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Florida Institute of Technology takes on a new image

In 1992 the almighty FIT emerged with a new name, Florida Tech. Breaking all previous traditions, the administration embraced this name with hopes of new found recognition and respect. In the fall of 1992, their hopes were realized as Florida Tech emerged with a more prestigious image and a vitality not previously known to the university.

Several factors contributed to this break in tradition. For the first time, Florida Tech was seen as a major collegiate entity — no longer just a “technical” school. An increased international student population contributed to the diversity of the university, giving it a more collegiate atmosphere. Also, enrollment of women in engineering soared to an all-time high, breaking the tradition of engineering as a male-dominated field.

Small changes continued to appear throughout Florida Tech during the 1992-1993 year, proving only one thing... We were Breaking Tradition.
Left: Matt Fillingim sports a more unconventional look than past Florida Tech students. Below: Tom Bolas, Dave McClaughlin, Tim Mularky, and Rob O’Neill get ready to compete in a surfing competition in New Smyrna Beach. Far below: Curtis McKay is a lucky man — two women at once! Grecia Gonzalez and Chiara Benitez represent the increasing female population at Florida Tech this year.
Right: Breaking RA tradition, the Resident Assistants were moved onto the floors. Resident Assistant Andrea Meaders is... in too many student activities! Bottom Right: Brian Martin and Jeff Burrell relax in their room. Residents on campus go to great lengths (and low elevations) to make their rooms as home-like as possible. Left: Breaking the land speed record, Stacey Darville from the Bahamas and her friend Eli from Antigua do a little windsurfing.
Breaking Them In

Fall Orientation was ‘the place for you in ’92’ this past year, and for a good reason — the dedication and hard work of the 1992 Fall Orientation Staff!! Under the direction of Chairperson Bridget Berardinelli, the group worked non-stop to give the incoming freshman the best Florida Tech has to offer — including their own personal moving services! The renewed interest in orientation was evident in the sheer size of the staff, the largest in three years, and the incredible amount of work they did compared to those in the past. Highlights of Fall Orientation were Casino Night, which gave students the opportunity to win “money” by “gambling” and using it to “bid” on prizes donated by local businesses; the traditional Universal Studios, Disney World and Wet N’ Wild trips; and the newest addition to orientation entertainment — karaoke. At the “You Be The Star” party, students and staff sang their hearts out to the music of their choice supplied by Pioneer’s Laser Karaoke. Although some students chose not to sing, it was a great time for everyone. Let’s hope next year’s orientation is as much fun as this one was — great job guys!!

Chairperson Bridget Berardinelli reacts to her marvelous bowling ability.


Are we having fun yet!

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Orientation Counselor Matt Fillingham: Orientation is great, but sleep is bliss!!

After a long day, Derek Novak, Orientation Counselor, and Mike Sweeringer, Campbell Hall R.A., just want a little peace.

Orientation Counselors John Tuten and Tori Newberry — Breaking the Chain.

Orientation Counselor Neville Danuwalla is OUT OF CONTROL at Wet N’ Wild!!

New Students Stacy De Palma and Rebecca Miller pose for a picture after making waves on the Knee Ski at Wet N’ Wild.

Orientation Counselors Shelley Borardinelli, Dan Di-olosa and Jen Clark: Breaking the Ratio.

Lisa Turrocy just can’t contain her excitement about this job!!

Orientation 7
Laundry Day is here for Amy Thomas and Mike Adrianni — It’s loads of fun! NOT!!

Troy enjoys one of life’s little pleasures — sleep!!

There’s no such thing as a bad hair day — pshaw! (Don’t worry Jeff, you’ll be just fine . . .)

Russell and Jessica take a study break for a picture — Are they working hard or hardly working? Decide for yourself . . .

A lone student hits the books letting us get a glimpse of life in Roberts Hall — and 7 floors of men!

Doug and Grace work hard to assemble God’s gift to the college student — the loft.
There's No Place Like Home

Dorm life is one of the hardest adjustments to make at college. For many freshman, this is the first time they've ever been away from home and their first experience with sharing a room. At first, the thought of dorm life can be scary, but exciting at the same time. Moving in is the most grueling part. Fortunately, this year's orientation staff made that part a little easier, leaving the fun part — arranging — to the students. One of the newest additions to the dorms is the loft beds. Residents had the option this year to purchase loft beds for their rooms. This increased the floor space — for more bean bags and flip chairs! Of course, this only furthered fostered the idea of what dorm life is all about — friends. Friends are what keep you from getting lonely, help you get your homework done, and best of all, to party.

Dave shows us the real reason we come to college — sleep!

Pam Guysen's door is the voice of students everywhere.

A poster brings up an important issue for on-campus students, as well as the world.
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"Four more years! Four more years!" were the cries heard by those passing by on the day Vice Presidential Candidate Al Gore visited Florida Tech. After making an invitation-only speech about the space program, Gore stepped outside to be greeted by eager Clinton-Gore supporters.

On the other side of Gleason Auditorium, however, College Republicans and other Bush-Quayle supporters rallied in protest. Catching the attention of the media, College Republicans Chairman Brad Sysol was interviewed by Channel 9 News about the rally and got a chance to express the groups' enthusiasm for the re-election of President Bush. Although Bush was not re-elected, the College Republicans efforts were not futile; encouraging other students to become politically involved and to exercise their right to vote, whichever the candidate, is an accomplishment in itself.

Brad Sysol and Greg Revera — "Four more years!"

President George Bush At Church Street Station in Orlando.

A group of College Republicans wait for Al Gore to leave Gleason Auditorium.
Headlines

With the same goals in mind, a new group is emerging at Florida Tech — the College Democrats. Breaking apart the traditionally Republican campus, the College Democrats started at the beginning of the quarter to help support Bill Clinton in the election. Founded by Francis Smathers and a small group of supporters, the response was overwhelming and membership soared from 5 to 40 within the first 24 hours. The College Democrats now have somewhere around 50 members and are, needless to say, very excited about the election of Bill Clinton for President.

Both the College Republicans and the College Democrats, however differing in their political views, have been Breaking Tradition. The assumption that 18 to 24 year-olds have no interest in politics is a false one, and it is groups such as these that give students a chance to voice their opinions — none of which will go unnoticed.

1 to R: Vice President-Elect Al Gore, College Democrats Founding President Francis Smathers, and Representative Kevin Sisson.

Clinton supporters eagerly awaits Election Day.

The Clinton-Gore campaign gets support from Florida Tech students, as well as the public.

Wood Hall residents Julie Pawlowski and Jessica Shauen "get political" on their door.
Food Glorious Food

Maybe glorious, maybe not — okay definitely not — but the new food service program has improved. Taken over by the school rather than an outside company, the whole program has changed significantly this past year. The Evans Hall Cafeteria took the first step by starting a continuous meal plan. Now students can eat as much, and as often as they please between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Also, students have the option of eating once a day in either the Rat or in the SUB cafeteria.

The Evans staff has made a great effort to make the food and atmosphere better. They plan special holiday buffets and ice cream sundae feasts to break the monotony of cafeteria-style meals. The Rat also contributes by holding International food nights.

Despite the complaints, Florida Tech has one of the better food programs around — lets give them a little credit and a little respect for all of their effort to help make Florida Tech as close to home as possible.

Michele Strauss, Stacy Colten, Stephanie Lea, Ernie Gemeinhart, Ethan Hall, and Heather Baker enjoy a special Halloween meal in Evans Cafeteria.

Dedicated cafeteria workers have adjusted to the new 7am to 7pm hours. This new service has pleased the students — especially the ones with classes during mealtimes!

Kindy Odindo and her friend enjoy dinner in Evans Cafeteria. The food at Evans has improved drastically since Florida Tech took over the food service from PFM, Professional Food Management.

Students help themselves to a Halloween buffet in Evans. Evans cafeteria has gone wild in serving special themed dinners every three weeks.
That's Entertainment!

The Show Must Go On has been the motto of the Campus Activities Board this year. Despite late planes and late performers, C.A.B. has managed to keep the entertainment coming on campus. There has been a great response this year by all students — and the acts keep getting better and better!

