

G.U.E.

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GLANCE

A GUIDE FOR FRESHMEN

GEORGE UNDERWOOD EDWARDS
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY



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IDENTIFICATION

Record your dormitory, advisor, and class schedule here, then carry this guidebook with you as a handy reference. Your login number for the G.U.E. Technet computer system is the same as your student identification number. You will also have a computer password, which should be kept secret at all times. It's best to memorize your password right away. Never write it down where others might see it.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Dorm/House _____ Dorm/House Phone _____

Advisor _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

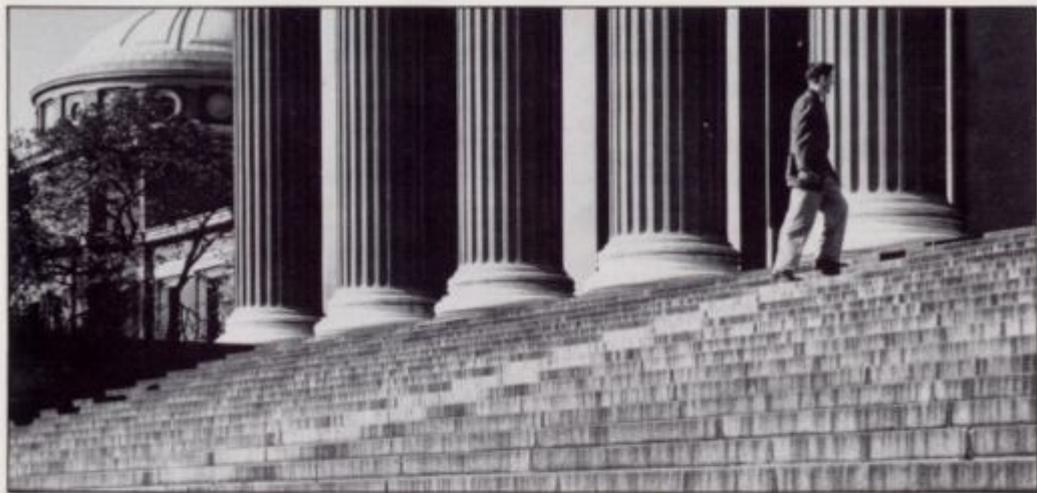
Parent's Name _____

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CLASS SCHEDULE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7-9					
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3-5					



WELCOME TO G.U.E.!

You've probably been waiting to go to G.U.E. Tech for years—ever since you realized that science and math were more important to you than just about anything (except eating). And now here you are, in a community of people who feel exactly the same way. Of course, the first thing in your mind is academics, whether you can get a seminar with that Nobel Laureate Physics professor, how soon you can have 24-hr access to the Computer Center, whether you can get credit through a work-study program. Most of these questions can be answered by your freshman advisor or by the official student handbook.

There are plenty of other questions, however, that you should also be asking yourself, questions that your advisor will be hard put to answer. Questions like, where can you find the best pizza? Where can you find a date? Which

He who climbs the steps of knowledge stands out among common men like a blueberry in a pan of milk.

—George Underwood Edwards

dorms should you avoid? Should you subscribe to the meal plan? Where can you go if you're feeling out of control?

This handbook attempts to answer some of these questions. Written by upperclass students, *G.U.E. At A Glance* (sometimes known as *GAAG*) might tell you things the Administration would rather you didn't know. But we believe that you'd find them out anyway, and that you'll be glad it's sooner rather than later...

In spite of what your roommate will tell you, G.U.E. Tech does not have the highest suicide rate in the country. However, it is a high-pressure school. While you're wondering what happened to the distraught student who used to sit next to you in Introductory

Calculus, you might also be wondering how you're going to get through mid-terms without cracking up.

When things get tough, DON'T PANIC. Help is always available, and no one will think the lesser of you for seeking it. Visits to the Counseling Center don't appear on your permanent record, and complete confidentiality is maintained at all times.

One thing that just might drive you crazy is figuring out how to get around campus. While we've provided a map to help you identify the main dorm and class buildings, you probably won't feel at home until you've gotten lost a few times and stumbled back to familiar ground.



