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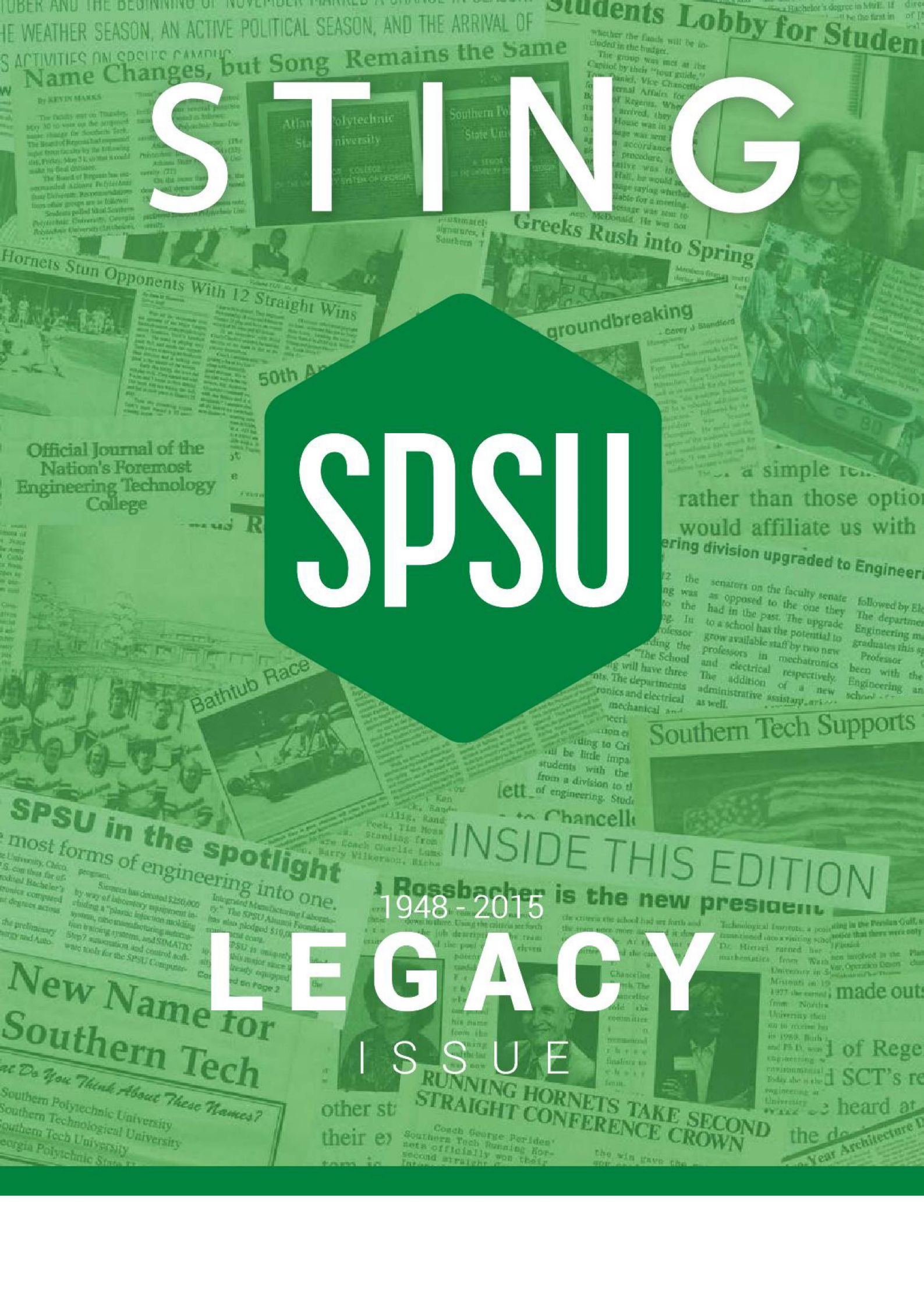


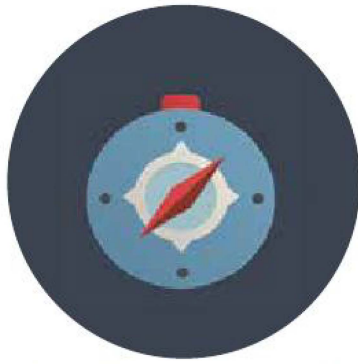
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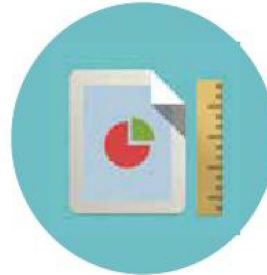
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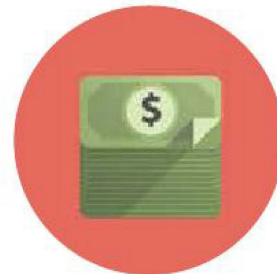
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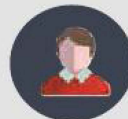
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Connecting the Dots

BY GYWNNETH SHIPLEY

For the last month, the staff of The Sting has spent countless hours pouring over the archives of this publication, spanning back to 1948. We revisited breaking news and lost ourselves in hilarious editorials. We saw familiar faces and learned new things. This issue of The Sting is our chance to share that with you.

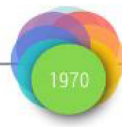
We, the staff and students of SPSU, along with those of KSU, are forming a new union. We will go new places and make new memories, but that doesn't mean we should ever forget.

"You can't connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future. You have to trust in something – your gut, destiny, life, karma, whatever. This approach has never let me down, and it has made all the difference in my life."

-Steve Jobs

In this issue, our mission is to create for you a timeline that connects the dots. In your hands, you hold the history of Southern Polytechnic State University. This isn't the end for us. It is a benchmark in the long story of us.

Always move forward, but never forget.



Timeline: In 1949, The Technical Institute became the Southern Technical Institute

THE TECHNICIAN VOL. 1 / No. 1. September 1948

Students Publish Technician; Nine Issues to Appear

STAFF TO BE NAMED LATER; 2000 COPIES WILL BE SENT ALL OVER GEORGIA.

With this first issue of The Technician The Technical Institute begins one of its most important student activities of the 1948-49 school year and makes its debut into the college journalistic field. The Technician will continue to be five columns wide 16 1/2 inches deep, and four pages long. It will appear nine times throughout the year as nearly as possible on the fifteenth of each month.



THE TECHNICIAN VOL. 1 / No. 1. September 1948

Fall Term to Bring 300 on September 27

Under the leadership of Director L. V. Johnson and Assistant Director John D. Sewell The Technical Institute will begin its fall quarter's work with the registration of students on Monday, September 27. Over 300 men and women are expected to enroll.

The Technical Institute is the new two-year coeducational technical boarding college established at Chamblee, Georgia on March 24, 1948 as unit of the Engineering Extension Division of Georgia Tech to train technicians for industry. To provide for the increase in enrollment and give the students the work which their courses require Mr. Johnson states that five basic shops will be ready for use by September 27. Workmen have been on the job all summer installing machinery and other equipment essential to the complete efficient operation of machine woodwork, welding, and sheet-metal shops. The advanced shops Mr. Johnson reports will be ready by January. Drawing and science labs have proven not only adequate but superior.

THE TECHNICIAN VOL. 1 / No. 1, September 1948

The Technician Presents to you Directors Johnson and Sewell

Mr. L.V. Johnson received his B.S. Degree in Engineering Physics in 1929 and his M.S. Degree in Physics in 1930 at the Ohio State University. After leaving Ohio State University Mr. Johnson became Assistant Professor in Physics at the Georgia Institute of Technology In 1940. Mr. Johnson was made Coordinator of the Civil Aeronautical Training Service for the Georgia Institute of Technology and acted in this capacity until 1942. The Georgia Institute of Technology granted Mr. Johnson leave of absence in 1943 in order that he might assist in the establishment of the Army University at Bierritz, France. While at the Army University in France Mr. Johnson was Professor of Electrical Engineering. In 1947 Mr. Johnson returned to the Georgia Institute of Technology as Associate Professor in the Aeronautical Department. Mr.



THE TECHNICIAN VOL. 2 / No. 1, September 1949

STI Holds First Graduation September 6 For 55 Students

MR. KIRK OUTLIVE, OF AIG, IS SPEAKER; AIR STATION THEATER SCENE OF EXERCISES

BY JAMES F. MORISON

Commencement exercises for the forty-eight September graduates of the Southern Technical Institute and also for the seven June graduates will be held at 11:00 o'clock on the morning of September 6 at the Atlanta Naval Air Station Theater.

The commencement address will be delivered by Mr. Kirk Sutlive, of Savannah, President of the Associated Industries of Georgia. As we all know, the Association is one of the most interested sponsors of the Southern Technical Institute, and the selection of its distinguished president to deliver the Commencement address is quite fitting and proper.

Director Lawrence V. Johnson will act as master of ceremonies, and, with his unusual ability, will undoubtedly make the first commencement of Southern Tech on that will be long remembered.

Caps and gowns will be worn by the members of the graduating class, and these scholastic habiliments will be made available to those concerned on the morning of September 6.

Johnson was made Acting Head of the Aeronautical Department in October 1947 and remained there until his transfer to The Technical Institute as the Director.

MR. SEWELL

After receiving his A.B. Degree from Mercer University in 1930, Mr. Sewell did graduate work at Emory University and graduate work in administration and supervision of Vocational Education at the University of Florida. Mr. Sewell's studies at Law School were interrupted by his entrance into the Navy.

Mr. Sewell served in Balboa at the Naval Ammunition Depot for 18 months and was Operations Officer and Head of Instruction Afloat for 20 months at Ft. Schuyler. His last duty was as Instructor Training Officer with the Bureau of Naval Personnel. After being placed on active duty in November, 1945, Mr. Sewell became Supervisor of Distributive Education for the Atlanta and Fulton County Schools.

In addition to his duties as Assistant Director of The Technical Institute, Mr. Sewell is Brigade Training Officer for the Navy's Organized Reserve in this section.



LETTER TO SPSU

Dear SPSU,

I became a student of your lovely institution in Summer 2010. I started as a proud and determined student of architecture, excited to leave my mark on the world—for a whopping eight days. I came back to school in Fall Semester 2010 as an Undeclared Major, less confident but still equally proud and determined.

I quickly found my niche on campus and it wasn't too long before the degree of New Media Arts was added. I was among the first bunch of students to jump right in. My time as a student is now nearly complete and I wake each morning feeling a little more confident and proud that my determination has paid off.

While all good things must come to an end, I will never forget the school that took my eighteen year-old self and molded me into the person I am today.