This year’s performers included acts such as: ACME Vocals, Comedians Randy Kagan, John Bizarre, Wild Willy Parson, Psychic Entertainer Craig Karges and many more!

Let’s hope students keep supporting C.A.B. and keep enjoying the great shows they work so hard to put together. Remember, Thursday nights belong to C.A.B. — great job guys!!!

Psychic Entertainer Craig Karges and assistant defy gravity and wow the crowd.

ACME Vocals impress the audience with their stunning a cappella singing. The group was so well received during Orientation that they were immediately invited back for the next year.

Orientation guest Bob Hall gives students a witty and insightful look into the aspects of “safe dating” in his presentation, “Just Because We’re Dating Doesn’t Mean We’re Mating.”

Two CAB performers give their humorous impersonation of the blues brothers.

Comedian John Bizarre has the audience in tears with his crazy brand of comedy.

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Halloween at Florida Tech was like no other this year. Between the Pike Halloween Bash, Chi Phi Halloween, Residence Life Halloween and many other parties, students were not lacking a place to celebrate. The plethora of parties prompted students to go all out with their costumes—some homemade and some renting anywhere between $30-$75—but all of them wild! Even the staff got in the Halloween spirit and dressed up all day long.

On the serious side, many groups on campus participated in philanthropy work on the holiday. The Alpha Phi Sorority went Trick Or Treating to collect canned goods for the homeless and the Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity sold Halloween-O-Grams to raise money for charity.

Finally, another big hit this past Halloween was the Universal Studios Halloween Bash. Students bought tickets and drove 45 minutes to get scared out of their wits, while having the time of their lives! No matter what your style, there was something for everyone.

Where's the party? Here, of course! (L to R) Heather Cruse, Angela Noutsis, Angela Bordner, Sherrill "Spryte" Reid, and Tracy Allie live it up at the Pike Halloween Bash.

A true ’90s couple, Andy “Stanky” Sherrell and Pete “Shotput” Boria ham it up for the camera.

Come into my parlor, Administrative Secretary Sue Wagonner gets decked out for the holiday.

Universal Studios was a popular place to be for Florida Tech students this Halloween.
What's that? It's Pat . . . and viral! Kristin Whiteside and Dawn DuPonte hanging out at the Pike house.

Everyone's favorite cook, Fast Freddie, gets in the Halloween spirit.

Senior Kara McHenry "goes west!" as Pocahontas at the Pike Halloween Party.

Let the games begin! Heather Clifford and Tina Fei pose as American Gladiators "Strosif" and "Perviside".

Boo-tiful!!! Evans Cafeteria clerk Sandy Strippoli "bewitches" the camera.
Breaking Out Together

The best part of college is the friendship you find in those around you. The friends that are there to share a smile, a laugh, or a tear are the ones that you’ll remember forever. We cannot go through life alone — we need the people we love around us. Years will pass, and time will fade the pages of this yearbook, but the memories of the times together will never fade. They will be forever with us in our hearts and minds and as we go down life’s path we will always be Breaking Out Together.

Top Left: Sweethearts Roger Bouillier and Skal Jeckolbn prepare for a night of pirating. Left: Buddies Dave and Fred share one of those memorable nights in front of the SUB. Bottom Left: Bridget Berardinelli and Erin Driscoll, Seniors, share a hilarious moment together.
"What did you say?!?!" - Buddies Chris Gmunder and Jen Faessel goof around, as usual!

"After the smiles, the laughter, the pain and the tears, it’s your friends you’ll remember throughout the years."

Julie Pawloski and Krissy Spence pal around in Wood Hall.

A-Phi’s Jeanne Kelly, Tina Fei, and Kara McHenry share sisterhood at its best!

Kate Smith and Michelle Fredette demonstrate the only way to get “peace” in the dorms.
Breaking Out On

Greek Ball Starts

The Annual Greek Ball was held on January 29, 1993 at the Melbourne Beach Hilton. Greeks turned out in record numbers to celebrate the new year in style! Everyone had a great time dancing to the great mix of music, provided by a D.J., that included top-40 as well as hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s. Many fraternities and sororities brought their banners to help decorate the room and show support for their organizations’ involvement.

Beauty and the Beast- Mike Burt and Shelley Carey are truly a “tale as old as time”.

Jamie Queen and date Tim pose for a quick photo.

Mike Hilliard(Pyle) and date Amy know how to move!

John Santino and friend show their pearly whites! Smile!
The Dance Floor!

Off The New Year

Adding to the festivities, those who attended the ball were offered the opportunity to buy roses for their dates once inside - a pleasant surprise for anyone!
Overall, this year’s Greek Ball was a success. Everyone had fun and most importantly, everyone got home safely. Congratulations to everyone who helped organize the event - great job!!!

A trio of Sigma Kappa sisters get captured on film!

Pi Lambda Phi brother Eric and girlfriend Tiffany enjoy the Ball.

Jose Mierzejewski and girlfriend Kelly Davis - looking good and having a blast!

Fatal Attraction - Mike LaBelle gets a “killer” smooch from date Julia Ducayet.

“Hey, Jerky! Hurry up and take our picture!” - Bill Dinneen, Matt Sweet (Opie), and Kyle Kufeldt ham it up!

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Stress!!! Finals are here, and as usual students are practicing the one tradition that will never die—the all-night Cram Session! This phenomenon occurs when students finally come to the realization that they must learn—in one night—everything they were supposed to have learned all quarter long! Most students swear by osmosis to accomplish this feat—some actually study—but however you managed congratulations! Some students never make it!

Above: Surprise! John Gontkov hard at work studying physics. Right: Kiara Banks looks like we all feel during finals week. Smile Kiara, it’s almost over!
It's Jav, It's Jav! Javier Negrete shows true spirit managing to smile while working on chemistry (ugh).

David Parizek and Judi-Lynn Reidinger chat with Matt Fillingham who is helping with APQ sell bags of finals week survival goodies.

Nicole Sarna studying...in the hallway!

Clyde Lettsome, Heath Styles and Tony Rolle study hard.

A biology student gives us a glimpse of life in the lab.
Spring Break Fever Is Here!

The sun’s out, the surf’s up, finals are over and spring break is almost here! Students are packing their bags and leaving town! Common destinations this year are Daytona Beach, Panama City, Fort Lauderdale and anywhere else where there’s sun, sand and celebration!

Right: Mike Adams, Amy Babin, and Lynette Faivre enjoy the sun in the quad for a moment between classes.

Left: Sonali Cardose, Gasto Brun, and Silvia Vacot take advantage of the warm Florida weather.
Left: Painters Jon Payne and Waddel Weaver are hard at work finishing up needed maintenance before the break.

Above: Breaking Out The Bikini-Cheryl Strong, Allie Krause and Amy Thomas get ready for a tan!

Right: Sean Briggs and T. Czarnick relax the right way!
The Greeks Take A Break

With all the stress of academic life, it’s important to stop and take a break and have some fun. Whether it’s wild parties or just hanging out together, the Greeks at Florida Tech sure know how to have fun. This year the Greeks were active on campus and in the community all year long. Doing fundraisers for numerous

Right(Center): Heather Clifford and John Eichmann hit the dance floor at the ΠΚΑ Halloween party. Left: ΑΦ sisters Cindy Niemier, Sara Gruber, Michelle Ennesie, Angela Noutsis (and Shannon) celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

“<I want to suck your blood!” – “Excellent!” – Jim Taylor and girlfriend Katie Johanson goofing around at the ΠΛΦ house.

Right: “Please Joe, don’t sing any more country!” – ΠΛΦ brothers John Holmes and Ray Caneda listen patiently to fellow brother Joe Ottman.

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And Have Some Fun!

Aside from fundraisers, cleaning up the local parks, and sponsoring informational seminars and being Panda Pals for elementary school children are all part of being Greek, however, this year we chose to show the other part of Greek life — here it is, take a look!

