses a yellow jacket to represent Tech for the first time.

1908
First Homecoming
John Heisman retires after 16 years as football coach.

1911
George P. Burdell attends class for the first time.
Tech awards first M.S. degree.

1916
Dr. Marion Luther Britain named fourth Tech president.

1919
The organization that will become the Ramblin’ Reck Club is founded.

1920
Bobby Dodd becomes head football coach.

1922
The tradition of blowing the Whistle after football victories begins.

1925
Women are admitted to Tech for the first time.

1928
Col. Blake Ragsdale Van Leer named fifth Tech president.

1930
The Georgia School of Technology becomes the Georgia Institute of Technology.
The restaurant that will become Junior’s Grill opens.

1944
The Georgia School of Technology founded.
The Tech football team defeats UGA in Athens 28-6. Irate UGA fans pelt the team with rocks.

1945
Dr. John G. Daniel named sixth Tech president.

1948
The Georgia School of Technology becomes the Georgia Institute of Technology.
The restaurant that will become Junior’s Grill opens.

1951

These are just a few of the many events that have defined Georgia Tech since its creation almost 120 years ago.

1952

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FIGHT SONGS

Ramblin’ Wreck

I’m a Ramblin’ Wreck From Georgia Tech and a hell of an engineer.
A helluva, helluva, helluva, hell of an engineer.
Like all the jolly good fellows, I drink my whiskey clear,
I’m a Ramblin’ Wreck from Georgia Tech and a hell of an engineer.

Oh, if I had a daughter, sir, I’d dress her in White and Gold.
And put her on the campus to cheer the brave and bold.
And if I had a son, sir, I’ll tell you what he’d do,
He would yell “TO HELL WITH GEORGIA” like his daddy used to do.

I wish I had a barrel of rum and sugar three thousand pounds,
A college bell to put it in, and a clapper to stir it round.
I’d drink to all the good fellows who come from far and near,
I’m a ramblin’, gamblin’ hell of an engineer. Hey!
**FIGHT SONGS**

**Up With the White & Gold**

Oh, well, it’s…
Up with the White and Gold, down with the red and black, Georgia Tech is out for a victory.

We’ll drop our battle axe on Georgia’s head
When we meet her, our team is sure to beat her.

Down on the farm there will be no sound
‘Till our Bow-wows rip through the air.

When the battle is over, Georgia’s team will be found
With the Yellow Jackets swarming ’round.

**To Hell With Georgia**

Sung to the tune of “Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Don’t send my boy to MIT
The dying mother said,
Don’t send my boy to Emory
I’d rather see him dead,
But send my boy to Georgia Tech
’Tis better than Cornell.
And as for the University of Georgia
I’d rather see him in hell!

[chorus]
To hell, to hell, to hell with Georgia,
To hell, to hell, to hell with Georgia,
To hell, to hell, to hell with Georgia,
The cesspool of the South!

Mine eyes have seen the glory
Of the stumping of the Dogs,
We will teach the poor dumb farmboys
They should stick to sloppin’ hogs.
When the Jackets are triumphant

There will be a mighty cheer—
We’ll do the same next year!

[chorus]
Pay your bills and, eventually, check your graduation status.

**Orange**

Tasks to construction, it has become an unofficial Tech color.

**Parking Permit**

Once just a hunting license before former Parking Director Rod Weis stepped in and restored some order; most freshmen can still leave the one out of their vocabulary.

**Quarter**

A relic of the past. Alumni, faculty, staff and really old students will probably remember. Tech switched from the quarter system to semesters in 1999, causing all kinds of problems. See Semester Conversion.

**RAT**

Any freshman. Recruit At Tech, or Recently Acquired Tech Students. Originates in Tech's strong military roots.

**Road Trip**

Something every college student should and must do in order to truly experience college. All you need is some clean underwear, a toothbrush, and...oh yeah...a car with gas.

**SAC**

Student Athletic Center, now renamed the Campus Recreation Center. See CRC.

**Semester Conversion**

A big hassle that occurred before the 1999 school year. Resulted in lots of graduation appeals. See Quarter.

