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One night, a small group of students decided that after two years of absence, it was about time that the Florida Tech student had a yearbook to document and preserve the wonderful memories of college life. They tried to focus the book on all the important aspects of college - academics, extracurricular activities, and the social atmosphere. The staff targeted each member of the audience starting with the incoming freshman and ending with the graduating seniors. Like the yearbook, the new academic year provided many students and organizations the opportunity for a fresh start.
On August 20, 1996, hundreds of new and innocent students arrived at the Florida Tech campus unsuspecting of the crazy antics prepared for their arrival. The New Student Orientation staff had scheduled a week full of social gatherings, meetings, and the occasional placement exam. On move-in day, the Greek community came out very early in the morning to help the staff unload and carry all the luggage and furniture that had travelled over hundreds of miles. They anticipated the arrival of cars and vans filled to capacity, but for a few unfortunate movers, nothing could prepare them for the occasional U-Haul truck. Highly armed with several bags of M&M’s and toilet paper rolls, the Orientation Counselors get with their group of new students helping them open up and interact with the other new students. On the first night, many of the new students attended the Karaoke Party which brought out several unexpected singers - some good and some needing practice. CAB did their part in making the new students comfortable by bringing in the juggling comedian, Mark Nizer. In order to introduce the students to the extracurricular activities on campus, Student Activities held an Organizational Showcase which was extremely popular due to the two Virtual Reality games held in the center. For the first time this year, the Greeks were separated from the organizational showcase, presenting their Sororities and Fraternities at the Greek Rush Kick-Off Cook-Out. By the end of this week, the new students were ready to tackle their first year at Florida Tech and finally free of the rules set by their parents (but hopefully intelligent enough to set their own rules). Then there was the Orientation Staff, exhausted but content with the job they had performed and ready to start their own year of college whatever it be their second, third, fourth or fifth year.
Memorable Events (maybe)

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(Opposite page, top) Giving the display of true school spirit, the Panther mascot poses for a video button.

(Opposite page, center) Two members of orientation staff take a rare opportunity to relax before running off to their next event.

(Opposite page, bottom) The crazy, spirited, and not yet completely exhausted Orientation Staff before the completion of the week.

(Top left) One of the required events for all freshman was to get their picture taken for the school ID.

(Top right) Many new students got the chance to experience virtual reality at the organization showcase.

(Bottom) One of many OC meetings to get the new students comfortable with each other.
"I like to eat in the RAT because it has this atmosphere - like a hang out feel to it." - Rodney Cooper, Senior in Science Education

"The SUB is a great because Carol can cook very well." - Marcus Darnell, Freshman in Aerospace Engineering

"The SUB is my favorite place to eat, mainly for their coffee." - Jennifer Butts, Junior in Chemical Engineering

"I like the RAT, because I like pizza and Evans doesn't serve pizza." - Mike Gonsalves, Junior in Applied Mathematics/Oceanography
and Hang-out...
What to do in your spare time...

If another person says, “There’s just nothing to do on this campus…”, then they need to open their eyes a little wider and pull their heads up from their pillows. Close to a hundred organizations ranging from honor societies to athletics to social groups exist on the Florida Tech campus, trying their hardest to give students a break from the daily routine of classes. Even if students do not get involved with a campus organization, they still have a chance to see productions given by a few of the performing organizations. The top of the list is the Campus Activities Board. This group schedules several performers such as comedians, musicians, and hypnotists to perform for the students nearly every week during each semester. The International Student Service Organization does its part in bringing the international culture found on the campus to each student with performances like the fashion show, FM17, and the IVth Annual Culture show. The campus theatrical group, College Players puts on one big theatrical production each semester in Gleason Auditorium. This year they performed Jekyll & Hyde and Much Ado About Nothing. Gleason also houses many off campus groups performing concerts including the Christmas Messiah concert. Meanwhile Auxiliary Services try their best to bring concerts and major food events to the students. And if all of this still is not enough, there are several wild parties that many of the organizations throw that will easily fill up one evening.

(Below left) Gary Postlethwait, Tony Colichio, and Lee Frey perform in College Players’ Spring Performance of Much Ado About Nothing. 

(Top) Miranda Huddleston takes part in CAB’s Orientation presentation.

(Below right) Auxiliary Services provide entertainment with their occasional barbecues and concerts.
(Top left) ISSO brought fashion to the Florida Tech campus this Fall. 
(Bottom left) Olive Henry gets ready for her performance in ISSO’s annual Culture Show.

(Top right) Students even had a chance to see Handel’s Messiah. 
(Bottom right) Matt Nicholson relaxes into his role in College Players’ Fall production of Jekyll & Hyde.
No matter what time it is, someone will be awake in your dorm.

"The best memory I have as an RA of Shaw Hall was when the water pipes broke, and the residents and I were out mopping hot water at 3:00 a.m." - Carol-Ann Lewis, Senior
Ah, dorm life… There’s nothing like moving from the safe solitude of home, into the noisy and often chaotic dorms. However, this year the dorms were packed full of new surprises. Not only did the dorms receive a makeover with new paint and blinds, but a MicroFridge and internet connections were installed in each room. With these new comforts, the only worries the residents faced were the roommate test (how long two people can live in one room) and whether the water was safe to use. Even though the dorms often seemed like party central on some nights, the Resident Assistant, or neighborhood RA, seemed to do an ample job keeping the dorms under control during the week and especially during exam time. On the other side of campus is Southgate, a set of apartments needing major renovations. These apartments provide students and employees a chance to be separated from the crowd on campus without being too far away. Then, of course, there is Roberts Hall. ‘Nuff said… New and old students must agree, that no matter which dorm they lived in, the most precious memory that they will take away with them is the friendship that develops from being so close.
(Left) Robert Pratt takes a break from his studies to discuss class with Michelle Fillingim.

(Right) As ‘Bumba’ Julian discovers, sitting in front of the Sal can provide a comfortable break.

Chris Durie, Heidi Streeter, Mike Hall, and Kirstin De Geer return with food from one of their many study breaks hoping this will last them for the next few hours until the next break.

“The scary thing is... studying can actually be a lot of fun.”
- Kirstin De Geer, Sophomore in General Biology
There are days when a lonely student stuck for the hour break between classes ponders where to go and what to do. Unfortunately eating every break can end up detrimental to a student’s health (major weight gain), therefore they must look for other avenues of distractions. One place to find many students lounging around is in the class quad. Due to the wonderful weather which stays sunny for three-fourths of the year, many students are found cat-napping in the sun for a few minutes, reviewing lecture notes, or sharing the every day gossip between a group of friends. Another mass of students can be found in the library browsing the web, checking out ancient books, reading the newspapers, and mostly hiding in the corners of the second, third and fourth floor just so they can have some quiet study time (outside of their dorms). If you happen to look in the computer room on the second floor, you will see many students cramming to get their papers and lab reports done five seconds before class starts (or in some ambitious cases, a few months). When it comes to exam time, some students will lock themselves away in the rooms, while others will form study groups where they maximize their knowledge not to mention the number of study breaks they will take.

~Views on Your Education~

“Florida Tech is the most challenging place to attend college and the most stressful.” - Duane James, Sophomore in Aeronautical Science with Flight/Mathematics Education

“This school has a diversified group of people from around the world, which is an educational experience in itself.” - Drew Phelps, Senior in Business Administration

“I have learned that truly superior pilots are those who use their superior judgment to avoid situations in which they might need to use their superior skills.” - Catherine Costick, Aeronautical Science with Flight Option
~What to do in your spare time?~

“I like to hang out with my friends”
  ~ Carol-Ann Lewis, Senior in Business Administration

“Actually, I like to relax in my room”
  ~ Sherece Wade, Freshman in Ocean Engineering

“I like to relax in the Jungle or hang out in my apartment”
  ~ Mike Hall, Sophomore in Marine and Molecular Biology

“I like to sit at the tables in the quads”
  ~ Sharie Lasik, Senior in Pre-professional and Molecular Biology

~Any crazy thoughts...~

“Why is the hoagie building called the Sub?”
  ~ Kelly Pohlig, Freshman in Marine Biology

“My best memory is turning down my #1 NFL draft pick options so that I could accept my Nobel prize and continue my planet saving efforts. My worst memory is realizing that my best memory is only an illusion.”
  ~ Roland Stone, Sophomore in Environmental Science

~How do you handle your busy schedule?~

“Time Management is the key words.”
  ~ Rod Cooper, Senior in Science Education

“Time manages itself.” ~ Mike Gonsalves, Junior in Applied Mathematics and Oceanography
Time to Look Your Best

People
Seniors

School of Aeronautics & School of Business

Brian Dunn
Aviation Management/
Flight Technology

Lurise Harrack
Aviation Management

Katherine S. Jones
Aviation Management

Ruth Arlene Ladd
Aviation Management/
Flight

Kevin Mueller
Aviation Management

Jawad Rachami
Aviation Management/
Flight

James Roebuck
Aviation Management/
Flight

Robert L. Aiken
Business Administration

Raquel Denee’ Davis
Business

Jennifer E. Fronk
Business

Aubin-Thierry Goporo
Business

Drew Arthur Phelps
Business Administration

Ray Santos
Business

Tanja Sluzenski
Business Administration

Petrus H. Soelaiman
Business Administration

18 People
College of Engineering

&

College of Science and Liberal Arts

Alison M. Kempster
Biological/Chemical Oceanography

Francoise Laberiopte
Oceanography

Hiroyuki Nakayama
Aerospace Engineering

Chad M. Sereno
Computer Science

David Sessa
Computer Science

Ajit Shrestha
Computer Engineering

Jason S.W. Stewart
Civil Engineering

Monica de Vargas
Mechanical Engineering

Kiara R. Banks
Marine & Molecular Biology

Chiara Benitez
Space Sciences

Rod Cooper
Science Education

Daniel B. Guastella
Marine & Molecular Biology

Barry K. Horne, Jr.
Humanities (History)

Thomas Stanek
Marine Biology/Aquaculture

"What we leave behind in our lives is not as important as how we have lived our lives..."

"The hopeful man sees success where others see failure, sunshine where others see shadows and storms." – Orison Swett Marden

People
Graduating Seniors Not Pictured

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Aerospace Engineering
Alekander S. Antic
Mark Hatfield Bray
Christopher Giffilche
Nier Schmitt
Christine Anne Simons
Orlando Torres

Chad Michael Sereno
Manuel Sieiro

Electrical Engineering
Anwar Fahad Al-Azmi
Rafael E. Ayala
Jon Adam Churnell
Nicolas Guy Ehrlicher
Brian Mark Fischer
Salm Aziz Mochdar
Ian Douglas Pratt
Sean Fitzpatrick Sullivan
Peter Hristov Velikin
Mark James Walters
Tony Wayne White
Donald Robert Wirth

Environmental Science
Michelle Lee Fredette
Kevin Andrew Grace
Axel Momm
Pamela Romaine Sever

Mechanical Engineering
Alan Jon Boettjens
Yannick Chaigneau
Efiong Amakoo Ene
Alexandrea Fattacini
Richard F. Jacek
MichaelR. Lipari
Holly-Beth Mathews
Javier Negrete
Jin Allen Seder
Paul Richard Smithey
Kristin Kathleen Spence
Jason Josiah Taylor
Mark A. Voris

Ocean Engineering
Charles Cousin
Harry Charles Freibie
Chiquinquira Gonzalez
Christopher Kent Goshow
Damin Allen Hite
Jennifer John Longberg
Jeffrey Marie Marr
Scott Brandon Scalo
Michael R. Zarnetske

Oceanography/Biological Oceanography
Jeffrey Thomas Barrell, Jr.
Warren Anderson Mitchell

Oceanography/Marine & Environmental Studies
Bryan Thomas Ridgell

Communication
Nathaniel Randolph

Interdisciplinary Science
Jonathan Alexander Bergeron

Mathematics/Computer Science
Richard Edward Hazard

Biological Sciences/Earth Science
Ramona Dianne Smith

Biological Sciences/Ecology
Stephen Donatelli

Biological Sciences/General
Laetitia Mathilde Bernard
Michal D. Halpern

Biological Sciences/Marine Biology
Kiara Rhea Banks
Russell B. Brodie
Lauren Marie Gransonde
Christopher Roman
Lauren Marie Saunter
Angela Clare Shekel
Thomas John Stank, Jr.
Stacy Erin Tucker
Heidi Jo Wadzinski

Biological Sciences/Molecular Biology
Melissa Lynn Harrell
Janice M. Scott

Biological Sciences/Preprofessional Biology
Jelena Veljkovic

Biological Sciences/Preprofessional Biology
Aisha Siddiqua Idrees
Lori Anne Johnson

Biochemistry
Irene Jennifer March

Physical Sciences/Astronomy and Astrophysics
Carolyn Breglia

Space Sciences
Chira Benitez
Christoph Frederic Bertrand
Paul W. Delker
Carlos Garcia-Galan
Martha Lynn Houchens

Aeronaautics/Astronautical Science
Karma Marie Smith

Aeronautical Science/Flight Option
Erik Arnold Linforth
Stephan Denis Listmaque
Ryan David McAfee

Aviation Management
Katherine Susanna Jones
Kevin Anthony Mueller
Jon Paul Myers

Aviation Management/Flight Option
Arthur Justin Balsamo
Jose Enrique Beltran
Andrew Thomas Conlon
Joshua Alexander Danel
Stephen Michael Drey
Johann M. Eolia
Gary Shawn Gaylor
Joseph Michael Goffredi
Brandon Peery Gragg

Bachelor of Arts - Psychology
Judith Brown Connelly
Katrina Ruth Csanadi
Mirjan Farooq
Tracy Leigh Karmazin
Astrid Marie Melendez
Robert Paul Robidoux, Jr.

Bachelor of Science - Psychology
Kelly A. Harrell
April L. Hill
Brigham Jeffrey Mann
Amy M. Millow
Sasha Nicole Reid
John A Vacciano

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS/Business Administration/General Business
Mark Lee Adams
Suqar M. Al-Khalili
Beshaanah Al-Said
Heather Michele Bollinger
Alexander Matthew Byrne
Tiffany M. Casino
Gwendolyn Conesia Clayton
Nebojsa Damjanovic
Raquel Denee Davis
Kieran L. England
Shane David Ferns
Jennifer E. Frank
Emily Woodrum Ham
Steven W. Jackman
Andrew Jacob Kingsley
Carol Ann L. Lewis
Daniel G. Morales
Marcus Andrew Richardson
Mahdi Shiti
Daniel McWilliam Skinner
Robert Paul Terry
Ildo Gamoetro Vieira
Erik L. Woldman

SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY
Bachelor of Arts - Psychology
Judith Brown Connelly
Katrina Ruth Csanadi
Mirjan Farooq
Tracy Leigh Karmazin
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Graduation

For some students, the goal of four years was not impossible, but for most students it took up to five years to complete all the courses required for them to finally see their day of graduation. For the Fall 1996 graduates, the best (and final) day of college was December 14, while for the Spring 1997 graduates, that day came on May 3. Parents, families and friends gathered around to watch the nervous seniors walk across the stage in the gym, shake hands with President Weaver, and take with them the honorable degree for which they spent the past few years working towards. For some of the students, they had a job already waiting for them in the outside world, yet others waited anxiously to be handed the opportunity to display some of the knowledge they had gained while in school whether it came from classes or from growing up.

