



FRESHMAN SURVIVAL GUIDE

Freshman Issue 2004

Introduction

Every year, the *Technique* staff toils countless hours on the Freshman Survival Guide. This guide is our way of providing helpful information and advice for incoming freshmen. We hope it will also be a useful reference for returning students, parents, alumni and visitors. Inside, you'll find some informative articles, a few history lessons, the much-anticipated "99 things to do before you graduate" and more. For additional information about Tech history, traditions and survival tools, see our sister publication, the *T-Book* at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/tbook.

If you have questions or comments about the Freshman Survival Guide, email Daniel Amick, Editor-in-Chief, at editor@technique.gatech.edu.

Cover photo

Stephanie Bent roots for the Jackets during the 2003 Tech-UGA game in Atlanta. The bitter rivalry with our Athens neighbor is just one of many longstanding Tech traditions. Photo by Scott Meuleners.

George P. Burdell: the legend lives on

By Daniel Amick
Editor-in-Chief

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.

Come to the Technique's weekly meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. in room 137 of the Student Services Building and eat free pizza.

Give your left brain a break

Student orgs offer freshmen creative outlets

By Smitha Prasadh
Contributing Writer

Though Tech has a reputation for focusing primarily on engineering and the sciences, the arts have a definite presence on campus, and you don't have to be enrolled in the liberal arts college to join in. Tech students are a well-rounded bunch with a variety of interests, and more and more creative-themed clubs are emerging each year to cater to those interests.

If you have an interest in music and want to keep performing while you're in college, the music department boasts a variety of ensembles to choose from. The program includes all types of music, and the conductors that head it are a group of talented and devoted musicians who even perform occasionally with their ensembles.

Vocalists can choose from the acapella or baritone ensembles, the men's glee club, chorale, or chamber choir.

Instrumentalists have a few more selections. The symphony orchestra is a full-orchestra group, which performs music ranging from popular to symphonic. There are several band ensembles: the symphonic and concert bands perform wind and percussion

compositions, and the marching and pep bands and the drumline perform at athletic events. The jazz ensemble performs a much more modern repertoire. There is also a percussion ensemble, and a MIDI ensemble that works with audio-visual technologies.

If you'd like something a little different or can't fit any rehearsals into your schedule, you can try and form a student chamber

"More and more creative-themed clubs are emerging each year to cater to [students'] interests."

ensemble. For more information on the music program, visit www.coa.gatech.edu/music.

For students interested in dance, the newest dance-related addition to campus is a performance group known as DanceTech, a group of about 20 members with various levels of dancing experience and styles. DanceTech has performed with several musical ensembles and at events such as Women's Awareness Month, and staged

their first solo performance in March. Other dance-related programs on campus are the annual Dance Marathon; the Dance Association, which promotes swing, lindy hop, and other dances through social events and workshops; the Dance Team, which performs at basketball games; and TekStyles, a break-dancing club.

The photography club and the newly-formed Art Infinitum strive to further visual expression through photography and two-dimensional art on campus.

Students interested in filmmaking can indulge their interests through Buzz Studios, a filmmaking club; for a more cultural bent to filmmaking and acting, there's the Cultural Drama and Filming Club; finally, there is iMovieFest, an annual short film contest.

There are a few more fantasy-based clubs, like Anime O-Tekku, the campus Japanese animation club, which holds showings and movie marathons and attends anime conventions.

Tech also has a chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism, which relives the Middle Ages through research and reenactment.

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FASET FUN



By Ethan Trewitt / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Recently acquired Tech students mingle around the Campanile during a FASET session July 25. Most incoming freshmen get their first taste of Tech at one of these sessions.

Tech's mechanical mascot keeps rollin'

By Smitha Prasadh
Contributing Writer

One of the many unfamiliar terms you'll start hearing around campus is "Ramblin' Wreck." Outside of Tech, the term 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).