Thank you,

Cayla Howard

THE TECHNICIAN VOL. 2 / No. 4. December 1949

Winter Quarter Opens January 2; 400 Anticipated

After a Christmas holiday period, lasting from December 18 through January 1, students and instructors of Southern Technical Institute will return on Monday, January 2, to perform the first job of the winter quarter—registration.

In spite of the fact that millions of people throughout the nation will, on January 2, be listening to bowl games and observing New Year's Day in other ways, registration will go on. The Board of Regents has set the rule that all units under its supervision will register students on January 2; therefore STI must conform.

400 Expected

Four hundred students are expected to enroll. Although 36 will be lost through graduation, STI officials anticipate a sufficient number of new students to keep the enrollment at the 400 figure.

Since no resignations from the faculty are expected, the teaching staff will remain the same, with one exception. Another instructor in Civil Technology will be added to assist Mr. Holladay in this department.



LETTER TO SPSU

Dear SPSU,

You were not my first choice but you should have been. After being denied access to my 'dream school', I thought it was over. Instead it had just begun. You have changed me as a person for the better. You have pushed me and challenged me over the past couple of years. I have gained so many friends and so many experiences that I will never forget. You have put me on the right path to success. So, no matter what changes, no matter what the sign on the school says or what google maps says. You will always be Southern Polytechnic State University to me.

-Matthew Dinoff
Lead Games Editor - The Sting



LETTER TO SPSU

Dear SPSU,

I feel like we've only just met, and how quickly you'll be going!

Four semesters ago, I found you, and in the months after that, everything seemed to fall into place. But nothing good lasts forever.

I've never felt comfortable in many places, and I came to you at a very tumultuous time in my life, but you treated me with kindness and an open mind. Georgia State University broke my heart many years ago, Georgia Perimeter helped pick up the pieces, and you made me whole again.

But now, just as I'll move on to bigger things in December, so will you. My degree may say Kennesaw State University, but I'll never forget who gave me a new home, a fresh start and a true calling.

Gwynneth Shipley
Lead Copy Editor - The Sting

THE TECHNICIAN VOL. 2 / No. 4. December 1949

Thirty-Six Technicians Finish Their Work at Southern Tech This Month





THE TECHNICIAN VOL. 3 / No. 10. December 1951

Five Students Attain 4.0 Average As 53 Acquire Honor Roll Rating

From spring quarter averages compiled for the honor roll, it is apparent that many students at Southern Tech are determined to graduate with honors in the future. A total of five students— three of whom scheduled a heavy, 21-hour study load—attained a 4.0 (all "A's") average, while the majority of the others were honor roll repeaters with exceptionally high averages. Those five students leading the honor roll list with the perfect grade of 4.0 are Robert R. Berry, Russell H. Chiselbrook, Luther H. Cooper, Charles C. Russell, and Howell T. Stenger. Placing second with a grade of 3.90, Gas FUel student John L. Mosny repeated the position he acquired on the winter quarter honor roll. Viil Technology student Frank H. Blair ran a close third with a quarterly average 3.84.

53 Make Honor List

Representing all eight departments at SOthern Tech, a total of 53 students acquired the point averages necessary for honor roll qualifications. Several other students attained the required average but did not carry the minimum 15 credit hours.

THE TECHNICIAN VOL. 3 / No. 3. December 1951

Georgia Colleges Lose Students; STI Shows Gain

Curtailement of the GI training program, the birth rate during the depression of the 1930's, and the changeover of many high school systems from 11 grades to 12 grades have combined to lower enrollment in the state's University System this fall.

The Board of Regents recently reported total enrollment this year to be 20, 513 as compared with 23,533 in 1950. The expiration of GI training accounted for 2,000 of the loss. THIS year there ar 4, 654 GI students enrolled compared to 6,276 last year. College officials said the remaining decrease was due to high school grade extensions and the low birth rate 17-19 years ago. The Regents said, however, that they were pleased the decline was no larger.

Southern Technical Institute, with 435 students, was one of the few schools among the 18 in the University System that showed an increase over the fall enrollment of a year ago.



LETTER TO SPSU

I can't recall just one special memory of my time at SPSU, because there were so many to choose from. I have formed many life-long relationships that I will forever cherish in my heart.

SPSU has been a part of my life for a little over 12 years now. I have been an undergraduate student, student assistant, Assistant Secretary, Transfer Enrollment Counselor, graduate student, and finally, an Instructional Designer. One might wonder, "Why I would want to stick around for so long?" Let me try to explain...the short version...I began my college journey in 2002. Of all of the colleges I applied to and was accepted, I chose Southern Polytechnic State University. You might ask me why? I had the grand opportunity to be recruited here by, Jim Cooper. His infectious school spirit and enthusiasm for the university was contagious. I was intrigued during his visit to my high school in the small town

of Franklin, Georgia, and I wanted to learn more about Southern Polytechnic State University. He set me up to take a campus tour not long after his initial visit to my high school. He showed me around campus, introduced me to several professors, as well as the VP of Student and Enrollment services, Dr. Ron Koger, and the President at the time, Dr. Lisa Rossbacher.

I didn't feel like I was being pushed into attending, but better yet, I knew that if I didn't, I would be missing out on an opportunity to be a part of something truly incredible. My campus tour experience really helped me to gain a true understanding of SPSU's atmosphere and its unique purpose. I realized that by becoming a student here at SPSU, I would be a name and not a number, and the people here were genuinely nice and I felt at home. This was a key element to my final decision.

While attending SPSU, the smaller

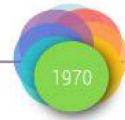
class sizes helped myself and others receive that personal attention from the faculty that many other universities could never compete with. I learned a lot from my professors, friends and colleagues. Although SPSU grew tremendously over the years, that personal environment still remained. I will always remember the great times, and long standing relationships that were built here.

Even though I have closed the book on my SPSU journey, those memories will never be forgotten!

#ForeverAHornet

Sincerely,

Kathryn Creech Morgan



THE TECHNICIAN VOL. 5 / No. 6. December 1953

Tau Alpha Pi National Honor Society Chartered, Organized at Southern Tech

LOCAL CHAPTER IS NUCLEUS OF NEW NATIONAL GROUP

BY CLIFTON WOOD

The Tau Alpha Pi National Honor Society, a national scholastic fraternity for technical institute students only, was chartered on the Southern Technical Institute Campus on January 15.

On January 29 the local Tau Alpha Pi, which had been Southern Tech's Honor Society since the fall of 1948, was deactivated and simultaneously became the first affiliate chapter of the National Honor Society—the Alpha Alpha Chapter.

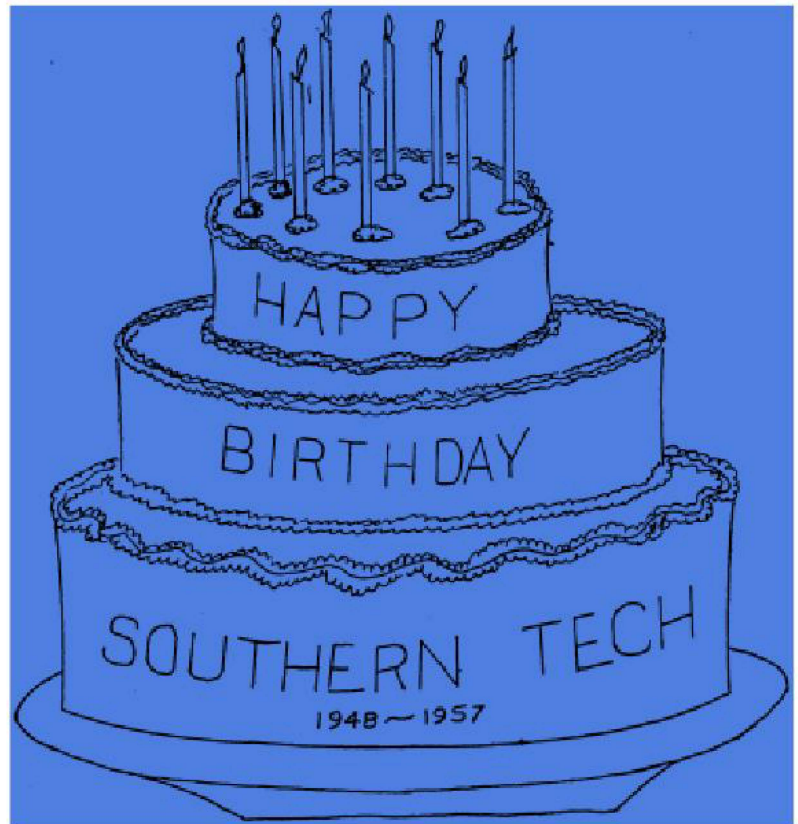
The National Society is the outgrowth of considerable interest shown by members of the local Tau Alpha Pi in affiliating with a national scholastic society for Technical Institute students. Since no such national organization having the high standards of the local TAP existed, members of the STI Society, under the leadership of Faculty Advisor J. J. Defore, determined to establish a national organization.

Constitution Drawn

A national constitution, which was written and then approved by a convention of interested persons, was established. These acts brought into existence the National Society. The constitution naturally made provisions for certificates, emblems, symbols, officers and details of their election, a national magazine, the Tau Alpha Pi Journal, and other essentials of running an efficient national society.

On February 6 the second affiliate group joined the national organization and became the Beta Alpha Chapter. It is the Academy of Aeronautics, La Guardia Field, New York.

National officers of the Tau Alpha Pi Society are Mr. J. J. Defore, executive secretary; Mr. R. L. Wilkinson, executive councilor; and Mr. Anthony Behr, Academy of Aeronautics, executive councilor.



THE TECHNICIAN VOL. 9 / No. 7. December 1957

Some Facts and Figures Revealed As School Observes Its Ninth Birthday

Southern Technical Institute began actual operation—teaching students, that is—on Monday morning, March 24, 1948, though much preliminary work was essential before the doors could be opened to students.

One hundred and sixteen students took the chance and enrolled for work. Since that quarter 3281 have enrolled and taken work lasting in time from one day to graduation, sometimes a matter of 12 quarters. STI's largest enrollment was the 735 in the fall of 1956.

Of these 3281, 1280 men and women have received degrees in the eight fields taught. This means that only 39 percent of all who have studied at Southern Tech graduated. It must be added that the 1280 includes many students who remained to obtain two degrees.