(Top) Many faculty members such as Dr. Hollingsworth and Major Whallen shared in the joy felt by the graduating students. (Center-left) Kathy Turner and President Weaver congratulate seniors during the reception following the commencement exercises. (Center-right) Michelle Fillingim waits with her husband, Matthew, for the Graduate ceremonies to begin. (Bottom) Dr. Norris congratulates two parents on their daughter’s graduation.
Your Thoughts

“Graduating from Florida Tech has been a great experience for me. Florida Tech has given me valuable knowledge that can create formation for my future planning and career.”
- Petrus H. Soelaiman

“Granny, I did it!”
- Jason S. W. Stewart

“Afin me voy de aqui! Adiossss!” - Chiara Benitez

Top left) Proud parents and friends wait outside the Gym after the ending of the ceremony. Top right) Fall graduate Doug Grandey already gets into the high traffic mode of the real world. Center left) Dr. Patterson prepares himself for the Fall Commencement Exercises. Center right) The faculty chat while waiting for the Fall ceremonies to begin. Bottom) Fellow students join Humanities major Barry Home in celebrating the biggest day of his college career.
Shirnel Alleyne, Psychology
Zacharias Babaletiskos, Aerospace Engineering
Josh Bamford, Astrophysics
David Bernstein, Chemical Engineering

Veronica Rose Bobel, Ocean Engineering
C.J. Bock, Civil Engineering
Elizabeth Bonsignore, Aeronautical Science with Flight
Kelly Bonner, Marine Biology

Paul Broman, Computer Science
Jennifer Butts, Chemical Engineering
Nick Callahan, Ocean Engineering
Richard Cannyn, Chemical Engineering

Sherry Cantrell, Aerospace Engineering
Jeff Cheezum, Aerospace Engineering
Jonathan Cies, Physical Oceanography/Ocean Engineering
Juan Carlos Chipi, Computer Engineering
Arun Chitravu, Computer Science
Philip Cobb, Chemical Engineering
Joseph Coleman, Computer Engineering
André Correa, Mechanical Engineering

Catherine Coslick, Aeronautical Science with Flight
Renee Culmer, Aviation Computer Science
“It wasn’t me. It was my evil twin sister.”
Rhonda Culmer, Aviation Management with Flight

Stephanie Curry, Molecular Biology
Marcus T.H. Darnell, Aerospace Engineering
Kirstin DeGeer, General Biology
Benjamin Alan DeGraves, Aerospace Engineering

Robert Dempsey, Business
Ashwin Dhanuka, Computer Science
Shannon Dodd, Marine Biology
Michael Kent Duffy, Aeronautical Science with Flight

Sarah L. Dunford, Ecology and Marine Biology
Christopher Durie, Marine Biology and Aquaculture
James Edsall, Aviation Management with Flight
Fernando B. Ely, Chemical Engineering
Patrick Engel, Chemical Engineering
  Williams “Philly” Espino, Aviation Management with Flight
  Chad Fifer, Marine Biology and Aquaculture
  Ioannis Fournaris, Business/Engineering

  Dustin M. Fredrickson, Computer Engineering
  Malia Fredrickson, General Biology
  Jeff Gallagher, Marine Biology
  James F. Gemmell III, Electrical Engineering

  Mark Gibbs, Aviation Management
  Vivek Gilani, Chemical Engineering
  Debbie Goss, Chemical Engineering
  Jamie Grant, Computer Science

  James D. Gray, Jr, Ocean Engineering
  Julie Gurnee, Marine Biology
  Michael D. Hall, Marine Biology
  Nowell Henry, Computer Engineering

  Jean M. Higgins, Marine Biology
  Amanda Hollis, Marine Biology, General Biology, and Ecology
  Miranda A. Huddleston, Biological Oceanography
  Derek E. Huston, Chemical Engineering

People
Duane L. James, Aeronautical Science with Flight and Mathematics Education
Kristine Jankowski, Marine Biology
Brandon Jennings, Aerospace Engineering
Larry D. Jordan Jr, Aviation Management

Phillip C. Kalmanson, Physics
Dan Kassa, Marine Biology
Christopher Kelly, Marine Biology and Aquaculture
Patty Kelly, Chemical Engineering

Roger F. Kelly, Oceanography
Brian Kohler, Mechanical Engineering
Robert Layton, Chemistry
James Liakus, Mechanical Engineering

Dennis Lorenson, Aviation Management
Zekes Losch, Aviation Management with Flight
Jason Luce, Marine Biology and Ecology
Sabrina Marek, Communications

Kristen Markman, Ocean Engineering
Misti Marlar, Marine Biology and Ecology
Jeremy N. Marsh, Electrical Engineering
Leslie Masten, Computer Engineering
Neville Maycock Jr, Electrical Engineering
Angela McMillian, Marine Biology
Nitesh H. Melwani, Chemical Engineering
Edward J. Middlemiss, Civil Engineering

Jessica Morin, Ocean Engineering
Matt Nicholson, Computer Science
Alex Jason Pacowta, Computer Engineering
Philippe Piram, Aeronautical Science with Flight

Kelly Pohlig, Marine Biology
Jennifer Lee Pounds, Civil Engineering
D. Travis Proctor, Computer Science
Brian Ramos, Physics

Timothy Randall, Aviation Management with Flight
Jennifer Reese, Science Education
Stephanie T. Reese, Preprofessional Biology
Richard Remeika, Psychology

Richard O. Richardson, Electrical Engineering
Carmen M. Rivera, Business
Joseph M. Romandetti, Psychology
Troy Ross, Computer Engineering
Lindsay Rushing, Marine Biology and Aquaculture
Christine Schultz, Marine Biology and Aquaculture
Jason Silverthorn, Computer Science
Jeffrey Simonds, Marine Biology

Tarandeep Sodhi, Aviation Computer Science
Jeffrey Spicer, Aerospace Engineering
Nelson B. Springer, Aeronautical Science
Heidi Streeter, Marine and Molecular Biology

Roland H. Stone, Environmental Science
Shannon L. Swain, Marine Biology
Brook Swanson, Marine Biology
Monica Theilen, Space Sciences

Terry Thompson, Meteorology
David Turner, Aerospace Engineering
Karrina Usery-Townsend, Chemical Oceanography
C. Sheree Wade, Ocean Engineering

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Khalid S. Al-Ghamdi, Computer Science
Bruno Amalberti, Business Administration

M. Hakam Basak, Computer Engineering
Matthew Fillingim, Space Sciences
Robert Pratt, Physical Oceanography
Naren Sonik, Engineering Management

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Aaron Doyle Moore
Abrar Ahmad Qureshi
Agnes Feebee Holmes
Ahmed Al-Mahtawy
Alan G. Gettlerman
Allison Blair Lee
Amelia G. Bailey
Amie Lee Allard
Amy Leigh Denley
Anders Chrostowski
Andrew Kevin Frye
Ann Sherry O'Connell
Ashish Anwar
Ashish Krishna
Ayeshah Nabi
Barbara Jean Henderson
Barbara Louise Higgins
Belen Rosa Garbayo
Betsy Edith MacMillan
Bikram Kumar Das
Bob A. Ferrell
Bobbi Jo Leyes
Bradley James Karet
Brian James Halter
Brian Scott Burns
Brian T. Newman
Brigid Higginbotham
Bruno A. Amalberti
Barton Summerfield, Jr.
Byung-Hun Yum
Camille W. Sewell
Carol Anne Langley
Carol Lynn Ketcherside
Caroline Anne Tourteau
Carrie Leontine Adams
Carroll Crispin Vigil
Catherine Sprungheirn
Cathy Zalona Perez
Charles D. Wilson
Charles David Foy
Charles Foster
Charles O. Weber

Cheryl L. Russell
Cheryl Lynn Ford
Cheryl T. Laflame
Chetan M. Malaviya
Christian J. Kelly
Christine Ann Mydlo
Christopher D. Beidel
Christopher Correia
Christopher Taylor
Christopher W. Smith
Christopher W. Wells
Cynthia Yakar
Craig Robert Cavicchia
Daniel L. Mackay
David Andrew Amas
David Anthony Lee
David J. Spacke
Deborah Sater Carstens
Dennis Edward Brown
Devendra Kumar
Diane G. Losoncy
Diane Glassmeyer
Dilara Eydogan Harper
Dimitrios Nikolaidis
Donald Alan Labad
Donald W. B. Davidson
Dong Zhang
Donghee Kim
Donn Miller-Kermami
Donna Dyer Bar-Navon
Donna Jean Winchell
Donna Lynn Dorais
Doni A. Rinaldi
Douglas W. Wilkins
Dwayne Anthony Burns
Dwayne Burns
Ede Joseph Nair
Emilia Laura Primitzi
Eric Donald Martin
Eric Richard Kern

Eric Scott Bar
Erich Walter Ulthar
Ethan Anthony Russell
Eva Maria Fernandez
Francisco Torres
Frank P. Cheng
Fred L. Fields
Gail M. Talbot
Gerard E. Bensimon
Giftford Coleman
Glen Allen Price
Gregg Richard Poaloski
Griffiths Beth Phelps
Gustavo Gelis
Hannah Yonsef
Hakan K. Borgstrand
Harald J. Ploude, Jr.
Hasseem Al-Aliha Vothal
Hasan Yehia Shaker
Henry Joseph Estery
Hiran Sethupathy
Holly-Beth Cattan
Howard Diane Mison
Hung-Ju Cho
Hyra M. Delaney
Irini Reinhart Spikes
Isabel G. Taitien
Ivanolinn Diaz
Javaoong Chung
Jake Levi Cooper
James Allen Pharrer
James Dinsmore Whitten
James Egan
James Robert Sullivan
Jasselin Queen Wright
Jamil Iqbal
Jamie M. Corner
Janis L. Rubin-Telles
Jason C. McCanna
Jeffery Alan Wallace
Jeffrey K. Opperman
Jeffrey Kent Souder
Jennifer Bennett
Jennifer Carmel Samson
Jennifer Lee Gray
Jennifer Susan Kepps
Joanna Marie Dunley
John Hill Cain
John Joseph Beltran
Joseph Branait

Joseph Matus
Joy L. Jones
Jumi Jeseul Blanco
Julia Sharon Irvin
Julianne Nilan
Julie Anne Eardley
Jun Song
Karen Ann Lademan
Karen Lynn Fulford
Karolina Wamposa
Kathleen M. Hill
Keith Edwin Wey
Kendra Lasonay
Kenneth A. Warren
Keturali Taylor Mazo
Khalid Al-Ghamdi
Kirk Antony Blevins
Kirk W. Schumacher
Kosmon Klimukov
Kristina Tongelee
Kurt John Ziegler
Ladonna Swift Roberts
Laura Ann Goodman
Laura C. Bliesk
Laurel B. Flynn
Leslie N. Mucha
Li Lin
Libra P. Perelles
Liliana Escobar
Lori Ann Cary
Louay Khalifeh
Lufti Ba-Abbad
Lynn Carver Larson
Mahmut Hakan Basak
Mandi Jean Gillespie
Mansi Yedanth Desik
Manuel Gimond
Marcela Renee Rogers
Marcus Boengesser
Margaret Jane Friedlich
Marine Steiner Andreas
Martin Alejandro Alegria
Mary A. Chartoneue
Mary Lou Tomashefsky
Masanori Shintani
Mathew Fillingim
Mechee Charoenpanich
Michael A. Cuff
Michael Bohan
Michael D. Herring

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Michael Glenn Melkonian
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Michael James Slattery
Michael Louis Olivas
Michael Ray Stanion
Michael S. Piskor
Michelle R. Ruskin
Michelle Catherine Theer
Michelle Luisa Castro
Ming-Hong Lee
Ming-Ling Chuang
Minghui Tang
Minshikumar J. Patel
Mohamed El-Khalili Sidi
Mohammed Abdul Hai
Mohyeddin Gal
Monica Perez-Bedmar
Nagahiko Shindo
Narendra Nokal
Nawal El Kharrouri
Nicole Marie Silvestri
Nidal Majed Deeb
Nileen Kumar Ravindran
Pablo Antonio Fernandez
Pamela Gail Luckett
Patricia A. Curtier
Patricia L. Leonard
Patrick A. Simpkins
Peter Lazarievich
Pierre A. Schumacher
Qing Zhang
Reinaldo Simon Harris, Jr.
Raymond B. Quimenes
Richard C. Elliott
Richard Lee Jones
Ricky L. Levine
Rita Carol Valdes
Robbyn Ramee Miller
Robert Charles Walter
Robert Joseph Clark, Jr.
Robert S. David
Robert Steven Dowell
Red Andrew Braun
Ronald G. Vandermeer
Russell W. Pierce
Salilam Adam
Sandra Dantassy Banko
Sandra Jean Sprague
Sandra Scott
Severiano Valentinio Dubler
Shannon Rene Boyle
Shan Ann Edelstein
Shirley P. Bumatay
Shinohiro Zhao
Shunichi Kiyoshi
Siris Malakul
Soo Young Park
Sriuida Rongrassamee
Stephanie A. Salvilla
Stephanie K. Debose
Stephen Richard Cook II
Steven B. Kang
Socharin Karnan
Sukas Arvind Kelkar
Sulaman Al-Zaidali
Susan Dunnewagen Randsong
Susan Marie Oberg
Suzanne Ropke McAllister
Tae-Chan Lin
Tanya E. Plummer
Ted Stephen McNally
Tereza Anne Nelson
Thomas Albert Niemeyer
Thomas Eric Gorsuch
Thomas J. Lazzaro, Jr.
Timothy Patterson, Jr.
Timothy Willifer
Ting Zhao
Tuan Manh Doan
Tuyen Nguyen
Vincent Michael Leyden
Vinhthai Suppaphorn
Wachara Aimsuro
Walter J. Thervil
Walter E. Jones
Wen-Chun Tiao
Wenhua Qian
William David Fleming
William Harry Johnson
William Ted Maul
Yun-Feng Chen
Yipei Shen
Young Ho Choi
Young Min Jo
Youssou Heng
Yuan-Piao Lee

People
The College of Science and Liberal Arts is divided into five departments: Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Physics and Space Sciences, Science Education, and Humanities. These five departments administer fourteen programs of study including Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Communication, Computer Education, Environmental Education, Humanities, Interdisciplinary Science, Managerial Communication, Mathematics Education, Physics, Science Education, Space Sciences, and Technical and Professional Communication. Not only could Biology students volunteer in the construction of the new aquaculture facility this year, but they are encouraged to participate in research such as environmental toxicology, population ecology, and cellular and molecular genetics. The Physics and Space Sciences department specializes in subjects including theoretical solid state physics, experimental condensed matter, experimental optics, and theoretical astrophysics to name a few. The Humanities department allowed students the chance to work in a communications laboratory and offers historical walking tours to the community. They also present informative and very entertaining speakers to the campus and community during the Humanities Lecture Series. The college offers the following degrees in most of their programs: a Bachelor of Science, a Bachelor of Arts, a Master of Science, a Certificate in Materials Science and Engineering, and a Doctor of Philosophy.

(Top) Remember those four hour Organic Chemistry labs. Wear those goggles and closed shoes!
(Center left & right) Out on the Delphinus, students in Dr. Shenker’s Biology and Aquaculture classes get the opportunity to see many different critters.
(Bottom left) Why grow cultures of bacteria when there are so many growing in nearby MicroFridges?
(Bottom right) Many students took part in breaking ground for the new aquaculture facility.
The School of Business offers Bachelor of Science degrees in Business Administration as well as Master of Business Administration degrees. Students in this school are given the opportunity to experience real-life problem solving by creating and running real-life business situations. As Dean Hollingsworth said, “Our mission is to prepare students to compete in the global, technological driven, business environment by integrating personalized, applied business experience into a focused, high quality, academic learning experience.”

(Top left) How many labs, other than Physics, would allow students to throw their materials around?

(Top right) This smiling Microbiology lab group must have just completed their experiment.

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College of Engineering

The College of Engineering has four divisions: Division of Electrical and Computer Sciences and Engineering, Division of Engineering Sciences, Division of Marine and Environmental Systems, and the Division of Interdisciplinary Programs. These divisions administer fourteen programs of study including Aerospace Engineering, Applied Mathematics, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Engineering Management, Environmental Engineering, Environmental Sciences, Mechanical Engineering, Ocean Engineering, Oceanography, and Operations Research. Many undergraduate students are offered the opportunity to participate in graduate and faculty research. This includes Aerospace Engineering’s research in the fluid dynamics of leakage testing and the theory of shear flow instability, and Computer Engineering’s research in Antenna Systems Lab, the RaDeo program’s Remote Sensing, and STADIUM. Undergraduates are heavily involved in their own projects. Two of the most popular are the concrete canoe and the human-powered submarine. On top of all this hands-on experience, students are also required to create, design and build senior projects that are relevant to their majors and to the outside world. The College of Engineering offers the following degrees in most of their programs: a Bachelor of Science, a Master of Science, a Certificate in Materials Science, and Engineering, and a Doctor of Philosophy.

(Top) Undergraduate Mechanical Engineering students work on the structure of the Mini-Baha Vehicle. (Center left) Dr. Iver Dordall talks to two students after his class. (Far page, top left) Robin Pillay and Jassim Alquabandy work on their project in the ME workshop. (Far page, top right) A student works on the new 200 foot long Ocean Engineering wave channel, the biggest of any university.

School of Psychology
Dean Charles K. Prokop, PhD

The School of Psychology offers Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degrees in Psychology as well as Master of Science degrees in Industrial/Organizational Psychology and Doctor of Psychology degrees in Clinical Psychology. Psychology students can participate in several projects such as the National Food Hotline and Drug Addiction Hotline both of which operate through Florida Tech. Graduate students have the opportunity to work in the campus counseling facility, or CAPS. Their goal is to promote the best possible vocational and emotional help while maintaining privacy.
Dean Robert L. Sullivan, PhD

(Center left) Two Ocean Engineering students work diligently to build the Human-Powered Sub.  
(Bottom left) Physical Oceanography students deploy the CTD over the side of the Delphinus.  
(Bottom right) Mechanical Engineering professor and a graduate student perform engine tests.

