"...But what I am missing badly is the overall atmosphere from Tech, this feeling of belonging together... Any student in any country has his "long days," usually before an exam or when a design is going to be due... At Tech, however, there was always fun — was always a good mood in the labs, even when we sometimes had to work night by night... It is such a fine personal atmosphere in that campus. What a difference from Stuttgart (Germany) Tech..."

Letter to the Editor from a former WSF exchange student. Taken from the Technique, Friday October 8, 1965
Student Activities Help Develop the Undergraduate

Student activities are the very life of the campus, the very life of an education. At Georgia Tech they have always played an important role in the development of an undergraduate. To them belongs a major part of the credit for the school's success in moulding the characteristic distinctiveness of a Tech man.

Conceive if you can this institution of ours bare of all student life — its campus a drill field, its men a part of the great American army — and you will have a fair picture of what came to pass here in the fall of 1918. When Georgia Tech on October the first became a unit of the student's Army Training Corps it sounded the death knell of its students' life; it transformed the South's greatest technical school into a veritable army post. All was made subsidiary to America's great drive for victory. Tech gave whole-heartedly, buoyantly, gladly, to the very limit of its resources; its men forgot their former pleasures and pastimes and entered into their new work with an indescribable zeal.

The New Year found Tech no longer a training camp but, instead, re-established as the magnificent college it had formerly been. Absent were the clubs, societies, teams, and publications that have contributed so materially in the making of Tech, but ever present of scores of former students, many of whom had returned as commissioned officers, and by the absence of a multitude of men inferior to the Tech standard, a heroic attempt was made by the student body to renew the glories of the past.

To a marvelous extent they succeeded. From a campus bare of interest, from a school void of the lighter vein of life, in an unimaginably short time, rose the structured work of a greater spirit. The old was reconstructed and the new introduced with an admirable precision. But the summit of our success lies in the future. To this end of our present activities are but a suggestion of the brilliant days that are to come.

Taken from an article in the 1919 Blue Print.

TOP: Some of the earlier ANAK members of 1918. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Dorms were crowded in the early years. Brothers ready for rush. Junior class in 1918 poses for group shot.
Traditions Cannot Be Ignored Without Consequences

From deep in the misty recesses of time shine a word that has awed freshmen and inspired seniors. Its ability to thrust pride in any athlete or cheer louder than any fan has mystified people for ages. It can strike at any time or attach itself to the most unsuspecting thing. This word is TRADITION.

The first thing any neophyte of this great school learns is Georgia Tech tradition. It is all-powerful though no one knows why. It can not be altered or ignored without consequence. Tech tradition is a legacy.

Old gold and white, the familiar colors of Georgia Tech evolved early in Tech's history. The class of 1892 selected old gold, white and blue to be used as their class colors. Tech students first wore the colors white and gold as they cheered against the University of Georgia in a game against Auburn in 1891. This tradition was etched deeper into Tech spirit when fans from a young women's school, Lucy Cobb Institute for Girls, cheered for the newly formed Tech football team in 1893.

George P. Burdell came to Tech on September 15, 1927, from Augusta and enrolled in his first courses at Tech. Since then this infamous character has accomplished several incredible feats. In 1930, George P. Burdell received his bachelor's degree and later his master's degree. He was a member of many honoraries and is the only person besides Robert E. Lee to ever hold membership in three national fraternities simultaneously. George even joined the 8th Air Force in WW II and is credited with twelve bombing missions.

Tales of his pranks could fill the library. He is suspected of stealing the whistle on April fool's day in 1935. He has stolen the UGA bulldog and registered for every section of every course at Tech.

In truth, George was the product of Freshman Ed Smith's imagination who in 1927 was handed two registration forms by mistake. After completing his form he decided to enroll his former headmaster at the Academy of Richmond County, a loyal UGA alumnus, George P. Butler. He got as far as George P. before his nerves set in and he substituted Burdell, the maiden name of his best friend's mother. Mr. Smith relates that he turned in duplicate tests with answers changed enough to fool his professors. Thus George was a "real" student and was awarded his degree.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Rush is part of student life. Where is the "T"? BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: The Tech Band Wrecks Athens. Students enjoy a leisure game at cards. The Ramblin Wreck makes its debut in 1961.
The President and Faculty
of
The Georgia Institute of Technology
To all to whom these presents may come, Greeting: Whereas
George Paul Burdell
has completed all the requirements for graduation, now, therefore, we, under
the authority vested in us, do hereby confer upon him the degree of
Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management
with all the rights, privileges and honors, thereunto appertaining.
In witness whereof, the signatures of the Chancellor of the University System,
the President and the Registrar of The Georgia Institute of Technology are
hereby subscribed, and the seal of the Institute is affixed.
Given at Atlanta on the nineteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord,
nineteen hundred and seventy-one

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Sideways, a black and white, long haired mongrel appeared at Georgia Tech after being thrown from a car. Due to the injuries from her accident, she walked with her head and shoulders about fifteen degrees out of phase with her hindquarters. Thus the name Sideways stuck. During her two years at Tech she could be seen sleeping quietly during lectures, roaming the campus or sampling free food from the dining halls. Sideways died in 1947 after accidentally eating rat poison; she is buried on the hill near the administration building and honored with an engraved marble monument.