A Night In The Life Of A Greek- Jim Goode gives Russ Bader a lesson (and a lot of laughter!) for partying a little too hard. Ed.—(This picture is your lesson Russ, it will NEVER let you forget! And neither will I — or anyone else! Ha!)

Tradition of Unity— ΑΦ sisters Angel Acasofora, Dawn Dupont, Penny Held, Kristin Whiteside and Kyle St. Pierre celebrate Christmas Day as well as their football victory! Angel is obviously especially happy — and deserves to be! (Way to go big sis! Love ya!- D.D.)
Community Service

Above: Alphi Phi Omega has lead the way in recycling. Here, several members of the fraternity collect the bins full of paper.

Left: Students enjoy lunch in the SUB during LASER day. Many Florida Tech students helped out during this event held for area high school students.
A Continuing Tradition

Community service has been a long standing tradition among students at Florida Tech. This year, however, students gave this tradition an extra boost with even more service than before. Alphi Phi Omega leads the way, with its pledge of service to school and community. The most successful project is the recycling of paper. The yellow bins are now a familiar sight all over campus and most people use them religiously. Students for Environmental Awareness (SEA) have also participated in the recycling efforts - recycling cans, bottles, plastics and even batteries. Students have also donated their time to local elementary students in the Panda Pals program. Students visit University Park elementary school and help students with homework, and provide them with the friendship of a “big brother/sister”. Future Educators of America have also given their time to students, particularly in the areas of math and science.

Students at Florida Tech continue the tradition of community service. It is a nice feeling to know that we try to give back to the community what it has given us. This is one tradition that we don’t want to break.

Dave Jackson, senior and future biology teacher, gives instruction to a local student.
The Future is Now — Homecoming

No Homecoming would be complete without a parade and 1993 was no exception. Following the parade theme, “Reflections”, Student Government picked the year 1958 to reflect back upon. With the combination of a roaring motorcycle, a jukebox, two rockets, and smoke, Student Government ran away with the first place title for best float for the second year in a row. Derek Novak, Speaker of the Senate & SG float chairman, commented “SG was proud to defend their title by showing Florida Tech spirit.” Many other organizations built floats that came close to rivaling SG’s. Theta Xi brought “The Bus” decked out in traditional 60’s style. College players relived the days of black and white television with a live basketball game, complete with cheerleaders. Caribbean Students Association were jammin’ in the streets. One of the most creative floats, sponsored by Lambda Chi Alpha and Gamma Phi Beta, was the pirate ship. Complete with pirates, fair maidens and a mermaid, this float closely rivaled SG for the first place title.

Top Right, Clockwise: (1) The parade begins down Country Club Road. (2) “The Bus” of ΚΕ reflects back on the free-love days of the 1960’s. (3) College Players celebrate FIT in the “black and white” days of television (4) CSA parties in the street (5) ΛΧΑ and ΨΩ sail along in their pirate ship. (6) “The Little Mermaid” Sean Irvin adorns the side of the pirate ship.
King & Queen Announced!

After a week of fierce competition, the results of the King and Queen race were finally announced during the men’s basketball game. And the winners are... Cindy Dwyer of College Players and Claude Peterson of CSA! With an astonished and beaming look on her face, Cindy exclaimed “I don’t believe I won!” Claude was a little more self-assured of his win (due to last year’s CSA win), but none-the-less happy. The 1st runners up were Vanessa Sotameyer of CSA and Bruce Boettjer of College Players.

Florida Tech Wins!

The clock ticked off the final seconds of the game. Florida Tech men basketball players hustled down the court for the last few points that would keep them on top of Eckerd. Tension mounted all throughout the gym until the buzzer sounded. Final score: 60 to 55, Florida Tech Wins!

Earlier in the day, the Lady Panthers blasted Eckerd’s women off the court in a 98-44 victory.

Having a Homecoming basketball game instead of a football game has always been a Florida Tech Homecoming tradition-breaker. This does, however, provide the basketball teams a chance to showcase their stuff to fellow friends and alumni.
Dance on! Kim Sander and Tony Witkowski have a great time on the dance floor. The dance attracted over fifty people.

Doug Nehring and Connie Sluzenski, SG King and Queen candidates, dance to a few tunes at the Homecoming dance held in the KAT.

Wacky wars, the first event of Homecoming, was a fun-filled experience. Top Left: Bruce Boettjer of College Players attempts to eat a banana fed to him by partner Cindy Dwyer. Left: Andy Calloway does a balancing act for Alpha Phi Omega. Above: The band Bravo Hotel played for a small, but appreciative crowd Saturday night.

Ron Roff, Student Government President, enjoys an orange juice-champagne spritzer at the Homecoming brunch he’ll never forget.
President Dr. Lynn E. Weaver, P.E.

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BREAKING OUT

Well, the time has come to pack up and move out, yet again. From the beginning of life up until now, you have made at least three major moves. First, you spent the first nine months or so of your existence in a cozy bio-luxurious environment—that is, until some guy with a mask and rubber gloves came along and plucked you out of your pre-natal ecstacy permanently. Your reluctance to leave the “ultimate pad” was marked by your noisy exit and your subsequent crabiness during the following months.

In time, you became acclimated to your new surroundings and accepted it, wholeheartedly. Your parents (especially Mom) provided for you, fed you, picked up after you, while all you did was to stay cute—until you wanted something, of course. When that occasion arose, all you had to do was to put your crabiness tactic that you mastered so well into use. Being at home was bliss, that is, until they told you that there was a place out there where you would spend 30 hours a week. Thirty hours away from all of the comforts that you had grown accustomed to. Thirty hours in a place that is strange and frightening to you. Your parents dropped you off into this new environment every morning and blissfully went on with their own lives, while you stood at the school gate, screaming at the top of your lungs, hoping that they were just kidding and would turn the block to come back for you. Being unceremoniously disgorged from the gate every morning, however, was enough for you to come to your senses. Again, you were forced to accept this new environment—and eventually you did. Your school mates became your confidants. They weren’t grown-ups like mom and dad; they understood you. Sometimes you trusted your friends more than your parents and so, you realized the value of school.

As time rolled along, oblivious to the fact, you were slowly becoming your parents. They once believed that the world was their oyster, that is, until you came into the picture. The world then became YOUR oyster, and they felt obligated to make it that way for you. Their hopes and dreams for themselves, fulfilled or not, were passed on to you. This is the reason that you came here, to fulfill a dream. Is it a dream shared by both your parents and yourself? Maybe. Is it a dream that only you could fulfill? Definitely. Either way, it all comes down to ambition. You were ambitious enough to take on the task of pursuing a degree—the degree itself being only paper and ink, and yet, a valid symbol of achievement.

You have come this far for that piece of paper, and you made it! For some, that long journey from pampers to campus ends right here in the field of education. For others the journey is quite different: the business major—from embryo to CEO; the engineering major—from sperm-plus-ova to problem solver; the aviation/aerospace major—from snorring crier to ace high-flyer; the psychology student—from little stinker to head shrinker; the communications major—from belly to belly! So, whatever your path is, the time has now come to once again break out!
Christian John Blochinger
Environmental Science

Kelle B. Branch
Applied Mathematics

Mirto (Gramps) Breell
Aviation Mgmt/Flight Tech

Jennifer Gail Burch
Ocean Engineering

Elizabeth Burk
Science Education

Michael S. Burtt
Business Administration

Shelly Carey
Psychology

Sherlon Chirino
Computer Science

Jennifer Clark
Psychology

Steve W. Cutilha
Aviation Management

Thomas J. Czarniak
Physics

Michael Del Gais
Chemical Engineering

Erin Driscoll
Psychology

Nuvat Engelhardt
Computer Engineering

Karen Hewitt and Stacey Darville —
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The image change of Florida Tech started externally with the name change. Then slowly, small changes started to happen within the university. Buildings got a fresh coat of paint, residence halls got lounges and laboratories got new computers and equipment. Letterhead stationery, business cards, and countless forms were reprinted with the new logo. Clubs and organizations began to change their regalia to reflect the new identity of the university. A sense of pride and vitality like none other began to surge in the pulse of the student body. The faculty and staff began to feel it as well. FIT had undergone a face lift — and not a minute too soon.
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The Laws of Physics

One of the most beneficial changes that occurred within the university in 1992 was the addition of computerized equipment in the physics labs. Macintosh computers, along with Mac Motion and WingZ software were installed for student use during the labs. These high-tech programs replace the unreliable, error-filled ways of the past. Mac Motion records the speed and time of an object, plot the data on a graph and allows analysis of the data.