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The Florida Tech School of Aeronautics is one of the best ranked in the nation. The school is divided into two departments: Aviation Studies and Flight Training. The school offers Bachelor degrees in the following programs of study: Aeronautical Science (flight option available), Aviation Management (flight option available), and Aviation Computer Science. It is also possible to receive a Master of Science degree in Aviation (in either Airport Development and Management or Aviation Science) or a Master of Science degree in Cognitive Human Factors. FAA approved flight training, through the Commercial Pilot Certificate and beyond is an integral part of all flight option majors. The School of Aeronautics is able, under the supervision of the flight training department, to conduct flight training out of university-owned facilities located at Melbourne International Airport. Many students take part in the aviation management intern program giving them the opportunity to work in a real-life setting while making important contacts.

(Top) Two staff members look over one of Florida Tech’s many aircrafts.

(Center left) These happy pilots have developed a lasting friendship out of their major.

(Center right) Jamie Roebuck inspects his plane before his flight.

(Bottom) Highly experienced instructors lead students through flight training.
How to Spend Your "Free" Time

Organizations
“Student Government has had a great year! All of the committees and individual senators have worked hard to ensure that the best interests of the student body are represented to the administration. Issues ranging from the networking of campus and extended meal plan hours, to lab and classroom concerns are just a few, among the many, that found themselves on the Student Government slate this past year.

One important issue for Student Government this year was to revive the Crimson. I am proud not only of the support we found among the student body, but also the enormous support that was offered campus wide. This “coming together” is a true testament of the family atmosphere found on our campus when we choose to work together.

Another area of focus this year has been on student involvement outside of the classroom. Florida Tech can provide an exceptional education, but some people fail to realize that Florida Tech offers more than just classes. The college “experience” is what you make of it; there can be more to life than just classes. Recognizing this fact, Student Government has supported several different programs aimed at providing students the opportunity to get involved in activities outside of the classroom.

There are many changes in the future of Florida Tech, and Student Government will be here to help insure that the student voice is heard as these changes take shape.”

- Travis Proctor, SG President

(Top left) Dennis Lorenson and Travis Proctor relax in Key West during the SG Retreat.
(Top right) Advisors Brian Dailey and Marsha Duncan watch over the SG meetings (not pictured: Dr. Baum).
(Bottom right) Student Government takes pride in addressing pressing issues of fellow classmates.
The main objective of Student Government is to actively and visibly represent the Student Body.

The Academics Committee is responsible for handling any concerns that the student body has concerning their academic standing and/or education while establishing a positive relationship with the faculty. The committee hopes to complete evaluations of the labs on campus, the improvement of student teaching, and the completion of the campus directory.

The Advocates Committee is a public relations link between SG and the student body. The committee is working on a “Dorm Storm” with hopes that students will give feedback and learn more about what SG is doing for them. In the future, the committee plans to provide more feedback to the student body about the proceeding of Student Government.

The Student Life Committee’s responsibilities include coordinating the personal concerns of students. Over the last year, the committee presented a proposal to the Senate that provided matching funds for obtaining a Stairmaster in the weight room. The committee worked with Auxiliary Services to modify the student meal plan and the operating hours of the campus vendors. In addition, the committee replaced a basketball rim on the half court behind Campbell Hall and lighted the nearby sand volleyball court.
The Organization of Student Leaders is a governance organization that meets once every three weeks. Florida Tech boasts over eighty diverse campus organizations, and each organization is required to have a representative at each OSL meeting. Material covered at these meetings include leadership training, financial information, presentations by various speakers and updates on campus events. Every semester OSL sponsors a student leadership retreat to keep students updated on changes in organizational procedures.

(Top left) With hands on buzzers, Kevin Helm, Jason Silverthorn, and Veronica Bobol draw upon their intelligence while practicing for College Bowl, a competition between participating campus organizations.

(Center left) Co-Chair Rod Cooper and Secretary Alexandra Michaels

(Top right) Presiding for his second year, OSL chair, Robert Pratt, addresses the organizations.

(Bottom) OSL provides an opportunity for every campus organization to meet together in one room.
The Student Activities Fee Committee is a student-run committee given the responsibility of disbursing the activities fee that is collected from all undergraduate students to any registered organizations to use for on-campus events. The committee consists of representatives from each of the four school-funded organizations (The Crimson, Student Government, CAB, and FITV), the chair of the Organization of Student Leaders, and three members at large.

(Top) Bright and early at 7:30 a.m. Friday morning, Bob Pratt, Andre Correa, Jennifer Simpson, Sue Waggoner, and Mike Gonsalves drink coffee and eat breakfast as they prepare to look over funding requests submitted by a few of the eighty plus organizations on the Florida Tech campus.

(Bottom) The committee members for 1996/97 include: (left to right) Richard Richardson (Chair), Bryan Kitch (Advisor), Bob Pratt (Secretary), Jennifer Simpson, Cindy Dwyer. (Not pictured) Andre Correa (Treasurer), Mike Gonsalves, Rod Cooper, Kent Duffy, and Sue Waggoner (Financial Advisor).

The Blue Key National Honor Society recognizes students who possess both academic excellence and leadership qualities. Members must have a junior standing and a GPA greater than 3.0. This year, Blue Key has been responsible in creating the Honor Cord presentations for graduating students in every discipline. Deserving graduates who have earned over a 3.0 are recognized by wearing the white, silver, and gold Honor Cords during commencement exercises. Blue Key also participates with the Academic Affairs Office by helping host the annual Honors Convocation. Along with the Student Ambassadors and the Alumni Association, Blue Key provides the graduating seniors with gifts of appreciation at the senior send-off party. As for the lighter side of this organization, Blue Key sponsors an annual excursion to the Orlando Wet ‘n’ Wild park during Spring Break available to any students that remained in Melbourne.

The members of Blue Key National Honor Society include (left to right) Kiara Banks, Dr. Leonard (Advisor), Alison Kempster (President), Robert Pratt, Tanja Sluzenski, Kurin Danklefsen.

The **Student Ambassadors** are a select group of students founded in April, 1995, whose main purpose is the positive promotion of Florida Tech. There are currently 18 Student Ambassadors. Some of the organization’s projects for 1996-1997 included donating three $500 scholarships to upperclassmen for the Fall and presenting a $1600 tuition scholarship to a freshman for the Spring semester. They also hosted the Senior Send-off, delivered birthday cakes purchased by parents to their students, and helped conduct campus tours. The ambassadors also tutored and mentored students from local high schools in their studies.

*(Top)* The dynamic members of the Student Ambassadors include (*top row*) Sarah Fahle, Rachel Bernard (Secretary), Renee Culmer, Neville Maycock; (*center row*) Omar Masud, Jan Julian, Patrick Heiser (Vice President), Sabrina Oryell, Lisa Persnick, Brian Kohler; (*bottom row*) Kelly Loizer, Heidi Hornstra (Historian), Sharie Lasek (President), and Rhonda Culmer. *Not pictured:* Shea Ganley, advisor and Kent Duffy (Treasurer).

*(Center left)* The Student Ambassadors try to make the incoming new students feel comfortable at school in many unique ways.

*(Center right)* President Sharie Lasek, Kent Duffy, and Katy Jones draw in prospective new members at the Organization Showcase.

*(Bottom)* At Family Weekend, Sabrina Oryell and Lisa Persnick present themselves to Ms. Weaver and President Weaver.
The Florida Tech Collegiate Exchange Club is part of a national service organization whose main focus is the prevention of child abuse. To support this theme, the club made several visits to the Florida Children’s Home each semester. The Exchange Club executed Jail ‘n’ Bail with Panhellenic and sold “Human-i-tees” T-shirts with SEA. They donated the “Freedom Shrine” which was dedicated by Dr. Patterson and can be viewed on the third floor of the library. To support activity in the college community, the Exchange Club sponsored CPR classes, a bowling trip and a Disney trip this year. The officers were President - Liz DellaSelva (Fall)/Debbie Goss (Spring), Vice President - Debbie (Fall)/Sheree Wade (Spring), Secretary - Dallas Maupin, and Treasurer - Dave Sessa. Go XΔα.

(Top) Founded at Florida Tech by students in the Fall of 1994, the Collegiate Exchange Club has flourished to approximately 20 members.

(Center Left) Advisor Lisa Depew participates in Kids’ Day at the Melbourne Square Mall.

(Center Right) Doug Grandey and Barry K. Horne represent the Florida Tech chapter at the National Convention.

(Bottom) Fall graduate, Robert Aiken takes a child’s ID photograph for KidCare.
Florida Tech’s weekly newspaper, the Crimson, finally made a solid return to the campus after two years of on and off publications. Under the leadership of freshman Sabrina Marek, the Crimson steadily improved over the semester gaining a solid staff of dedicated writers and photographers. Every week, students could learn of important national news, significant campus events, and the listings of upcoming campus activities. Noticed and respected by many upperclassmen, the material within the newspaper finally broke away from the traditional opinionated stories to quality written articles.
The Panther Spirit Club is an open organization responsible for supporting Florida Tech Athletics. With such members as Nawanda, the school mascot, the Clownheads, and the supporting cast of other Florida Tech Organizations, the Spirit Club adds noise and color to all athletic events. However, the Spirit Club doesn’t stop there. By participating in most school sponsored events, such as Homecoming, Poor Man’s Mardi Gras, and Big Man On Campus, this club demonstrates what school spirit means.

(Top left) A few of the members of the Spirit Club prepare for the introduction of the Clownheads to the Homecoming crowds.

(Top right and Bottom) Nawanda uses crazy antics to excite the athletic spectators.
The Campus Activities Board is one of the largest organizations at Florida Tech providing the campus with entertainment every other week throughout the Fall and Spring. CAB brings in talented performers such as magicians, hypnotists, and comedians. They also sponsor coffeehouses, movies, and trips to the major theme parks. CAB’s goal is to provide entertainment for the Florida Tech community so that they may have something other than academics to do throughout the semester.

(Above) The hard-working members of CAB include (1st row, left to right) Dustin and Malia Fredrickson, Jackie Barcomb, Richard Richardson (President), Pat Simone (up), Jenna Butts, Bryan Katchay (advisors), (2nd row, left to right) Renee’ Culmer, Rhonda Culmer, and Georgiana Tynes. (Right) Hypnotised by Tom DeLuca, John Tesmer and Mitch Tomlin dance like ballerinas.

If you went to basketball games this last season, you might have noticed something very unusual. Yes, you could actually hear music being played by the Florida Tech Pep Band! The band has helped bring a lot of spirit to the Basketball games at Florida Tech. The band even had the opportunity to play at the Sunshine State Championship at Lakeland. The band also had several TV appearances. The Music Club also sponsored the new rock band called the 1-ders (Uno-ders). The 1-ders did their debut performance in the ISSO Culture show. Because of bringing music and adding spirit to the Florida Tech campus, the Music Club was awarded the Most Improved Organization.

(Top) The new rock band, 1-ders, made their debut at the annual ISSO Culture Show.
(Bottom) The Florida Tech Pep Band rehearses for their performances at the basketball games.

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The **Dance Association** is a performing arts group that provides free dancing lessons to any Florida Tech student by a professional dance instructor. The dancers perform at least once a year, and this Spring, they chose to perform in the ISSO Culture Show. The Dance Association teaches a variety of different styles of dancing such as the Rumba, Salsa, Tango, Cha Cha, Fox Trot, Ballroom, and Country.

*Left* Corine Martin and Christophe Bertrand present one of the Dance Club’s many styles of dancing during the 1996 ISSO Culture Show.

*Above* Five talented members of the Dance Club including the President Richard Richardson take a moment from their practice to pose.

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**One of Amnesty International’s Statements:**

“Gyaltsen Drolkar, a Tibetan nun, was 19 years old when she was arrested and tortured in 1990 for taking part in a peaceful pro-independence demonstration. While serving her four year sentence in Drapchi prison in Lhasa, she and 13 other nuns recorded pro-independence songs and messages to their families on a crude tape recorder. When the tape was distributed throughout Tibet, Gyaltsen Drolkar and the other nuns were charged with “spreading counter-revolutionary propaganda” and given additional eight year sentences in 1993.

In Tibet, the Chinese Government is conducting a ruthless crackdown on any form of political dissent. Tibetan politics and religion are very closely linked, so the focus of the crackdown has been on the priests, monks and nuns of the Buddhist faith. Amnesty International considers Gyaltsen Drolkar and her fellow nuns to be Prisoners of Conscience - persons imprisoned solely for the peaceful expression of their beliefs.”

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“**Amnesty International** is an independent, worldwide human rights organization of over 1.2 million members that works to free all people detained for the non-violent exercise of belief, or for their race, sex, ethnicity, language, or religion. They work for fair and speedy trials for political prisoners and for an end to torture, “disappearances”, political killings, and the death penalty. Their work is based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international agreements such as the Geneva Conventions. Alcondemns taking hostages and killing or torture of prisoners by armed opposition groups.”

*Left* During the Homecoming parade, the Oppressors John Tesmer and Elizabeth Scolafani ordered and pushed the Oppressed (left to right) Troy Ross and Michael Gonsalves.
The College Players is an entirely student-run theatrical organization that inhabits Gleason auditorium. With two main stage performances during the year, College Players completed up the 1995-1996 school year with Agatha Christie’s Ten Little Indians and Michael Frayn’s Noises Off! Entering the current school year, College Players started the Fall semester with Jekyll & Hyde, and continued into the Spring with William Shakespeare’s Much Ado About Nothing. Offstage, College Players successfully participated in intramural football, created a roaming troupe for seasoned and new actors, and submitted a prize-winning float for Homecoming ’97.

(Top) Growing rapidly in numbers, the membership of College Players two years ago was close to twenty, yet during 1996-1997, the number of dedicated members approach sixty.

(Center) Mr. Poole (Gary Postlethwait) chastises the timid Charlotte (Shannon Swain) in this Fall’s production of Jekyll & Hyde.

(Bottom) Heidi Streeter commands her slaves, Lee Frey, Mike Canonica, and Chad Sereno to pull College Players’ third place ‘Where’s Waldo’ float.
"Theatre is an outward expression of human emotions that people need to share with each other. Every aspect of theatre is part of the whole of this simple definition. Yet the whole is still not the sum of its parts. For the outward expression cannot be confined to a single ingredient. A person cannot simply say, 'Aha! Here it is! I know the one thing which makes theatre great!' There is no formula, no equation, no logic that anyone could invent that could explain the essence, the beauty of theatre. Perhaps that is why, at a technical school, the arts have found a home. It is one of the few experiences in our college lives that does not require nor warrant textbooks, lectures, or assignments filled with equation and/or logic."

-Frank Gutiere

(Top left) Following the last performance of Jekyll and Hyde, Dr. Lanyon (Rodand Stone) hams it up for the historian.

(Top right) Mr. Utterson (Matt Nicholson) checks the condition of Mr. Poole (Gary Postlethwaite) after their final encounter with the dangerous Mr. Hyde.

(Center) Always posing for the camera, College Players’ President, Cindy Dewey, prepares for her part as Brooke/ Vicki in Noises Off!

(Bottom) As confusion turns into chaos, the cast of Noises Off succeed once again at making the audience hysterical with laughter.
Students for Environmental Awareness entered its second year of reincarnation with a small but resounding bang. The organization started with a beach clean-up and the showing of the *Lorax*. This year the officers are Misti Marlar (President), Pat Kelly (Vice-President), Julie Garnecki (Secretary, Fall), Monica Theilen (Secretary, Spring), Mike Gonsalves (Treasurer), and Will Waskey (Historian). When not out hugging trees and bonding with nature, they were able to pull together a slightly wacky, but dedicated organization. Again this year, was the ever popular canoe trip/clean-up (no tipped canoes this year). SEA set up a table at Harbortfest and even toured a wastewater treatment plant (which was much more interesting than it sounds). The organization would like to thank Dr. Windsor for all his help as advisor (and for all those sugar highs at the meetings). Peace, harmony, and unity with nature.

(Top) The members include (1st row, left to right) Miranda Hadlee, Dr. Windsor (advisor), Matt Owen, Patrick Kelly, Will Waskey, Sheldon Braintrane, Andrew Northcott, (2nd row) Melanie Severin, Stacy Keene, Monica Theilen, Misti Marlar, and Julie Garnecki.

(Above Left) All ready to snorkel with the manatees, if only they could depart...

(Above Right) Misti Marlar and RoKelly pick up trash.