Bruin, or better known as Stumpy's bear, came to Tech as a gift to the football team following the 1929 Rose Bowl victory. Although the bear was the team mascot, Stumpy Thomson took the responsibility for Bruin's care and feeding. The bear spent winter under Grant Field's east stands. His favorite beverages were beer and Coca-Cola.

The "T" and the whistle are two landmarks of Tech which thieves spy quickly. A familiar sight is the Tech tower reading "ECH." The theft of the five foot "T" from the tower is a long established tradition. The first whistle-napping occurred around 1902 or 1903. Since then the whistle, like the "T," has seen many homes other than its intended resting place.

The "Ramblin' Wrek," that famous fight song which embodies the spirit of Georgia Tech, has rung in the ears of Tech fans from its early days. Howard D. Cutter, a member of the first four-year graduating class, recalled an early version of the song had "its beginnings during the first year or two after Tech opened. Some of the frills were afterward added." The first version in print appeared in the 1908 Blue Print. Since then several copyrights have been made including one by bandmaster Michael A. "Mike" Greenblatt in 1910.

The Rambling Wrek, a 1930 Model A Ford Sport Coupe wheeled onto Grant Field in 1961 leading an enthusiastic football team. This car signified the beginning of Tech's first "official" Rambling Wreck. The first reference to a Rambling Wreck vehicle was mentioned in a 1925 "Technique" when it spoke of an old 1914 Ford owned by Dean of Men Floyd Fields. Since then the idea has inspired a Rambling Wreck parade during homecoming and the present Wreck that appeared in 1961. This Wreck was a result of Dean James Dull's effort to buy the car from Captain Ted J. Johnson after seeing it parked on campus one day in 1960. The Athletic Association soon bought it for $1,000. It is now cared for by the Ramblin' Reck Club.

Rat caps originated in 1915 with ANAK. They instituted the tradition of each first quarter freshman wearing these caps until Tech's reserve football team beat UGA's Bullpups over Christmas vacation. If a rat was caught without his cap, his hair was shaved in the shape of a "T." The first caps were very similar to those still worn today except they had a white "F" on the front rather than the "T" design that appears there now.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Early rats followed rules regarding their hats. Some of course didn't, and therefore paid the price. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: The actual diploma which was presented to a non-existing person. The grave of Sideways stands beside the administration building for all to remember the faithful and true dog.
Some things never change, especially at Georgia Tech. No, I don’t mean lab manuals or ARA food or even the sheets on some of the dorm beds. I’m talking about Tech’s many traditions, both formal and informal, some fun and others not so fun.

A tradition is defined as a “cultural continuity in social attitudes and institutions,” and what fits this definition better than Homecoming? From the pep rally and covering the east campus in toilet paper on Thursday night, to the Ramblin’ Wreck parade and the game itself on Saturday, Homecoming is an excellent chance for both students and alumni to experience some of the more enjoyable traditions of Georgia Tech.

The Ramblin’ Wreck parade takes place on the Saturday morning before the game. Each year students prove that they do learn some engineering skills by creating “machines” capable of traversing the five kilometer course. Then comes the game itself. This year the Tech Yellow Jackets beat Duke’s Blue Devils, and Debbie Adams was crowned Homecoming Queen at halftime.

Each Homecoming, apart from the traditional activities, has a personality all its own. This year’s theme was Tech in Technicolor. Throughout Homecoming Week special events were sponsored by the Homecoming Committee. “The Deal Is Right” game show gave students the opportunity to participate in a real live game show without traveling all the way to Hollywood. Every student who ever had a secret desire to be Cindy Lauper or Billy Idol came out for the “I Want My MTV” Look-Alike contest, and everyone who ever wanted to be a star of any kind showed up for the “Live From The Techwood Bowl” Talent show. Students who were inspired by the Americans’ performance in Los Angeles last summer came to the Tech All-Star Olympics to participate in such events as “Buzz’s Golf Classic” and the “Dean Martin Celebrity Chug.” As always by the end of Homecoming week, the campus was filled with colorful displays designed and constructed by the various organizations around campus.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Tech emerged victorious in their homecoming game against the Duke Blue Devils. Thursday night after the pep rally the air is filled with toilet paper. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Lots of late night work is required to get the colorful displays just right. Building the perfect wreck takes time and engineering skills, but driving one takes skill of another kind.
Blink an Eye And It's Gone – Again
Not every tradition at Tech is as glamorous as Homecoming. One familiar to all Tech students is the steam whistle which blows five minutes before and five minutes after each hour from seven in the morning until six at night. Alumni who graduated after 1981 might not recognize the whistle in its present state, however. That was the year that, because of complaints of nearby residents, the use of the whistle was halted. Tech students protested against the loss of the reliable timekeeper and promptly stole the whistle. It was only returned when the administration agreed to reinstate the hourly blasts. The whistle was reinstated, but at a much reduced noise level.