Future Nobel Laureates experiment with the electron microscope. Mitch Clark '89, shown at left, has won several national science awards for his microphotographic studies of magnetic stress on conductive wires.

SCHOOL TRADITIONS

Lock Day—In a bizarre twist on Caltech's Ditch Day, seniors leave school, after locking the cafeteria doors with intricate electronic equipment. Underclassmen must undo the electronic puzzles before they can eat.

Slug Stomping—Watch for the first slugs of the year and step on them.

Founder's Day—One night during the last week of spring term, the huge bronze statue of George Underwood Edwards mysteriously disappears from its pedestal and shows up the next day in some totally offbeat spot. A certain rowdy fraternity is rumored to spend the entire year planning this prank.

Final Scream—At a designated time during Final Exam week, everyone screams in unison.

Pigeon Day—The President rings a bell at 6 a.m. one spring morning and puts a statue of a giant pigeon on the lawn. No classes for the day; free food at night.

Streamer Day—Take all the toilet paper rolls from the bathrooms and throw them out of the dorm windows.



The Infinite Corridor connecting the Aeronautics and Chemistry buildings seems to stretch into infinity. It will soon become as familiar to you as your dorm room.

Large, underground tunnels connect most of the buildings. However, many of these tunnels are very old, and a number have been closed for safety reasons. While you may be tempted to explore, DON'T risk it. Several deaths have been attributed to student explorations in the tunnels. Closed tunnels are off-limits; they're closed for a reason, and we encourage students to restrain their curiosity and keep out of them.

It's usually easiest for new students to live in a dormitory and subscribe to the school meal plan. But easiest isn't always best. In the case of G.U.E.'s food service, it's worst. Food ranges from bad to inedible, and the cafeterias are only open for a few hours around each mealtime. If you haven't signed up for

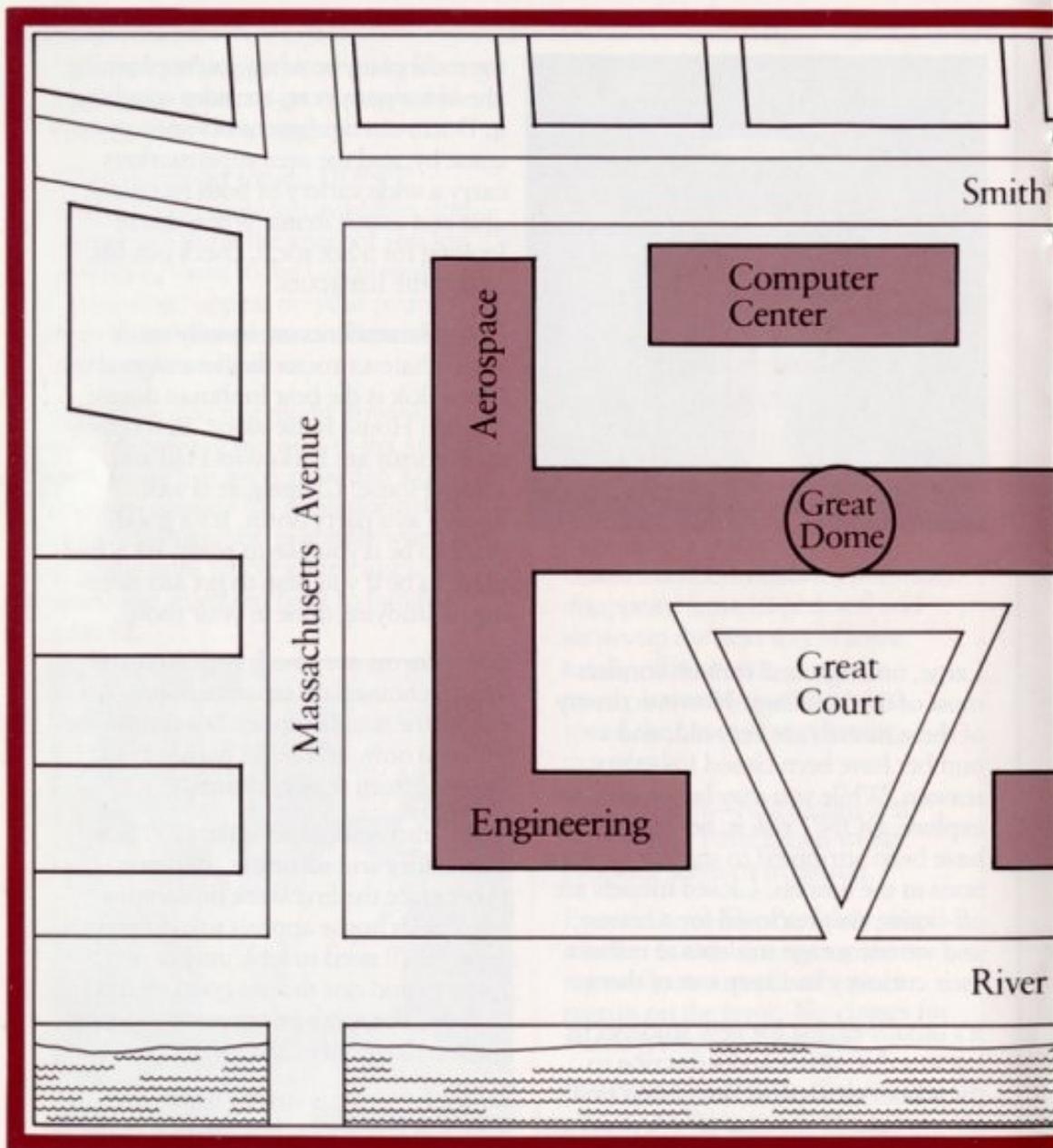
the meal plan, or when you're planning ahead for next year, consider roughing it. Dorm-sized refrigerators are easy to come by, and the area supermarkets carry a wide variety of both recognizable and exotic items. When you're looking for a hot meal, check our list of favorite hangouts.