(Right) Beach cleaner-uppers scour the beach for any piece of disgusting litter.
In the last year, the Science Fiction and Fantasy club has overcome internal strife to become a successful campus organization. The club reorganized their library so it would be more accessible to the student body. Club events have grown in number as well as size. The first Magic: The Gathering Tournament held by the club last year drew mainly from the student population. This year the Tournament drew people from as far away as Georgia. The internal reorganization of the club has resulted in a bi-weekly newsletter and many future plans for the club. The Science Fiction and Fantasy web page maintained by the club has attracted the attention of perspective students.

FITV is a closed-circuit TV station broadcasting on Channel 5 to Florida Tech dormitories, student social areas and several classrooms. This past year FITV offered free advertising for students and other organizations, and produced five weekly campus news programs. They also started several live productions such as RAD TV with the Reverend Adam Duccini, and other random strokes of genius.

(Opposite) Randy Brou, David Sepean, and Jason Silverthorn play in one of the club’s tournaments.

(Left) The members of the Science Fiction and Fantasy club include (top row) Karen Gaertin, Kevin Helms, Jamie Grant, (bottom row) Randy Brou, Jason Silverthorn, and Chris Duric. Not Pictured - Rupal Amin, Dave Sepean, Mark Fioravanti, Aaron Gelfand.

(Far left) Lucas H., Mike G. and Dave B. make up the production crew of FITV’s weekly live productions of “RAD TV”.

(Top right) Adam Duccini and Richard Cannyn goof off after filming “RAD TV”.

(Bottom right) Lucas H. records the Zeta Chi’s BMOC competition.

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The Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship is a group of students and faculty committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with the campus. They are interdenominational and Bible-centered, and they realize that the simple truth of the gospel is very clear and pure to those with open hearts. For their Spring Break, IVCF took a trip to New Orleans with the purpose to help out two of the major campuses in New Orleans. The group of over 35 students from Florida and Georgia helped to evangelize and to promote each IVCF with concerts, skits, and by being around for people who had questions about God.
Aquaculture Society

The Aquaculture Society is open to all students and faculty who share interests in the fields of Aquaculture. They are pioneers in a newly developing branch of fisheries management that will make up the difference between the population’s demand for seafood and the ocean’s depleted natural stocks. The society’s objective is to educate members on the current developments in aquaculture.

AIChE

The American Institute of Chemical Engineers is open to all chemical engineering students enabling them to interact with their peers and faculty. Guest speakers from the industry are hosted and plant trips are taken throughout the year. The purpose of AIChE is to promote the professional development of its members and to contribute to the development of Chemical Engineering at Florida Tech.
Originally founded in 1925 by fourteen men, *Alpha Phi Omega* began with the foundation to provide service to mankind. Throughout the years, the co-ed service fraternity has grown and now over 600 chapters exist nationwide. The Alpha Gamma Rho chapter was established at Florida Tech on February 22, 1992. Although young, this chapter has become a well-known group on campus recognized by their successful paper recycling program. They currently recycle 10-12 large barrels of paper every week, and the proceeds from the recycling go to Pro-Arc, an organization that helps the physically and mentally challenged citizens of Brevard County. Alpha Phi Omega participates in many forms of ongoing services including Habitat for Humanity, Scouting for Food, Turkey Creek Clean Up, beach clean-ups, and Make a Difference Day. Besides service, the fraternity participates in many campus activities such as intramurals and Homecoming.
The National Society of Black Engineers is an academic organization dedicated to the development of intensive programs for increasing Black and other ethnic minority participation in the fields of engineering and engineering technology.

The objectives of the Florida Tech student chapter of NSBE are to increase the knowledge and awareness of the contribution of Black and other ethnic minority engineers to society; to establish and maintain a vital link between students and the industrial community; and to assist in the development of tomorrow’s engineers.

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers organizes and assists meetings, seminars, lectures, and social activities pertaining to the engineering sciences. SHPE’s objectives are to promote the professional development of its members by providing opportunities for contact with organizations and individuals of the different branches of the engineering sciences. They also encourage the integration of Hispanic minorities of the different disciplines into the engineering sciences while promoting the technical and engineering relations with Latin American universities, industries, and the community.
PsiChi is the national honor society in psychology founded in 1929. The Florida Tech chapter qualifications are nine psychology hours at Florida Tech, a GPA of 3.0, and a class rank in the upper third. The 1997 inductees are: Viviana M. Ayala, Scott A. Bartman, Jessica A. Bjork, Judith Brown Connelly, Thomas Hill Crosby (President), Nicole M. Emmerling, Kelly A. Harrell, Cynthia Ann Heath, April L. Hill, Deborah Maria Hood (Vice-President), Kimberly Howard, Tracy Leigh Karmuza, Alexandra Maniathis, Jessica Elizabeth McDonald, Kimberly Dianne Miller, Amy M. Millow, Bonnie J. Schuster, Katy Steadman-Rae, and Karin Swartz (Secretary/Treasurer).

The Society for Advancement in Management just started on the Florida Tech campus this year with the help of the School of Business. SAM provides an opportunity for members to increase management skills and expertise through participation in programs and services designed to improve the professional quality of their knowledge, performance, and leadership ability. This is done through their community service, interaction with other student organizations and Florida Tech faculty, involvement in National SAM programs, and communication with management and other types of professionals.
The American Society for Civil Engineers participated in the Southeastern Regional Conference held at UCF, Orlando in March finishing 7th place overall, and 2nd place in the Concrete Canoe Competition. This year's canoe, "Chip off the old block", was Florida Tech's sixth concrete canoe. The canoe weighed about 80 pounds and was 19 feet long. At Nationals, the competition was split into academic events and the races. Florida Tech placed 1st in the technical paper and oral presentation, 2nd in the visual display, and 8th in the canoe finish. In the races they got 5th in the women's sprint, 3rd in the men's sprint, 2nd in the coed sprint, 2nd in women's distance, and 1st in the men's distance. Florida Tech placed 1st overall, and won the Spirit of Competition Award.
The American Chemical Society currently has 10 active members, and their special events pull in approximately 50 people. Each year ACS holds two ice-cream socials. Students and faculty can make their own ice-cream using liquid nitrogen which often results in very unusual and unique flavors. The group also sponsors a glass blowing workshop each Spring which teaches students how to create glass figurines. On “Laser Day”, ACS members give chemical demonstrations to high school students in order to get them more interested in chemistry.
The **Students for the Exploration and Development of Space** work to keep the campus informed of the latest news and events of the space program. SEDS also organizes regular trips to the Kennedy Space Center to view shuttle launches. The project currently being worked on is the GAS Can project (Get-Away Special Canister). This is a self-operating experiment encased in a canister which will eventually be placed in the payload of a space shuttle. When in flight the experiment, which involves the study of sprites or upward-propogating lightning, will perform on its own.

The **Society of Physics Students** is a professional society dedicated to bringing those in physics-related fields together. Another duty of this society is to create a good relationship between the students and faculty of the Physics and Space Sciences Department.

The **Astronomy Society** works to educate the Florida Tech community about astronomical phenomena. It organizes regular trips to planetariums around Central Florida, as well as to appropriate sights in which to view astronomical phenomena. Over the last two years, the Astronomy Society has built two fully-functional radio telescopes.
Florida Tech's chapter of the National Council for Women in Aviation and Aerospace is dedicated to the furtherance of women in aviation. Even though the group is a small one, their enthusiasm for what they do is overpowering. The 1996-1997 school year was spent “getting their feet on the ground” and figuring out what their purpose would be at the university. The upcoming years should be full of exciting events such as Aviation Safety Seminars, Conferences, Air Shows, and preparation for the infamous Aviation Symposium. Eyes better be kept on the members of NCWA, as they will be blazing the path for other women in aviation.

(Left) The members of NCWA includes (Top, left to right) Sherry Ann Ross, Samantha Ratlin, Barbara Feeley, Popo Myai Tin, and Katy Jones, (Bottom) Luce Favre, Ruthie Ladd (President), Danielle Giordano, and Jill Andrews. Not pictured - Donna Wilt (advisor).

Alpha Eta Rho is dedicated to promoting aviation through safety and education as well as having lots of fun while doing it! The members organized Aviation Day, the annual air show and fly-in. They also sponsor Aviation Safety Seminars on the campus. On the lighter side, they also “enjoy the occasional party, road trip, or excuse to avoid studying!”

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**Delta Mu Delta** is a national honor society in business administration. The Epsilon Eta chapter at Florida Tech plays an active role in the School of Business and in the community. The chapter assists with the School of Business’ Distinguished Lecturer Series each semester and participates in telephone recruitment by calling prospective students and answering their questions about Florida Tech and the School of Business. Delta Mu Delta’s major community event is volunteering at the Melbourne Art Festival.

*(Top) (Second row, left to right) Dr. Karen Chambliss (advisor), Drew Phelps, Andrew J. Kingsley, Shane Ferns, Vivian Hogan. (First row) Khristie A. O’Connor (Vice-President), Teresa Ho, Beshaanah Al-Said (Secretary), Tanja Sluzenski (President), and Brian T. Doerr (Treasurer).*

*(Center) The current officers and advisor of Epsilon Eta chapter of Delta Mu Delta.*

*(Bottom) President Weaver, Major General John Cleland, Retired US Army and AMA Honorary Inductee, Tanja Sluzenski, and Dr. A. Thomas Hollingsworth, Dean of School of Business.*
Sigma Pi Sigma

Sigma Pi Sigma is the National Physics Society that is represented on the Florida Tech campus. This year, the distinguished Sheila Bailey from NASA delivered the keynote address for the Sigma Pi Sigma induction ceremony held on April 10, which coincided with the society's 75th anniversary.

ASME

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers was created for the advancement and dissemination of the theory and practice of mechanical engineering, the presentation of proper perspective of engineering work and the opportunity to become acquainted with the personnel and activities of the society, as well as to promote professional conscience and fellowship.
The Caribbean Students Association was founded in the late 80’s as a means of promoting and encouraging an environment of social, cultural, and educational interaction among its members and the campus body in general. The organization also acts as a medium for the collection and dissemination of information relevant to the Caribbean and African community of both Florida Tech and the local region. This year, CSA hosted many social events on campus including parties in the RAT and barbecues at Southgate pool and Brownie Pool. The organization also worked together with Zeta Chi and LASA to sponsor a Hurricane Relief party for the island of Puerto Rico. Intramural Sports always plays a huge part in activities of the organization, and CSA had much success this year. In men’s 7 on 7 flag football their boys were undefeated up until the finals, when they lost to the Maintenance team. Their men’s volleyball team also came second. Special thanks to “Luijo” Pereira and his team of hispanic players, who represented the organization. Muchas gracias a los papi chulos latinos. As for basketball, which is the air that most of their male members breathe, it was a good year. CSA would like to congratulate all of them for their efforts and good sportsmanship, regardless to whether they won or not. CSA also took part in intramural soccer, and even though they did not win, they looked really good out there in their uniforms.

(Top) Lori Notter and Olive Henry play a friendly game of water tag.

(Center Left) Michelle Lewis, Hector Lopez, and Lori Notter continue to celebrate even after the parade is over.

(Center Middle) Shrinel Alleyne enjoys the food at the CSA barbecue.

(Center Right) Shrinel Alleyne and Bianca Moore participate in Wacky Wars.
(Top left) Carol-Ann Lewis and Alli Duran show their spirit during the Men's basketball game.

(Center left) Olive Henry, Kenny Guindique, and Myneeka Cook prepare to do battle.

(Center right) Friends posing, Olive Henry, Myneeka Cook, Ada Ortiz, Michelle Lewis, and Andrea Gallagher.

(Bottom) CSA members at Six Flags.
The *Latin American Student Association* is a social organization that promotes Latin American culture around campus. The purpose of this is to interrelate people that although are from different countries, belong to the same cultural background, especially the language, Spanish. Many activities are organized by LASA such as the Columbus Day Sport Tournament, the Thanksgiving dinner co-programmed with the Society of Women Engineers, and their famous Latin Parties. Also LASA is very involved with the Culture Show in order to present to the campus a little taste of the Latin community.

The aim and purpose of the *Saudi Student House* is to serve the best interests of the Saudi students who are attending the Florida Institute of Technology. Just started this semester, Long to live, INSHALLAH!!!!!

*(Center)* Teachers & Students & Teachers & Students.

*(Bottom)* Parents and children at Florida Tech.
The goals and objectives of the Muslim Student Association are to serve both Muslim and non-Muslim students by organizing social events to help students become acquainted with one another.
The International Student Service Organization tries to bring the different cultures of the Florida Tech community together. ISSO's main goals are to help the international community feel comfortable so far from home and to get the domestic community to learn more about the international community so that Florida Tech can be united as one. The major events this year include international cuisines, informational sessions, the Fashion Show - FM17, and the IVth Annual Culture Show.
ISSO created FM17 with hard rehearsals and much dedication so that Florida Tech would be introduced to a new culture of fashion. The two goals of the sixth annual “Around the World” Culture Show were to allow different student groups an opportunity to present their culture to the campus and community, and to donate the money raised from the performance to Project Response. This year the presentations included Spanish Ballad, November Jam, Arabian Nights, and the CSA Dancers.
Every year during basketball season, Florida Tech has their version of Homecoming where they welcome back alumni from all over the world allowing past students and current students the opportunity to meet. This year the classes of '72, '77, '78, '82, and all library workers, ROTC, and Men and Women's Crew were honored during the week. Meanwhile, many students and organizations participated in the activities planned to make the week more enjoyable. To kick it all off was the first event on Friday - Wacky Wars V Florida Tech's 'Original Olympics' was composed of Neck and Ball, the Three Legged Race, Mummifying, and Dizzy Bat. The final winners of the entire Wacky Wars were the Alpha Phi Team in first place, with CSA taking second and LASA 1 ending in third. Following the Wacky Wars was the 2nd annual Bonfire where many students took part in burning the rival mascot from Rollins while melting some marshmallows.

(Above) Kerst Duffy, Homecoming Chair '97 and Sabrina Winters add more wood to the Homecoming Bonfire to make it even bigger and better.

(Top Left) Chalking the campus during Midnight Missions got a little out of hand between Jeff Wellman and Sabrina Marek.

(Bottom Left) Meet the committee that made up Homecoming '97 before insanity hit.

(Bottom Right) Greg Praino lights the giant cotton swabs that will be used to start the bonfire.
Theta Xi takes part in the Mummifying segment of the Homecoming Wacky Wars by wrapping one of their team members in toilet paper, picking them up and racing to the finish line.

On Saturday, students and alumni took part in the SK Alumni Scholarship Run, followed up by the biggest parade Florida Tech has seen. Thirteen campus organizations designed floats in conjunction with this year’s theme, ‘The Hunt is On’. Everyone had different ideas creating some very large and very unique floats. The winner of the parade was Theta Xi with their Welcome to the Jungle scene of a Florida Tech panther pouncing on a Rollins basketball player. They were even asked to display their float outside the gym during the games. The second place went to Student Government’s Super Fun comedy float, and third was taken by College Players for their Where’s Waldo in Ancient Egypt concept. For all the participants and audience members, John Courtney provided his very large and extremely popular barbecue. During the basketball games, the King and Queen of this year’s Homecoming were announced. The winners were determined through monetary donations to the Seeing Eye Dog Charity. Representing Student Government, Travis Proctor and Debbie Goss were crowned King and Queen. Finally, Lambda Chi finished up the fantastic weekend with their second annual Poor Man’s Mardi Gras. Many organizations participated in this event by manning booths, while three bands from Orlando and Boston played into the evening.
(Above left) Members of ROTC march with honor and pride during the Homecoming Parade.

(Above right) Theta Xi once again take first place with their impressive and intimidating float.

(Below left) Doug Grandey serves up barbeque to the Brian Kohler and the hungry crowds.

(Below right) The newly appointed King and Queen, Travis Proctor and Debbie Goss, looking regal.
(Above left) The second place winners, Student Government, show their Homecoming spirit.

(Above right) Lambda Chi promote their 2nd annual Mardi Gras to be held that evening.

(Below left) The women conquer once again, with this win sending them to the Sunshine Conference.

(Below center) The alumni take time out to play a friendly game of basketball against the faculty.

(Below right) Yoko is the entire school's fierce but very cute mascot.
The Panther Girls provide support to Florida Tech’s athletes and entertainment to the spectators. When the athletic department decided to revamp the cheerleading squad in the Fall 1995, they choose to rev it up with dance routines that would energize the crowd. Lori Nelson became the coach, and her choreography was just what the squad needed. Now the Panther Girls entertain the crowd at basketball games with creative half-time shows and dynamic time-out routines. In addition, the group shows dedication year-round by cheering at other sports events, such as volleyball and soccer, and by attending athletic fund-raisers.

(Top right) The Panther Girls proudly show their spirit while cheering at the Homecoming game.