Tech students seem to have a history of theft. Not only has the whistle been stolen, but periodically the neon "T" from the top of the Tech Tower has disappeared. Those brave enough to climb out onto the ledge of the building to steal the "T" have been known to rearrange the "ECH" as well.

Theft is not the only crime that Tech students routinely participate in. In recent years it has become a tradition to color the fountain. This vandalism takes the form of green for St. Patrick's Day, red for Christmas, soapsuds for exam week, and once in a while purple just for fun.

One student who has surely participated in all of these pranks at one time or another is George P. Burdell. Burdell is that mysterious student who has been at Tech for the last sixty or so years. During that time he has written letters to the Atlanta and Tech newspapers, subscribed to magazines without paying, taken tests and turned in labs, and, several times, been registered for every course scheduled.

**TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT:** A scene familiar to all Tech people gets a new twist. She has been through a lot but we will never forget the whistle. **BOTTOM** At the Reck parade memories return of working with the best of friends late into the night to produce the reck to beat all recks.
Of all the traditions at Georgia Tech, freshman rat hats, Greek Week, rush, none is more near to the heart of a Tech student or alumni than the rivalry with the University of Georgia Bulldogs. UGA jokes, pranks and the athletic rivalry are the outward signs of the Yellow Jackets' hatred for that school in Athens. The climax of this rivalry comes each fall when the two football teams battle it out either at Grant Field in Atlanta or at Stanford Stadium in Athens.

This year the Jackets beat the dawgs on their home turf. Excited Tech fans tore down the goal posts for a Saturday night party on Peachtree. Breaking their six year losing streak, the team gave Tech fans a chance to prove that they had both the brains and the football team, for this year at least.

A few weeks later the Tech bubble was burst as the Yellow Jacket basketball team fell to UGA by only one point. This is what keeps the rivalry alive, however.

*TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT:* Tech students are dedicated to their academics, even during the big game. An enthusiastic Tech fan cheers as his team scores. The winning team. *BOTTOM:* This incredible mob of fans journeyed all the way to Athens to see their team beat the UGA Bulldogs.
Quarter's End – Running On Empty

One thing that the Dawgs don’t know about is studying. Classes take top priority at Tech, and at no time is this more evident than during dead week. Dead week is traditionally the last week of classes in the quarter, when most students are wandering around with dark circles under their eyes mumbling something about a “term paper, a computer program and a lab all due on Friday.”

With dead week out of the way one unfamiliar with Tech might think that exam week would be a breeze. Not so. Tech students pull all nighters preparing for their three hour exams, which often count for more than 30% of the course grade.

Exam week is difficult for all students, but it is especially hard on freshmen. Not only are they new to Tech exams, but they have to contend with traditionally tough courses such as Chemistry and Calculus. Chemistry labs are notorious for using equipment that was probably up to date around the time that the atom was discovered, and Calculus 1308 is, well, Calculus 1308.

Despite these difficulties most freshmen manage to pull through only to come face to face with drownproofing. PE 1010, a required course, is everything it’s rumored to be and more. Swimming with all your clothes on and your hands and feet tied can be lots of fun with the right person, but let’s face it, it’s not something you’d want to do for a grade. It has been known, though, for people to take drownproofing and go on to live happy, normal lives.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Rats are a part of every football game. Sometimes a good head soaking at SAC can cure one’s troubles. John Horton enjoys the music listening room for his studying. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: She enjoys studying with natural lighting. Group study is a common scene in the Price Gilbert library. One can relax to any form of reading when work is complete.
In addition to these traditions, there were some special events at Tech during the 84/85 year. The Centennial celebration kicked off in October with the first in a special series of speakers. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Conner spoke in Alexander Memorial Coliseum on the application of an engineering education to other fields of work. She was warmly received by a large crowd of Tech students and faculty, state politicians and the general public in spite of the fact that she chose to wear red and black.

The Centennial celebration continued with the opening of the Tech-sponsored exhibit at the High Museum of Art, “China: 7000 years of Discovery.” The exhibit, composed of artifacts and handicrafts of the Chinese people, included several Chinese artisans who demonstrated their particular talents from paper-making to ceramic painting. The show ran for 100 days, from November to February. Several Tech students took part in the show as volunteers, directing the public or serving as explainers of the artisans’ handiwork.

Another special event that took place in the fall of 1984 was the Presidential election. This year was the first time a woman had been on a major ticket, which added interest to the election. Geraldine Ferraro made a campaign stop in Atlanta, trying to win support from her fellow women and Democrats. It obviously didn’t work well enough, as the Mondale/Ferraro ticket lost in a landslide election to the incumbent Reagan/Bush ticket.