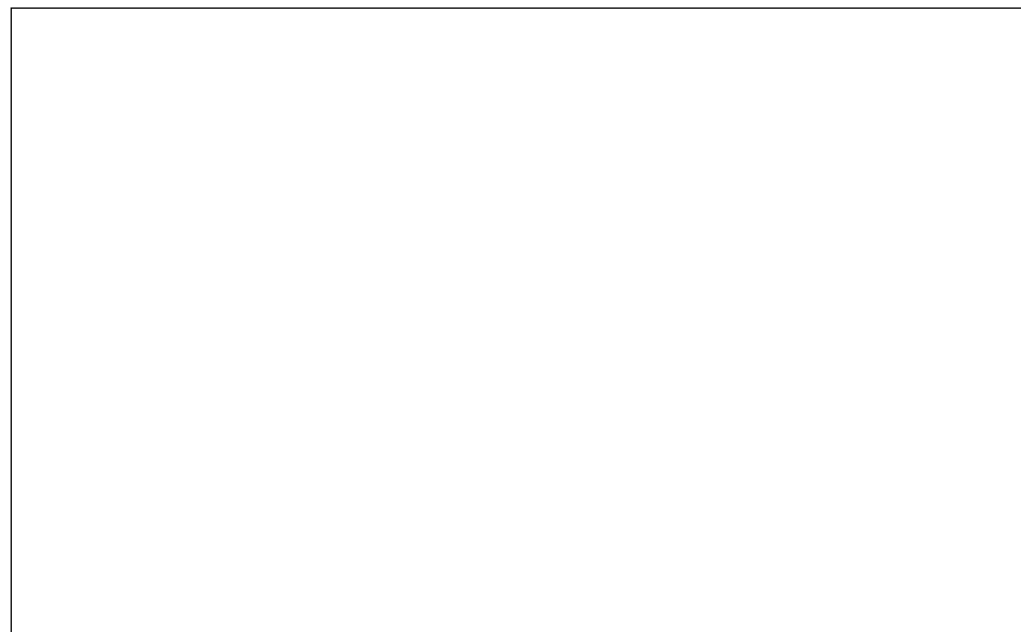
The first reference to the fight song's author and title dates as far back as the 1890s, and it was officially published in the *Blueprint*, Tech's yearbook, in 1908.

The song itself was originally set to the tune of a Scottish drinking song, "Son of a Gambler," by band director Mike Greenblatt. His successor, Frank Roman, adapted the song into its current form and secured its copyright.

The phrase "Ramblin' Wreck" went on to refer to the work some Tech students did in Brazil in the early 1900s. To secure passage, they were forced to build themselves vehicles from a hodgepodge of car parts. Sheer ingenuity and creative engineering kept these vehicles going, and workers soon began referring to these eccentric, haphazard vehicles as "Ramblin' Wrecks."

Back on Tech's campus, the first car to actually receive this name, and the most notable of all the Wrecks, belonged to Floyd Field, dean of men in the 1920s. It was a 1914 Ford Model T.

Other private cars belonging to students, faculty and alumni



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Ramblin' Wreck, 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.

were referred to as Wrecks as well, but the name finally was cemented when the *Technique* referred to Field's car as a Ramblin' Wreck in 1927. However, none of these served as official mascots to the school.

This changed in 1961, when Dean of Students Jim Dull saw a 1930 Ford Model A sports coupe parked outside his apartment on Peachtree Street. A Florida State University student owned it. His father, Captain Ted Johnson of Delta Airlines, had bought it and restored it as gift to his son.

After intense negotiations and eventual pleading, Dull bought the car for \$1000. Pete George, a Tech alumni and manager of the Hapeville Ford

plant, restored the car, and this Ramblin' Wreck made its debut as a Tech mascot on September 30 during a home football game against Rice University.

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, such as being shot while at Auburn and being painted orange by University of Tennessee students.

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.

Tutoring options can help with tough courses

By Daniel Amick
Editor-in-Chief

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 their knowledge and problem-solving abilities. However, students should be aware of the Honor Code and other restrictions on sharing notes and cooperating on homework and other assignments.

Student groups offer fun, friends, opportunities for leadership

Orgs

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In addition to a blossoming array of creative organizations, Tech also has a full array of more traditional organizations that welcome and recruit freshmen.

