

Archives & Special Collections

University Archives Collection

The University Archives collections document Tech's origins, history, and development. They show evidence of the traditions and creative output of Georgia Tech faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Collections in this area contain the records of Georgia Tech's administrative offices, educational programs, standing bodies of the faculty and staff, extracurricular organizations, and more.

Library Philanthropy in Action

Philanthropic support to the **Georgia Tech University Archives Collection** will allow the Library to not only expand its collections, but also ensure the proper processing, digitizing, dissemination and marketing of all collections to increase access to these rich historical materials.

Marilyn Somers Living History Fund

Marilyn J. Somers, Honorary Georgia Tech Alumna 2008 and founder of the Georgia Tech Living History Program, singlehandedly created the Living History Program in 1994. Marilyn cataloged 1,192 alumni, retired faculty, and staff interviews before her retirement from the Georgia Tech Alumni Association in 2020. The stories cross the gamut of Georgia Tech history from 1915 through 2019. The "firsts" are there – past presidents, astronauts, musicians, football players, coaches, and captains of industry.

To commemorate Marilyn's work and honor her dedication, the Marilyn Somers Living History Program Collection was established in the Georgia Tech Archives and Special Collections.

Supporting the **Marilyn Somers Living History Archives Fund & Endowment** will allow the Library to significantly enhance access to the invaluable collection of 1,192 alumni oral history stories and physical materials graciously donated to the Georgia Tech Library by Marilyn over the years. Plans include the comprehensive digitization of these oral histories, ensuring their availability for student and faculty research, as well as instructional purposes. Contributions will have a profound impact, enabling the Library to preserve and share this rich tapestry of history for generations to come.

Collection Areas of Interest

Georgia Tech alumni and friends are encouraged to submit their personal memories and artifacts from their time as a student. The University Archivist is working to collect, document, and digitize historical material from the following areas:

- ◊ WREK Radio records and recordings
- ◊ Fraternity and sorority life
- ◊ Georgia Tech faculty, particularly women
- ◊ Georgia Tech alumni
- ◊ Georgia Tech athletics
- ◊ Student life
- ◊ Student activism