Number of graduates by departments divides up like this:

- Building Construction— 212
- Civil Technology— 87
- Electrical Technology— 111
- Electronics & Communication— 284
- Gas Fuel Technology— 110
- Heating & Air Conditioning— 149

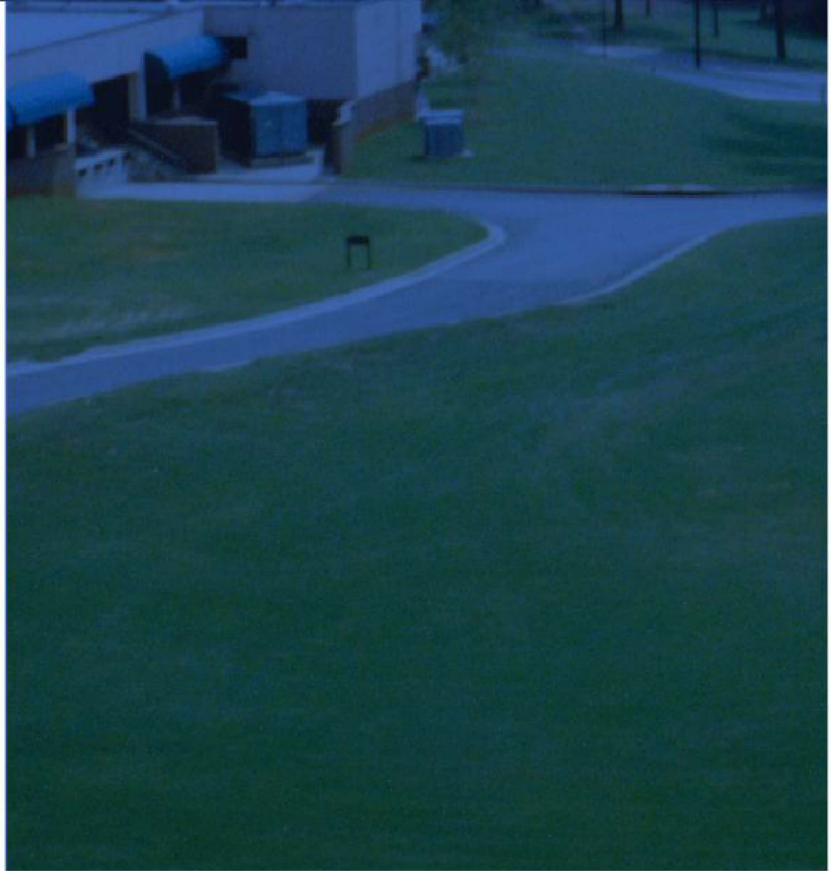


THE TECHNICIAN VOL. 10 / No. 6. December 1958
Director L. V. Johnson Review
Southern Tech's Past and
Future

On January 2, 1948 a vanguard of five of the Southern Tech faculty and staff opened offices in Building 24 and began the job of building a college. They faced the job of converting open barracks into classrooms, laboratories, and offices, hiring a qualified faculty, designing courses, buying equipment, and selecting textbooks, all for a college program practically unknown in the entire South.

The first quarter opened on March 24, 1948, with an enrollment of 116 students, 106 veterans and 10 non-veterans, enrolled in seven different courses. Our faculty and staff then totaled twelve. This quarter's enrollment of 826 students in eleven curricula, with a faculty and staff of 63, is a measure of our success to date, but it is only a beginning.

Today, ten years and 1512 graduates later, the technical-institute program is beginning to be understood and the technician is becoming a valuable and respected member of the industrial team. I am proud to say that the work of Souther Tech and the fine work of its graduates have contributed much to this better understanding of the technical-institute program and the training and responsibilities of the technician.





THE TECHNICIAN VOL. 12 / No. 7. March 1958

Fifty-Star Flag is Presented to Southern Tech Authorities

A new, 50-star U.S. flag will now be flying over the Southern Tech campus as result of efforts the Toastmasters club. The student chapter of Toastmasters, International, presented the new flag to H.L. McClure, acting director of the college in ceremony on March 15.



THE TECHNICIAN VOL. 12 / No. 8. March 1958

Southern Tech Enrollment of 5,000 Seen by 1970

"Because of the urgent need and the continually increasing demand for technicians, I am confident the Marietta unit of Southern Tech will have an enrollment of at least 5,000 by 1970," L.V. Johnson, Director of the Engineering Extension Division of Georgia Tech, told the Roswell Rotary Club recently.

"Southern Tech is the school which will enable future thousands of young Georgians to secure technical training for the productive careers they deserve and which industry wants them to have."

Southern Tech Enrollment Of 5,000 Seen By 1970



LETTER TO SPSU

As an international student, all my impressions of America began at SPSU. In my mind, SPSU is green, shiny, and full of juice.

There are many nice people who will smile at me even though we don't know each other. There is the foam party on a hot summer night. There are super cool people who build the giant machine to shoot pumpkins in October.

I know all these people will not change, and these traditions will last. SPSU lives on, it's just no longer SPSU.

Xiao Li
Web Editor – The Sting



THE TECHNICIAN VOL. 12 / No. 5. March 1960
Radio Club To Install Transmitter

The radio club is getting new transmitter. This new transmitter will be capable of putting out about 1500 watts and will give big voice to W4OMC.

Perhaps you have noticed the new antenna beam that is located behind the Electronics building. This is the new 10 meter beam (with rotor) that will radiate this big voice of STI.



LETTER TO SPSU

I graduated from Southern Tech 1955. My fondest memory is taking four electrical courses taught by RC Carter.

He was extremely tough and very challenging as a professor. At the beginning of our first class he stated no one had ever made an A in all four of his courses.

Of course, he meant that as a challenge, and that's exactly the way I took it. He was very exacting, precise and disciplined in his teaching. He was also very fair. In one case everyone in the class flunked a test and he re-tested the entire class believing that in some way he had failed in his communication.

One of my fondest memories is the fact that I did make an A in all four of his classes.

His example has been one that I treasure and I have tried to apply to my entire career.

Sincerely

Wes, Cantrell, E & C, 1955

THE TECHNICIAN VOL. 13 / No. 1. March 1960

Work progressing on Marietta Campus

By the beginning of the fall quarter of next year, Southern Tech plans to have had it's "face lifted," by virtue of all new buildings! As most of you know, construction began several months ago on the new campus site at Marietta.

Work Progressing On Marietta Campus

From This Beginning, 1960 . . .



Photo by R. W. Hays

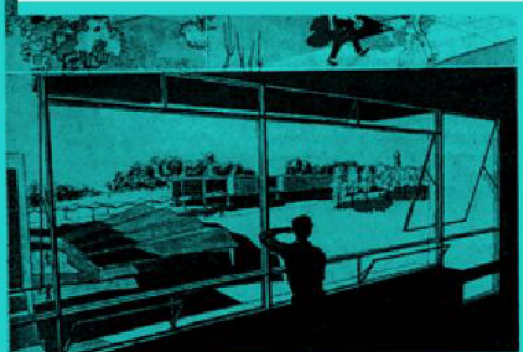
Mrs. Armenta Simmons of the Southern Tech Staff and Mr. L. V. Johnson, director of Engineering Extension Division, inspect construction at STI's new Marietta campus.

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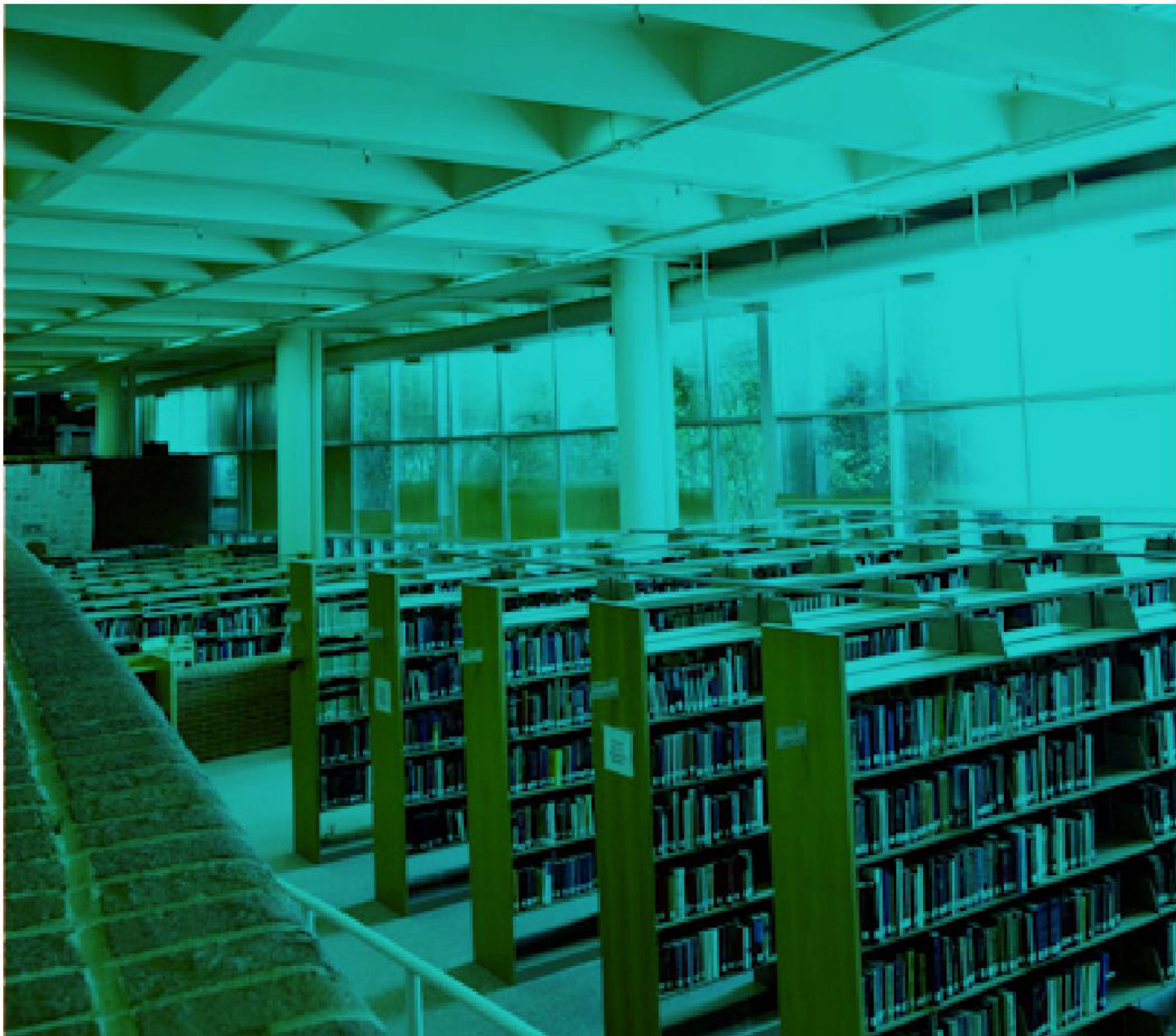
THE TECHNICIAN has received information that the progress on the new buildings has not been as rapid as was hoped for, but it has been steady. At the present time all of the buildings are "above ground" in their construction, all foundation work having been completed. In fact, work is being done on the second floor of three of the buildings, and on the roof of the two one-story buildings.