First-year students are usually stuck with whatever room they're assigned to. Elrod Bok is the best freshman dorm; Murani House is the worst. Best upper-class dorms are Berkowitz Hall and Lunce House. Chapelgate is well-known as a party dorm. It's a good place to be if you like to party. It's a bad place to be if you plan to get any sleeping or studying done in your room.

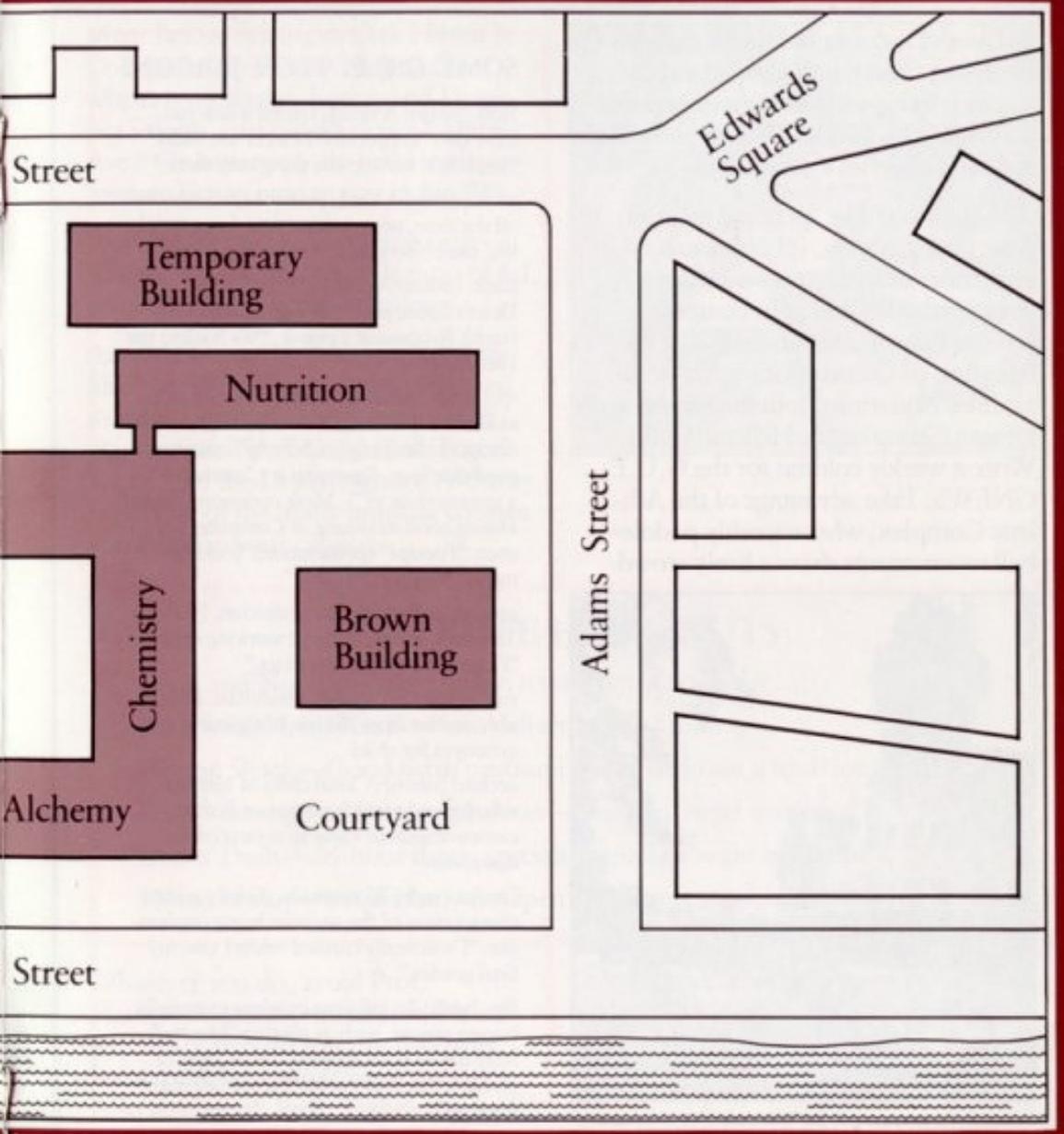
Most dorms are co-ed, with men and women housed on separate floors. A few of the smaller upperclass dorms are for men only, and Stella Barton Hall houses fifteen senior women.

You'll also want to consider G.U.E.'s fraternities and sororities. Pledging takes place the first week on campus. Since each house appeals to a different type, you'll need to look into all of them to find one that's a good match for you. For more information, contact the Interfraternity Council.

Dorm furniture is strictly functional and, if you're lucky, less than 50 years old. Most students outgrow the dorm bookshelf within one semester. You can buy cheap but sturdy bookcases



The bequest of George Underwood Edwards permitted the merger of several venerable institutions, including the famed Hopewell Academy of Natural Science, into the George Underwood Edwards Institute of Technology. Departments were founded in such radical disciplines as Mechanical Engineering, Chemical Biology, and Architec-