(Bottom left) Posing with smiles at the University of Tampa - (2nd row, left to right) Tanja Sluzenski, Cindy Hubbard, Beth Ciomi, Tammy Horton, and (1st row, left to right) Jen Gallant, Jill Andrews.

(Bottom right) Tammy, Cindy, Beth, and Tanja warm up before the away game at the University of Tampa.
(Top left) The Panther Girls perform their highly charged dance routine at the Homecoming game.

(Top right) Three members display their stunning aerial stunts to excite the crowd and motivate the men’s basketball team.

The Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Panther Battalion at Florida Tech trains cadets to be future leaders through mental and physical exercises. No matter what the cadets are doing whether it be Ranger challenge, obstacle courses, a five mile run or even the military ball, the cadets do it with leadership excellence.
The *Ultimate Club* was reborn last year for three purposes: educating the masses at Florida Tech about Ultimate Frisbee, promoting physical fitness, and upholding the right of people to keep and bare frisbees. This year things have picked up for the Ultimate Club - the membership has increased, interest around campus has risen, and the team represents Florida Tech in the Brevard County Winter League. Florida Tech was also well represented in the “Presidential Plastic Platter Hatter II” which was hosted by Melbourne Ultimate.
In the Spring of '96, the Women's Club Soccer Team was created when the women’s intramural soccer team made it to playoffs and discussed forming a club and playing other schools. Then Jennifer Butts, with the help of many women with a shared passion, formed the first Florida Tech Women’s Club Soccer Team. The team presented all female soccer players attending Florida Tech the opportunity to play. The first season was rough for the newly formed club. Because other schools had already scheduled games for the next season, it was difficult for the team to schedule many games. Due to their dedication and commitment to the sport, these women practiced hard, even endured early morning practices, and had a very successful first season.

"This upcoming semester we will be participating in the intramural soccer program again. Having had a bit more experience and a lot more practice as a team, we expect to do very well. Being the only women’s team in intramural soccer is interesting, and we are hoping that one day there will be a Women’s Varsity Soccer Team here at Florida Tech. We would like to thank Diver’s Center and the Varsity Soccer Shop for their support of our new team. A big thanks to our coaches, Dayne and Tommy, for putting up with so much. Special thanks go to all the dedicated and hardworking women of the team; without them we would not exist. Congrats to all of our graduating seniors... and Dayne will always be our Big Man on Campus." - Jennifer Butts
Soccer

(Opposite page, Top) Tommy and Karma getting ready for practice.

(Opposite page, Center left) Battling for the ball during the victorious home game against Brevard Community College.

(Opposite page, Center right) Tommy trying to teach the art of juggling to Karma.

(Opposite page, Bottom) Dwayne, winner of Zeta Chi’s Big Man on Campus, does a little dance during the lip-sync portion of the contest.

(Top) Angie May and Karma battling for the ball during a scrimmage at practice.

(Center left) Mo tries to take the ball away from teammate, Kelly, during a drill at practice.

(Center right) Alison battles a BCC woman for control of the ball during the home game.

(Bottom left) Jannelle tries to gain possession of the ball during a friendly scrimmage with some Florida Tech guys.

(Bottom right) Barb lends off an opponent during the BCC game.
The Falcons Flight Team is a student-governed organization associated with the School of Aeronautics that represents Florida Tech at Flight competitions and in the aviation community. The Falcons are members of the National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA), an organization of flight teams from colleges and universities nationwide. NIFA hosts regional and national Safety and Flight Evaluation Conferences (SAFECON) which bring out the most competitive edge in the pilots. This year, the Falcons placed third at the Region IX SAFECON in Auburn, Alabama.

(Top) The 1997 Falcons Flight Team include (back, left to right) Al Balsamo, James Roebeck, Christina Blair, Jason Castle, Ryan Jackson, Eric Helfrick, Keven Rosato, Doug McElroy, Stephen Spooner, Skyler Smith, Marcus Vizier, Justin Zenoff, Philippe Piram, Thomas Fournier, Zeke Losch, Jeff Milewanski, Ryan McAfee, Susan Lockwood; (front, left to right) the coaches David Found, Andrew Tomlet, Jean Charles, and Alex Wall.

(Bottom left) The Falcons make their presence known at the Regional Competition at Auburn University in Alabama.

(Bottom right) The members of the Falcon Flight Team take part in the many responsibilities of the pilots while practicing and at competition.
The Florida Tech Golf Club and Team was created by several students who needed an avenue to meet people who enjoy the game of golf. One goal of the club was to form a team that could compete against other colleges. In Fall of ’95, the club began with a base of 12 players. Today the club boasts more than 20 members. Another goal was to find a home course that would offer student rates for club members. Currently the Habitat at Valkaria is the home course, and club tournaments were played at courses such as Turtle Creek and Viera. In addition, several members had the opportunity to play a golf match with the club team from Georgia Tech at Baytree. In the Spring of ’97, the team played in a collegiate tournament in Ft. Lauderdale, and other tournaments were attended at the Golf Club of Miami and Rolling Hills Golf Resort (home of Caddyshack).
The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics is an international professional organization dedicated to promote and develop all those disciplines directly related to the Aerospace Field and the Space Program in general. Because of Florida Tech's location, AIAA members have amazing opportunities to interact with the aerospace industry. One of the most popular activities that AIAA members participate in are Space Shuttle launches. Every time there is a launch, the members drive to the viewing area inside the Kennedy Space Center to witness this breathtaking event. Also, every year, the Kennedy Space Center opens its gates for "Annual Open House." AIAA has adopted this event as a tradition, so once a year the members drive to the Space Center for this special self-guided tour of NASA. There, they get a "behind the scenes" view of the Space Center, since most people are free to visit most of KSC's installations during the day. Usually, AIAA finish the day with one of the IMAX movies shown at the KSC/Spaceport USA.

(Top and bottom) Many students at Florida Tech can see the Space Shuttle launches from the campus, but nothing looks or feels the same as being in the front row of a launch, whether it takes place during the day or the night.
M.E.B.S.A.
The Marine Environmental Systems Student Association was created two years ago to develop better relationships between students and faculty inside the Division of Marine and Environmental Systems. Once a year, M.E.B.S.A promotes DM.E.S during the Harborfest by presenting an informative display of our activities. The members welcome new DM.E.S students by participating in the annual BBQ and by helping them become familiar with the division through lab tours. They coordinate an annual trip to Harbor Branch to allow students a peek of professional Oceanographic research and design volunteer to help clean up a local spoil island.

S.N.A.N.E.
The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers is a professional society dedicated to advance the art, science and practice of naval architecture and marine engineering in all their applied forms, including the construction and operation of ships, marine vehicles, and structures of all kinds.

S.T.H.E.T.A.
Theta Tau is a professional engineering fraternity with the purpose to develop and maintain a high standard of professional interest among its members and to unite them in a strong bond of fraternal fellowship. It is open to all engineering students on campus.

S.W.E.
The Society of Women Engineers is an organization for all women enrolled in a science or engineering curriculum. Its purpose is to provide a positive, supportive atmosphere for women pursuing engineering/science careers. The main focus of S.W.E. is to make contact with professionals in related fields.

A.A.A.E.
The American Association of Airport Executives is the largest professional organization for airport executives in the world. A.A.A.E.’s primary goal is to assist airport executives in fulfilling their responsibilities to the airports and communities they serve.


B.O.W.L.I.N.G
The Bowling Club’s purpose is to establish and maintain a bowling league for the Florida Tech community. Once a week, the organization achieved in getting a very large number of students to participate together in fun and relaxing recreational activity.

G.O.L.D.E.N
Golden Z Club is an international service organization that seeks to encourage students to participate in local, state, national and even global enrichment. Zonta International is a world-wide service organization of executives in the professions working together to advance the status of women.

C.L.U.B
Club Med is a unique organization dedicated to bringing together common interests in the medical sciences. This club aspires to promote the acquisition of knowledge and career explorations in medicine.

O.M.E.G.A
Omega Alpha Omega was created this year by a small group of students who enjoyed the opportunity to review and debate current events and theatrical performances.
FOOTBALL

Men’s 9 ON 9:
SHROOM
CHI PHI
PIKES
LAMBDA CHI “A”
PROPHEADS
MAINTENANCE
PI LAMS
AETI
LAMBDA CHI “B”
THETA XI

The Shroom Team defeated Chi Phi scoring 13 to 12.

Men’s 7 ON 7:
MAINTENANCE
CSA
COLLEGEPLAYERS
PIKES
MUFFDIVERS

Maintenance beat the ’95 champions, CSA, with a final score of 12 to 6.

Women’s 7 on 7:
GDI
ALPHA PHI
GOLDEN GIRLS

GDI once again took the championship with a 20 to 6 score against Alpha Phi.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Ping Pong:
BRIAN LICCAREO

Basketball Freethrow:
AARON WATKINS

Field Goal Kicking:
MARCY HOUCHENS

Badminton Singles:
ARUN CHITRAPU

88 Intramurals
Football has been the favorite intramural sport for years, but especially popular is men's football 9 on 9 (go figure). This game quenches the hungry male's appetite for the sport missing on this campus. Many people show up to support their team, and it takes control sometimes to keep the crowd calm and the tension low. The student referees are braver than anyone else on the field for dealing with the players and the spectators.
BASKETBALL

Skilled
AND 1 9/0 3.6
LOS TORROS 8/1 3.61
TEAM EBOLA 6/3 3.7
CSA 1 5/4 3.57
CHI PHI 4/5 2.83
EN FUEGO 3/6 3.44
U.A. 3/6 3.61
PIKES “A” 3/6 3.52
LAMBDA CHI “A” 3/6 2.61
PI LAMS 1/8 4.0

And 1 took the championship against Team Ebola with 77 over 54.

UnSkilled

EAST
WHITE SHADOW 6/0 4.0
AHP 5/1 4.0
UNITED 4/2 4.0
E.S.E.O.S. 3/3 4.0
106D 2/4 2.66
LAMBDA CHI “B” 0/6 0
PIKES “B” 0/6 0

WEST
THE SCRUBS 5/0 4.0
THETA XI 5/1 4.0
AEII 4/2 3.96
PI LAMS 2/4 1.83
MUFFDIVERS 1/5 0

The Scrubs won the championship against the White Shadows with a final score of 44 to 40.

For those organizations who had a smaller number of guys willing to play, there was Men’s 7 on 7, but it was just as rugged and wild, without the mass of spectators. This year, not as many familiar organizations came out to play - College Players, CSA, Pi Kappa Alpha, and the Muffdivers were the few returning teams. Then there was the surprise group, Maintenance, who reminded the younger players that experience can be everything, which included beating the previous champions, CSA.
Women's 7 on 7

SOFTBALL

MEN'S
CHI PHI
ALPHA ETA RHO
SHROOM
AEII
PIKES "A"
PIKES "B"
LAMBDA CHI "A"
LAMBDA CHI "B"
CSA MASSIVE
MUFFDIVERS
PI LAMBDA PHI

The Shroom took the championship winning both games against Pike "A" with 19-7 and 9-5.

CO-EDS
TKE-ZETA CHI
PI LAMBDA PHI
HARMON'S HONEYS
COCKTAILS
THETA XI
BYE
ALPHA PHI OMEGA

Harmon's Honeys won over the Cocktails 9-6.

WATER POLO

AEII
LAMBDA CHI
PI LAMBDA PHI
GAMMA PHI BETA
CHI PHI
MUFFDIVERS
ALPHA PHI
PIKES

Chi Phi took the championship over the Pi Lams.

Intramurals 91
VOLLEYBALL

MEN'S
CHI PHI
AEI
PI Lambda Phi
CSA Massive "A"
CSA Massive "B"
Lambdachi
Team 106D
Net Gain
Theta Xi
PIKES

Chi Phi defeated CSA with the scores 15-15, 15-9, 15-10.

WOMEN'S
Gamma Phi Beta
Too Hot!

Too Hot! took the championship from Gamma Phi Beta.

CO-ED
CHI PHI
NET GAIN
THETA XI
AEI
Pike-Alpha Phi
PILAMBDA PHI
Drunk Jedi 106D
Pike-Gamma Phi Beta
Muff Divers-Gamma Phi
Cheme
Alpha Phi Omega

Chi Phi defeated Net Gain with a final score of 15-12, 15-8.

Intramural volleyball is another popular sport for the members of organizations who do not have the opportunity to play in the school's athletic program. This year many members made up the ten Men's teams, the two Women's teams, and the eleven Co-ed teams. The crowds were once again overwhelming, bringing organizational support to a new level.

"Intramurals is a good stress reliever for someone who doesn't get out much or is very athletic."

- Mike Hall, Theta Xi
Time for Some Family Values

Greek Life
The Inter-Fraternity Council is the governing body of the recognized fraternities on campus. The purpose of IFC is to discuss and resolve problems facing the fraternities, plan community service projects and other activities involving all fraternities, and to enforce all IFC rules. Each fraternity has one representative on IFC to express their opinions as well as coordinate with each other for a productive outcome.

Panhellenic (not pictured) is the governing body over all the sororities. It serves as a cooperative board through which members deal with the sororities’ needs and problems. Through Panhellenic’s work during the year, friendship and cooperation between each of the sororities is both stimulated and reinforced.
The Fraternities and Sororities jumped right into the school year by participating in a barbeque that introduced new freshman to the Greeks at Florida Tech. The membership soared to all new highs, which made their big event, Greek Week, even more challenging. On the side, Greeks could be found participating in numerous campus activities.
The 1997 Greek Week was full of close competition for the seven fraternities and two sororities. The purpose of the week was to determine the best fraternity and sorority. This year, Greek Week was well organized by the Inter-Fraternity Council and Panhellic. The week started off with the infamous Greek skits, a mix of originality and personality, which was won by Chi Phi. The next event was the Doug Englar eight man relay race. The object was to get a team to run up and down the Science Tower, bike to Brownies, swim a lap in the pool, race to the basketball courts behind the tennis courts, and do push-ups and pull-ups. Lambda Chi tore through this relay race. Chi Phi easily took first in the third event, Golf, followed by AEPi taking first in tennis. In the next two events, Lambda Chi won Racquetball and Chi Phi placed at the top of Volleyball. Then on Sunday, Lambda Chi dominated Track and Field, and later took first in the Bike Race. Then the Pikes took charge of the courts in the Basketball competition. On Monday, AEPi won the obstacle course with an amazing time of 1:35 minutes. The following day, the Pikes conquered Softball by having so many runs that they automatically won the game. In Weightlifting and Waterpolo on Wednesday, Chi Phi took first. Then Lambda Chi came back to win Bowling and Ultimate Frisbee. On Saturday, the Pikes won the Tag of War, which lead into the Picnic games. These games consisted of Horse Shoes, Bacci Ball, Dizzy Izzy, and the Egg Toss, which were ruled by Chi Phi. The final event and most creative of all was the chariot race which was won by Lambda Chi. However, when all the points were added up, the winner of Greek Week once again was Pi Kappa Alpha with 195 points.
Alpha Epsilon Pi is a diverse group of gentlemen who are open-minded and free-willed. Throughout the year, the brothers have been involved in many campus activities, competed in many collegiate sports and assisted with various charities such as the Boy Scouts of America Food Drive. AEP has a thriving social lifestyle, ranging from their yearly sorority mixers to the Alumni Weekend Gala. The brothers of Alpha Epsilon Pi maintain a balanced membership and a positive outlook on their college years.
Chi Phi

Xi Delta

1996 1997

Florida Institute of Technology

Greek Life
Chi Phi is the oldest social fraternity on campus, and in the United States since 1824. Chi Phi has been protecting the principles of brotherhood including friendship, personal integrity, and scholarship. Chi Phi at Florida Tech has been a brotherhood dedicated to proving their worth through university and community involvement. This year the Xi Delta chapter has put forth much effort in the areas of philanthropy, sports, and scholarship. The fraternity has proudly donated hundreds of hours to the community in such events as beach clean ups, volunteering for the Grant Seafood Festival, and collecting donations for the Florida Children’s Home. In their continued participation in intramural sports, they won both volleyball and waterpolo this year. Being the social fraternity that they are the brothers of Chi Phi would like to thank everyone for another year of great social events and parties. E.S.E.O.S.

(Opposite page, left) Chi Phi takes part in introducing the Greek Society to the incoming freshman.

(Opposite page, right) The brothers enjoy the occasional Bar-B-Que and picnic games.

(Top left) The Chi Phi men strike a pose at their Toga Party.

(Top right) Chi Phi even has family Thanksgiving dinners.

(Middle) The brothers gather around for Monday night football at the Chi Phi house.