**Sex**

Oh, wait...

**Shaft**

Any examination or class (not necessarily longer than it is wide) which inflicts mental anguish due to being unnecessarily difficult and/or impossible to pass.

**Shaft**

The large metal campanile fountain outside the Student Center.

**Sliver**

A comment, quip, inside joke or one-liner that runs in the Technique.

According to Webster's Dictionary, it is used after a word or passage to indicate that it is intended exactly as printed or to indicate that it exactly reproduces the original—especially when the passage appears to contain a mistake. Example: University [sic] of Georgia.

**Sideways**

A stray dog who’s head was cocked toward her tail. She captured the hearts of Tech students in 1945.

**Sixth-Year Senior**

Every fraternity has one; someone who has already been here longer than the recommended schedule, but is still striving to get out. This person has funny stories.

**Sleep**

We at the Technique are glad to be able to define this for you. Although we haven’t experienced it first-hand (and neither will you), we hear it has something to do with shutting the eyes and entering into a catatonic state for several hours on a nightly basis. See Caffeine.

**Sliver Box**

Contribute one at www.nique.net.

**Square Root Club**

The elite club that only admits members who meet this stringent criteria: The square root of your GPA is greater than your GPA. Get it? Don’t strain your brain too hard...

**Staff**

The hardest-working professor at Tech. He teaches most of the lower-level classes, but never receives any credit.

**Stop Signs**

Disregarded by most drivers. If you see someone using a crosswalk, you’re supposed to speed up...right?

**Student Center Commons**

The Houston Building. Used to be the Tech bookstore. Now houses student orgs, WREK Radio, and several stores and restaurants.

**Tech Tower**

The Administration Building. The first stop on campus are probably more heavily guarded than anything else.

**Tech Trolleys**

Not really trolleys. They’re actually Stingerrites disguised as trolleys, with much more uncomfortable seats. They run from the IC to Technology Square. We’re still waiting for the moving sidewalk, though.

**Technique**

“The South’s Liveliest College Newspaper.” An excellent distraction during Friday afternoon lectures.

**Thriverdale**

The basketball arena.

**V**

The Varisty drive-in located on North Avenue. At least get a fried pie and an F.O. Also known as “The Greasy V.” Claims to be the world’s largest drive-in.

**Whistle**

The steam whistle that blows to signal class changes at five minutes before the hour. It also blows whenever the Tech Trolley is done with the building.

**Whistle, The**

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99 Things to Do Before You Graduate

