

THWg: A Look Into the Traditions of Georgia Tech

Presented by: The Ramblin' Reck Club



Who We Are: The Ramblin' Reck Club

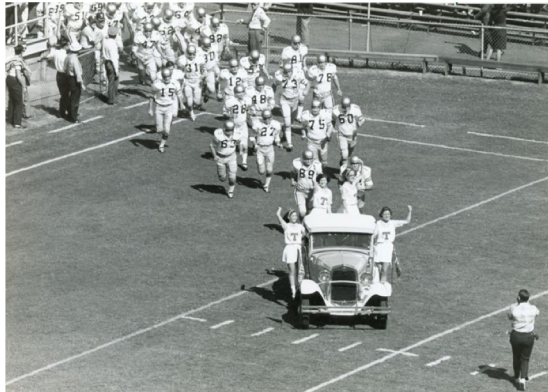
- Started in 1930 as Yellow Jacket Club and renamed as Ramblin' Reck Club in 1945

Our main goal is to spread joy across campus to students!



THE Ramblin' Reck

- Reck not Wreck
- 1930 Ford Model A Sport Coupe
- First appearance was GT-Rice on September 30, 1961; (24-0 win!)
- Reck Driver is a member of RRC



Buzz

- First appeared in 1972 -> Judy McNair
- First official in 1980 -> Rickie Bland
- Today, people split duties of Buzz, and their identities are kept secret until graduation



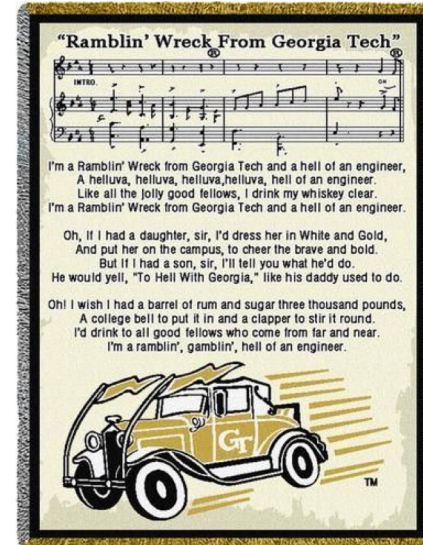
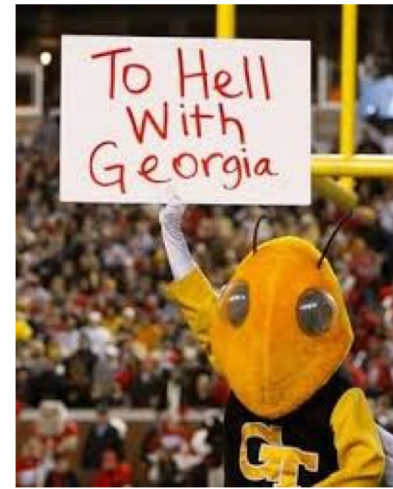
Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate (THWg!)

- Name for our rivalry with u[sic]GA
- First game was in 1893 (Tech wins!)
- Football game -> Thanksgiving Break
- Hate week



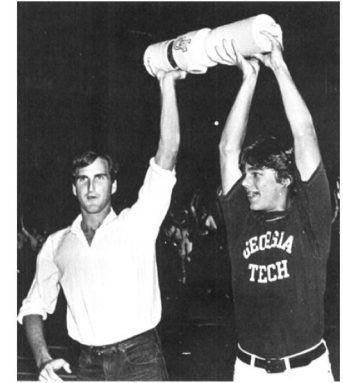
Fight Songs

- “Ramblin Wreck from Georgia Tech”
- “Up with the White and Gold”
- Unofficial: “To Hell with georgia”



The Whistle

- Installed in Fall of 1892, blew 5 min to the hour every weekday
- Also blows to celebrate TDs, home football wins, and in memoriam
- Has been subject to theft...
- Blew twice at 8pm this summer to honor healthcare workers



Tech Tower/Stealing the T

- The oldest building on campus
- “Stealing the T”...Old but highly discouraged and frowned upon tradition
- Magnificent Seven



The Technique and T-Book

- Technique: Created in 1911
- Special editions: Freshman Guide, THWg, Best & Worst of Tech, Housing Guide
- T-Book: first published by the YMCA, went on hiatus in 1970 until RRC revived it in 2008
- Guide for new Tech students about traditions, campus life, and history



RAT Caps

- RAT -> Recruit at Tech
- Introduced in 1915, freshmen required to wear till end of Spring or if Tech beat u[sic]GA in football
- Tradition died as anti-hazing rules passed in 60s, but everyone still gets a hat till this day!



George P. Burdell

- Totally Real Student that enrolled in 1927
- Ed Smith took classes twice and got degree for him and Burdell
- Achievements: Flying a B-17 in WWII, a director of MAD magazine, obtaining every Tech degree, and almost being

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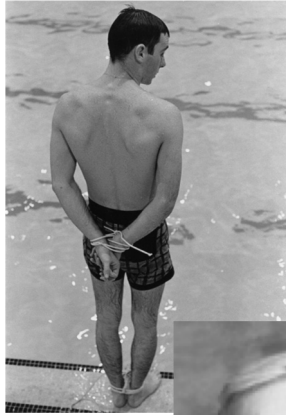


Animals of Tech

- Sideways, the Dog
- Pennies on Sideways' Grave
- Stumpy's Bear (Bruin)
- Clifford the Lion



Drownproofing



Fred Lanoue
Inventor of Drownproofing



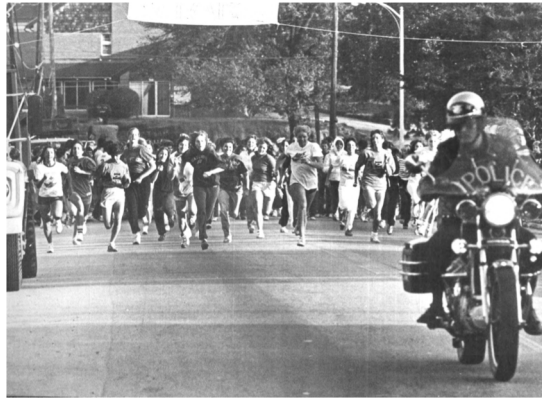
Mini 500

- Started in 1969
- Friday afternoon before Homecoming game
- Compete 8 laps around track on tricycle
- 4 racers, 3 pit crew



Freshman Cake Race

- The first Cake Race was held in 1911
- In 1935, the Cake Race became a part of the Homecoming celebration and was compulsory for freshmen
- Winners get a cake, but every participant gets a cupcake!



The Ramblin' Wreck Parade



Classic Cars



Contraptions



Fixed Bodies



More Fun Facts

- Former team names include the blacksmiths, engineers, golden tornado
- There is an old secret society at Tech called ANAK
- There is a Mickey Mouse clock located on the East Side of the Skiles building
- We were a host to the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta



Questions?