(Bottom) The trademark of the fraternity, the Chi Phi barn.
Lambda Chi Alpha, the fraternity of honest friendship, has been dedicated to excellence in academics, athletics, and community involvement for over 25 years at Florida Tech. We have a strong tradition of leadership and diversity among our members. Community service projects, academic assistance, intramural, and social events are just the tip of the iceberg. Nationally, Lambda Chi Alpha is the third largest international fraternity. Officially chartered on May 20, 1972, the Florida Tech chapter has changed only in a physical sense while the ideals of yesterday are still promoted today. Their unique fraternity program educates the whole man for his entire college career and develops a bond that lasts a lifetime. They feel it is more important to build a man rather than to break him. Lambda Chi Alpha’s 1996 North American Food Drive was the world’s largest single day Greek philanthropy ever! This past year, the Florida Tech Chapter raised 2,250 pounds of food for the Brevard Chapter of the American Red Cross and 1,000 pounds of clothing for the local Goodwill of America. Poor Man’s Mardi Gras drew in over 3,000 people at the Saturday night finale and raised $500 for the Brevard Chapter of the American Red Cross. At the White Rose Formal Banquet, Dr. Gordon Patterson of the Humanities department was awarded the Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year for constantly going above and beyond his call of duty to help the students of Florida Tech. Nine delegates were sent to Lambda Chi Alpha’s regional conference in Atlanta, outnumbering any other chapter. While in Atlanta it was voted that next year’s conference be held at Florida Tech.
(Top left) Brothers Chris DeSanctis, Zac Jones, Rich Watson, Fernando Ely, and Jason Velleff grabbing some grub at TGI Friday’s.

(Top right) Party ing way too hard are Brothers Nick Montera, Tom Hoag, Jess Ulrick, and Slade Shelton. What is that on your head Tom?

(Center left) Lambda Chi gives Florida Tech a little taste of Mardi Gras during the Parade.

(Center right) Brian Dattler and Jon Luu try to throw mud at the camera man after a day of mudding.

(Bottom) Fall 1996 Associate Member Ceremony, the serious look.
The Zeta Sigma chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha was founded at the Florida Institute of Technology on March 1, 1968. Pi Kappa Alpha is one of the largest fraternities in the country, as well as at Florida Tech. There are currently 48 brothers, who are all scholars, leaders, athletes, and above all, gentlemen. The Pikes are dedicated and committed to academic and athletic excellence, as well as service to the campus and community. During the 1996-1997 school year, the brothers have contributed to philanthropies such as Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers of Brevard County, Police Athletic League, Rockledge Health & Rehabilitation Center, Lions Club, and Turkey Creek Sanctuary. Since the beginning of Greek athletic competition at Florida Tech, the Pikes have set a winning tradition matched by none. They are the 1997 Greek Week Champions, winning their 29th Greek Week out of the 29 held at school. This year, Pi Kappa Alpha was awarded the Greek Philanthropy Award for most outstanding community service, and the President’s Trophy for the best all around fraternity. The brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha have lived in a large Southern colonial mansion since their colony was formed in 1967. It was the first fraternity house in the area, and is located on the shore of the Indian River.
Theta Xi is proud to be the fraternity with the strongest brotherhood on campus. The Gamma Beta Chapter at Florida Tech was established in 1973. The brothers encourage and promote the highest goals in scholarship, while heavily participating in intramural sports especially football and volleyball and in services such as Adopt-A-Road and Multiple Sclerosis. Socially, there is never a dull moment with Theta Xi especially with their famous theme parties and beach bonfires!

For all the right reasons...

Greek Life
Greek Life
The brothers of *Pi Lambda Phi* include David Run, Jeff Middlemiss, Chris Strickland, Jason Luce (secretary), Jim Ciseasky, Ed Middlemiss, Andre’ Correa (Marshall), Chuck Gilmore, Erik Cole, Tom Schober, Nelson Segarra, Roger Makowski, Ben Lipari (President), Javier Negrete (Treasurer), Jeff Longberg, Bob Layton, Nowell Henry, Justin Elyard (Vice President).

*(Above)* The brothers of Pi Lambda Phi give their post chariot race pose.
The Delta Sigma Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, the first sorority on campus, was founded in 1981, and currently, there are 40 active sisters. The sisters participate in many activities to enrich their college experience including fundraising for breast cancer research, for a battered women’s shelter, and for an underprivileged girl’s camp. The sorority is also involved in intramural athletics such as softball, football, volleyball and water polo. The sisters also enjoy mixers with the Greek fraternities. Recent awards include: The Greek Philanthropy Award, Co-ed Softball Champions, Excellence as a Sorority, and many individual academic awards. The sisters of the Delta Sigma Chapter take pride in their sisterhood and in their opinion, are by far Florida Tech’s “First and Finest.”

(Top) The sisters gather at the Pink Carnation Ball.  (Middle) Big Sister Beth Cioni shows off her Little Sister Jen Gallant.  (Bottom) The sisters show their Disco Fever at the 70’s party.
Alpha Phi is a very diverse sorority that works together for the good of the community and the school. The sisters are united through the sorority despite their diverse academic careers ranging from Aviation majors to Marine Biology majors. Alpha Phi participates and excels at various activities including Intramural Athletics, Greek Week, community service projects, and campus activities. The best way to describe Alpha Phi is...

Simply the Best!!!
(Top) The ladies smile beautifully during their Alpha Phi Formal.

(Bottom) Captain Jennifer Newsome leads the Alpha Phi Water Polo Team into battle.
Presenting the Big Man On Campus
It's All in the Timing

Athletics
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Baseball

Roster

**INFIELDS**
- 7: Brian Baird  
- 22: Bryan Duncan  
- 4: Mark Mera  
- 23: Kevin Milford  
- 10: Ray Santos

**OUTFIELDERS**
- 8: Chris Brannen  
- 12: Joe Coffey  
- 11: Grady Otto  
- 3: Carlos Otero  
- 2: Dan Otero  
- 19: Mark Royal

**CATCHERS**
- 14: Ramsey Halabi  
- 15: Zach Lush  
- 24: Chris O’Hara

**PITCHERS**
- 18: Ryan Jackson  
- 21: Neville Maycock  
- 5: Joe McQuillan  
- 17: Ron Patrick  
- 9: Jeremy Polcin  
- 25: Davin Reidinger  
- 16: Jason Smith  
- 39: Leo Wheeler

Head Coach - Les Hall

This season, the Panthers had both experience and talent in the field and at the plate. At the end of the season, the team lost infielders Bryan Duncan, Mark Merz, Ray Santos and outfielders, Dan Otero, and Mark Royal to graduation. Ray Santos placed 1st Team All Conference and has continued to play professionally. Also, catcher Ramsey Halabi placed All Conference and All Regional.
Every year, despite the quiet response of fan support, the women of the Softball Team continue to participate in a sport they love. Placing fifth in Conference this year, this team is looked upon to be an up and coming danger to any predator that stands in their way. The softball team has improved significantly over the past two years, primarily due to the new coach, Dr. Nancy Bottge, who took over the position in 1995. The only senior and 1997 team captain, Catcher Angela Shekell “played an instrumental part in laying down the foundation of a winning program.”
Men’s Crew

Race Schedule

Fall
10/96 Head of the Indian Creek
10/96 1st Coast Head Race
11/96 Head of the Chattahoochee

Spring
02/97 Southern Erg Sprints
03/97 Keuper Cup (FIT -v- UCF)
03/97 FIT -v- U. Miami
03/97 Presidents Cup
04/97 SSC Championships
04/97 Governor’s Cup
04/97 F.I.R.A.
04/97 S.I.R.A.
05/97 Dad Vail

(Top) Andy Copano, Jose Arellano, Chris Marot, Jason Terreri get a little crazy in front of the boat house at Robert’s annex.

(Center) The Novice 8 team warm-up before a race at the President’s Cup in Tampa.

(Bottom) The Varsity Lightweight 4 team, Chris Marot, Vukan Petrovic, Jose Arellano, Andy Hoctery, catch their breath after yet another exhausting race.

Only the stubborn and tough members of the crew team could explain why waking up at the crack of dawn can be the most rewarding moment. A force to be reckoned with, 60 members made up both men and women’s crew. Both teams won the FIRA (State) Championships for the 22nd time in 23 years. The Women’s Varsity Lightweight 8 finished 6th overall in the nation in all divisions.

Athletics
Varsity

Nicole Gutierrez (Captain)
Tes Baltazar
Amy Brewer
Jenny Bruggenthes
Kathleen Fry
Emile Gates
Alison Gustavel
Amanda Hollis
Carrie Jennings
Bridgette Khan
Sarah Peters
Sally Stanley
Tracy Stofflerahn
Dana Tansdale
Chelsea Ward

Coach: Matt Kaminski

(Above) Amanda Hollis, Tes Baltazar, Brandi Gamecarz, and Jenny Bruggenthes (l-r) strike a pose on the shore of the race course at the President’s Cup in Tampa, Florida.

(Bottom left) Varsity Rowers Jenny Bruggenthes, Amanda Hollis, and Sally Stanley help the Novice 8 with their boat after a great race.

(Bottom right) Women’s Crew spend another beautiful morning out on the water, setting up to begin their exercises.
Crew

Frosh/Novice

Laurie Bass
Jody Bateman
Katie Csanadi
Shawn Ford
Brandi Gancarz
Kristine Jankowski
Kim Ledig
Kristen Markman
Sue Platania
Julie Sanderson
Christine Schultz
Sheri Scroville
Ling Tsui
Amber Wilson
Jessie Womble

Coach: Matt Kaminski

(Above) Members of the women’s varsity team show their dedication to the sport while developing their teamwork.

(Bottom left) Three members of the crew team make preparations for another day of practice.

(Bottom right) Silhouetted by the sunrise, the Varsity Light Weight 8’s rows while enjoying the “nature appreciation moment.”
Nothing else could have been as sweet as the victory that the Lady Panthers felt after each game. This year, the Women’s Basketball Team shreded through their competitors mainly because of their experience and depth. When the final buzzer sounded at the Homecoming Game against Rollins, the team walked off the court with a mixture of spirit and sportsmanship in their eyes. Ending a perfect 14 - 0 mark against Sunshine State opponents, they advanced to the Sunshine State Conference Tournament where they continued to slam their opponents, bringing the South Regional NCAA Division II Tournament to Florida Tech, and for the first time to Florida. Their season finished when they played Fort Valley State, but only after making this season one of the best in the history of Women’s Basketball.
Basketball

Score Board

11/16 Florida Memorial 76-56
11/19 Savannah State 85-61
11/23 Florida Memorial 84-73
11/26 Valdosta State 76-65
12/03 American University 83-42
12/05 Savannah State 63-50
12/07 Valdosta State 84-91
12/17 Hope College 71-66
12/27 Husson College 79-51
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02/22 Rollins College 89-76
02/27 Eckerd College 81-54
02/28 Florida Southern 88-72
03/01 Barry University 70-59
03/07 Fort Valley State 59-67

This was the last season for seven seniors: Varel Clarke, Karrie Branch, Kelly Harrell, Amethia Wright, Kristin Peppel, Gwen Clayton and Leigh Dunkelberger. These ladies possessed the strength, maturity, and experience to lead this team to victory.
Although the Men’s basketball team seemed young and often overshadowed by the victorious Lady Panthers, the men certainly bared their fangs to all opposing teams. With an 11 – 3 season in the Sunshine State Conference, the team secured the 2nd seed for the tournament. They continued their victory in the first game of the Sunshine State Conference Tournament by taking out North Florida, only to later succumb to the pressures of Tampa, ending their season but placing 2nd in the tournament. The teams leading scorer and rebounder, Rob Terry, was the only senior on the team, and was considered one of the finest players in Panther history. The spotlight was also on James Vitro who was awarded the Sunshine State Conference Freshman of the Year. Credit must go, though, to the entire team for contributing to a great season.
Basketball

Score Board

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11/25  Missouri Western  81-87
11/25  Northwest Missouri  73-69
11/26  Lynn University  62-65
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11/30  Alabama-Huntsville  73-61
12/02  Lynn University  86-83
12/07  American University  75-69
12/17  P.R.-Bayamon  86-72
12/18  Virgin Islands  76-47
12/19  American University  62-61
01/02  U Mass - Dartmouth  65-69
01/04  Bentley College  63-58
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02/19  U. of North Florida  83-77
02/22  Rollins College  64-53
02/27  U. of North Florida  90-80
02/28  University of Tampa  77-89

Athletics
Roster

1. Martin Peat      Jr
2. Kjartan Hjalmarsson  Fr
3. Greg Knight      Fr
4. Marcus Richardson  Sr
5. Michael Wells     So
6. Alex Byrne       Sr
7. Jesse Goldfarb   So
8. David Atkinson   Fr
9. Dave Allen       So
10. James Phillips   Jr
11. Stacy Williams   Sr
12. Kieran England  Sr
13. Warren Mitchell  Sr
14. Jeremy Harris    Jr
15. Lou Nicoli       Fr
16. Peter Ragert    Jr
17. Dan Sanders      Fr
18. Deryck Castonguay Jr
19. Neil Ward        Fr

Head Coach - Rick Stottler  
Assistant Coach - Giles Malone  
Assistant Coach - Homer Bozorg

Truly a mental sport, the Soccer Team provided a strong source of intelligence to each exhilarating game. The secret to their constant improvement was their mental focus during the non-stop action. This year, the team returned from a disappointing ’95 season to win 12 out of 18 games, reestablishing the style of play which previously earned them two national championships just as Head Coach Rick Stottler had wanted.
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The Soccer Team will be saying good-bye to four seniors. Warren Mitchell served as Goalkeeper with twenty-three saves. Anchoring the back line, Marcus Richardson ended the season with three goals and one assist and Kieran England ended the season with two goals and six assists. Alex Byrne gave strength to the midfield and ended with five goals and seven assists.
More graceful than can be imagined, the Women’s Volleyball Team mastered the net and showed their opponents the true meaning of team work. Having their most successful season ever with a final win/lose of 20 to 11, who would believe that the team was composed of two juniors, three sophomores, and five freshmen? The volleyball team promises to be a threat for the upcoming season as the ladies become closer and more experienced.
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There were very few hours during a day when the courts behind the dorms were not occupied by students loyal to the game of tennis. Most of these students belong to the Florida Tech Tennis Team. Sometimes the team is overlooked by fellow students, but this does not prevent these players from being very dedicated and full of energy.
In November, a hijacked Ethiopian airliner crashes after running out of fuel. The crash occurs near a resort beach in the Comoros Islands in the Indian Ocean. At least 123 of the 175 people on board die, including the hijackers.

After 38 years, Central America’s longest civil war ends when Indian rebels and military leftists sign a truce in Guatemala.

British Telecommunications agrees to purchase MQI Communications for up to $21 billion in November. The deal is the biggest foreign purchase of a U.S. company ever concluded.

A U.N.-negotiated treaty banning chemical weapons worldwide is set to take effect in the spring. The treaty prohibits the development, production, stockpiling or use of chemical weapons, and calls for the destruction of existing supplies. The treaty is signed by 160 nations, including the U.S.

The Miss World beauty pageant, held in Bangalore, India in November, raises a storm of protests, some violent, including one by a group threatening to stage a mass suicide during the pageant’s telecast. A new Miss World is crowned without incident.

A pipe bomb explodes in Centennial Olympic Park after the first day of competition at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Flags fly at half-mast to mourn the 1 person killed and more than 100 injured.

Pope John Paul II undergoes surgery for an inflamed appendix in October. His chief surgeon, Dr. Francesco Crucitti, announces that the 78-year-old leader of the Roman Catholic Church is free from “previously undiscovered serious ailments.”

Demonstrators gather in Toronto, Canada on October 25 to protest outbreaks in social services by the Ontario government. Thousands of people march through the city during “Metro Days of Action,” organized by labor and social activists.

King Hussein of Jordan (right) visits the West Bank of the Jordan River in October to show support for the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. It is Hussein’s first visit since Jordan lost the territory to Israel in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.
On July 17, Trans World Airlines Flight 800 explodes 13,700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 230 passengers and crew members. The Boeing 747-100 was on route to Paris from New York. The cause of the explosion remains a mystery.

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In a group so large it could be tracked by satellite, hundreds of thousands of refugees abandon camps in Zaire in November and begin a journey home to Rwanda, which they had fled to escape a civil war. Closing of the camps forces the refugees to flee.

Mass graves containing the bodies of Muslims, allegedly murdered by Serbs in 1992 during the Bosnian civil war, are excavated in Bosnia-Herzegovina throughout the year as a shaky peace negotiated in 1995 continues.

More than 300 Tutsi refugees in the African country of Burundi are slain by Hutus, a rival ethnic group. The covered bodies, mostly women and children, illustrate the ferocity of the conflict.