During the period before the election, there was a big push to register voters on the Tech campus. Many new voters were registered in the lobby of the Student Center, helping to conquer voter apathy in the students’ age group.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Geraldine Ferraro speaks to midday crowd at Central City Park. The first in a series of speakers for Tech’s Centennial was Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor. The Tech sponsored China exhibit brought many people to the High Museum. BOTTOM: This Chinese papermaker was one of several artists to visit Atlanta for China: 7000 Years of Discovery.
Incoming students begin to get an idea of what their daily life will be like as they see the "Inner-City Survival Course" signs tacked to campus trees early in the fall. Living at Tech is a unique experience. But, some say, the Georgia State campus is also located right in downtown Atlanta. This is true, but GSU students don’t have to live here.

One problem common to all students is transportation. On campus, the Stinger and the Stingerette are always available, provided students are willing to wait. To students living on East Campus there is always the dilemma: to wait for the Stinger or to go ahead and walk up the hill? It always seemed that if they decided to walk, the Stinger would pass them somewhere near the ROTC building.

Marta provides a good alternative to students who want to get off campus. Several buses run through campus, and the North Avenue train station is just a few blocks away. The addition this year of five new train stations, including one to Lenox Square, expanded the horizons of those dependent on MARTA. The transportation system is even good for entertainment. For only 600 students can go and stare at the weirdos on the train for hours at a time.

Students with cars have the freedom to roam Atlanta without the worry of bus schedules and stops. Owning a car brought its own special problems, however, mainly where to put it. Parking is always a problem on the Tech campus. By ten in the morning virtually every student parking place on campus was taken, even the soggy ones on the bottom level of Peter’s Parking Deck. Somehow, driving past half empty faculty lots searching for a parking place ten minutes after a test has started seems to keep commuters in a perpetually cranky mood. Students were forced to park illegally or to park off campus and hike to their classes. It was not an unusual sight to see Tech police officers giving tickets and towing cars throughout the day.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Man killed in fight for parking space as onlookers cheer. Injured in the line of duty.

BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: MARTA train zooms into North Ave. station. Student has a narrow escape from Stinger bus. Returning to Georgia Tech for another fun and exciting day.
ON THE MOVE...
This Is Home?
Once on campus, the big problem is where to stay. Many students choose to live in Tech's residence halls while others choose, or are forced by the lottery, to live off campus.

Little more than four walls, two beds, two desks and a closet, a Tech residence hall room leaves a lot of room for imagination. There's not room for much else, though. With paint, posters, carpet and perhaps an extra piece of furniture, students are able to personalize their rooms to the point where, if not home, they are at least habitable.

Before bringing out the electric purple fur wall hanging, one should consult another person — the roommate. The random pairing of two people in an 8x12 room can result in anything from a close friendship to an all out war. Most pairs, however, manage to get used to each other's idiosyncrasies and coexist in relative harmony.

The newest addition to the Tech campus housing facilities, Woodruff dorm, otherwise known as the Hilton, was opened to students during summer quarter. Larger rooms divided into suites and a large, varied cafeteria right in the building are just a few of the advantages Woodruff residents enjoyed. On top of all this, Woodruff is almost coed.

Although Woodruff opened many new spaces to live on campus, many students were still forced to find housing off campus. Students living in houses or apartments traded the inexpensiveness, camaraderie, and a shorter distance to campus for added freedom, more space, and a bathroom that's not at the wrong end of a long hall.
Eating has always been a problem for college students. No matter what or where they eat it just can't match up to the food at home.

Students living in Tech dorms quickly become experts in the art of microwave cooking. Nachos, hotdogs, TV dinners and popcorn were always big favorites. Students with kitchens could experiment a little more, but somehow they usually managed to come up with pretty much the same menu.

Many students chose to buy meal cards for the many cafeterias on campus. Woodruff was the newest addition to the choices featuring hot meals, sandwiches, a potato bar and a fresh fruit and vegetable stand. The Student Center Cafeteria offered much the same choices, but closer to the center of campus. Ferst Place, formerly Table Service, offered a nicer atmosphere, still at a relatively low price. The old standards, Bradley and Brittain, were there for a fast meal or an all-you-can-eat feast.

For those not inclined toward a meal at one of these fine ARA run cafeterias, several popular restaurants are just a few steps away. Burger King services the west campus while Grumpys, Peros, Pippins and Reckshaw's are just across the street on the East. Located conveniently near McDaniel dorm is Junior's Grill. A Georgia Tech institution; Junior's is famous for the best breakfast on campus or anywhere in Atlanta for that matter.
Junior's was often the first stop in a busy day of classes for many Tech students. From the very beginning a Tech student realizes that classes at Tech are a different proposition than anywhere else. A Georgia Tech student's main occupation is classes; his main topic of conversation is classes.

The first step in getting through a class is showing up. This requires waking up on time, and for an eight o'clock class in January, this is not as easy as it sounds.

The next step is to pay attention while in class. Once again this is not as easy as it might seem. After twenty minutes of differential equations in a nice warm classroom right after lunch, it's the easiest thing in the world to just lay your head down and close your eyes.