WingZ is a spreadsheet and graphing program that allows mass statistical computation of data. These programs have removed the mundane calculations and have allowed students to concentrate on the key concepts of the lab.

Top Left: Chris DeConda uses Mac Motion to record the speed of a weighted cart. Left: All physics lab students have a computer for their use during their lab. These students are performing calculations using the WingZ program.
Breaking Barriers

The 1992 year marked a record year in international enrollment at Florida Tech with 16% of the student body being from out of the country. These students came from 85 different countries including India, Taiwan, China, Korea, Iceland, Thailand, the United Kingdom, Spain, the Caribbean Islands, Turkey, France, Brazil, Indonesia, and Pakistan.

The international students have had an incredible impact on making this a tradition breaking year. Barriers of the past have been broken down and multiculturism is now emphasized.

The woman behind this revolution is none other than Gail Knowlton, Director of International Student Affairs. Gail began last year building the international programs here at Florida Tech and has succeeded in making them an integral part of our university. Beginning with the creation of the International Student Service Organization (ISO), Gail’s intentions were to provide an organization that worked with the foreign student advisor to develop programs to meet the on-going needs of the students. ISO “simply promotes students helping students.” The group now meets bi-monthly and helps to coordinate International Homecoming functions, winter and spring break activities for students who have no travel plans, plus many, many more activities.

ISO merely being the catalyst, many other groups and functions leapt off the drawing board into reality. Food nights at the Rat have become a mainstay now, and many culture organizations were formed within the past year including the Chinese and Korean students associations. Of course, one of the strongest clubs on campus is the Caribbean Students Association (CSA). CSA have sponsored some of the most Jammin’ parties ever known to Florida Tech.

The biggest international happening in 1992, however, has to be the Cultural Bazaar and Show. Students from all over the world participated in this event, showcasing their country and performing traditional dances and songs from their homeland.

Thanks to Gail, her efforts, and “her kids”, cultural and racial barriers have been broken down and replaced with warm friendship, a new respect and appreciation for fellow humans, and a multiculturism never felt before at Florida Tech.

Thanks Gail, for Breaking Barriers.

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Christine S. Rettig
Civil Engineering

Gilbert I. Richardson
Computer Engineering

Lymari Rivera
Environmental Engineering

Xavier I. Rivera
Mechanical Engineering

Ismael Rodriguez
Computer Engineering

Ronald Roff
Computer Science

Saqer Sanad
Business Finance

Isabelle V. Schurr
Marketing

Senior Rene Sedney and Guitar George — Breaking Out the rhythm section.
Breaking The Stereotypical Role

“You've Come A Long Way Baby” graces more than one woman student’s door on campus. For so many years, the female population at Florida Tech was miniscule. Additionally, after surveying past yearbooks, the women that did attend seem to fall into that stereotypical “man-woman” category. Women, back in 1958, weren’t supposed to be engineers, they were expected to cook, clean, and produce beautiful children. A few did aspire to more — but not without many obstacles. Today, women come from all over the world to study math, science and engineering. The obstacles are fewer, and much more subtle. Women have found a place in this male-dominated area and are not likely to give it up.

One group on campus that promotes women in engineering is the Society of Women Engineers (SWE). SWE provides a network for engineering students, as well as sponsoring talks by women engineers.

The women of Florida Tech are breaking their stereotypical role not only in the academic world, but in the student activities world as well. More women are serving as heads of clubs and organizations than ever before. Women are taking leadership positions and performing their duties with a competence and enthusiasm worthy of praise.

With each and every day, the women of Florida Tech are proving one thing ... they are Breaking Tradition.
Above: Andrea Meaden, a Civil engineering major, serves as Ad Astra Editor-in-Chief. She is determined to break yearbook tradition with a yearbook like none other Florida Tech has ever seen. Left: Bridget Berardinelli, a senior Electrical engineering major and coordinator of Fall Orientation, addresses the student body at the security awareness program.

Left: Stacey Darville, Civil Engineering major, acts as a news anchor for FITV and public relations officer of Caribbean Students Association.
Erin Driscoll and Rafael Andrade — A record breaking friendship!

Rene Sedney
Computer Engineering

Jeffrey Shaw
Aviations Mngmt/Flight Tech

William Sikon
Aviation Mngmt/Flight Tech

Claudius W. Smith
Computer Engineering

Cheryl Solanto
Chemical Engineering

Billy Joe Spratt
Aviation Mngmt/Flight Tech

Stacey A. Stanley
Environmental Engineering

Marshall Stevens
Aviation Management

Kyle St.Pierre
Aviation Management
Benjamino Suarez
Business Administration

Robert Sullivan
Computer Engineering

Yonhlee W. Sutjipto
Electrical Engineering

Brad H. Sysol
Business

Charles-Henry Tardivat
Aircraft Systems Mgmt

Michael Robert Thor
Aviation Mgmt/Flight Tech

Alfonso E. Urdaneta III
Computer Engineering

Solat Waheed
Aviation Management

Kevin Walters
Electrical Engineering

John W. Watters
Aviation Management

Charles O. Weber
Electrical Engineering

Dustin M. Wiggins
Electrical Engineering

Tony Wilkowski
Aerospace Engineering

Christian Wysocki
Molecular Biology

Joseph A. “Jay” Yankeloff
Electrical Engineering

Denver York
Electrical Engineering
The Changes Within

Some of the changes within were bold, but most were subtle changes. A smile here, laughter there — a sharing of thoughts, ideas, and dreams. Students and faculty will come and go, but it is their influence upon Florida Tech which has changed it forever, and will continue to change it for years to come. It is you, your professors, and your friends that have made this school what it is. You . . . are Breaking Tradition.
Sherry Acanfora
Computer Engineering

Timothy Almquist
Aviation Management

Jeffrey M. Brooks
Computer Engineering

Larla Boujema
Ocean Engineering

Kurt Brockhausen
Mechanical Engineering

Irving J Caballero
Mechanical Engineering

Kathleen Doherty
Mechanical Engineering

Jonathan D. Dreier
Psychology

Cindy Evans
Aircraft Systems Mngmt

Maribel Feliciano
Business Admin/Computers

John PM Fessenden
Chemical Engineering

James Good
Electrical Engineering

Khaleel Jafar
Electrical Engineering

Bernhard Jokiel Jr
Mechanical Engineering

Brad La Bonde
Computer Science
The Undergraduates

The undergraduate experience at Florida Tech is different for different people. For some, it the time in which to develop the skills needed for a future career. For others, it is a time to broaden horizons, whether they be social or personal. Hopefully, for the vast majority, the undergraduate years are a time to blend both of these journeys into one. Undergraduate life is tough at Florida Tech, often more difficult than one ever imagined. Each day, the undergrad is challenged — by classes and by the act of becoming. This act tests courage, strength, fortitude, and self-worth. As time passes, the classes that were once so difficult seem easy, and suddenly an awareness of what we have become emerges. We become what we want to be, and nothing more. The undergraduate years of a person’s life are often looked back upon as the most blissful. This bliss is created from within — the same place from where we become.
Life of the Undergraduate

The day to day life of an undergrad is varied. The amount of free time one has depends on several factors:

First, your major. Engineering majors seem to never have as much "free" time as everyone else. Now, "free" is an ambiguous term. For some, it means the beach. For engineering majors, it means time to sleep.

Second, what week in the quarter it is. The first three weeks of the quarter are blissful. Tests are a distant thought, projects are not even a thought yet, and classes are generally slow-paced. As the weeks progress however, free time begins to dwindle. By seventh week, forget free time. It doesn't exist anymore.