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Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Diana, Princess of Wales, are divorced on August 28. According to one observer: "The most spectacularly miserable marriage of the century is over."

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The U.S. Army issues strict new policies for drill instructors and female trainees, as hundreds of complaints of sexual harassment are revealed in November. Drill instructors are now required to leave their doors open if a female is inside, and women must travel in pairs.

After thousands of veterans complain of illnesses since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the Pentagon warns they may have been exposed to chemical weapons. The Pentagon reveals that, up to two tons of sarin nerve gas may have been released.

Six-year-old beauty pageant queen JonBenet Ramsey is found murdered in the basement of her parents’ Colorado home the day after Christmas. Her death raises a nationwide awareness of controversial youth beauty pageants.

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) is fined $300,000 in a bipartisan vote after the House Ethics Committee’s year-long investigation into alleged financial improprieties.

Former U.N. ambassador Madeleine Albright is nominated for Secretary of State by President Clinton on December 5. Confirmed in office in January 1997, Albright is the first woman to head the State Department.

Six-year-old pilot Jessica Duboff is killed when her Cessna airplane crashes shortly after take-off in bad weather from the Cheyenne, Wyoming airport. Her flying instructor and her father, the plane’s two passengers, are also killed in the April 1996 crash.

One of the longest armed stand-offs in U.S. history occurs outside Jordan, Montana between the FBI and members of an anti-government group calling itself the Freemen. The 81-day siege ends peacefully in June.

Theodore Kaczynski, alleged to be the “Unabomber,” who killed 3 people and wounded more than 23 others with mail bombs since 1978, is arrested in Montana in April 1996. Information provided by Kaczynski’s brother leads to the arrest.

Bindi Jua, a gorilla at Chicago’s Brookfield Zoo, becomes a hero when she rescues a 3-year-old boy knocked unconscious after falling 18 feet into the ape enclosure. The boy suffers brain contusions but soon recovers.

On August 11, a boater rescues 10-year-old Taylor Touchstone from the snake- and alligator-infested waters of a Florida swamp. 14 miles away from where he disappeared August 7. Although exhausted and badly scratched, the astute boy recovers fully.
William Jefferson Clinton defeats Republican Bob Dole and independent H. Ross Perot to become the 42nd president of the U.S. and the last president of the 20th century. Clinton is the first Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt to be reelected to a second term.

A civil jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson liable for the June 12, 1994 wrongful deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. In an unanimous verdict, the jury awards $8.5 million in compensatory damages to Goldman’s parents. The Brown and Goldman families are each awarded $12.5 million in punitive damages.

Days of abnormally heavy rains in November undermine the roadbed of Oregon’s Interstate 5, creating a 40-foot-deep sinkhole, into which two semi-trailer trucks tumble.

The Citadel, South Carolina’s traditionally elite military academy, admits four women, including Petra Lovetravels (left) and Jasmine Mathews. Mathews, and another female cadet, later drop out, citing harassment and “sadistic” hazing.

Topal Beach, a town on an island off the coast of North Carolina, is one of many Eastern locations hit hard by Hurricane Bertha in July. Six powerful hurricanes, all with winds over 110 miles per hour, made 1996 a near-record year doing $3.5 billion in damage in the U.S.

All 110 people aboard a Valujet DC-9 are killed in May 1996 when a fire breaks out in the cargo hold. The plane, en route from Miami to Atlanta, crashes and disappears almost completely into the Florida Everglades, making it difficult for workers to retrieve wreckage.

Security guard Richard Jewell is investigated as a suspect in the July Olympic Park bombing. After three months of media frenzy, during which Jewell is a virtual prisoner in his home, the U.S. Justice Department admits there is no evidence against him.

Six-year-old first-grader Johnathan Prevette is suspended from his Lexington, North Carolina elementary school for violating the city schools’ sexual conduct guidelines—he kissed a female classmate. Prevette is quickly reinstated after a nationwide controversy over the suspension.

NATIONAL
A 9,300-year-old skeleton discovered in July near Richland, Washington is the oldest and most intact set of human bones ever discovered in North America. Research is suspended, however, as the tribes from the Native American grounds where it is found claim the skeleton as an ancestor and want the bones buried.

Trauma Seal, a new medical adhesive that is applied like a lip-balm stick, is in clinical trials at 10 hospitals and health care institutions nationwide. The biodegradable adhesive could eliminate stitches and return visits.

New York Police Department canines begin wearing three-pound, infrared cameras, scouting out potentially dangerous areas before police officers enter the scene. Handlers are developing bullet-proof vests for the dogs to wear.

A new category of animal is discovered in the form of bacteria that live on the lips of lobsters. Symbion pandora, which lives on food scraps from lobster lips, is called “the zoological highlight of the decade.”

Videogame giant Nintendo releases its long-awaited Nintendo 64, a new hardware system that draws players into the game and moves three times faster than any existing system.

An expedition to raise the Titanic, the legendary “unsinkable” ocean liner that sank on its maiden voyage in 1912, from its North Atlantic grave more than two miles deep, ends in failure in August due to rough seas.

In August, scientists discover evidence of bacteria-like life on a meteorite found in 1984 and believed to be part of the crust of Mars 4.5 billion years ago. It is the first possible proof that life is not unique to Earth.

Satellite dishes became one of the year’s hottest-selling electronic consumer products. Owners find the savings of not paying for cable services cover the cost within a few months.
California’s Monterey Bay Aquarium opens a new wing in March 1996. The million-gallon indoor ocean showcases the marine life of the outer reaches of Monterey Bay, 5 to 60 miles offshore.

The Hubble Space Telescope captures new images of quasars, the universe’s most powerful and baffling phenomena. Previously thought only to exist in colliding galaxies, new pictures indicate quasars can also exist in undisturbed galaxies—causing astronomers to revisit their theories.

The Smithsonian Institution celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding with a nationwide tour of prosceniums, including this costume once worn by Abraham Lincoln.

Steam and ash from Iceland’s Laki volcano blast 33,000 feet in the air on October 8. Melted rock from the volcano’s 5-mile-wide fissure melts through more than 2,000 feet of glacial ice, threatening the island with widespread flooding.

An “oxygen bar” in Toronto, Canada allows patrons to pay $16 to spend 90 minutes breathing pure oxygen. The owners of the O2 Spa Bar claim the treatment is a healthy way to rejuvenate the body and offer “flavors” to liven up the experience.

Paleoanthropologist Mary Leakey, shown with husband Louis Leakey in a 1959 photograph, dies in December. Discoveries by the Leakeys throughout their careers are some of the most important in paleoanthropological history. Her greatest discovery was a trail of 3.7-million-year-old footprints, which proved that hominids walked upright far earlier than previously believed.

The world’s largest flower, the Titan Arum, also known as the “corpse flower,” blooms in London’s Kew Gardens for the first time since 1983. The flower is nicknamed for its strong stench when in bloom.

New research suggests that hormone therapies can keep middle-aged men stronger and more youthful. A testosterone-releasing skin patch called Androderm is prescribed by many doctors to supplement the natural hormone.

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Former NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle dies on December 6. Rozelle is credited with transforming professional football into America's top spectator sport, and with inventing the Super Bowl.

Basketball megastar Michael Jordan launches his own cologne: Michael Jordan Cologne. Demand for the fragrance is so high that manufacturer Bien Fragrances limits sales to 12 bottles per customer.


The National Women's Hall of Fame opens in Seneca Falls, New York, inducting 11 women, including author Louisa May Alcott, and Oveta Culp Hobby, the nation's first female colonel.

Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin dies of pancreatic cancer in November. Bernardin was known for being a reconciler in churches torn between tradition and modern culture, as well as for speaking out against physician-assisted suicide.

Mother Teresa, 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, suffers a heart attack in late December. It is the 86-year-old Roman Catholic nun's fourth serious illness in 1996.

Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, and Prince Andrew, Duke of York and son of Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, are divorced in May 1996. "Fergie" subsequently goes public with her TV appearances and an autobiography.

In April 1996, singer Michael Jackson is seen escorting a woman later identified as Debbie Rowe, an employee of Jackson's plastic surgeon. In November, Jackson announces that he and Rowe are married and that she is carrying his child.

Joan Rivers appears with host Rose O'Donnell on ABC's The Rosie O'Donnell Show. The talk show, which premiers in 1996, gains quick popularity and respect.

Madonna gives birth to Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon, a 6-pound, 19-inch girl, on October 14. Madonna's big year continues when she wins a Golden Globe for her role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's on-screen rendition of the musical Evita.

In October, TV talk-show host Jenny Jones testifies during the Michigan murder trial of Jonathan Schmitz. Schmitz was accused of killing Scott Amendt, who revealed romantic feelings for Schmitz during a March 1995 taping of a "Jenny Jones Show."

"The Late Show" host David Letterman (right), who had been hinting at retirement, resigns his contract with CBS, keeping him at "The Late Show" through 2002.
In a small, secret ceremony on an island off the coast of Georgia, John F. Kennedy, Jr. names Carolyn Bessette, a Calvin Klein publicist, in September. Kennedy, who dated Bessette for two years, had long been considered one of the world's most eligible bachelors.

New York Yankees fan Jeffrey Maier interferes with a fly ball during game one of the American League Championship Series on October 8. The hit is ruled a home run, tying the game 4 to 4 in the eighth inning and making Maier New York's hero for a day.

Legendary heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali is the first athlete to bear the Olympic torch, lighting the Olympic flame at the opening of the Centennial Summer Olympics in Atlanta on July 19.

More than 4,000 items owned by former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and President John F. Kennedy are auctioned off in April 1996, including a necklace of simulated pearls shown in this 1952 photograph. The fake pearls, valued at $500 to $700, sell for $11,500, bringing the auction total to $34.5 million.

Veteran comedian George Burns dies in March 1996, just weeks after reaching the age of 100. The legendary Burns won an Oscar, an Emmy and a Grammy Award in an astoundingly long career dating back to vaudeville.

Angela Lansbury appears in her final season as mystery writer Jessica Fletcher on CBS's "Murder, She Wrote." The hugely successful show ran for 12 seasons.

Basketball player Kobe Bryant joins the Los Angeles Lakers straight out of high school, signing a multi-million dollar contract during the team's 1996-1997 season.

Miss Kansas, Tara Dawn Holland, is crowned Miss America at the 1996 pageant on September 14.
Tom Cruise stars in Jerry Maguire, a romantic comedy about a sports agent who decides to change his shallow ways, and spends the rest of the movie trying to regain his success. It is a breakthrough role for Cruise, who is normally depicted as a cocky winner.

To honor the 20th anniversary of its release, producer George Lucas issues a "remade" Star Wars, with new scenes, computerized special effects and soup-uped animation. Lucas' grand plan calls for a nine-film cycle, including prequels.

English actor/director Kenneth Branagh plays Hamlet in his star-studded remake of Shakespeare's classic. Despite running four hours, the movie is a critical and box-office success.

NBC's Thursday night drama "ER" features television's first HIV-positive prominent character. Jerris Boullet, a physician's assistant played by Gloria Reuben, is relatively open about her condition and helps confront the stigma of AIDS.

Scat Adams' Dilbert, the comic strip about office politics, captures the nation's imagination. In book form, The Dilbert Principle becomes a national best-seller.

Actors Winona Ryder and Daniel Day-Lewis star in The Crucible, which opens in December. The screen adaptation of Arthur Miller's famous play about the Salem witch trials is written by Arthur Miller himself.

Drew Carey (left) finds TV stardom during the second session of ABC's "The Drew Carey Show," a zany sitcom about working-class characters in Cleveland, Ohio.

Model Brooke Shields (center) moves to television in NBC's "Suddenly Susan," a sitcom premiering in September. Shields plays a columnist opposite magazine editor Judi Nelson (far right).

Author Michael Crichton publishes The Lost World, a sequel to Jurassic Park, the colossal novel and movie. The new book promises to generate just as much hype, with a movie already in the works.
Explosive special effects must keep audiences to their seats as they watch blockbuster hit Independence Day, one of summer's top films.

Huge Bunny and Chicago Bulls basketball star Michael Jordan share top billing in Space Jam, a partially animated feature film that opens in late November.

In September, Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes team up as the classic star-crossed lovers in the film Romeo and Juliet. Tom Cruise stars in Mission: Impossible, based on the 1960s and '70s television series of the same name. Despite critical put-downs, the movie is a huge box office hit.

John Lithgow (front right) teams with an Emmy and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Comedy Series in NBC's "3rd Rock From the Sun," a sitcom about a family of aliens living in contemporary America.

America's favorite sitcom father, Bill Cosby, enjoys the success of his new CBS show, "Cosby." In January 1997, however, tragedy strikes as Cosby's son Ennis is killed in Los Angeles in an apparent random robbery.

Stars Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt star in Twister, a tornado of awesome proportions in Twister, another summer blockbuster, which tells the story of stormchasers dedicated to studying the inner workings of tornadoes.

Michael J. Fox returns to television in September as a deputy mayor in NBC's "Spin City," a sitcom about the inner workings of New York's City Hall.

ENTERTAINMENT
Folk and blues artist Tracy Chapman returns to the scene in 1996 with the single "Give Me One Reason." Chapman receives five Grammy nominations in January 1997.

The artist formerly known as Prince releases Emancipation, a three-hour, three-CD album, in honor of his release from his Warner Bros. recording contract.

Guitarist Slash of Guns N' Roses forms his own band. His new group, Slash's Blues Ball, is a six-man blues band grounded in the blues-based hard rock of the 1970s.

Rocker Sheryl Crow joins the ranks of musicians who have had their albums banned from Walmart. The retail giant objects to a lyric alleging that kids kill each other with guns they obtained from the store.

Kiss bassist guitarist Gene Simmons strikes a familiar pose as the band kicks off a reunion tour with a June 20 concert in Detroit. The tour marks the first time the original members of the band perform together since 1973.

The Beatles' Anthology 3, the third and final album from the reunited remaining members of the band, is released in November. Following the example of their two previous anthologies, Anthology 3 sells in record numbers.

British pop superstars Liam (left) and Noel Gallagher cancel the remainder of a U.S. concert tour in September amid rumors that their band, Oasis, is breaking up. Denying the reports, the brothers announce they will release a new album in the summer of 1997.

The alternative-rock band Nirvana releases a new album, From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah, in October. The album contains 17 live tracks recorded between 1989 and the 1994 suicide of singer Kurt Cobain (right).

Bush, a British rock group with an American "grunge" sound, tours the U.S. to promote their album Sixteen Stone. They release another chart-topping album, Razorblade Suitcase, in the winter.

Heavy metal band Metallica is the headlining act for the summer concert Lollapalooza, traditionally an alternative-rock show. Metallica remains high-profile, winning an MTV award for the year's Best Hard Rock Video in September.

After 10 years of separation, members of the band Van Halen are reunited with their former lead singer, David Lee Roth (right), at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Roth later claims he thought he was rejoining the band, who chose a different lead singer.
The hit single "Where It's At" kicks off the new Beck album Odelay, which is released to popular and critical acclaim. Spin magazine awards Beck Artist of the Year.

No Doubt, fronted by lead singer Gwen Stefani, releases Tragic Kingdom, which includes such chart-toppers as "Just a Girl," "Spiderwebs," and "Don't Speak."

Counting Crows' second album, Recovering the Satellites, is released in October. The long-awaited follow-up to 1993's August and Everything After debuts at number one on the charts.

George Strait is honored by the Country Music Association in October with three major awards — Single of the Year for 'Check Yes or No,' Album of the Year for Clear Blue Sky, and Male Vocalist of the Year.

Toni Braxton's second album, Beyond, is released in summer 1996. Braxton wins R&B Single of the Year for "Let It Flow" at the Billboard Music Awards in the fall.

Death Row Records co-founder Dr. Dre, often dubbed the "godfather of gangsta rap," begins distancing himself from hard-core rap. "Been There, Done That," his break-away anthem, premieres on MTV in September.

Fourteen-year-old singing sensation LeAnn Rimes is nominated for the Country Music Association's Horizon Award after the breakthrough success of her single "Blue." The popular new star is often compared to country music legend Patsy Cline.

The music world is stunned in September by the death of rapper Tupac Shakur, killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. Speculations as to the killer's motive abound, but the year ends with no answers and no arrests.

The Wallflowers, with Jakob Dylan, son of legendary folk artist Bob Dylan, release Bringing Down the Horse, which features hit singles "One Headlight" and "6th Avenue Heartache."
SPORTS

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Tennis pro Pete Sampras wins the eighth grand slam title of his career at the U.S. Open in September. Steffi Graf wins the U.S. Open Women's title, beating Monica Seles.