The choice of classes makes a big difference. Classes must be selected to fulfill the number of hours and to meet the requirements for graduation, not to mention how difficult each class is and the fact that you want to be out of class in time to catch "General Hospital" every afternoon. The professors make a big difference as well. Their reputations precede them, and no one wants to get stuck with a known shaft. Each factor must be weighed carefully and each class selected to create a schedule that's just right.

*TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT:* Prof uses video equipment to aid instruction. Dan Galbreath looks up books in the library. *BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT:* Student explores the stacks. Kay Williamson takes a break from studying. Professor demonstrates experimental procedure.
To Nerd or Not to Nerd
The most important thing in each class is studying. How much time a student spends on each class and how well he spends it determines how well he does in that class.

Each student has his own method of preparing for class. Some prefer to study by themselves while others meet in groups. Some concentrate on the printed text while others rely on notes taken in class. Then there is "Word," old tests and notes, one of the most important study aids for a Tech student.

The choice of where to study is just as important as how to study and just as varied. Lying around (and in) the fountain, in the comfortable lounges of the student center, in dorm rooms or in the library, students were visible just about everywhere studying and preparing for class.

Tech students are a unique breed. Each has a unique way of dealing with life at Tech, his own way of juggling classes and social life. Each class, each quarter, each chili dog brings us that much closer to graduation.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Climbing hill to the library. Lee Maudlin soaks up some sun and some assembly language. Students discussing notes outside library. What, me study? BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: You're kidding, we have to know that chapter? Ed Phillips finds a quiet place to study.
Life at Georgia Tech is a continuous cycle. Each quarter brings a new bunch of students and sees another group graduate into the real world. Each quarter is unique, but each has certain qualities that continue year after year.

From the moment a new Tech freshman sets foot on campus his sights are set on one goal — graduation. It is the fulfillment of a dream, the realization of a goal, the reward for putting up with a roommate who ate nothing but Cheerios and bologna for four years.

Graduating seniors are usually filled with many emotions — relief that they don’t have to take final exams, nervousness at facing the outside world, a little bit of sadness at leaving Ma Tech, and, of course, joy at actually having made it through.

Although graduation is held at the end of each quarter, most students graduate in June, at the end of spring quarter. This is the time when the greatest amount of relatives and friends can be crammed into the Coliseum at the peak of its heating capabilities to provide the maximum discomfort. Sounds almost like a calculus problem, doesn’t it?

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mom and Dad share the excitement. Filing in. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Summer graduation — a crowded ceremony. Reflecting on their years at Tech, these seniors await their diplomas. The big moment.
Stepping Up
Graduates won't have to worry too much about Calculus after graduation, but that doesn't help the rest of the student body, as the strong at heart buckle down for summer quarter at Tech. Most Tech students take advantage of the three month vacation, but those that remain must deal with the heat and humidity of an Atlanta summer. Professors feel the heat as well as the students (yes, most professors are humans) so studying usually slacks off during the summer months. Students therefore have more free time to pursue such unique summer-time activities as a float down the Chattahoochee, a day at Six Flags or a nighttime picnic at Stone Mountain to see the Laser Show.

Incoming freshmen get their first taste of Tech life in the summer quarter when they participate in FASET. Familiarization and Adaptation to the Surroundings and Environ of Tech is a long name for three days of fun. Several sessions, spread over the summer, give the new students a glimpse of the life that awaits them for the next four or five or more years. They are broken up into many small groups, each with its own FASET leader. The new recruits are given a chance to register for their fall classes, take tours of the campus, sample cafeteria food, visit the various fraternities and sororities and take a trip down the Chattahoochee. This doesn't mean that they won't still be "rats" when they return in the fall, but it is a good start.

**TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT:** Couple enjoy the warm weather with a picnic in the park. Concentration is difficult during summer quarter. Ice Cream tastes good on a hot summer day. **BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT:** Coed gives in to heat exhaustion. FASET gives incoming freshman the chance to hang out.
Each fall students return en masse to the North Avenue Trade School. From the beginning, fall is the busiest quarter at Tech. Graduates are replaced by incoming freshmen and last year's Rats are seasoned pros, secure in the knowledge of the difference between Physics and the Physical Plant. New ID's, new car stickers, new dorm room, same old Tech is waiting each fall.

Football season has already started by the time most students return to campus, but it doesn't take long for Tech students to catch up. Each Saturday that the Jackets are in town students move their cars, then cram into Grant Field to form one of the rowdiest cheering sections in the nation. Wearing, or at least shaking, gold and white, students get quite an experience. As seen from the student stands, the Budweiser song and Buzz were just about as important as the touchdowns.

Fall is also the time when seniors begin to interview for jobs. The interviewing process was made easier this year by the use of computers to evaluate the bids made by each senior. Each senior was given fifteen bids, and they used these to rank the companies interviewing on campus that quarter. This gave students a better chance to interview with their top choices.