The completed campus will consist of eight buildings: a one-story Administration Building; four two-story buildings—consisting of classroom, student services and laboratory, electrical, and drawing buildings; and a cluster of three one-story shop and laboratory buildings.

The architect estimates that the project is better than twenty percent complete, and we still hope for completion on schedule in June 1960.



. . . To This in 1961



THE ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN / September 1960
**Long Awaited Library Features
 Ultra Modern Design**

BY CLIFTON WOOD

The newest structure to be added to the Southern Tech Campus is a modern, fully carpeted, library. The new library is designed to house 50,000 volumes and seat 450 students. The facility at present houses 13,000 volumes and seat 201 students. The library also subscribes to over 300 periodicals.





THE ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN / December 1969

STI Students Design Marietta Fountain

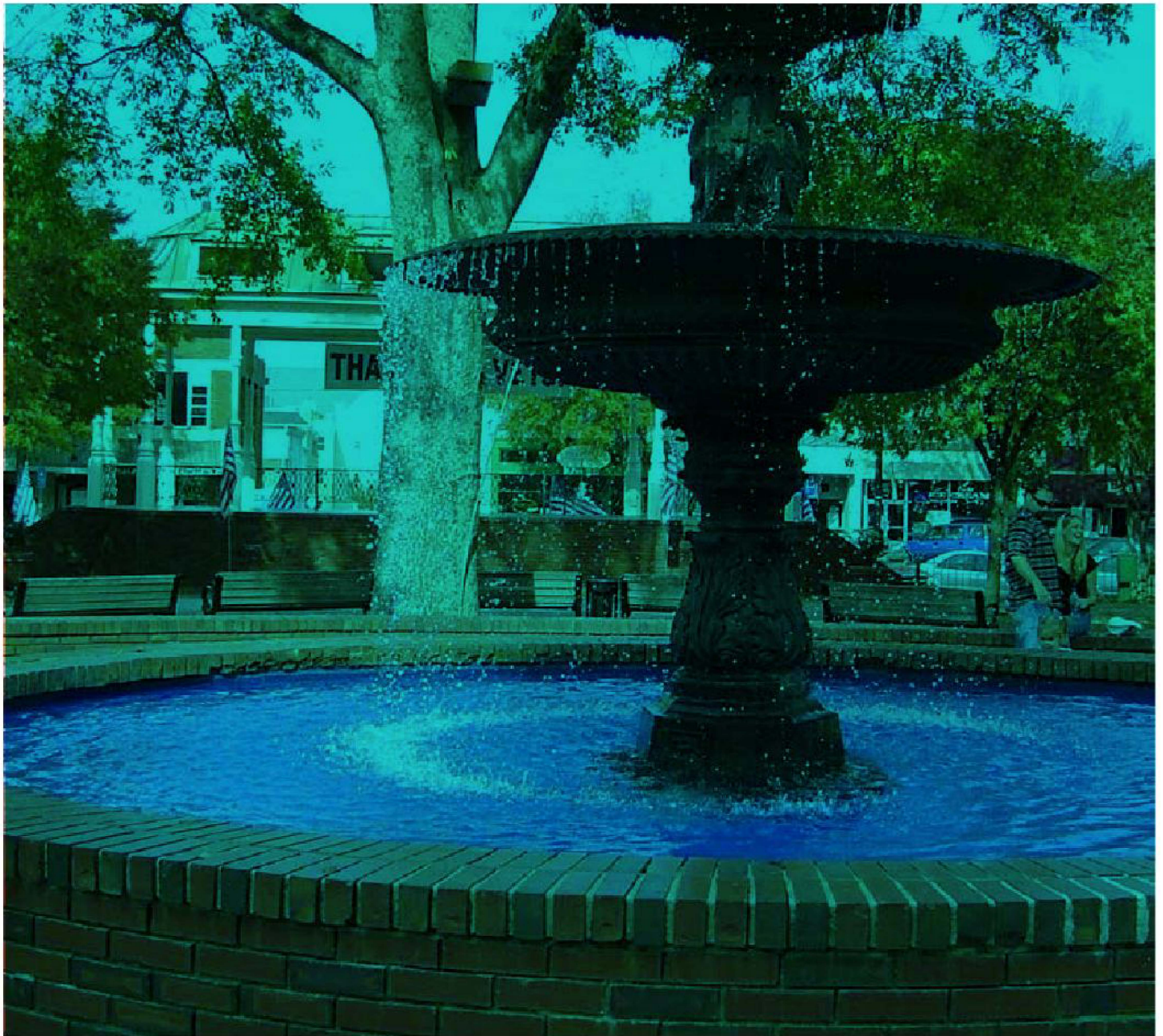
One day there will be fountain in Marietta's Park Square and it will be built from design by a student at Marietta's own Southern Tech, according to City Manager Walter J. Brown.

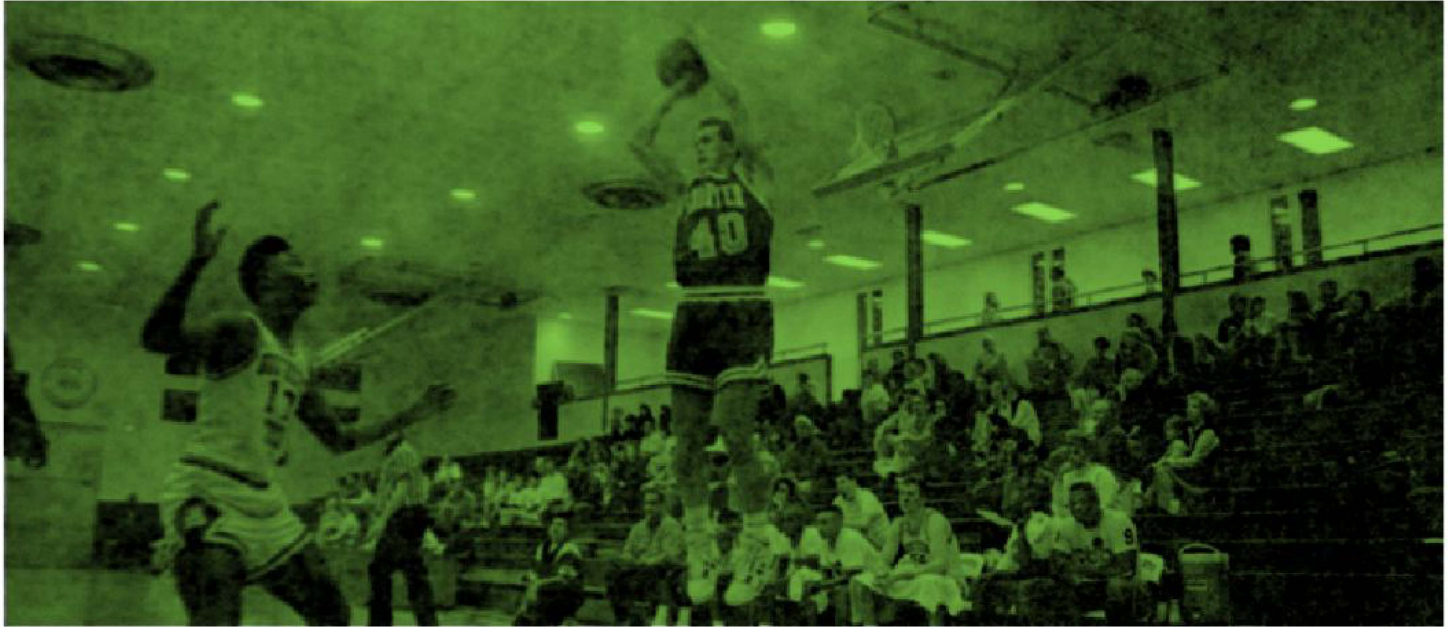
Southern Tech Director H. McClure had received the suggestion from Mayor Howard Atherton and turned the project over to

Chester R. Orvold, head of the Architectural Engineering Technology department. Mr. Orvold brought Prof. George S. Melvin and his class in building design into action.

Mr. Brown stated that the class which had the project as an assignment had turned over to him approximately 20 proposals including the site plans.

A recent development is that the business and public affairs committee of the Marietta Kiwanis Club, group instrumental in bringing Southern Tech to Marietta is interested in the Park Square improvement as project. Mr. Brown stated that the city council would make selection from the student proposals at future meeting.





THE ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN / Volume 25, No. 1 October 1972
Hornets Join NCAA

Southern Tech will be charter member of the newly formed South Atlantic Conference, which is part of the NCAA college division. The new league officially begins in the fall of 1973.

Final arrangements for the new conference were made at meeting in July at the Continuing Education Building on the University of Georgia campus in Athens.



THE STING / January 1976

"The Race is On..."

The Winter '76 Bathtub Race, a preview of the world's only motorized bathtub race on land, will be held Saturday, February 14 at 2:00pm.

For the first time in its history, the winter race will have a sponsor, the Pabst Blue Ribbon Company.



LETTER TO SPSU

Dear SPSU,

The experiences at SPSU I have flourished in, endured, overcome, and struggled through are unique memories that I will carry with me my entire life with the upmost fondness.

From the friendly professors with an extreme eagerness to really teach applicable material, the wacky times at campus events, to the skills I gained as Layout Editor of The Sting for two years, I would not have had these the opprotunities provided to me on any other campus.

The warm, helpful, and positive community is what sets SPSU apart from other Universities. There are friends around every corner and professors who take the role of mentor as long as you put yourself out on a limb and reach for the seemingly unreachable goals everyone sets walking in as a freshman.

SPSU has helped me exceed and push far beyond every goal I set for myself as a freshman. The hexagon will live on, at least in my mind.

- Brandon Rich
 Lead Layout Editor - The Sting



THE STING / November 1976

Goat Day 1976

Georgia governor George Busbee has signed a proclamation designating Saturday, November 13, as "Goat Day" in the state of Georgia.



THE STING / March 1977

STI Student Named Engineering Technologist of the Year

As part of the 1977 National Engineers Week, Southern Tech student, Cindy Vaughn, was named Student Engineering Technologist of the Year.

THE STING /August 1984

Southern Tech's First Live Video Conference

Southern Tech will hold its first live video conference on September 11, 1984 from 11 am to 4 pm, EST. The conference will be presented using new communications equipment donated by Scientific Atlanta.

THE STING /August 1985

Southern Tech Hornets Embarrass Kennesaw

BY LARRY MANNING

On Nov. 18, 1985, Southern Tech vented its enthusiasm when the flourished the campus green. Hundreds of students (and faculty) wore their green "Sting Kennesaw" T-shirts to unite as one, creating a new cross-town rivalry between Southern Tech and Kennesaw.