The Student Government Association (SGA) offers a program for freshmen called FreShGA. This sub-organization is designed to give freshmen leadership experience and prepare them for later involvement in SGA. In addition, SGA committees are open to all students, including freshmen.

There are a number of other freshman leadership organizations, including Freshman Council and the Freshman Activities Board. Students living on campus can join Hall Councils, bodies that decide what events and activities to sponsor.

About a quarter of Tech undergraduate students join a fraternity or sorority. If you missed rush events this past week, there are still opportunities to get involved. Many fraternities hold spring rush during the first week of spring semester. Sorority rush is more formalized and is coordinated by Panhellenic Council. Potential members attend "rounds" during which they visit each house to determine which sorority is best for them. The Greek Affairs office is located in room 141 of the Student Services Building.

If going Greek does not appeal to you, there are still more options. Many majors have academic organizations, which offer opportunities for networking with upperclassmen

and professors. Academic advisors and professors can usually offer more information about these groups.

If you are looking for a more physical activity, sports clubs offer many opportunities for involvement. In addition, Outdoor Recreation Georgia Tech (ORGT), a student-run organization, provides instruction, equipment and trips in a variety of outdoor sports.

There are also a wide variety of cultural, nationality and diversity-based organizations that reflect Tech's diverse student population. Tech students also get involved in community service events such as TEAMBuzz or Tech Beautification Day.

Religious groups are also common, representing a variety of faiths and denominations. Some are coordinated through the Interfaith Council while others are independent. Some groups have on-campus houses or buildings for outreach activities.

For those interested in producing and broadcasting different forms of media, there are several organizations for you. Students interested in broadcast media can join WREK, the campus radio station that broadcasts music not heard elsewhere on the air at 91.1 FM. For campus publications, you can join the staff of the *Blueprint*, the campus yearbook, or the *Technique*, the newspaper you're currently reading. There's also *Erato*, a creative journal featuring art, photography and creative writing, and the *North Avenue Review*, the campus free-speech publication. The *T-Book* is the online guide to Tech traditions.

A complete list of student organizations can be found at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/organizations/. If no organization exists that caters to your interests, you can create a new one. Information can be found at the above website. Students can also stop by the Student Organizations Office on the second floor of the Student Center Commons.

Tech-UGA rivalry has deep roots

By Daniel Amick
Editor-in-Chief

What's the good word?
"TO HELL WITH GEORGIA!"

As freshmen are quickly learning, Tech and UGA have enjoyed a long history of "clean old-fashioned hate" that dates back more than a century.

On November 4, 1893, the two football teams met for the first time. Tech emerged the victor, winning 28-6. Enraged, UGA fans pelted the team with rocks and chased them back to their train.

The rivalry simmered until World War I, when, during UGA's "Senior Parade," students unfurled banners accusing Tech students of not wanting to go to war. Tech's athletic director demanded an apology. The



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UGA's mascot Uga dons a RAT cap to show his Tech spirit.

situation escalated, leading Tech to suspend all athletic competitions against UGA for six years.

In 1930, Tech freshmen chased a cow onto Grant Field while carrying a sign that said "This Ain't No Bull."

We Gonna Beat UGA." During halftime, a riot broke out that police were unable to quell. The editor 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.

New Whistle draws on the past

By Smitha Prasad
Contributing Writer

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 base the 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 week day. It also blows after every football victory. Like the Ts atop Tech Tower, the Whistle has been stolen numerous times, first in 1902 or 1903.

In the 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 stole it in protest, promising to return it only if it could continue in its traditional capacity. In a compromise, the Whistle blew for five seconds every hour, rather than 10.

In May 1995, the Whistle was taken in celebration of President Wayne Clough's inauguration.

On September 28, 1997, two Tech students again stole the Whistle. They claimed in an editorial to the *Technique* that the once "sweet tone" of the whistle had been reduced to a "sickly drone." They wanted its "beautiful sound" returned so that new students could know its clarion call. Clough found the Whistle on his front lawn the next day while walking his dog.

[Editor's note: Portions of this article are reprinted from the May 28 issue of the *Technique*.]