Students arrive on campus fall quarter with air conditioners and shorts to enjoy the end of the Atlanta summer. Then the leaves begin to turn and the mild Georgia autumn begins. Few students can resist the urge to head up to the Georgia mountains at some point during fall quarter to enjoy the leaves and beer at Helen's Oktoberfest. All too soon the weather turns cold and winter coats are dragged out. As students head home for the Christmas holidays, the bare trees and cold weather leave them in no doubt about what is next in line — winter.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: A warm day allows this Tech student to enjoy the many colors of Fall as she studies. Bicycles are always a popular form of transportation. BOTTOM: The Ramblin' Wreck traditionally rolls out onto the field at the beginning of each football game.
Cooling Down
Throughout the cold wet winter quarter Tech students hibernate. Studying becomes an even bigger part of a Tech student’s activities, as does thinking up ways to stay warm and dry.

But even with the confinements caused by the freezing temperatures and brisk winds, there are still opportunities to get out and have fun. At least once a week excitement can be found at the coliseum for the price of a student ID. In February, Mardi Gras provides an excellent excuse to break from studying. Of course, staying at home is more popular during winter quarter, when a good movie on TV beats going out in the cold.

At least once every winter quarter an unexpected holiday is given to Tech students by Ma Tech and Mother Nature. This holiday, otherwise known as snow, often shuts down the entire city.

Neither rain, nor snow, nor exams could prevent the Tech student body from participating in the quarterly blood drive. Each quarter the Red Cross visits the campus, drawing the red stuff from the braver students and they haven’t lost a patient yet, in spite of the fact that most are already deathly ill with the flu and winter colds.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Nurses extract donations from eager students. This type of evening entertainment is one of the more popular. Clifton Ward contemplates the ME test at noon. When the snow falls so does the student and his GPA. BOTTOM: The students of Tech host the Red Cross quarterly.
One good thing about winter in Atlanta is that it’s short. Before long the green begins to show on the dogwoods and for Tech students that means one thing — spring break. Confined all winter, Tech students break loose in Fort Lauderdale, Panama City — any beach will do.

All too soon it’s time to return to Tech and settle down once again to classes and studying. It doesn’t always work that way, however. During spring quarter a Tech student will accept any excuse to take a break from studying.

Once spring quarter arrives everything moves outside, from eating to studying. Spring brings out frisbees, shorts, T-shirts, and Greek Week. Activities turn to sunbathing, driving with the top down, sunbathing, going to Piedmont Park for picnics or the arts festival, and sunbathing.

In May Tech students have the opportunity to register for both summer and fall courses. Battling OSCAR in the heat of O'Keefe gym is not the ideal way to spend a spring afternoon, and often students find it easier to retreat, telling themselves they'll deal with it during drop/add the next quarter.

All too soon, the warm weather turns to hot as exams approach, and the student body braces up for the end of the quarter. For most this is the last quarter of the year, and, for some, the final stage in the Tech experience. Once again the new Tech graduates are lined up on a June day outside the coliseum and the Tech cycle ends, only to begin again.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Springtime brings excuses to keep from studying including the quick game of ball between classes. Yes, Chemistry started without these two and probably most of the rest of the class also. It looks as if this student is attempting some very last minute scheduling. BOTTOM: A sunny fall day in Atlanta always seems to bring students out of their dorms.
What is the most important thing to most college students? Classes? Studying? Exams? All wrong. It's having fun. Yes, even at Georgia Tech, students manage to make enjoying themselves a top priority.

Not a moment of the day is wasted, whether free time comes at noon, in the evening or at three in the morning, a Tech student is always ready to take advantage of it. How to spend one's free time is dependent on money, transportation, and personal taste (or lack of these). To some, an afternoon at the museum is an interesting and enriching experience while for others it is boring and a waste of time. The same can be said for a night at the Cheetah III.

Georgia Tech is located in the heart of Atlanta, the most exciting city in the Southeast. Tech students have made the city their home for a hundred years now and whether on campus or off it, have managed to enjoy themselves in many ways.

Around here, fun begins with a T.
Once there was a freshman at Georgia Tech who found himself in a very peculiar situation. It was Friday afternoon, he'd done all his calculus, he'd finished his lab report and he had no tests for at least three days. He had a free weekend and didn't know what to do with it.

Being from New Jersey and new to Atlanta, he looked to his roommate for advice. His roommate promptly replied, "I'm going to the computer center this evening. I've got a brand new routine I want to try out."

Brian, our freshman, thought this sounded better than staring at the Prince poster on his dorm room wall, so they set out. After an hour of watching Ed get excited by pounding on the keyboard in the Cyber cluster, Brian decided that Friday night in the Rich building was not for him. He left his roommate and walked over to the V for a hotdog.