ture, and an exciting new campus was built along River Street. Although the campus has since expanded in all directions, nearly all of the original structures remain. This map includes the buildings you're most likely to use every day. For a more detailed (although less portable) map of the area, refer to your Student Handbook.

at Dave's Discount Decor, along with bean-bag chairs, lava lamps, and designer telephones (one current favorite, a glow-in-the-dark skull with gleaming red eyes, chortles instead of rings).

Although you'll be spending most of your time studying, it's important to remember that life exists outside of your textbooks and your computer screen. Take an afternoon to visit the Museum of Contemporary Art or the Loeffler Aquarium. Join the Freshman Drama Group or the Hellenic Club. Write a weekly column for the G.U.E. GNEWS. Take advantage of the Athletic Complex, whose weekly paddleball tournaments draw a lively crowd.



Students relax on the quad in front of Edwards Hall, one of the architectural gems of G.U.E. Tech. The campus spans a century in building design, ranging from the Victorian opulence of Edwards Hall to the reflective glass facade of the Nutrition Building.

SOME G.U.E. TECH JARGON:

frob. (noun) A thing. Useful when you have two "unspecified objects" on hand. "Stick that frob on the thing over there."

tool. (noun) A nerd. Someone who studies all the time, never taking time for a social life. (verb) To study. "I'm tooling tonight."

hack. (noun) A prank. "Painting the Dean's house pink was a great hack!" (verb) To commit a prank. "We hacked the Dean's house."