You certainly won't find these in Webster's...

The dictionary of essential Tech terms

A
The first letter of the alphabet. It also allegedly 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).

Brittain 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.

Coed

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

The Tool Shed. Think really hard about your favorite CS major and you'll understand. Alternative definitions: EE Annex, Chem Annex.

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. It's recently been moved to a point later in the semester, taking some of the guessing out of the decision 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...



By Ayan Kishore / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A Stinger, not to be confused with a Stingerette. Freshmen will quickly find that walking is usually faster than waiting for an overcrowded Stinger to come by.

Flag Building

a.k.a. Student Services Building. Houses the Dean of Students office and the *Technique*.

Flush Letters

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

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 Administra-

tion 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 up some of the world's greatest chicken fingers.

Late Fees

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

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your feelings!**

Who are these people? Some names and faces on campus



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Vice Provost for
Academic Affairs



Jo McIver
Registrar



Dr. William Schafer
Vice President for
Student Affairs



Gail DiSabatino
Dean of Students



Karen Boyd
Senior Associate Dean
of Students for Student
Life



Stephanie Ray
Associate Dean,
Director of Diversity
Issues and Programs



Danielle McDonald
Assistant Dean of
Student Involvement



Buck Cooke
Assistant Director for
Student Involvement/
Greeks



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Associate Vice
President for Auxiliary
Services



Mike Black
Director of Housing



Dan Morrison
Associate Director of
Housing for Residence
Life



Rich Steele
Director, Student
Center



Sally Hammock
Associate Director,
Student Center



Bob Furniss
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Transportation



Cindy Smith
Director, Student
Health Center



Dave Braine
Director of Athletics



Chan Gailey
Head Football Coach



Paul Hewitt
Head Basketball Coach



Yvette Upton
Assistant Dean of
Students and Director
of Women's Resource
Center



Billiee Pendleton-Parker
Assistant Director, CETL



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Junior's Grill



S. Gordon Moore Jr.
Director, OMED



James Pete
Director of BuzzCard
Center



Amy Phuong
Undergraduate
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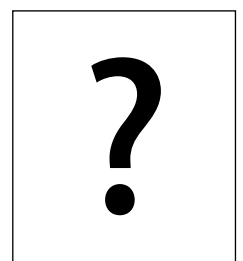
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Vice President