Finally, finals are over and the undergrads have a chance to catch their breaths before plunging into another hectic quarter. "Free time? What's that?"

Jen Benaman, a busy junior, always keeps her cool, even under pressure. Here she displays the smile of an undergrad before the dreadful "seventh week push."

Steve Barrow  Heather Baxt  Jennifer Benaman  Mark Bicker
Thom Bolas  Delphine Calderoni  Johnathon Caldwell  Stacy A. Cohen

52 People
Barrick Collins  Andre Correa  Stacey Darville  Manuel De Gouvria
Tracey DeSilva  Roxanne Dorman  Dawn DuPonte  Paul Edwards
Jennifer Faessel  Matt Fillingim  Michelle Fredette  Wendeline Fuechsl
Jaime Fuertes  Shea Ganley  Carlos Garcia-Galan  Angie Garrett
Breaking Quarters

Perhaps the most earth-shattering event students at Florida Tech had to deal with this year was the quarter to semester system switch. For those straight on track with their curriculum, it was an easy transition. For those caught between quarters, it was (and will continue to be) a nightmare.

The difficulty of the switch lies in the classes that were in sequence. For many, the rush was on to finish a sequence under the quarter system so that they would not have to take the same (or part of the same) class again in the semester system. This rush put such great pressure on students, that many opted to wait until the semester system to take the class altogether. This, in turn, put many students behind.

Compliments must be given to many academic departments however, for their schematic layouts and interpretation of the transition process. Most students who sought help, found it in their departments. The sad fact is that many students were still living a schedule nightmare, even with the assistance.

The transition to the semester system will aid in transferring credits to and from other universities. The drawbacks, unfortunately, occurred for those students caught in the middle of it.
Breaking the Silence

Although Florida Tech has many social, cultural, and professional organizations on campus, until recently there was no group to address the interests and concerns of gay and lesbian students. During fall quarter 1992 two openly gay students, senior Mike Adams and junior Frank Floyd, began asking their gay and straight friends to support their efforts to create such an organization. After two preliminary meetings, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance for Student Support (GLASS) was officially registered on January 18, 1993. “The student activities office has been very supportive of GLASS,” says co-founder and chair Frank Floyd. “Our membership has been steadily increasing and we now have over twenty members.”

The constitution of GLASS states: “The purpose of GLASS is to create a supportive atmosphere for Florida Tech students who are homosexual or who are dealing with issues concerning sexual orientation. GLASS has been established to educate the Florida Tech community by increasing awareness of gay and lesbian issues.” Mike Adams adds, “We’re really encouraged by the support we’ve been receiving, and we invite any student to attend our meetings regardless of whether they’re gay or straight — in fact some of our straight friends are our most active members. We hope that with the recent uproar over homosexuality that we’ll be able to educate the Florida Tech community.”
Doug Grandey gets caught in the act of giving his infamous, Hmmmm... are you single? look.
The pool tables in the RAT get plenty of use by students. Here, Chris Drake, Roger Boutilier, and Greg Praino relax over a game of pool. (P.S. Thanks guys for the hours of entertainment you have provided me. ADM.)
Chaz Wendling and Craig Ballard "get down" at the Homecoming dance. The dance was quite a success, with over fifty people in attendance.

Julie Shepker
Angie Shockley
Sveinn Dal Sigmarsson
Connie Slazenski
Lance Smith
Kathryn M. Smith
Eric Snyder
Randy R. Sookoo
Brian Spangler
Kristin Spence
Cheryl Strong
Dian Valrina Subandi
Alphi Phi Omega was a tradition-breaking organization on campus this year. Here, Dave Parizek and Jen Benaman ride in the Homecoming parade as king and queen candidates for their fraternity.
Left: Lisa Turocy and Christine Rae (posing here with friend Kerry Holmes) are prime examples of the diversity of students found at Florida Tech. Right: Kyle Croce and John Mullin relax in the RAT. Despite the diversity of the campus, the white male is still in the majority.
Breaking the Status-Quo

Nineteen-Ninety two and three were status-quo breaking years. Just by taking a random cross-section of the student body, one could see the increased diversity. The number of women flourished, compared to past years (though not enough according to the men). Students of an ethnic background often equaled the number of strictly caucasian students in classes. Also, a surge of non-traditional students cropped up in every major. Of course, the standard white male was still strong in number, as well.

This diversity provided a rich background for tradition breaking events to occur. Multiculturalism is the buzzword for the nineties. At Florida Tech, it has already surpassed the buzzword stage — it is a tradition-breaking reality.
“Those who can’t, teach. Those who can, inspire.”
Breaking New Ground

Getting involved in the clubs and organizations, here on campus, is a way for most students to get away from the often times monotonous pattern of never-ending classes and homework. New clubs such as the Dance Association, Students for Creative Anachronism, and Alpha Phi Omega offer a variety that adheres to the melting pot of interests, hobbies, and ethnicity that makes up the students of Florida Tech.

With over 80 clubs and organizations here on campus one must certainly begin to wonder where school fits in. In fact many of the organizations enhance the knowledge of the student and emplores his/her mind, making use of boring material learned in the classrooms. Most of all, they are fun. They are the bread and butter of a toasty alliance between fun and education.

The Dance Association is a new group formed over the past year that shows the true enthusiasm shared by the students of Florida Tech. The group is headed by President Tony Witkowski. The instructor for the group is Richard Cundiff. They meet every Sunday and Monday in the chapel, and usually boast a hefty attendance. New dancers are always welcome, and one does not have to know how to dance to join. The group attends dance competitions several times a year. They have participated in the Fall and Spring Florida Ballroom Open in St. Petersburg, the Cocoa Beach Space Coast Classic, and The International Collegiate Championships. Regardless of the results, a good time is had by all.

The Students from the Kingdom Trimaris at the College of Golden Key are headed by the Seneschal “Lord Johan Björinsson”, known to most as Alan Boertjens. This organization also goes by its common and less presumptuous name — The Society for Creative Anachronism. The Florida Tech chapter of SCA was founded in the spring of 1992 by Bill Barnett, Alan Boertjens, Kevin Halleran, and Karen Vintroux. The group consists of over thirty people, a big jump from five at the end of the spring 1992 quarter. It is one of the fastest growing groups on campus and it’s over forty thousand members in the “Known World” are a testament to its popularity. The reason behind SCA is “… to preserve the arts and culture of the Middle Ages and Renaissance”. The group keeps the spirit of the past (450 A.D. – 1650 A.D.) alive through various activities all over the country in which events are reenacted and medieval costume is a must!

Alpha Phi Omega was started last year by two Eagle Scouts Michael Baranishyn and David Mottarella. It is a National Service Fraternity that has grown to twenty-four active members, and continues to grow in remarkable strides. Although Alpha Phi Ome-ga is new on campus its presence is profound. Recycling takes on new meaning when Alpha Phi Omega is on the prowl. No one can escape the yellow recycling bins that dot the campus. Two to three times a week the Fraternity sets out to collect the bins. The Fraternity has three cardinal principles, none outweighing the other. They are Leadership, Friendship, and Service. The group is responsible for bringing about an awareness of service to people in need, but more importantly they are doing something about it!

Alpha Phi Omega members include, from left to right: third row — David Parizek, Leslie McFarland, Amy Baco, Chris Parkinson, Rich Paulhus, Erik Holfert, Dave Mottarella — second row — Deedie McClain, Sharon Brown, Andy Calloway, Brent Smith, Scott Brooks, Steven Barrow, Joe Montemarano — first row — Pamela Jenkins, Erin Driscoll, Jennifer Benaman, Yeta Hansley, Alexandra Hudick.