1. Go to the beach. Any one you will do.
2. Ride the elevator to the top of the Westin Peachtree Plaza.
3. Eat at Junior's (and wonder why Tommy isn't in charge of all campus dining).
4. Buy a class ring (the year can be changed).
5. Drop a class.
6. Go to the top of the Mason Civil Engineering Building and watch the sun set or rise.
7. Wear your RAT cap.
8. Swim in the fountain (either the Library or the Shaft—both count).
9. Stand in line.
10. Visit the Career Services office (before your senior year).
11. Pull an all-nighter (as if you have a choice).
12. Blow off homework for a date.
13. Blow off homework for an all-weekend South Park marathon.
14. Walk into a final and say, "What the hell is this crap? And where is the regular guy?"
15. Read at least one Technique from cover to cover.
16. Wander aimlessly around campus after being shifted by your latest exam.
17. Warn tour groups away from Tech's screamming. "The Horrent! The Horrent!"
18. Complain about Auxiliary Services. Take your pick from parking, housing, dining, etc.
19. Meet the waitress at Waffle House at 4:30 a.m.
20. Count her teeth and play the Waffle House song.
21. Fall asleep on your keyboard (before your senior year).
22. Go to a fraternity rush party.
23. Meet the waitress at Waffle House at 4:30 a.m.
24. Climb one of the magnolia trees.
25. Go to the top of the Mason Civil Engineering Building and watch the sun set or rise.
27. Learn the words to "Up With the White and Gold."
28. Break up, then make up, with your boyfriend or girlfriend.
29. Sleep on your, or your hallmate's, floor by accident.
30. Clothing is not nearly as obnoxious now that he or she has lost weight.
32. Pick up a guy or girl in the Library West Commons.
33. Light sparklers in your on-campus apartment to celebrate New Year's.
34. Run in the Freshman Cake Race. Senator Sam Nunn did, and look what it did for his career!
35. Sneak a large metal beer-distributing object into your dorm. When it's empty, pass it out.
36. Figure out why differential equations are important things to know.
37. Vote in a national election in the Georgia Tech precinct (why not this November?).
38. Put on weight.
39. Work out at the new and improved CRC. See #58.
40. Be in the Blueprint (somewhere, anywhere).
41. Date someone from another school.
42. Imagine that your roommate is getting paid to ruin your life.
43. Realize that your profs are, in fact, getting paid to ruin your life.
44. Give Rex Meyers, or any other administrator, a hug. Tell him or her that the Nique sent you.
45. Go to Lenox Square and wear out your credit cards.
46. Eat Easy Mac and/or Ramen noodles five times in a given week.
47. Wait 10 minutes for a Stinger when it would only take five to walk to class.
48. Get some condoms. Use when appropriate (guys and gals).
49. Successfully appeal a parking ticket.
50. Shuck.
51. Go to Under the Couch.
52. Join SGA.
53. Quit SGA.
54. Wish you were home (not too much in your freshman year—it looks bad).
55. Break during Midnight Madness (watch out for the GTPD).
56. Go to every Tech home game during one football season.
57. Road trip to at least one away game. While there, try to convince the public address announcer to page George P. Burdell.
58. Take the Stinger to the CRC.
59. Decide not to go to the CRC when the Stinger fails to arrive promptly.
60. Drink "Hunch Punch."
61. Take aspirin and reconsider #60.
62. Make a movie for iMovieFest, or Delta Campus Movie Fest, or whatever it happens to be called this year.
63. Have a long conversation with someone on a bench on Skiles Walkway.
64. Ask someone the date, then realize you're three days behind.
65. Get your picture made with the Dean Griffin statue until the dog.
66. Go to Under the Couch.
67. Take aspirin and reconsider #60.
68. Go to the Freshman Cake Race. Senator Sam Nunn did, and look what it did for his career!
69. Fix up your old parking tickets and put a slip of paper in them that says "Gonch!" Put them on all the parking mini-trucks.
70. Have a conversation with the Dean Griffin statue until someone notices. Then stare back like he or she is the weird one.
71. Learn the words to "Up With the White and Gold."
72. Break up, then make up, with your boyfriend or girlfriend.
73. Relax in the green space on campus.
74. Learn the stories of Sideways the dog.
75. Register for a class that is taught by your roommate.
76. Sleep on your, or your hallmate's, floor by accident.
77. Relax in the green space on campus.
78. Buy a class ring (the year can be changed).
79. Discover why the lights are always on in the Architorture building.
81. Concoct, but don't enact, a plan to steal a "T" off Tech Tower.
82. Play trivia at Rocky Mountain Pizza, Fifth Street Ribs and Blues, or anywhere for that matter.
83. Discover that your roommate is never nearly as obnoxious as he or she has had. See #89.
84. Think about transferring to UGA or Emory.
85. Get your picture made with the Ramblin' Wreck.
86. Get your picture made with the Ramblin' Wreck.
87. Go to a DramaTech production.
88. Take aspirin and reconsider #60.
89. Think about transferring to UGA or Emory.
90. Go to Under the Couch.
91. Relax in the green space on campus.
92. Tour CNN Studios and visit Centennial Olympic Park (they are both within walking distance).
93. Go to Under the Couch.
94. Go to a DramaTech production.
95. Get a degree.
96. Get lost while driving in Atlanta. Curse the plethora of roads named "Peachtree."
97. Go to a DramaTech production.
98. Relax in the green space on campus.
99. Concoct, but don't enact, a plan to steal a "T" off Tech Tower.