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School Mascot



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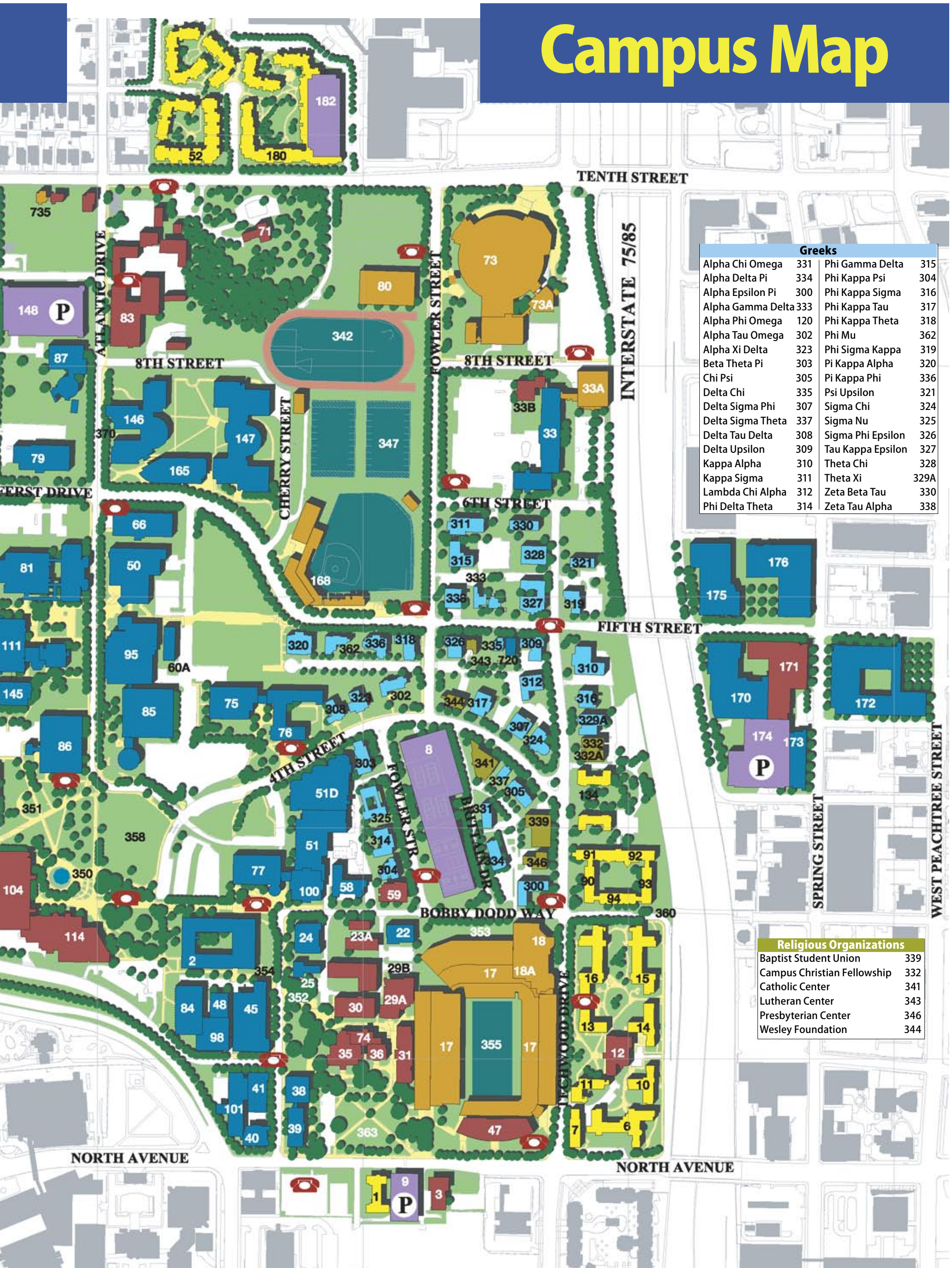
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To avoid big-city crime, follow these safety tips

By Daniel Amick
Editor-in-Chief

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 Beringhouse 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



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Be aware of the locations of campus call boxes. Press the red button for emergency assistance. Use a U-styled lock to secure your bicycle, not a chain or cable. If you ever need help, call the GTPD at 404-894-2500.

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 valuables. 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 of 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 conditioning 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

"I'm not living under the thumb of Housing...I don't have all that uncomfortable furniture in my room that I have to keep there."

Hudson DeLee
Fourth-year ME

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." The Tech Trolley stops at MARTA, carrying students to and from campus, and the Stingerette transports students after hours.