Alan Boertjens otherwise known as “Lord Johan Björinsson” stands in full medieval costume. The objective of SCA is education. Much studying and research went into Alan’s costume to make it look like the way it actually looked in the sixteenth century A.D.
"The Ultimate aim of karate lies not in victory or defeat, but in the perfection of the characters if its participants" (Gichin Funakoshi). The Crane Creek Shotokan Karate Club here at Florida Tech is a relatively quiet group, yet their presence here on campus is profound. Since they started in July of 1988, they have had over one hundred students participate. They are the oldest formal martial arts school in the nation. The group consists of eleven people, both male and female. The group meets every Monday and Wednesday at eight-thirty. Bill Daly, who founded the group and who also serves as the instructor, is also on the faculty here at Florida Tech. Bill graduated from the University of Delaware in 1975 and is a third degree black belt. The highest rank that one can earn is fifth degree black belt. The order of belts includes five degrees of white belt, three degrees of brown belt, and then five degrees of black belt. It takes many years of hard work to obtain black belt status and the group on campus has only two. Nuvat Englehardt is the president of the group and will soon be a brown belt. The group is very well disciplined, in concentration and patience as well as physical strength, agility and poise are something that is taught and worked on right from the beginning. Watching the group practice made this student very proud, safe and glad that some traditions will never be broken!

Yoshiaki Harada takes the position of the aggressor as Takashi Imoto braces himself and takes a defensive stance.

Society for Creative Anachronism include, from left to right, — third row — Tim Vass, Kevin Halleran, Clark Croft, Les Rogers, Philip Shimon, Doug McLean, - second row- Karen Vintroux, Jennifer Moore, Lor Wiskotini, David Antio, Casey Wisencarver, Mike Mendes, Cindy Dwyer, Grace Shosser, Andrea Wood, Alan Boettjen, — first row — Dave Arnt, Michelle Delgado, Bill Barnett, Amy Wilson.

In the picture above Takashi Imoto engages Nuvat Englehardt who utilizes his defensive abilities.
The fearless leader of the Crimson, Kurt Brockhausen tries desperately to entice innocent freshmen into slave labor to make sure the Crimson is in top shape come press time.

Something that all the people in all the clubs and organizations need — food! One of mum's home-cooked meals sounds real good right about now?

Crane Creek Shotokan Karate Club members include, from left to right — back row — Nino, Takashi Imoto, Nuvat Einglehardt, Tom Waithen, Jeanne Miglior, Chris, Steve Kajiura; front row — Howard Evans, Martha Sager, Bill Dally, Yoshiaki Harada.
The Florida Tech Dance Association Members include, from left to right. — Bottom row — Richard Candiff (instructor), Maria Hulldand, Annesa Nanan, Kim Sander, Jutia Baerman, Matthias Schneeida, Michelle Borodian, Kristin Jonsdottir, Joe Oppenheim — middle row — Christel Grunwill, Carey Wise-carver, Tammy Jaime, Lyda Acker, Tony Witkowski. — top row — Eric Snyder, Jenny Hanson, Rene Sedney, Mike Marrone, Troy Newman.

The waltz will never be the same after this guy showed up, wanting just ONE more dance!

The camera catches Andrea Meaders, the editor of the yearbook, as she anxiously tries to meet a deadline that is quickly approaching.
The Campus Activities Board (CAB) members include, from left to right, back row — Chris Parkinson, Chris Guadice, Rob Rohulski, Dave Panizak, Michael DelRosa. Front row — Kim Kozalbo, John Gontko, Frank Parise, Paula Duffy, Steve Koenigsberg, Stuart Johnson, Joe Montemarano.

Chi Phi members include, from left to right first row — Kyle Burke, Mike Kelly, John Eveland, Sean Gechehghan, Brad Kenet, Steve Cotton. Second row — Lloyd Lasher, Scott Theriault. Third row — Ray Pryor, Tim Lever, Tristan Webbe, Sean Quinn, Brendan Moss, Matt Thompson, Dave Silverio.

Ty Quan sets up for a day at the office — the CAB office that is!
Breaking our backs: Ad Astra — The ones who make it all possible.

Ad Astra literally means — “to the stars”. In creating this yearbook, it was our goal to make this book fun, reminiscent, and full of the people who have made Florida Tech what it is today. Through hard work, determination, and many “all nighters” the 1992-1993 staff of Ad Astra strived to make your yearbook what it should be and more importantly, what YOU want to see. Whether you are in a club, organization, or the quarterback on the winning intramural football team, we were there. We held up our social life to make sure that your yearbook was the best. For you are the stars of Florida Tech — and from all of us on the yearbook staff — Here’s “to the stars”

Doug Grandey (business manager), and Nar Rekhi (photography editor) are busy at work trying to get perspective volunteers for the yearbook.

Nar Rekhi is hard at work on his next project for the yearbook.

The Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship, here on campus, has grown considerably and continues to be one of the largest organizations on campus.

F.I.T.V. members include, front left to right - Bassel Hatoun, Anadou Camara, Leo Ranivoson, David Arce, Craig Coleman, Pam Jenkins, Naveesh Patel, Mike Adams, Patricia Vincent, Frank Floyd, Stacey Darville, Arnold Samreth.

The Society for Science Fiction and Fantasy members include, from left to right - back row - Doug McLean, Curt Hartung, Will Simmons, Eric Phillips, Harry Leckebury, Walt Rasch, Mike Case, - middle row - Cathy King, Eric Bertish, - front row - Todd Janiax, Grace Schosser, Michelle Delgado, Millie-Rae Covington, Linda Furman

72 Clubs/Organizations
The intramural football league has once again been a success. As of press time the first place team had not been decided. The football league allows fraternities to interact with one another, make friends, and have a great time. The games are played on the weekends and there is usually a good size turnout.

Michael DeRosa, Director of Student Activities, gives two thumbs up to this year's yearbook — well... sort of!

F.I.T.V. members Mike Adams and Craig Coleman study a video that they sure to have high ratings.
Here we see Michael DeRosa in what can only be perceived as (and of course in keeping with the theme of the yearbook) Breaking Wind!!!!

Alpha Phi Omega member Michelle Kaizmar steadies her stance as she prepares to send the softball over the fence during the team’s practice for the upcoming intramural softball league. Good luck Michelle!

Scott Brooks, the editor of this section of the yearbook was lucky enough to get the comedian John Bizarre to pose for a quick shot with him before he headed out to Arizona to do another hilarious show.

Here at Ad Astra we like to show the enthusiasm of our staff and business manager Doug Grandey is no exception.
The College Players are a very big part of the Florida Tech campus. The group worked very hard and put out two plays in the Fall of 1992; they included "The Butler Did It" and "Arsenic and Old Lace". Featured in the picture is Leigh Lawless, Amy Juchem, John Almassi, Charee Jackson, Bruce Boettjer.

Diving anyone! This group does more than put on tanks and go under water. It takes many hours of training to become a proficient diver. Class members include, from left to right, — bottom row — Scott Callahan, Courtney McKinney, Doug DiCarlo, Paul Clark, Alan Boettjer, Louis Rodriguez, Nick Melitas, Ben Johnson, — front row — Pattie Foley, Claudine Trufelli, Steve Hobey, Michelle Chernaly.
The office of Ad Astra is seen here on a common day of work. Much effort and time goes into creating a yearbook and making the deadlines.

Michael DeRosa is seen once again in just one of his many faces. What's so funny Mike?

The members of Tau Kappa Epsilon include, from left to right, — Andy Hudson, Chip Webber, Joe Schrader, Andy Hahn, Wayne McClellan, Kevin Allen, Ken Schlosser, Chris Morgan, Dave King, Curt Courtenay, Glenn Merry, Marcus Costanzo, Mark Masefield, Dave Pelletier, Dan Seiler, Frank DeMarco, Joe Conti.
Society for Science Fiction and Fantasy members Todd Janiak, Eric Bertish, and Linda Furman play a serious game of cards while trying to escape from the pressures of school.

Alpha Phi Omega members Erin Driscoll and Raphael Andrade stop their gazing for a minute to take time out for the camera — uh, Erin, the camera’s over here!

Residence Life Council members Gerald Young and Steve Cutinha enjoy the shade of a tree as they inform the new students of the rules and regulations of the dormitories.
F.I.T.V members Patricia Vincent, Frank Floyd, Arnold Samworth share different emotions as they here that yes indeed: Superman IS dead.