Pro boxer Mike Tyson loses his Heavyweight Championship of the World title to Evander Holyfield in a November match. Holyfield, a former two-time world champion, reclaims his title in the surprise win.

Chicago Bulls star Dennis Rodman further his controversial reputation by kicking a photographer in the groin during a game against the Minnesota Timberwolves in January 1997. Rodman is suspended for up to 11 games without pay, costing him more than $1 million, in addition to a $25,000 fine by the NBA, as well as a reported $200,000 settlement with the photographer.

Baltimore Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar is suspended for five games, deferred to the 1997 season, when he spits on an umpire during a heated argument over a questionable call in the National League playoffs. Controversy ensues over the leniency of the punishment.

Team USA wins the World Cup of Hockey, defeating Canada 5-2 in the final. Eight teams from Canada, Europe and the U.S. participate in the World Cup, which replaced the Canada Cup.

In June, the Colorado Avalanche beat the Florida Panthers in the NHL Stanley Cup playoffs. The final game in the series remains scoreless until 1:05 a.m., when the Avalanche finally score the winning goal in the third overtime period.

Twenty-year-old golfing phenom Tiger Woods turns pro in August, making the transition from exceptional amateur golfer to well-endorsed professional, including a deal with Nike worth an estimated $40 million.

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Race car driver Terry Labonte wins NASCAR's Winston Cup championship with a total of 4,657 points after finishing fifth in the final race, the NAPA 500 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Led by quarterback Brett Favre, the Green Bay Packers beat the New England Patriots 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI at the Louisiana Superdome. It is the Packers' first Super Bowl since 1968.

The New York Yankees win the World Series, beating the Atlanta Braves in a four-game sweep, after losing the first two games. It is the first series title for the Yankees since 1978.

Paul Molitor of the Minnesota Twins becomes the 21st player in major league history to reach 3,000 career hits. The milestone is reached in September, when Molitor triples against Kansas City Royals rookie pitcher Jose Rosado.
The U.S. women's gymnastics team takes the gold at the Summer Olympics. Keri Strug, second from right, is the heroine of the competition, landing her final vault despite a dislocated left ankle.

U.S. swimmer Amy Van Dyken wins the women's 100-meter butterfly event at the Olympic Games with a time of 56.13 seconds. Van Dyken wins a total of four golds.

The Chicago Bulls win their fourth NBA championship in six years as they defeat the Seattle SuperSonics in game six of the NBA finals on June 16.

April 1996 marks the 100th running of the Boston Marathon. More than 36,000 contenders participate.

Olympic swimmer Tom Dolan captures another gold for the U.S. as he wins the 400-meter individual medley on July 21. Dolan wins with a time of 4:14.90.

Minnesota Twins star centerfielder Kirby Puckett announces his retirement from baseball in July. A serious eye ailment forces Puckett to give up the game, but he manages to maintain his upbeat attitude at three conferences and interviews.

U.S. Olympian Michael Johnson wins the 200-meter final in a world-record time of 19.32 seconds. Johnson's triumph comes three days after he wins the 400-meter race, making him the first man to win both events in one Olympics.

Joan Driscoll (front right) of the U.S. takes the silver in the women's 800-meter wheelchair race, a demonstration sport, at the Summer Olympics. Driscoll, seventeen-time winner of the Boston Marathon, retires at the end of 1996, after setting several world records during her career.

Basketball star Shaquille O'Neal jumps from the Orlando Magic to the Los Angeles Lakers in July. The deal is the richest in NBA history, paying O'Neal $120 million over 7 years.
Helping consumers maintain privacy, marketers promote home AIDS tests. Consumers draw their own blood and then send it away to be tested confidentially.

Advancing technology means more options on telephones, including Caller ID, which becomes more common than ever in 1997. The display unit allows people to see the name and number of their caller before even answering the phone.

Authors Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider release The Rules, a controversial manual teaching women strategies for getting a man to propose marriage. While the book draws criticism from both sexes, it is a best-seller.

The U.S. Postal Service issues stamps commemorating Hanukkah, the first non-Christian religious holiday ever featured on a stamp.

Casual Fridays become more and more widespread in American work culture. Businesses allow employees who normally dress in professional clothing at work to wear more comfortable, casual clothing on Fridays.

A "Sesame Street" stuffed toy causes panic among holiday shoppers. Tickle Me Elmo sells out in stores nationwide, and has shoppers fighting over scarce inventory and paying hundreds of times the toys' value.

The ongoing dance craze is the "Macarena," a Latin line dance. People of all ages participate in the dance, including Olympians, delegates and workers of the Democratic National Convention (above) and the New York Yankees grounds crew.

The minimum wage is raised to $4.75 in October, and will increase again to $5.15, effective September 1, 1997.

The beverage industry introduces a new concept—bottled water with caffeine! One bottle of the uncarbonated water contains as much caffeine as one cup of coffee.

The My Twin Doll Company offers individually crafted dolls that replicate, from a photo, the eye color, hair and facial features of a living girl. Each doll comes with two matching outfits, one for the doll and one for the owner.

Nail polish colors get darker and funkier. Deep browns and blues are popular forms of expression and style.

Disney's 101 Dalmatians inspires an avalanche of promotional merchandise, filling stores with spotted toys, backpacks, games and other odds and ends.
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Priceless Program Award:
Amnesty Information Board- Amnesty International - Michael Gonsalves, Coordinator

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Dr. Gordon Patterson, Humanities Department
Outstanding Contributions to Student Life:
Dr. David Holt, School of Business and Ms. Shea Ganley, Alumni Affairs
Excellence in Advising:
Dr. John Windsor, Oceanography Program, College of Engineering
Organization Advisor of the Year:
Dr. David Holt, School of Business
Outstanding Contribution by a New Student:
Sabrina Marek, Crimson and James Vitano, Pi Kappa Alpha
Excellence as a New Organization:
Society for the Advancement of Management
Outstanding New Organization: Women’s Soccer Club
Most Improved Organization: The Music Club
Outstanding Contribution by a Graduate Student:
Robert Pratt and Elizabeth Bruce
Excellence as an Outstanding Organization: College Players

Tribute to a Graduating Senior

Rodney Cooper
Caroline Breglia
Cynthia Dwyer

Student Leader of the Year
Richard Richardson

Organization of the Year
Alpha Phi Omega
The Ad Astra Yearbook Staff
would like to say

Congratulations graduates!

You’ve worked hard to get this far,
and we think it’s about time you get a big THANK YOU
in return for everything you have contributed to Florida Tech over the past four (or five) years.
What is the MSA?

The Muslim Student Association (MSA) is one of the largest organizations here at Florida Tech. Its goals and objectives are to serve both Muslim and non-Muslim students. The MSA organizes annual events through which it attempts to create the social atmosphere that can help students to be acquainted with one another.

One of MSA’s main goals is to introduce Islam to interested non-Muslim students and faculty members. Many people in the community do not know anything about the religion of Islam or may have the wrong ideas about it. The MSA sponsors cultural activities every month during regular semesters in order to help educate the community about Islam’s religion.

On such activities the MSA distributes pamphlets and informative brochures about Arabic traditions. Also distributed are pamphlets about Islam. Sometimes visual aids such as Holy sites videos are shown to demonstrate the Islamic heritage to the people of the University.

The MSA communicates with other organizations through the internet and has a homepage on the world wide web. In addition, the MSA publishes a newsletter each semester which features a variety of informative articles.

Through the many activities and communication tools that the MSA utilize, they are in full contact with people all over the United States.

MSA Activities

MSA Cultural Booth
Islam Awareness Week
MSA Newsletter
Picnics
Guest Speakers
Weekly Gatherings
Contests and Prizes
Art Galleries
Middle Eastern Food
...and much more!

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Form more information about Islam, contact the ISIC:
550 W. Florida Ave. Melbourne, FL 32901
Tel: (407) 984-4129

Contact the MSA here at Florida Tech:
150 W. University Blvd. Melbourne, FL 32901
Homepage: www.fit.edu/CampusLife/clubs_org/MSA
e-mail: MSA@fit.edu
FALL

August
14-22 Orientation
19 Check-In &
 "Punchy The Robot"
25-29 CAB Poster Sale

September
11 Vic Henley (Comedian)
12-13 OSL Retreat
    Dave Coleman
18 Gilligan Loves Mary-ann
25-28 Regional Conference,
    Chattanooga, TN

October
2 Renee Hicks (Comedian)
17-19 Family Weekend
17 Lynn Trefzger (Ventriloquist)
17 Balloon Artist
24-25 Halloween Horror Nights
    (Universal Studios)
30 Jady Kurrent (a band)

November
4 Mike Rayburn
    (Coffeehouse - Comedy)
13 Spencers (Magic Show)

December
1-5 Extreme Week

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SPRING

January
29 Craig Karges (Mentalist)

February
1-7 Homecoming
5 Tom Deluca (Hypnotist)
19 Valentines Day Celebration

March
7-15 Spring Break
19 Rights of Spring (CAB & Auxiliary Services)
26 Darren Carter (Comedian)

April
2 Buzz Sutherland (Comedian)
10-11 Culture Show (ISSO)
16 Greg Laush (Comedian)
20-24 Extreme Week

1998
CAB E-BOARD

Richard Richardson - President
Natalye Roberts - Promotions
Jenna Butts - Productions
Jackie Barcomb - Vice President/Treasurer
College Players want to congratulate Barry K. Horne, Doug Grandey, Cindy Dwyer, and Chad Sereno!!
Break a leg in all you do, and remember you will always be a part of our family!

Good Luck to All Graduating Sisters!!!

Florida Tech Alumni Association and the Student Ambassadors congratulate the 1997 Graduates. We wish you much success in your future endeavors.
WARNING SENIORS: If you think your finals will be tough, or that the GRE’s are impossible, pull up a chair and try Ad Astra’s graduate exam...

QUALIFYING EXAMINATION

Instructions: Read each question carefully. You must answer all questions.
Time Limit - 4 hours. You may begin immediately.

HISTORY: Describe the history of the papacy from its origin to the present day, concentrating especially but not exclusively, on its social, political, economic, religious, and philosophical impact on Europe, Asia, America, and Africa. Be brief, concise, and specific.

MEDICINE: You have been provided with a razor blade, a piece of gauze, and a bottle of Scotch. Remove your appendix. Do not suture until your work has been inspected... You have fifteen minutes.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: 2500 riot-crazed aborigines are storming the building. Calm them. You may use any ancient language other than Latin or Greek.

BIOLOGY: Create life. Estimate the difference in subsequent human culture if this form of life had developed 500 million years earlier, with special attention to its probable effect on the English parliamentary system. Prove your thesis.

MUSIC: Write a piano concerto. Orchestrate and perform it with a flute and drum. You will find a piano under your seat.

PSYCHOLOGY: Based on your knowledge of their works, evaluate the emotional stability, degree of adjustment, and repressed frustrations of each of the following: Alexander of Aphrodisias, Ramses II, Gregory of Nicea, Hammurabi. Support your evaluation with quotations from each man’s work, making appropriate references. It is not necessary to translate.
Please Use a #2 Pencil

**Sociology:** Estimate the sociological problems which might accompany the end of the world. Construct and experiment to test your theory.

**Management Science:** Define Management. Define Science. How do they relate and why? Create a generalized algorithm to optimize all managerial decisions. Assuming an 1130CPU supporting 50 terminals with each terminal to activate your algorithm, design the communications interface and all necessary control programs.

**Engineering:** The disassembled parts of a high-powered rifle have been placed in a box on your desk. You will also find an instruction manual, printed in Swahili. In ten minutes, a hungry alligator removed from the Florida Everglades will be released in the room. Take whatever action you consider appropriate. Be prepared to justify your decision.

**Economics:** Develop a realistic plan for refinancing the school’s debt. Trace the possible effects of your plan in the following areas: No renovations, the Tuition controversy, and the Theory of the Invisible Engineering Complex. Outline a method for preventing these effects. Criticize this method from all possible points of view. Point out the deficiencies in your point of view, as demonstrated in your answer to the above question.

**Political Science:** There is a red telephone on the desk beside you. Start World War III. Report at length on its socio-political effects, if any.

**Epistemology:** Take a position for or against truth. Prove the validity of your position.

**Physics:** Explain the nature of matter. Include in your answer an evaluation of the impact of the development of mathematics on science.

**Thank You and Have a Good Life in the Real World.**

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Colophon:

The 1996-1997 Ad Astra yearbook would not have been resurrected after two years of absence if a small group of students had not had the initiative and dedication to create a masterpiece. While the editor had no previous knowledge of how to make a yearbook, she used examples from the past years and from other schools, and quickly learned what to do and definitely what not to do when designing a yearbook.

We are forever indebted to all of the following: Ryon Speir, a student not even attending this school, for his computerized design of the pocket watch; Rob Gribbrough, Kristie Norstrand, and everyone at University Publications for creating the final design for the cover and for waiting for the editor to finally show up; all the wonderful organizations who got their pictures and summaries to us (especially to those on time); the wonderful secretaries who allowed us to rummage through their desks for academic pictures; the wonderful Kathy Fouibiter for always having a smile on her face and always managing to have the pictures we needed; Dean Watson and Richard Morava for their athletic support and fabulous pictures; Misti for sitting with our crazy group for few minutes just to help us create something.

Moving on to our staff, we want to like to thank Stephanie for her hard work on the organization section even into the summer; Heidi for her support on the organizations; Kirstin for her patience in getting pictures and for keeping her sanity even when losing disks; Jamie and Kristen for coming to the staff out of the blue and being so very good at their job; Jim for being the most incredible photographer in creation; Sheree and Megan for backing Jim up so he would not break; Renee, Rhonda, and Sarah for jumping in to take the pressure off the editors and sale... sale... sale; Sabrina and Juan for giving us their time even when they had so little available; Bryan and Sae for advising us and watching over our shoulders (and especially for trusting us); and finally to Laura, Bob, Thomas, Barry, and Mike who’s small efforts kept us from giving up.

The Ad Astra was produced using Yeartech software in conjunction with PageMaker 6.0. The many different type styles (if they did not default) were Times Roman 10 pt or 12 pt for the paragraphs and 9 pt or 10 pt for the captions; Impromptu 44 pt for the Organizations and Greek headlines; Midway 48 pt for the Student Life headlines; Times 48 for the Peoples headlines; and Impact 48 for the Sports headlines. George Becker of Becker Photography took the portraits for this year.

Major happy thanks goes to Jim Reppi, Jostens yearbook representative who came in and saved us from the downward spiral we first faced. His advise and complete understanding kept us from too much distress. The final and biggest thanks goes to the buyer and reader of this yearbook. We hope we have given you a good taste of your memories from college, and maybe this book might let you look back with fond memories for several more years. Time will tell.
As I now take a breath, I realize that I have finally completed probably the most tedious and challenging task I have ever taken on in my entire college career. When I returned from my summer vacation before the start of my last year, I decided that I wanted a yearbook to remind me not only of my friends, but also of Florida Tech. I may not know many of the people in this yearbook, but I do know that all these people play a major role in keeping this school alive (including financially). In the beginning, I had no idea what I was stepping into considering that I have never been on a yearbook staff before. I was lucky, though, because I was blessed with having a very dedicated, experienced, friendly, and patient staff. My only hope is that you will accept this book with open arms forgiving those mistakes I may have overlooked. I also hope that you will experience as much joy in ten or twenty years when you look at this book again.
A Special Dedication

“I loved Sue for putting up with my endless questions. She always had a smile for me.”
- Jennifer Butts

“You can always count on Sue. She does not pretend to be pretentious, so you can sit down and have a real conversation with her.”
- Rodney Cooper

For all the time she devoted to helping the students of Florida Tech and for all the love she gave each of us, we dedicate this volume of our history to the remarkable and memorable
Sue “Mom” Waggoner, 1987-1997

In September 1984, Sue Waggoner joined the Florida Tech staff in the Shipping and Receiving Department. She worked in Shipping and Receiving until she transferred in 1986 to the Student Activities office which at that time was located in the ‘M’ Building of Southgate Apartments. She took on her current position of Student Activities budget coordinator created as a result of the new student activities fee. Then in 1987, Sue accepted the advisory position for College Players, and became very active with the College Players until the Spring of 1993. She has also been a very dedicated advisor for the Panther Spirit Club, not to mention a die-hard fan for athletics, especially Men and Women’s Basketball. For every student that has entered the Student Activities office, Sue has become, in sense, their adopted mother. She offers her guidance and love unconditionally to any student seeking someone to comfort them on their long and tedious journey away from home. Her faith in God and her strong will has led her through many tough paths, but yet to all her “children”, Sue has always been a source of strength and encouragement.

“Mommy… I love you… Mommy!”
- Shawn Gebhardt
Isn’t it about time we got that Engineering Complex?