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SPSU During Wartime

What did SPSU look like during the years the US was at war?

1950 -- the bulk of US casualties occurred during the first year of the Korean war (100,000)

The Technical Institute renamed Southern Technical Institute (1949)

- located on the Naval Air Station in Chamblee
- division of Georgia Tech
- eight technical programs designed to be completed in six quarters: Building Construction, Civil, Electrical, Electronic & Radio, Gas Fuel, Heating & Air Conditioning, Industrial and Mechanical
- Associate of Science degree granted
- Dorm space for 280 men
- Tuition and fees \$270, room and board \$550 per academic year (three quarters)
- student social clubs, intercollegiate sports, newspaper, yearbook, and student government
- Admission requirement: high school diploma
- All capital equipment items deleted from budget
- Student enrollment declined by one-third
- Budget decreased from \$80,000 to \$61,000

1967 -- the most ground troops in Vietnam (500,000)

- Enrollment 1,206
- New majors: Architectural, Civil (Surveying and Construction), Electrical (Electronic Computer and Control), Industrial (Management), and Textile
- Request for a 4-year degree (to respond to students who wanted a four year draft deferral) was submitted to Board of Regents where it languished for 3 years.
- Relocated to Marietta (1961)
- Additional admission requirements: average or above average record in high school, aptitude for mathematics, science and English, some mechanical aptitude, ability to grasp theory of applied engineering, enthusiasm for technical field, determination to work hard, ability to work with other people

- Tuition and fees \$322, room and board \$910

1991-- Over 500,000 US troops participated in Operation Desert Storm

Renamed Southern College of Technology (1986)

- Separation from Georgia Tech (1980)
- Enrollment 3,828
- All but two Associates degrees had become Bachelors degrees. New degrees were Apparel, Applied Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Math, and Physics. 3 Masters Degrees in Engineering Technology, Technical Communication and Technical Management
- Tuition and fees \$1431
- Additional admission requirements: Satisfactory SAT scores plus 15 college prep units
- Budget cut of 10%
- Construction of student center stalled

2003 -- 255,000 US troops stand ready to go to war against Iraq

Renamed Southern Polytechnic State University (1997)

- Changed from quarters to semesters
- Enrollment 3,539
- \$2452 tuition and fees, room and board \$4806
- Degrees Authorized: nine Masters, twenty-five Bachelors, one Associate and eleven Certificates
- Budget cut of 5% plus
- Request to Board of Regents for differential tuition
- Additional admission requirements: minimum 500/500 on SAT, 2.0 high school gpa, 16 college prep units