Rob Aiken is a rather popular fellow here on campus and it seems that he has even formed his own club. It is unknown EXACTLY what kind of club it is, but judging from Rob's face, it must be very strenuous.
Dwayne and Doug Grandy try out for parts in the play(s) for the fall quarter put on by The College Players.

What is it Mike, spit it out, lets hear it!!

Instructor Bill Daly (left) works with a new pupil during opening exercises for the Crane Creek Shotokan Karate Club.
Breaking out all over!!!!!!

Breaking Barriers: Judi-Lynn Reidinger was an orientation counselor for new freshmen and in many ways she helped Break Barriers.

Breaking Loose. The idea of Shotokan Karate is defense, that is why breaking loose is fitting for what Howard Evans and Martha Sager are doing. They are practicing techniques that will protect them from an attacker.

Breaking the Camera. Sorry Mike but I just couldn't resist Scott.

Breaking Away. Sometimes it's good just to get away from it all!

Breaking Traditions. We haven't gone THIS far yet - have we!
The ASCE chapter at Florida Tech had an extremely exciting 1992 year. Placing fourth out of 28 schools in the concrete canoe race at the regional ASCE competition in Tampa was quite an accomplishment for a first-time team. The canoe, named the “Petrified Panther”, weighed 140lbs, was 17’ long and was the third lightest at the competition. Jen Benaman commented, “For a first-time team to have the third lightest canoe is remarkable.” The team won 10th place out of 28 schools overall. The team went on to sectional competition at Cocoa in September and won first place. ASCE must construct a new canoe each year for the regional competition. Regionals ’93 are to be held at Georgia Tech in Atlanta in March. The ’93 canoe, unnamed as yet, weighs 150lbs, and again is 17’ long. In addition to the canoe race, banner, surveying, geotechnical, balsa wood bridge, and tech paper competitions are held.

ASCE’s most important function at Florida Tech is to sponsor professional speakers and to facilitate contact with professionals in industry.

Above: ASCE members Ross Shillingford, Eric Orquiola, Oksana Fung, Mike Kalajian, Dave Shilling, and Dr. Paul Cosentino work on the concrete canoe for the regional conference to be held at Georgia Tech. Left: Eric Orquiola and Ross Shillingford pay close attention to detail as they work on the canoe.

Left, top: ASCE members enjoy an end of the fall quarter picnic. Far left: ASCE advisor Dr. Kalajian and President Dan Wintermeyer spend a moment together talking over future ASCE plans while enjoying the Bar-B-Q. Left: Dr. Pandit and Dr. Heck play a rousing game of horseshoes during the ASCE picnic. All faculty members of the Civil Engineering department are involved in ASCE.
Caribbean Students Association

Left to right, Back to front: Ian Wilson, Heath Styles, Philip King, Devon Matthews, Carl Richardson, Errol Baker, Jeffrey Brooks, Richard Symonette, Duane Johnson, Susanne Modete, Mylene Martin, Claude Peterson, Trudy Gill, Joya Grant, Lashonda White, Tim Malliaieu, Chiara Benitez, Vanessa Faries, Vanessa Sotomayor, Paul Edwards, Efiong Ene, Randy Sookoo, Naresh Rekhi, Stacey Darville, Carita Roshuevel, Charmaine Molyneaux, Sherlon Chirino, E.Mubarak Hill, Jason Stuart.
CSA/ The I-20's

Left to right: Frederick Adams, Backup Vocals/Bass; George Goede, Backup Vocals/Guitar; Michel Bor, Lead Guitar; Jeffrey Brooks, Lead Vocals/Bass; Grecia Gonzales, Backup Vocals; Brian Leander, Percussion; Edwin Bonne, Saxophone; Danillo Zabala, Keyboards; Ramsey Jansen, Keyboards; Not pictured: Sheida Romero
HKN

Eta Kappa Nu

Left to right, Back to front: Ricardo Omori, Silvan Johnson, Tim Berglund, Denver York, Jeffrey Heimback, Jay Yankeloff, Junaid Alim, John Cao, Chris Gregorian, Judy Phillips, Bridget Bernardinelli, Dorian Couper, Orlando Ruiz, Derek Been, Dieter Gum, Doug Nehring, Joann Kelly, Teresa Biggs, Kari Wampola, Christian Young. Not pictured: Tracy Silva, Yonhlee W. Sutjipto, Shariff Alhadad, Francisco Ortiz, William Lroome, Tim Floore.
AAAЕ

American Association of Airport Executives

At the time of publishing, the names of the members were not available.
Homecoming '93

Left to Right, Back to Front: Cheryl Strong, Bob Pratt, Rob Aiken, Greg Praino, Matt Fillingim, Bob Pezzano, John Almasi, Doug Grandey, Cammie Cox (co-chairperson), Amy Hall, Rebecca Tagg, Stacy Cohen, Lisa Turocy (chairperson), Beth Hummel.
Crimson

Florida Tech's Newspaper

Left to Right: Kurt Brockhausen, Editor-in-Chief; Lydia Haddad, Writer; Sherelle Reid, Advertising Rep; Shirley Taylor, Writer; Stover Inglis, Writer; Freddie Merhab, Photographer; Angie Garrett, Writer; Reinaldo Caneda, Subscription Manager; Damian Hite, Sports Editor; Chris Carroll, Writer; Luke Michaelson, Writer; Dion Ramiscal, Photo Editor; Irene March, Writer; Kim Phillips, Photographer; Patrick O’Reilly, Writer; Cedlali Coradine, Photographer. Not shown: Scott Birdsell, Neville Daruwalla, Julie Dwyer, Meredith Downey, Jim Eaton, Ron Farnham, Seratna Guadarra, Tricia Hanan, John Heermans, Brian Lieberman, Ya-Di Lin, Kristy McClure, Brian O’Hagan, Autumn Pappas, Sean Parks, Kenny Sandifer, Ross Shillingford, Jason Soukertas, Carrie Trautwein, Chuck Wilson, Yvette Aehle, Mark Willwerth, P.V. Rajan.
Newman Club

And the Catholic Community

Left to Right, Back to front: Mario Gamble, Hilary Joseph, Dustin Wiggins, Roger Merry, John Merry, Kim Sander, Sherlon Chirino, Lynette Faire, Mike DeGais, Rafael Andrade, John O’Hara, Jose Medina, Juan Ospina, Joann Kelly, Tony Vincens, Jen Benaman, Niki Notz, Patricia Young, Tony Witkowski, Father Doug Bailey, Jeff Heimelsbach, Felix Santos.

Crimson/Newman Club  91
The Organization of Student Leaders was created out of the necessity for a formal organization which could meet to share ideas and events happening in each of the clubs. OSL meets every three weeks and hold a retreat every fall and winter. Every club or organization must send a representative to the meetings and the retreat. The 1992 fall retreat was held at The Woodlands northeast of Orlando. Several workshops were held and ideas for the coming year were discussed. The creation of OSL was tradition-breaking itself; no organization like it had ever been assembled.

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Alpha Phi

The Editor’s Note

As the editor of the 1992-1993 Ad Astra yearbook, I cherish this small space to express my personal thoughts, reflections and feelings about this past year. First, I must thank my staff for the countless hours they put into the making of this book. Without them, the book would not be as vibrant, as diverse, as real. Second, I must thank (or kill for suckering me into this) Mike DeRosa. His support got me through the tough times and his enthusiasm inspired me to make this the best book Florida Tech has ever seen. I also must thank Sue Waggoner for all her help (and faith) with this endeavor. I needed someone to pray for me, and I felt the presence with me throughout this year. So many people to thank! One more, though — my best friend. Through it all he believed in me and never let me forget that I was loved. Thank you, sweetie. I'll love you always.

I think you will find this book a true example of what Florida Tech is all about. This is your yearbook of your life at Florida Tech. The campus is so diverse, and everyday something new is happening. We all say we live in Melboring, but do we really? If we do, then it is up to us to change it. Break some barriers, some records, some traditions. Life is what you make it. Always remember, “It is by the real we exist, but it is by the ideal that we live.”