Basketball Game Final Score: Southern Tech 63, Kennesaw 45



LETTER TO SPSU

When I walked onto this campus it was a new experience for me. A new town where I didn't know anyone, and over 200 miles from home. I took me awhile to find my place on campus, but over time I found my niche in my program and the people I met threw out my journey here. The campus is special in how personal it is, valuing individuals over large groups, a few core friends over meeting different people, really makes this campus its own. It's a shame that now that we're merging into a bigger entity that some of that will be lost, but I can only hope that the feel stays the same. Either way if it's called Southern Polytechnic State University, or Kennesaw Marietta campus, I'll have one word for it, home.

- Gerron Green



THE STING / January 1987

Our Seal Is Here!

BY EDWIN VAUGHAN

After much design, debate, and decision, the new seal for ST is finally a reality. Liked by most and chided by some, the seal is a pictorial description of our school and its personality. The seal was designed by a professional art firm with solicited input from students and faculty.

Imagination, Innovation, Application.



LETTER TO SPSU

Letter of Appreciation,

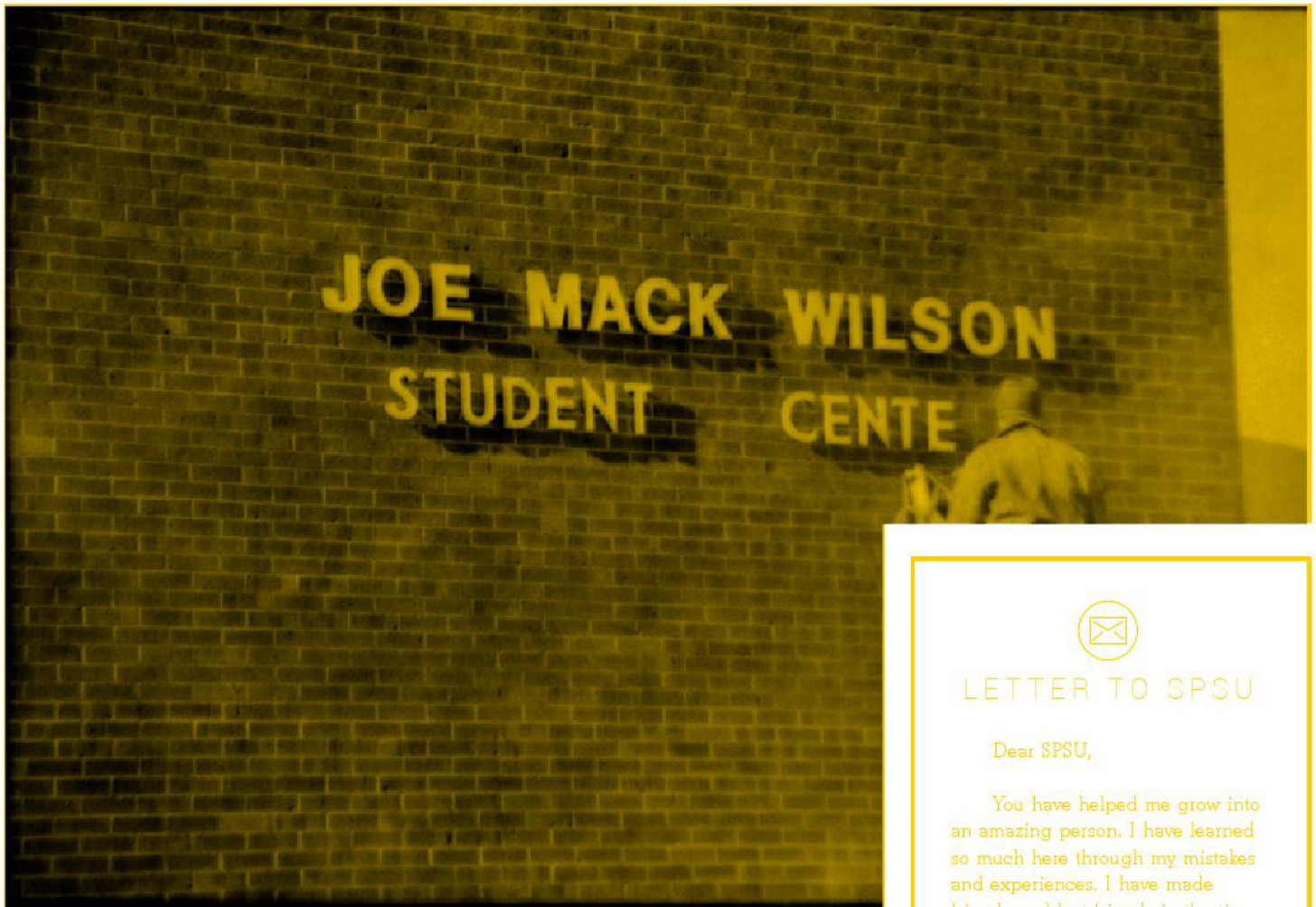
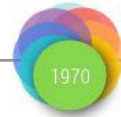
I would like to express my deep appreciation to Dr. Linda Sun, Assistant Director of International Programs, Dr. Jeffery Orr, ATTIC Director, and Dr. Amine Khayati, Assistant Professor of Finance for their support and encouragement to pursue a study abroad experience in China when I was a graduate student at SPSU. I can still remember the day when I first learned about the study abroad opportunity. I was checking my emails in the library before my evening classes in the Spring of April 2012. At the time, I was looking for an opportunity to participate in a study abroad trip to China before I graduated from SPSU's MBA program. I had already renewed my passport just in case such an opportunity became available and lucky for me one did. Dr. Sun with the International Programs Office was organizing an

incredible 15-day study tour to China led by Dr. Orr. Through my graduate studies, I had researched business models in China and wanted to expand my knowledge gained from the classroom setting by observing first-hand business practices in China. The trip was a dream come true and with the assistance of my three mentors, I was able to continue studying abroad at Ningbo University in Ningbo, China for over a year through fully-funded Chinese government scholarships. But equally as important, I was able to gain first-hand business experience interning at a Chinese corporation while completing my Mandarin studies. Thanks to Dr. Sun, Dr. Orr, and Dr. Khayati, I was inspired to study abroad as a chance to learn and evolve academically and personally, and I have. My study abroad experience afforded me the opportunity to not just learn about China and its rich culture and history, but rather understand its business culture and its rising prominence in global business. With

today's competitive business environment driven by a whirlwind of multinationals expanding their operations to China, it is imperative that today's management talent have a global vision and a balanced understanding of both Chinese and Western culture.

With deep appreciation and gratitude!

Lesh M. Taylor
2013 graduate of SPSU



THE STING /February 1988

Southern Tech & Kennesaw Launch Joint Fundraiser

BY ROWANNE JOYNER

Southern Tech and Kennesaw College are celebrating anniversaries. As Southern Tech reaches its 40th and Kennesaw its 25th year, the schools have united, not only to celebrate the past, but to look towards the future. Together they have initiated a fundraising effort with hopes of reaching \$4 million goal.

Dr. Stephen Chesire, President of Southern Tech, and Dr. Betty Siegel, President of Kennesaw, have worked closely with Earl Smith, Chairman of the drive, and other Steering Committee members to elicit donation pledges from members of the community (corporate and individual) even before official kickoff of the campaign. By the time of drive kick off (January 21, 1988), the halfway point of \$2 million in pledged donations had been

reached. Much of this commitment has come from the development community with John Williams (Post Properties) extending a three to one challenge.

For every three dollars pledged by developers, he will put up one dollar up to \$250,000. Tim O'Neil of O'Neil Development has pledged \$100,000 and facilities for the campaign office. Other contributors include Cotton States Insurance (\$25,000), Wiliby and Sewell (\$30,000), Melinda and Gordon Morton (\$25,000) and Wilton Looney of Genuine Parts (\$25,000).

Mr. Smith stated that "Barnett Bank, which will be locating its state headquarters in Cobb County, has established a leadership role for the banking community by pledging \$200,000. We hope, as a result, to obtain \$750,000 to \$1 million in pledges from the banking community." Individuals, small businesses, and large corporations will be asked to help achieve the remainder of the goal.



LETTER TO SPSU

Dear SPSU,

You have helped me grow into an amazing person. I have learned so much here through my mistakes and experiences. I have made friends and lost friends in the time that we have been together. You have helped me find myself; like a light in the dark you have showed me the way to a place of peace and serenity that embodies a higher standard of life. I will always remember the day...

I moved in to my first dorm as a freshman (08/11/12)

...I got my bid to join Gamma Phi Beta (04/26/13)

....I was offered the position as Managing Editor of The Sting.. (11/12/14)

It's been an awesome time with you and we've created some irreplaceable memories. But now you have to go. I will still love you. You will always have a place in my heart.

Love, Brittany J. Rosario.
Managing Editor, The Sting



THE STING /February 1990

“The Sting Goes Mac”

BY ED HARDY, EDITOR

Before now The Sting has been created using “cut and paste” layout. This means the articles were printed out in long strips, then pasted down on large sheets of paper. This is an incredibly long and complicated process, involving many hours of work by the staff.

With the new equipment, we can do “on screen” layout. This means we can actually see what we’re doing when we’re doing it.

We can also take articles that have been typed on other Macs and place them in the paper without having to reset them. We will also be able to use a spell checker, which should eliminate a great many mistakes.

With these advantages, we should be able to concentrate more on the appearance and contents of the paper, and less on the mechanics of getting the paper down on the page. This will lead to a visually more appealing and readable paper.





THE STING / August 1990

Campus No-Smoking Policy

BY ED HARDY, EDITOR IN CHIEF

"In case you haven't heard, I'm pleased to inform you that President Cheshier has wisely banned smoking anywhere on campus. I strongly believe that people have the right to go to Hell in the manner of their own choosing. If you want to risk your life by driving without a seat belt, free climbing mountains and drinking a quart of Jack Daniels a day, that's fine with me. But when your habits start affecting me, I draw a line."

WARNING: The Sting has determined by self experimentation that eating the above materials can cause minor discomfort.



LETTER TO SPSU

When I started at Southern Tech in the fall of 1962, we were merely another item in the Georgia Tech Extension Division. When I graduated with my AS (MET) at the end of the Summer quarter in 1965, we had finally broken the 1000 student threshold. The Northeast corner of the classroom building was occupied by the University of Georgia Extension. It later evolved into Kennesaw State University.

When I got out of the Navy in 1972, Southern Tech had become a 4 year institution, and I continued to my BET. The student population had increased to over 3000 and included good looking coeds. As the school approached the 80's, we felt the pinch of being a sizable percentage of the Georgia Tech undergrad population and still were just an item in the Extension Division budget. Several professors and alumni went to the Board of Regents and asked to be made into an independent college. The regents agreed and we became one of the (at the time) 33 colleges and universities.

Well, now we will see how we do as part of another university. Hopefully, President Dan Papp, who presided over Southern Tech for a short interim, will see to it that it is left to continue as a premier technical college as part of a larger university.