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 them-

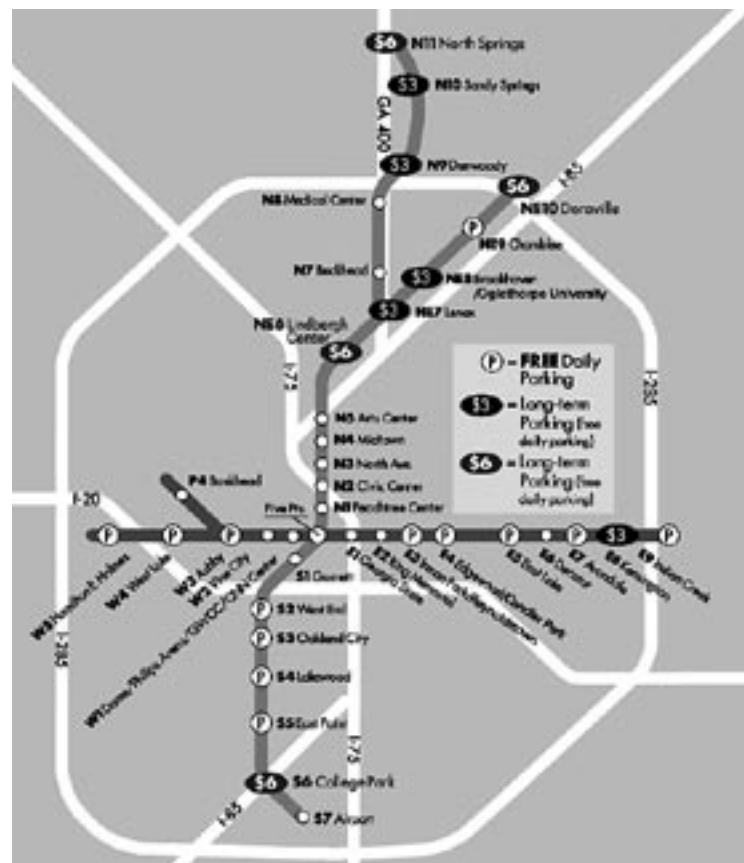


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MARTA offers a transportation alternative to car-less freshmen and students who commute to Tech each day.

selves 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 enrolls.



Georgia School of Technology founded.

The Tech football team defeats UGA in Athens 28-6. Irate UGA fans pelt the team with rocks.


1888

1893

1896

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

Dr. Lyman Hall named second Tech president.



The Whistle is stolen and not recovered until 1949.

Dr. Kenneth Matheson named third Tech president.

1905

1906


1908

1911

ANAK, a secret society, founded.

First *Blueprint* published.

First *Technique* published Nov. 17.



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

First Homecoming

John Heisman retires after 16 years as football coach.

1916

1919

1920

1922

1925


1928

1930

George P. Burdell attends class for the first time.

Tech awards first M.S. degree.

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



Brittain Dining Hall opens, as does the restaurant that will eventually become The Varsity.

Col. Blake Ragsdale Van Leer named fifth Tech president.

1944

1945


1948

1951

Bobby Dodd becomes head football coach.

The tradition of blowing the Whistle after football victories begins.

Women are admitted to Tech for the first time.



The Georgia School of Technology becomes the Georgia Institute of Technology.

The restaurant that will become Junior's Grill opens.

1952

FIGHT SONGS

Ramblin' Wreck

I'm a Ramblin' Wreck From Georgia Tech and a hell of an engineer.
A helluva, 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!

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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 stomping 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]

On the field between the hedges
There arose a mighty stench,
In the Dogs' machine the engineers
Had thrown a monkey wrench.
When the Jackets are triumphant
We will raise a mighty yell—
Them Dogs can GO TO HELL!
[chorus]

Mine eyes have seen the glory
Of the N.C. Double-A
They're investigating Georgia players
To see how much they're paid
After counting all the cars
And the loans alumni made,
They out-pay the NBA
[chorus]

2004

The Campaign for Georgia Tech, or Capital Campaign, concludes. The fundraising drive raises \$712 million, money that is used to finance a wave of new construction projects.



The Tech men's basketball team competes in the NCAA Championship game.

Technology Square opens.

2003

2001

Tech shifts from a quarter system to semesters.

1999

1997

New students are required to have computers.

1996

1994

Tech campus serves as the Olympic Village during the 1996 Olympic Games.



Dr. Wayne Clough named tenth Tech president.

Vice-presidential candidates Dan Quayle and Al Gore debate at the Ferst Center for the Arts.

1992

1988

1987

1980

Drownproofing requirement ends.

Dr. John P. Crepine named ninth Tech president.



Buzz first appears as Tech's mascot at the Tech-Florida game.

Student Athletic Center opens.

1977

1974

1972

1970

1969

1967

Basketball becomes Tech's first women's varsity sport.

Dr. Arthur Hansen named seventh Tech president.

Dr. Joseph Mayo Pettit named eighth Tech president.

Student Center opens.

Bobby Dodd retires as head football coach.

George C. Griffin retires after 18 years as dean of students.



Tech desegregates when Ford Greene, Ralph Long Jr. and Lawrence Williams, three black students, enroll.

1964

1961

1960

1957

Dr. Edwin Harrison named sixth Tech president.