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From Doug

I thank all the people that have contributed to making this book. I especially thank two people whom without this book wouldn’t exist:
To Sue: I thank you for all your hard work and PATIENCE with me. You were always there to help me out or do what our staff couldn’t. We all appreciate it and now know who the Mom of the yearbook is.
To the Boss: Yeah you Andreal! Thanks for all the work you put into the book. This book is yours, enjoy it! You’ve done a great job & should be proud.
Sports at Florida Tech have always been tradition-breaking. From our strong crew team to the invincible Lady Panthers, Florida Tech has continued to "sport" excellent records. Florida Tech sports follow a long line of tradition-breaking wins, and the 1992-1993 year was no exception. In 1992, the soccer team won the NCAA Division II title. In 1993, the Lady Panthers won the Sunshine State Conference championship, putting them even closer to the NCAA Division II playoffs.

Many other sports at Florida Tech have broken tradition. Surfing on a competitive level has grown this year, with many of the surfers carrying home title wins. Many students also participate in beach volleyball, an ever growing popular sport.

No matter what sport it is, Florida Tech will continue to lead the pack in wins — and breaking tradition.
Breaking the Monotony
Student Sports

Not all of the athletes here at Florida Tech are involved with organized club or varsity teams. A large portion of the student body participates in outside sports. From volleyball games in the sand courts behind Campbell Hall to racquetball in the "caves," students always found a way to stay active and energetic. Windsurfing, jogging, tennis, and swimming... the list never ends. As the year progressed and friendships grew stronger, it was easy to pick out the 'groups' by seeing who played together on the weekends. For instance, one could almost always find the men of Campbell's second floor spiking, serving, and volleying their ways into each others lives. Health, happiness, and good clean fun; that's what Florida Tech is all about.
Breaking the

"She shoots ... she scores!"

Scoreboard

What does a lay-up, a three-pointer, or a stuff mean to today's college female? Quite a bit if she's a member of the Lady Panthers, Florida Tech's Women's Basketball Team. This season, the women proved once again that they have what it takes to succeed both on and off the court. Said Freshman small forward Liz Reusch, "Playing basketball at Florida Tech is very demanding. The practices run late, and I'm always tired, but it all pays off in the long run. There's nothing like the feeling of sinking a perfect basket. I try to capture that feeling, and the desire for success, in everything I do." When the ladies took to the court, their teamwork was outstanding. It's obvious that for the Lady Panthers it's never "just another ballgame"—it's another chance to win.

Beauty and Power- The girls pose for a picture before their weekend trip to Kentucky.
Shootin' Hoops - (left) Liz R. waits for a ride to the gym. With all of Liz's bags, it's amazing that she had room to sit in the car. (below) A Lady Panther ready to pass.
Breaking the Set

Tennis, anyone?
Every evening, the clay courts outside the dorm circle came alive with little yellow balls. Balls bounced, balls rolled, and balls soared through the air at incredible speeds. Was this a training camp for the U.S. Open? No, it was Florida Tech’s Tennis Team, preparing to capture yet another victory. This year, The players came forward with new energy; looking forward to every point, every set, and every game. For these young people, tennis was not merely a hobby. Rather, it was a true sport for athletes serious about perfection. How could we expect anything less from the Panthers?
Breaking the Backboard

Slam-Dunking the Competition
Panther pride ran high this year as the men swept the court clean with smooth moves, swift technique, and superior strategies. Florida Tech’s Mens Basketball Team controlled the court in a seemingly effortless fashion, yet it wasn’t quite as easy as it looked. The Panthers took to the court each afternoon; not just to shoot some hoops, but to work seriously on mastering the game they love. All the effort certainly paid off, for as usual, the Panthers gave us something to be proud of. Their performances left their coaches smiling, and the crowds cheering for more.

Come on, Guys. Afternoon games among friends helped some members of the Panthers improve their game skills, as well as their sense of humor.
Breaking a Sweat

Pumping Iron

It's Not as Easy as it Looks- (below) Curling built biceps for this student that any linebacker would envy. Weight belts helped to prevent injuries from overlifting and improper form.

For the majority of the student athletes here at Florida Tech, the weight room was a primary source of power. Countless hours were spent curling, lifting, pushing, and pulling; all to achieve one thing: raw strength. In this tiny room on the second floor of the gymnasium, where the stench of sweat is almost as strong as the bodies that create it, muscles are transformed into mountains. This year, those wishing to pump some iron had $6000 worth of new equipment to help torture them. But through the pain, the strain, and the agony, the students persisted. Just look at the results!
Smile While You Struggle - The shoulder press seemed to give this grinning upperclassman no trouble at all. Look closely and you'll see why - there's no weight on it!
Breaking the River

Power 10-Men and Women's Crew

Listen up. For those of you that think that crew is a sport for: a) tall jocks that didn’t make the basketball team, b) rich snobs, or c) psychotic vampires who never sleep, well think again. Rowing is one of the most physically demanding sports around. It works the legs, the back, and the arms. Complete concentration is required in order to perform all of the functions of a correct stroke, push hard, and obey the commands of the coxswain. Now try to keep all of this in mind while sitting in a boat just wider than your hips and thinner than an eggshell. Not a comforting thought, eh? But crew, strangely enough, is highly addictive. Once a rower takes that first perfect stroke, they’re hooked for life. They might even be ready to wake up at 5 a.m.

Rowers at Florida Tech are a special breed of athlete. They are bound together by boat. They work together, sweat together, and laugh together. And in the end, rowers at Florida Tech win together.

Bold Blades- Oars line the walls at the boathouse. Each school in competition has a different blade design.
Ready, Row! (left) Under the bridge...
The Red Hot Chili Peppers never pictured it this way. (below) The dreaded erg room traps the Novice Men.

... — Two of the four crew coaches, Jeb and Mary, suck up to the camera in this Kodak moment. Mary is probably smiling because she's done something screwy and hasn't gotten caught.

Mens and Womens Crew
Breaking Bones

The Training Room

Anyone who's had a physical or any type of sports injury at Florida Tech has probably visited the little suite next to the locker room in the gym. The training room was a space where one could receive physical therapy, find ice for a hurt limb, or merely find tape for a blister. Under the guidance of Ray Gonzalez, the training staff kept our athletes on their feet and playing hard. We all owe them a round of applause for a job well done.
Breaking Dates

The Scheduling Mess of an Athlete

What athlete hasn’t had schedule conflicts? Sometimes it’s hard to remember that we’re here, after all, to get an education, not just pursue the sporting life. Often, however, our sports won out. We broke dates with our friends, squeezed in studying between practices, and sometimes let laundry go unwashed much, much longer than it should have been. But after a while, it got easier to juggle the added responsibilities that sports produced. And in the end, everything fell into balance.

Say Cheez! (above) Even with busy rowing schedules, Pablo and Lisa managed to find the time to hang out together. (right) It ain’t easy bein’ cheezy. Pamela Guyton is so busy that she can’t find time to clean off her desk. Where does she study?
Breaking the Surface

Wet Dreams

**Sonar**—Rob O’Neill makes his way back to the judging stand after the “death heat” in an SSA contest.

Caution: Talking to members of Florida Tech’s Surf Team can be hazardous to your health. Water may run out of their noses at inopportune moments, their eyes may be redder than cherry tomatoes, and they might talk openly about “goin’ sick”, “eating it”, and “shredding the face”. But let them dry out a bit and you’ll find a great group of people. This year, the team competed in both the SSA and NSSA College Divisions, winning top rankings at almost every contest. From Sebastian Inlet to St. Augustine, surf team members could always be found ripping it up, and sharing the stoke.
(left) Mike is happy because he's in sunny Florida, surfing in a contest, and it's snowing at his house in New Jersey.

(right) Strolling the beach before his heat, a competitor checks out where the best peak is. The highest points were given to the surfer that pulled off the most radical moves in the critical section of the largest wave.

Tough? Judge for yourself.

(left) The tents held the point tabulators, trophies, and a lot of beer at this contest in New Smyrna. Surf team members carpooled for up to three hours to get to contests, and partied the night before in cheap motels.

Surf Team 111
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I want the wind to call me home,
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