David Cox AMET '66 BMET '74



THE STING / September 1990

Why Southern Tech is Better

BY ED HARDY, EDITOR IN CHIEF

"Then I came here and it was like I had been delivered from Hell. The professors are here to teach and they don't hate it. [...]none of my classes had more than 40 people, and some less than 20. So that's the big difference between Southern Tech and Georgia Tech: Southern Tech is here to teach students, Georgia Tech is here to do research. Southern Tech professors care about their students, and Georgia Tech professors just don't give a damn."



THE STING / December 1990

“Southern Tech Students in Reserves Go Off to War”

BY BILL FINNICK

Operation Desert Shield, America’s response to Iraq’s invasion of Kuwait, has spread to the Southern Tech campus. President Bush’s call-up of National Guard and Reserve units to bolster the 440,000 armed contingent of soldiers, airmen, sailors and marines is the largest in fifty years and has included several students from Southern Tech.



THE STING / Vol. 44, No. 1 January 1991

“Insanity”

BY SGT. M. PAYNE, VMA-513, DET B

Dear Sting,

My brother is stationed in the Persian Gulf, on the U.S.S. TARAWA. He asked my mother if she could get this poem printed in a paper. I thought that The Sting would like to print it.

Thanks,
Rick Payne
TKE Fraternity

Insanity

What is insanity but 10,000 Marines,
In a tin can in the high seas.
Off to the west we must go,
To take care of the world's most deadly FOI

He kills his own, he kills the people of other nations,
The President says, "We must protect those nations."
So off to the west we must go,
To fight the world's most deadly FOI

He steals the oil to make his way,
While the USA screams crisis today.
The price of gas soars high,
While the Marine is thinking who's going to die!

Bullets soaring overhead,
Spilling US blood on their holy land.
So off to stop Sadaam Hussein,
While the US thinks it's insane!

What is insanity but 10,000 Marines,
Who serve their country for glory it seems.
So next time you see that glorious Marine,
Shake his hand and THANK him for being a
US Marine!

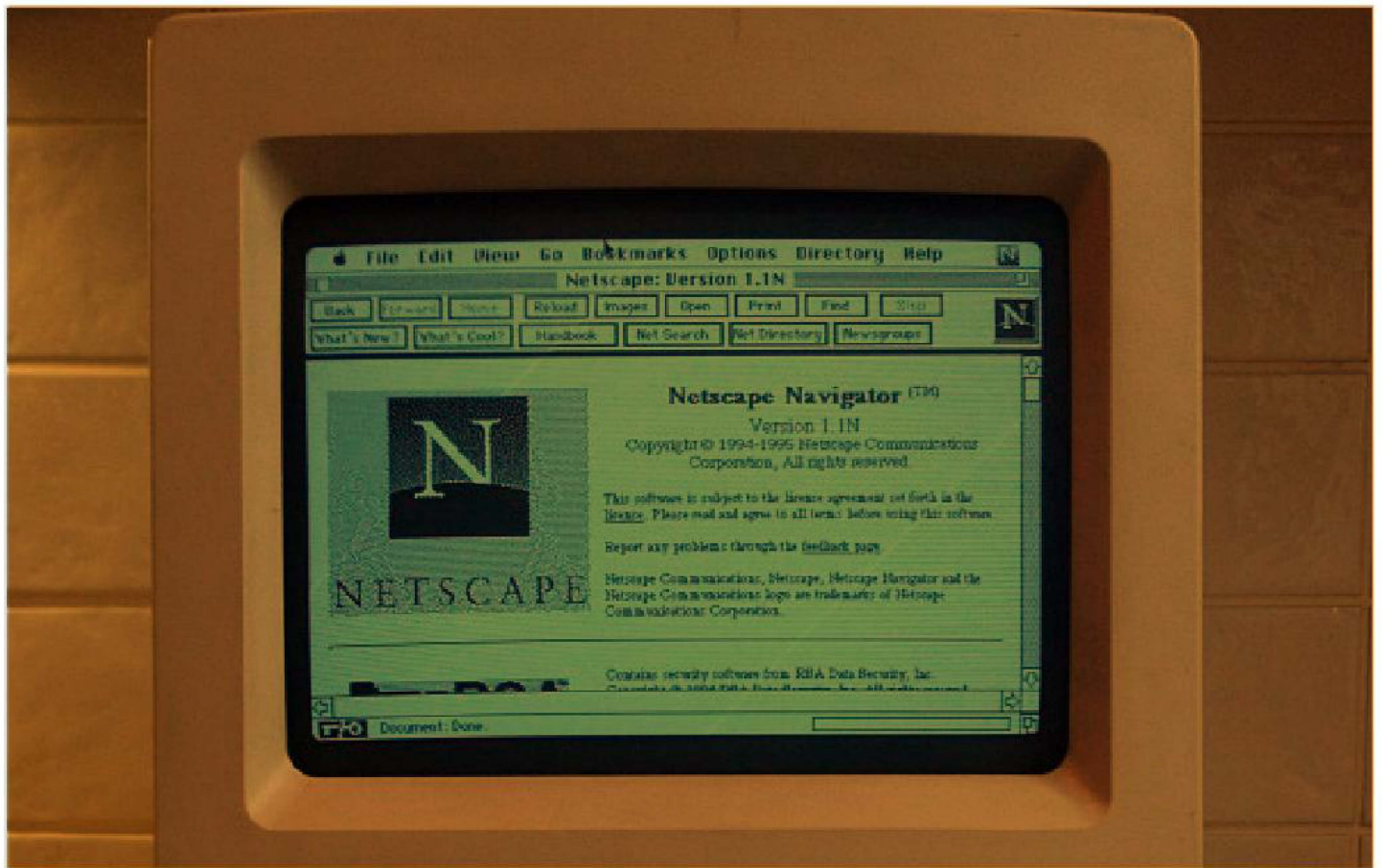


THE STING / Vol. 44, No. 5 April 1991

“Tech Fest Prepares to Stun Campus”

BY PUBLIC RELATION DEPT.

Southern College of Technology’s 5th annual TECHFEST is again celebrating the fun of technology and science. TECHFEST is an annual family-style event for people of all ages, from the very young to older and more sophisticated guests. On Saturday, April 27 the Southern Tech campus will be open to the public from 10 am to 4 pm for a wide variety of technology-oriented demonstrations, exhibits, hands-on games and graphics – all “touching technology”.



THE STING / Vol. 48, No. 1 January 1995

“An Internet Book That’s Useful”

BY ED HARDY

Unless you’ve been living in a cave being raised by wolves, you’ve heard of the Information Superhighway (or the Infobahn or the I-way...). All this hype has made you want to check it out, but you just don’t know how to get started. Well, you could find someone who already knows about it and get him to show you everything you need to know. Of course, people like that aren’t exactly hiding under every rock and if you do find one he is probably so busy playing on the Internet that he doesn’t have time to bother showing a newbie around. Or you can just run out and buy a copy of *Internet 101: A College Student’s Guide* by Alfred Glossbrenner, which is just as good without all of the condescending remarks.



THE STING / May 1996

Suds in a Tub, The Continuing Saga of Southern Tech

BY PROFESSOR RICHARD BENNETT

According to legend, in 1966, a fraternity at Southern Tech needed a large tub to chill a quantity of beer for a party. Some of the members chanced to see a discarded bathtub lying near the campus. In order to move the tub for its newly intended purpose, the resourceful students added wheels to the tub. While rolling it to the party site, another fraternity beheld the operation and challenged their rivals to a race. Thus was born the Southern Tech Annual Bathtub Race. The first two years the race was human-powered, and mostly a low-key, tame sort of an event limited primarily to participation by the fraternities.



LETTER TO SPSU

My special memories at SPSU expand 11 years..No I was not a student 11 years, so quit thinking that. Within those 11 years I was a full-time employee, graduate student, adjunct professor, parent of a SPSU graduate and I currently serve on the SPSU Alumni Board. I will write on a few to those memories.

Thanks to Dr. Ronnie Richardson, I was hired to teach a graduate transitional course in Statistics and Operational Management. I loved working with the grad students in a small classroom (20-25 students), which allowed me to get to know each one of them, by name. Most of my students were foreign students; hardworking, very polite, and I continue to hear from a few of them to this today.

My daughter, Tiane N. McKoy, graduated 2012. I am so proud of her; she really loved SPSU and enjoyed being a student there. She was Miss Freshman, Miss Sophomore, and Miss SPSU (she graduated in three years that is why she did not run for Miss Junior). She was inducted into the National College Honor Society, and she graduated with honors. Yes! I am a proud Papall!

There is one more person I much mention. The late Dr. William (Bill) Barnes was a special friend. We connected right away when I started working there 2001. I soon learned that he was a graduate of West Point and served in the U.S. Army. I had a military background as well, 22 years in the U.S. Marine Corps. We bonded, we could communicate and understand one another while others could not, I really miss him.

Special memories; Dr. Barnes, teaching and my daughter Tiane.

David McKoy
MSQA 2005



THE STING / June 1996

Name Changes, but Song Remains the Same

BY KEVIN MARKS

The Faculty met on Thursday, May 30 to vote on the proposed name change for Southern Tech. The Board of Regents had requested input from faculty by the following by the following day, Friday, May 31, so that it could its final decision.

The Board of Regents has recommended Atlanta Polytechnic State University, Georgia Polytechnic University (1st choice), and Marietta Polytechnic State University. Students also expressed general dislike for the Regents recommendation.

Alumni polled liked Southern Polytechnic State University, Southern Polytechnic University

(1st choice), Southern Tech University, and Southern Technology University. Their main concern was to maintain "Southern" in our name.

Communicorp Consultants suggested Atlanta Polytechnic University, and noted that including "State" was also viable.