While he was at the Varsity he met a few other guys from his dorm. They asked him if he would like to come along with them for a night on the town. They were on their way to try out some of the bars in Atlanta. "Sure!" said our enthusiastic freshman, eager to sample Atlanta's tantalizing nightlife. (con't page 54)
Brian from Pg. 52: They started out at Penrod's for happy hour. "Awesome margaritas!" said Brian. Later they danced their way through Confetti's and Shenanigan's. Then it was time to hit Manuel's for beer and chicken wings. By the time Brian got back to the dorm he felt as though he'd seen a good cross section of Atlanta's nightlife. "That girl at Shenanigan's with the orange hair and stripes on her forehead . . ." he said sleepily as he crawled into his bed.

The next morning Brian woke up bright and early. Well, early, anyway. He still couldn't think of anything to do. In fact, he couldn't think of a whole lot besides the orange haired girl. "Well, that was a disgusting way to behave, I must say," Ed began lecturing him on his behavior the earlier evening.

On that note, Brian walked out of the room and wandered up to the student center. He checked his post office box — nothing. Then he walked over to the bowling alley and played a few games of Defender. He went upstairs to watch Bugs Bunny in the TV lounge.

When the "Gobots" came on, Brian went back to the bottom level, bought himself an ice cream cone and stared at the videos on TTN. Then he checked his box again — still nothing, so he went back to his dorm. (Cont. Pg. 56)
Disneyland it isn't, but to anyone who cares to look around, and you may as well, there is more to do on campus than any student could possibly do — and still stay enrolled. Ma Tech, in her infinite wisdom, has created a world of fun, entertainment and activity that would rival the most creative mom.

The Yellow Jacket teams can always be counted on for entertainment. In the fall the football team packs them into Grant Field on football Saturdays, and the basketball and baseball teams liven up winter and spring evenings.

SAC and the Student Center alone offer several possibilities. At the athletic center students can swim, shoot baskets, work out or play racquetball, while the student center offers everything from bowling to arts and crafts.

Each weekend the EE auditorium is host to a new bunch of movies. Whether your taste is closer to Monty Python or to Dirty Harry, the EE is sure to show something you'll enjoy.

There were special events around campus as well. The Brown Bag Series was continued this year. Each Tuesday morning, from eleven to twelve, entertainment was provided on the Student Center steps. This year brought several Atlanta bands, Brother Dominic from the Xerox commercials, and "Reptile World," a live showing of various types of reptiles.

Each quarter also brought a new offering from DramaTech. Operating out of a renovated church on West Campus, DramaTech provided quality theatrical entertainment at excellent prices.

Students who want to get involved in campus activities have a wide variety of choices, from SGA to Sailing Club to WREK. Each offers a unique opportunity to learn, meet people and have fun.

Intramural teams give athletically minded students a chance to participate in sports such as softball, volleyball, and basketball, to name a few. Teams can be formed by Greeks or other organizations, or they can be independent teams, organized by a group of friends.

Whatever you choose, there is always something happening on the Tech campus, all you need to do is to look for it.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Georgia Tech band recruits new members at Activities Day. Brother Dominic entertains students outside the Student Center. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Student is frustrated by progress of game. What in the world?!! Tech football games bring them out of the woodwork.
He resurrected a three day old piece of Domino’s pizza in the microwave, then called his friend Bart and arranged to play a game of racquetball. They met over at SAC. While they were playing, Brian told Bart about his predicament. “Too much time, too little to do, huh, Brian?” Bart sympathized. “Well, I’m going out with Sheila tonight and she’s got this roommate named Nina…”

That was how Brian, who hadn’t had a date since he’d left New York, found himself heading back to the dorm to get ready to go out. He put on his brand new polo shirt and said goodbye to Ed, who was spending the evening with his brand new copy of Energy User’s News. Then he and Bart went to pick up the girls. Nina seemed like a nice girl, with the cutest southern accent. Bart kind of wondered about the Biker’s World magazines on her desk, though.

The four of them went to the EE auditorium to see the cheap movie. Scarface was showing, and they all thought it was pretty gross — except for Nina. After that, Bart suggested they go over to where the band Love Tractor was playing. They walked over through the tunnel. Brian thought it was a pretty neat place, kind of small, but plenty to look at. The band started playing, and they began to dance. Somehow Brian got separated from the rest. When he realized this, he looked around just in time to see Nina leave with a guy in a studded leather jacket and a skull in his ear. “So much for this,” he thought, and he went home.

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ATTACKING THE TOWN

Being dedicated to classes and studying is all well and good, but there are times when even Tech students need to get away from it all and paint the town red — or gold as the case may be. When that town is Atlanta, the choices are virtually unlimited.

For those looking for a quieter evening's entertainment pubs and bars such as Brandywine Downs and Churchill Arms were popular. They gave students a chance to relax and enjoy a conversation and a beer with a friend.

It definitely took a more adventurous spirit to venture inside the Limelight or Weekends. These nightspots specialized in the bizarre and "anything goes" was the rule. The latest in music and fashion made these bars the places to see and be seen for many at Tech.