-p. (suffix) Adding the -p suffix to a word makes it a question. A derivative of the LISP computer language, where "p" indicates predicate (e.g., "greaterp x y," meaning "is x greater than y?"). Most commonly heard among tools majoring in Computer Science. "Foodp?" (pronounced "food-pee") means "Are you hungry?"

grease. (noun) Student politician. (verb) To pass a course without working on it. "I greased Thermodynamics."

rug rat (or rat). (noun) Freshman. Presumably derives from the use of this term as a synonym for child.

urchin. (noun) A local child or teenager who hangs around campus and often causes objects of value to mysteriously disappear.

curdle. (verb) To astonish, usually with a connotation of the surprise being unpleasant. "I was really curdled when I saw my final grades."

flip. (verb) To kill time by some essentially boring means, such as playing "Hearts." May derive from flipping bottle caps, or perhaps baseball cards. "I spent last night flipping."

midnight. (adjective) Before noon. "Midnight class" is a class held before noon. "Midnight quiz" is an early morning quiz.

Men: Before driving to Oak Haven Jr. College for the Friday Night Mixer, why not try Rudy's Eating and Drinking Saloon, two blocks down Capital Ave.? Or better yet, say hello to the woman sitting next to you in Bio 100.

Women: There's no need to go anywhere. With a male / female ratio of 6:1, someone WILL say hello to you.

Another way to broaden your college life is to take a class entirely unrelated to your distribution requirements or your major. The "Zinc As Life Force" Seminar in the Department of Alchemy is but one of the many unusual courses you'll find in your catalog.



Biology students delve into the mysteries of the digestive system. This popular course makes full use of G.U.E.'s modern laboratory facilities.

FAVORITE HANGOUTS

Crust and Noodles—Best Italian restaurant in town.

Reilly's Real Irish Pizza—Pizza delivery until 2 a.m.

Hoagie Shack—Good subs; pastrami and sauerkraut a traditional favorite.

Rudy's Eating and Drinking Saloon—The local meat market.

Dot 'n' Dash—24-hour diner, specializing in late night breakfast.

House of Roy—In Chinatown. Open late. Great food, and cheap.

Whatever you do, avoid Prof. Hamstop's astronomy classes. He's a tenured bore, and you can probably learn more by just gazing at the sky. Also beware of: Prof. Tighe's Intensive Metallurgy course; Dr. Morlock's Introduction to Fuel Gas Engineering; Dr. Negele's Moral Philosophy classes; Prof. Carlsen's seminar in Textile Tech-

nology; and any junior instructor.

Above all, remember that all of us on the Social Committee were freshmen once, too. Don't feel shy about approaching one of us for wisdom or advice. And don't forget that we all made it through that tough first year at G.U.E. So can you.

don't forget snacks
for Fri. party!

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Note: At the turn of the century, G.U.E. was commonly pronounced 'gooey' (rather than 'gee-you-ee' as it is today). The former pronunciation should be used when singing the alma mater.

When Georgie planned his Institute
Upon the river's neck,
He little guessed the glories
That would fall on G.U.E. Tech.

(chorus)

So let's all toast our founder
Raise high the glass of beer
There's nothing we would rather be
Than a G.U.E. engineer.

Our commonwealth of farmers
Held industry in check,
Until a school for engineers
Broke ground at G.U.E. Tech.

(chorus)

Architects built up the country
Designing bridge and deck.
The best were trained and tutored right
Here at old G.U.E. Tech.

(chorus)

But G.U.E.'s more than labs and texts,
So let's say "What the heck!
On Pigeon Day we'll take a break
From class at G.U.E. Tech!"

(chorus)

The G.U.E. buddies that you make
Will long be at your beck.
You'll not find dearer friendships
Than those forged at G.U.E. Tech.

(chorus)

(repeat)

So let's all toast our founder
Raise high the glass of beer
There's nothing we would rather be
Than a G.U.E. engineer.

(It is customary for the chorus to be sung only by seniors and alumni, while the tune is hummed by underclassmen. The final chorus is repeated, with everyone joining in.)