Faculty and Staff had mixed feelings about several possible names. They voted as follows:

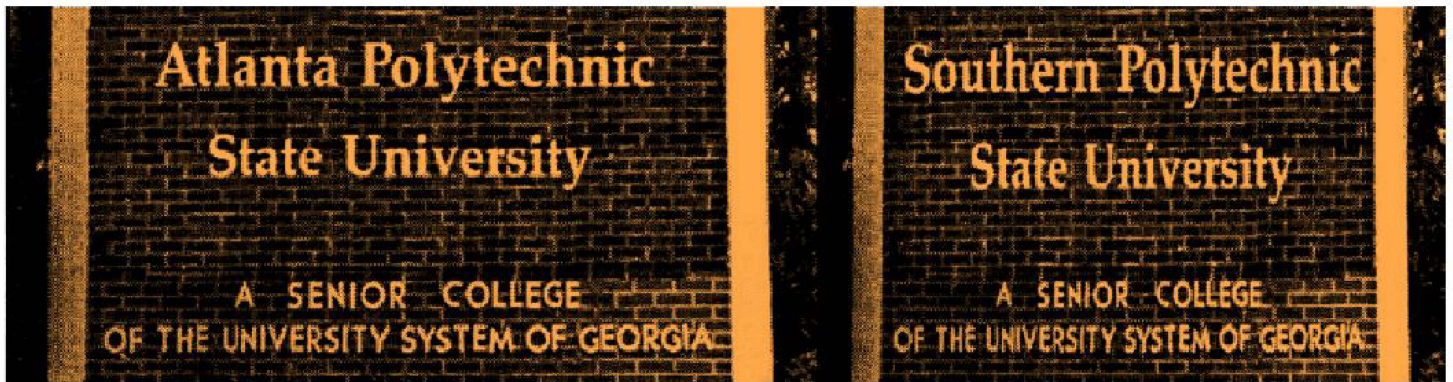
- Southern Polytechnic State University (49)
- Atlanta State University (The Polytechnic University of GA) (33)
- Atlanta State University (22)

On the same three names, the dean's

department heads voted 15, 17, and 4 respectively.

The SGA by a unanimous vote, preferred Southern Polytechnic State University. At this time, it is unclear when final decision will be made or when the change will take effect. The Board of Regents will meet on June 11 and 12 to discuss these issues. They can either act then or table their discussion for thirty days.

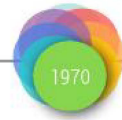
A possible "grandfather" clause may be included so that current students may choose which name will appear their diploma.



LETTER TO SPSU

So what is a special memory from my time at Southern College of Technology or SCT? Impossible to narrow it down to one, have plenty, with most of them centering around my time on the Sting and Log staff and working at WGHR, "Pick the big Wooger". I started my time at SCT the summer of 1990. Soon after arriving I decided that to make it a full college experience that I needed to also be part of the social environment that was there. First, I started by doing a little radio show on WGHR and then it soon spread to working on the Sting and then co-editing the Log. Sometimes it was tough with classes and studying but had plenty of good times spending Friday nights, all day Saturday and most of Sunday once a month trying to get a Sting out to the masses. Made plenty of good friends then and still hang out with most of them still today even after 25+ years. And no SCT adventure would be complete without a goat night and hanging out with the lovely ladies of the ADPi sorority at a crush party. Wish I could give one great memory but there are so many from my time at SCT that it would be an injustice to them all too just list one. One thought to current and future students is that you need to get out and join a campus organization, meet new people and make new friends, some of which might be for a lifetime. Don't let your college experience and memories only be about finals and studying, but make it and them about the people and fun that you also had while you were there.

Mackie Bowden
EET 1992, WGHR staff, Sting staff, Log Staff



THE STING / May 1998

Dr. Lisa Rossbacher is the New President

BY BRYAN GARMON

The 1998 search for the new president of Southern Polytechnic State University resulted in three highly qualified finalists: Dr. Cynthia Hirtzel, Dr. Rogers Redding and Dr. Lisa Rossbacher. After a lengthy interview process, Dr. Rossbacher was chosen for the position.

Rossbacher's incredibly impressive resume is easily responsible for this decision. A former professor of geology and NASA planetary geology intern, Dr. Rossbacher boasts a number of achievements. After earning her BS in geology from Dickinson College, she went on to receive a MA in geology from the State University of NY, as well as a MA and Ph.D. from Princeton, both in geological sciences. Rossbacher has done work for National Public Radio, has over 130 published works, including articles and research papers, and was a finalist for the NASA space program.

In the final interview, Dr. Rossbacher said, "I applied because I find that Southern Poly brings a special niche to education. There are not many polytechnic universities in the nation and each brings a different focus on technological studies. I felt this would be a wonderful experience."



THE STING / Vol 59. No. 11 April 2005

The Sting Stolen

BY DAVE BACHTEL

"Between April 1st and 3rd approximately 750 issues of the April Fool's edition of The Sting were taken from the J building and the student center. The theft of the papers is valued at \$337, the bulk of which came from student activity fees allocated to The Sting by the SGA and paid for by SPSU's student body."

There was a police report was originally filed by the Editor in Chief, CJ Shrader once he realized that the newspapers were missing in the J building and student center. According to Shrader, The theft of a free newspaper was a legal gray area under Georgia's Theft Statute and in other states people have been prosecuted successfully.

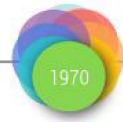
No witnesses came forward during the time this article was published.



THE STING / Vol 60. No. 1 August 2005

Gamma Phi Beta - The most girls you will find in one place





THE STING / Vol. 60, No. 2 September 2005

Where's the fire?

BY KOREY KOLBERG

"An ear piercing shrieking fills the hall, deafening you when your roommate opens the door. The flashing light strains your weary eyes as you struggle between getting more sleep or following everyone outside."

This article talked about a false fire alarm going off in the middle of the night. When the police arrive to turn the alarm off, an officer says that it might have been someone's hair dryer that set it off.

I thought this article was hilarious to read about because as a freshman I lived on campus in Hornet Village and we rarely had this problem. However the older dorm, Howell Hall, had false alarms all the time because the ceilings were lower than those in Hornet Village. Facilities just fixed this issue last year and the current freshmen living in Howell can sleep.

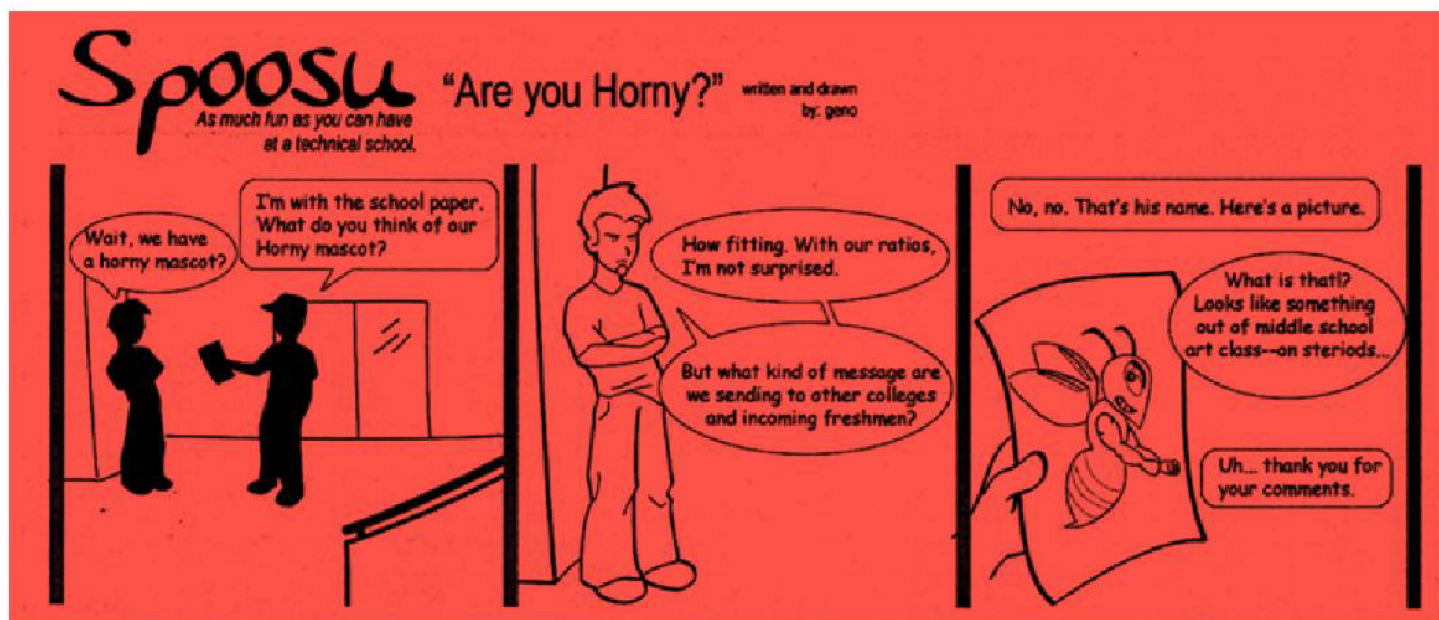


THE STING / Vol. 60, No. 2 September 2005

First University Convocation at SPSU

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Spoonsu "Are you Horny?"



THE STING / October 2005

Goat Day '76

From The Sting archives...

Goat Day '76

Uncredited Author

Published: November 1, 1976

"Goat Day" '76 – a happening in fun – for students, faculty, and staff will be held Saturday November 13, on the campus mall from 11 a. m. until 12:30 a. m.

According to SGA president Scott Dobslaw, again this year the highlight is expected to be the reverse beauty contest where STI male students dress as females and are judged on "beauty," "talent," and "intelligence." Judging the reverse beauty contest will be the student center director Don Nelson and basketball coach George Perides. Emceeing the reverse beauty pageant will be Dr. Arnos St. Germain, history professor. "Other activities," said Dobslaw, "will be a tricycle race, an egg toss,

a tug-o-war, and the best dressed goat contest and dunk-a-dean. However, according to Bill Royal, the acting dean of students will not be on the dunk-a-dean machine because Royal said, "Paul Smith flatly refused."

In making the announcement at the SGA meeting, Royal told the SGA you can say what you want about former dean of students Lewis Van Gorder, but at least he went one step further for Royal was referring to the fact that Van Gorder always sat on the dunk-a-dean machine when he was dean of student affairs. Royal said the other deans will be asked to sit on the dunk-a-dean machine.

Also, another beauty contest will be held for goats which are sponsored and dressed by fraternities and clubs on campus. About a

week prior to "Goat Day," goats can be seen grazing all over the Hornet campus.

A barbecue chicken dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 4 to 6 p. m. on "Goat Day." The chicken dinner will be cooked and served in front of the Lab Building. The day's activities will be capped with a dance in the STI gym from 8:30 p. m. to 12:30 a. m. Music will be provided by the Montgomery Brothers Band.

According to Dobslaw, it is very important that students purchase their tickets before "Goat Day." Beginning Monday, November 1, tickets may be purchased for \$1 per person at the student center office in the administration building, at the SGA Office or from an SGA member. Anyone purchasing a ticket on "Goat Day" will be

charged \$2 per person. The ticket will include the barbecue chicken dinner and the admission for the dance.

The Southern Tech Lion's Club will sell hot dogs and cokes on "Goat Day" with proceeds going to the Georgia Lighthouse for the Blind. The Lion's will also have a booth with information for anyone wishing to donate their eyes.

How did the Southern Tech Hornets, which is a division of the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets, come to have a "Goat Day?"

Legend has it that years ago, a member of a previous administration became so frustrated with a problem one day, he symbolized his frustration by tying a goat up on the campus near the administration building.