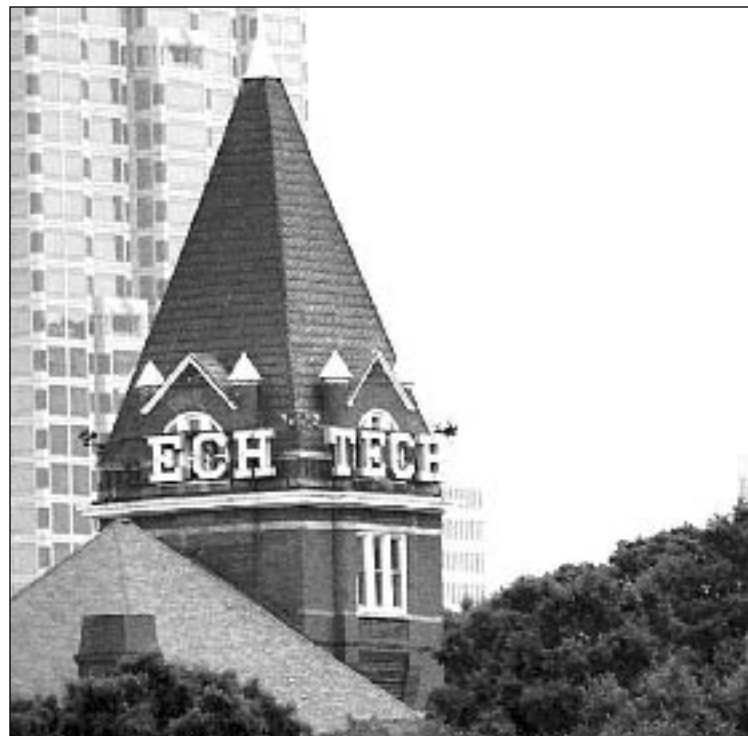
Dr. Mary Katherine Cabell becomes Tech's first female faculty member.

Gilbert Library constructed.

1953

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Tech Tower, sans T, in 2001. Administrators warn that stealing a T is dangerous, and is likely get you suspended, expelled or worse.

Terms from page 6

Better take out another loan to pay these off.

Library West Commons

Computer lab on the first floor of the library, and perhaps the nicest on campus. At one time in the not-too-distant past, this was one of the least-used parts of campus, but now you can almost always expect a wait before a computer opens up.

M.I.T.

Georgia Tech, North Campus

Ma Tech

The cherished name used by students and alumni as the personification of Georgia Tech.

MARTA

Metro Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority—since freshmen don't have cars, this is your way around Atlanta, unless you can sucker an upperclassman into driving.

Midnight Madness

Starting the Sunday before finals and continuing every night during finals,

students gather at midnight in public areas around dorms or lean out their windows for the age-old tradition. Promptly at midnight, students scream and yell to relieve the stress of their finals preparation.

North Avenue Trade School

Nickname for Tech.

Office of Information Technology (OIT)

The campus computer office. At one time, they had the nicest computer labs on campus. See **Library West Commons**.

O'Keefe

This is where the volleyball team plays. It is next to the Coliseum. See athletic **Coeds**.

Olympics

Hosted by Atlanta during the summer of 1996. Tech served as the Olympic Village. Most on-campus apartments were built around this time.

OSCAR

Not a green muppet. Online Student Computer Assisted Registration; it's how you get classes, view your grades,

pay your bills and, eventually, check your graduation status.

Orange

Thanks 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 this 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 (1)

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 (2)

The large metal campanile fountain outside the Student Center.

[sic]

A phrase, used often in journalism, meaning "intentionally so written."

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

A comment, quip, inside joke or one-liner that runs in the *Technique* Sliver Box. Contribute one at www.technique.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. Why isn't he in the course evaluation?

Stinger, Stingerette

Campus vans and buses. They aren't on a strict schedule so budget extra time if you want to make it to class. An hour should be enough. See also **Tech Trolley**.

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 Ts atop the tower are probably more heavily guarded than anything else on campus.

Tech Trolleys

Not really trolleys. They're actually Stingers 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.