Students who wanted to join the singles scene usually migrated to Confetti's or Shenanigan's. These clubs featured danceable music and an opportunity to mingle with the opposite sex.

A live band is a welcome to the choices of a disc jockey and 688 and the Moonshadow provided that alternative and catered to Tech student's varied tastes. 688 was always a scene for the latest in new wave while the Moonshadow offered more standard fare.

Two Tech standards, P. J. Haley's Nest and Grumpy's were, as always, favorites with the student body and the faculty. No matter if they chose these old standards or if they decided to go to one of Atlanta's many other nightspots the people from Tech could never be accused of taking second place to anyone when it came to cutting loose.
Sandy on Sunday...

The next morning he woke up feeling depressed. His free weekend was almost over, and he felt as though he had wasted it. He got dressed and went up to the library. He figured if all else failed he could check out a book and read it like a hermit that afternoon. He went up to the fourth floor and was choosing between Tech’s two fiction books when he saw the girl.

She was sitting by herself at a table piled high with books and papers. He sat down and introduced himself. He found out that she was a freshman named Sandy and was studying in the library on Sunday morning because she was having trouble with calculus. Brian could sympathize since he was having the same problems with chemistry.

They talked for a while longer, then Sandy said, “I’m tired of studying anyhow. I tell you what — let's go on a picnic this afternoon and we can study together. I'll help you with your chemistry and you can drag me through calculus.”

Brian agreed, they went to Mrs. Winner’s to get some chicken, then they went out to Stone Mountain and spent the day. They had a great time climbing the mountain and riding the train.

That night, after Sandy had left, as Brian put away his chemistry notes, he decided that he had had a very good weekend after all. He went to bed happy, entirely forgetting about Ed, who he'd told to play with his HP on the stairwell until Sandy had gone.
What can you do when Tillie says you're overdrawn, your allowance isn't coming until next week and you're climbing the dorm walls with boredom. Everyone runs short of funds once in a while, but that's no reason to stay at home reading your calculus book.

If you want to see a movie, most theaters offer special admission prices in the afternoon and on Tuesday nights, and Tick-a-Tech sells specially priced tickets for most theaters in the city. If you want a little more than a movie, admission to the many cinema/drafthouses around Atlanta is less than two dollars.

For those who like to get back to nature a picnic in Piedmont Park is just the price of the food. Stone Mountain is a little further out, but well worth the drive; a yearly pass costs about ten bucks and allows admission for a whole carload. In East Atlanta, Grant Park Zoo is a great place to view wildlife.

Concerts in the park, the Arts Festival, Much Ado About Midtown, and the Little Five Points Community Festival are all special events during warmer weather which charge no admission. The High Museum of Art, only a couple of MARTA stops away, provides a little cultural enrichment for Tech students.

All in all an inexpensive day or night out in Atlanta is not that hard to find, it just takes some imagination.

Of course, if, at the end of the quarter, your textbooks are declared collector's items, and the money from their sale is burning a hole in your pocket, Atlanta is full of ways to spend it. Nikolai's Roof, The Abbey, and The Coach and Six are each a good way to impress a date. If you don't want to go that far, Baby Doe's, Victoria Station, or Steak and Ale offer excellent alternatives.

After a good meal, the natural choice is a good show. The Fox and the Civic Center continually present the finest in drama and music.

If you still have a loaded wallet after your night on the town, any of the many shopping malls around town will be glad to relieve your burden.

This is not the normal state of things for most Tech students, unfortunately. But you can be sure that, whatever your budget, Atlanta is more than able to fill your entertainment needs.
Georgia Tech — it's a great place to visit, but would you want to live there? For about ten thousand students the answer is that they have little choice. Sure, they could go to another school, but would they want to do that? The answer to that would surely be no. For the past one hundred years Georgia Tech has offered students a quality education combined with a unique student life.

Traditions, from Homecoming to the rivalry with UGA to dead week and exams make Tech alive with history. They serve as guidelines and act as examples to growth as each year seems to top the preceding one.

From eating to studying to going to class, the different facets of daily life at Tech come together to shape life at Tech. A day can be made wonderful, awful, or anything in between by the little things like finding a parking place, being ten minutes late for class or locking your keys in your room.

Each year brings new events and surprises, but throughout one's years at Tech the seasons follow one another to become one continuous cycle. Fall brings new students and a new football team. Winter brings the rain and cold and a renewed effort at studying. Spring sees these resolutions fall in the face of sunshine and warm weather. Graduation is the end of the school year for most, and the end of life at Tech for many. For those that stay, summer at Tech is always a hot, lazy time when the campus is invaded by visitors from new freshmen to high school cheerleaders. Summer goes into fall and the cycle continues.

For Georgia Tech students fun can be found anywhere, on campus or in the city, at any price. Sometimes it’s not even necessary to go out of your dorm room, but when you do — Atlanta, look out!

Altogether, life at Tech is not as bad as you might gather from listening to its student’s complaints. Tech is a great place to visit and you might even want to try living there...