Technology Square

Tech's giant leap across the Downtown Connector. Home of Barnes and Noble @ Georgia Tech, a hotel, the College of Management, and numerous stores and restaurants. Our fledgling attempt at a college town.

Thrillerdome

The basketball arena.

"V," The

Varsity 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

The steam whistle that blows to signal class changes at five minutes before the hour. It also blows whenever Tech wins a home football game, and each spring during the "When the Whistle Blows" remembrance ceremony.

Whistle, The

The Georgia Tech faculty and staff newspaper published by Institute Communications and Public Affairs.

Word

Old tests and notes to help you study for tests.

Looking to get involved on campus?

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things to do before you graduate

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 1. Go to the beach. Any one will do.
 2. Ride the elevator to the top of the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel. It rotates.
 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 shafted by your latest exam.
 17. Warn tour groups away from Tech by screaming "The Horror! The Horror!"
 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 ddd ddd ddd ddd ddd ddd ddd ddd ddd ddd ddd ddd ddd.
 22. Go to a fraternity rush party and claim to be from Enu, Alaska.
 23. Work for the *Technique*, or at least come to a meeting.
 24. Climb one of the magnolia trees near the Campanile.
 25. During senior year, show up for your last lab or final hammered. But don't blame us for the consequences.
 26. Dance. Dance often. Dance wildy. Ignore the laughter.
 27. Send President Clough an email. Extra points if he replies in the same day (he's usually pretty fast).
 28. Call your parents and beg for money.
 29. Call Financial Aid and beg for money.
 30. Go to church and pray for money.
 31. Help build a wreck for Homecoming. Personal vehicles do not count.
 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 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 #38.
 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 Roz 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. Shack.
 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. Streak 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. Go to Athens. This is a No Brain Zone. Plan to stay the night.
 66. Sit on the library fountain. Dangle your feet. Wave at your friends as they walk by.
 67. Figure out what's at the top of Tech Tower. (A: Absolutely Nothing).
 68. Go to Savannah for St. Patrick's Day.
 69. Ask a professor to join you for lunch.
 70. Ask a professor to join you for happy hour.
 71. Take the yellow envelope from your old parking tickets and put a slip of paper in them that says "Gotcha!" Put them on all the parking mini-trucks.
 72. Have a conversation with the Dean Griffin statue until someone notices. Then stare back like he or she is the weird one.
 73. Learn the words to "Up With the White and Gold."
 74. Break up, then make up, with your boyfriend or girlfriend.
 75. Sleep on your, or your hallmate's, floor by accident.
 76. Learn the stories of Sideways the dog.
 77. Register for a class that is taught in Technology Square, knowing full well you can't possibly get back on campus in time for your next class.
 78. Watch a CS major walk into a tree, back-up, and say "excuse me," all without ever looking up.
 79. Go more than one week without showering.
 80. Take a final. When you're finished, immediately change your major.
 81. Grow facial hair (males only, please).
 82. Discover why the lights are always on in the Architorture building.
 83. Visit your friend in the Architorture building. Take a care package of Vivarin and Red Bull.
 84. Get your picture made with the Ramblin' Wreck.
 85. Eat too many "Naked Dogs" from the "V."
 86. Express every opinion you've ever had (relevancy not required) on every newsgroup.
 87. Discover that your roommate is not nearly as obnoxious now that he or she has Word.
 88. Think about transferring to UGA or Emory.
 89. Wake up. It was only a bad dream. See #89.
 90. Relax in the green space on campus. One at a time, please.
 91. Tour CNN Studios and visit Centennial Olympic Park (they are both within walking distance).
 92. Have a cold one at the non-alcoholic pub in the Student Center Commons.
 93. Go to a DramaTech production.
 94. Get a degree.
 95. Get lost while driving in Atlanta. Curse the plethora of roads named "Peachtree."
 96. Make friends, or visit old ones, at Georgia State or Emory.
 97. Play trivia at Rocky Mountain Pizza, Fifth Street Ribs and Blues, or anywhere for that matter.
 98. Concoct, but don't enact, a plan to steal a "T" off Tech Tower.
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