However, an administrator

once wrote that "Goat Day" was held to honor the administration who are scapegoats for everything on campus.

Some students point out that the goat is the animal that best exemplifies those qualities needed to succeed in Southern Tech's engineering technology program, mainly tenacity, perseverance, singlemindedness, and a determination to excel.

However, most STI faculty, students, and administration officials believe that "Goat Day" is that one day when they can all get together and release their frustrations with a dynamic day of fun.

"Goat Day" '76 – a happening in fun – at your nearby Southern Tech campus.



The Sting is Back

The STING is Back!

Melanie Allen
Editor-in-Chief

Welcome to the first issue of The Sting for the Fall 2010 semester. Now that we've finished moving into our new office, we're ready to be your trusty source for SPSU news!

As your new editor, I am committed to providing a high quality paper to our readers. Each issue will include information about current SPSU policy issues, sports and organization updates, metro-atlanta events, reviews of media, and student culture.

Some of this issue's articles

may seem dated due to the amount of time it took us to learn what it takes to get an issue printed. Now that we've streamlined the process, you can count on current news at least twice a month.

Whether you are a student, potential staff writer, organization leader, or faculty member, consider helping



out the Sting. Look around the issue for what we're covering and what we're not. Did we miss something big? Do you have any leads or photos we could use for the next issue? Are we subscribed to your organization's newsletter?

Please contact me at stingeditor@gmail.com and feel free to add me to your organization's newsletter. If you're interested in joining the STING, email or grab an application outside the STING office and submit it to the green box.

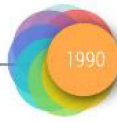
Enjoy the issue!



LETTER TO SPSU

To look back on all the friends and memories from SPSU is too much to sum up in a single thought, yet through my final days on campus I always wondered why I didn't try to do more in my first few years. In my freshman year I did as many do at college: have fun, party, skip classes, make mistakes, and basically just skate by. For my second year I buckled down to fix my past errors, and started to get the hang of actually studying while still having fun—but I was still "just a student". By my third year everything changed when I joined Greek life and became more active on campus through rush and other social events. That led me to meet my future wife, with whom I enjoyed working at the campus radio station (WGHR) and newspaper (The Sting). Thanks to a well needed part-time job my fourth year, my final years were stretched into 2 of the best. I joined more student committees, attended more SGA meetings, and tried to be a more involved participant in student life. In our final year my girlfriend and I both became resident assistants, and were engaged just a few months before graduation. Even over decade after leaving, many of the people I met outside of class are still friends, including many faculty and staff. I know this probably sounds cliché, but it all started with taking part in what was readily available. Anyone can be a student in a classroom, but you don't know what could happen until you truly become involved with your University. If you have the means, get out there and do something.

-Dustin Grau
B.S. - C.S. '02



THE STING / Vol. 63, No. 10 December 2010
ETC's new occupants on the move

This article tells the students about who will be the administrators for their departments in the Q building.

School of Engineering Technology: Dean, Jeffrey Ray & Secretary, Ann Lay.

Departments: Electrical & Computer Engineering Technology

Division of Engineering: Associate Dean, Tom Currin & Secretary, Cinthia Barnett

The structure has changed to these positions recently in the Q building.

College of Engineering & Engineering Technology: *Dean Jeff Ray left* The New Dean: Tom Currin, Associate Dean: Thomas Ball & Secretary: Cinthia Barnett

College of Mechatronics: Administrative Assistant, Ann Lay



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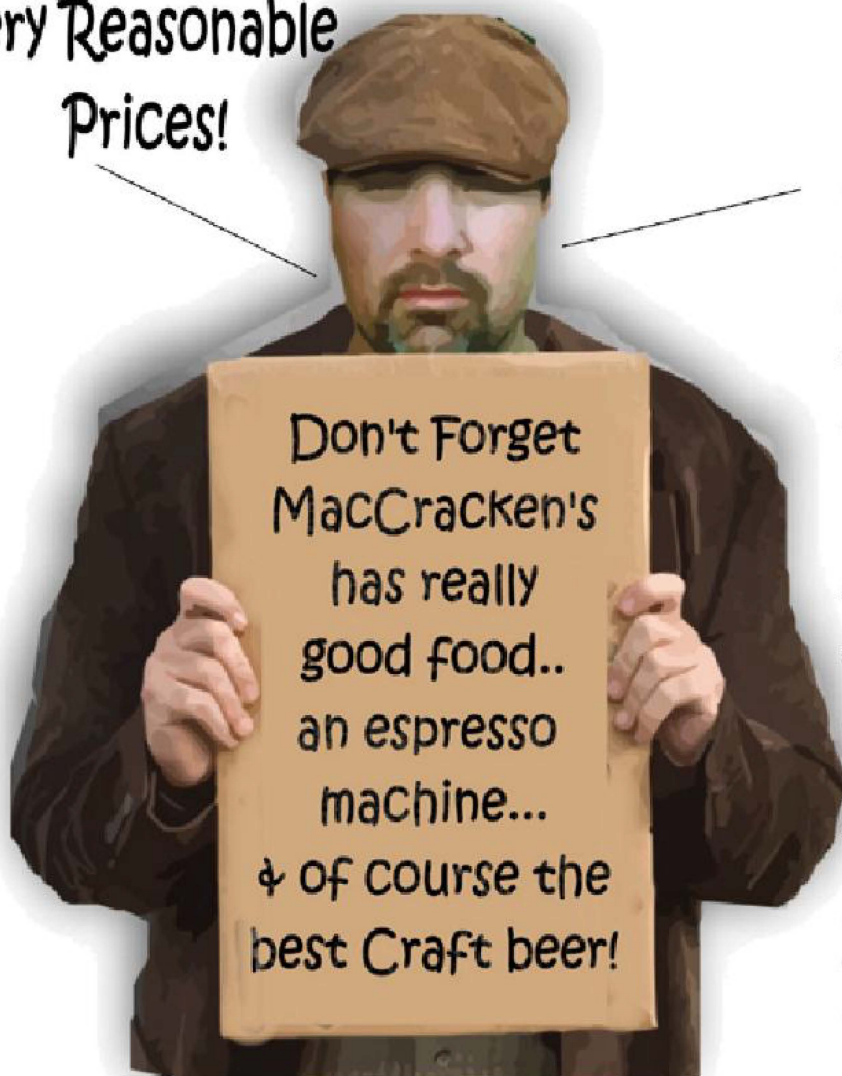




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The Graphic Art Student pushed his beer away in disgust. The Business Student fished the fly out of his beer, and continued drinking it, as if nothing had happened.

The Mechanical Engineering Student, too, picked the fly out of his drink, held it out over the beer, and started yelling, "SPIT IT OUT, SPIT IT OUT!"

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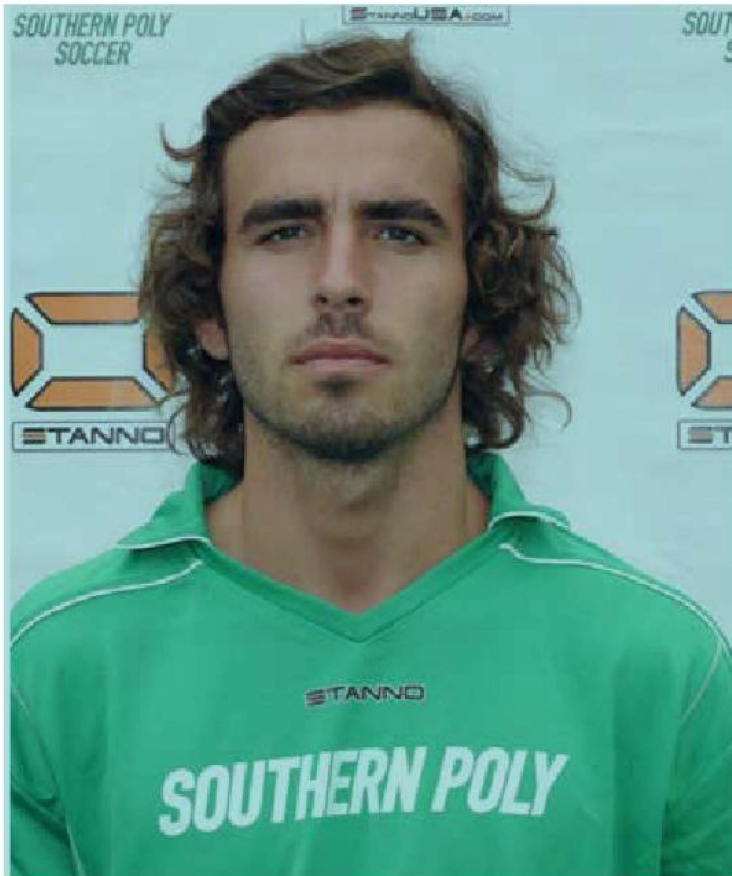
THE STING / September 2012

SPSU baseball players drafted to Texas Rangers & Atlanta Braves



THE STING / September 2012

Two Hornets awarded player of the week





THE STING / February 2012

SPSU Engineering Division upgraded to Engineering School

January 9th, 2012 the division of Engineering was officially upgraded to the School of Engineering. In an interview with Professor Lance Crimm regarding the upgrade, he said, "The School of Engineering will have three departments. The departments are mechatronics and electrical engineering, mechanical and systems engineering and civil and construction engineering."

"The upgrade to a school of engineering gives SPSU more prestige among the other engineering schools in the state and country," said Professor Lance Crimm. "It also could help with ABET accreditation."



LETTER TO SPSU

SPSU has guided me well. SPSU has warned me of potential hazards ahead, and when I ignored them, SPSU allowed me to fall and learn from my mistakes. In the process, SPSU helped me back on my feet and made me a stronger person because of it.

I've enjoyed my time here, but I wish I could have opened up little more. I've always been afraid of people making fun of me. I have a habit of acting very naive. It's something I used to do because I had trouble making friends. By acting stupid, I made people laugh and it made me feel like I had more friends.

I have a difficulty of defining what friend means. I sometimes feel like I've lost my sense of individuality and have the tendency to match the views of those around me. I created a way to understand the emotions of those who text me. I've analyzed the behavior of people who surround my life and am able to predict their next possible action. I can tell the possible outcomes of a situation and give you a relatively close timeline of when events can occur. SPSU gave me a sense of purpose by allowing perceived flaws into strengths that helped those around me. After I graduate, I'm going to stop predicting risks and possible outcomes. I'm going to start to get to know myself a little more. I'm going to continue figuring out my true feelings and goals.

I owe eternal gratitude to SPSU and will continue to preserve the SPSU legacy, history, and tradition. We must remember that it is up to all of us to continue the conversations of what SPSU has done for us and what we can do for the campus for the years to come. We must ensure the same sense of belonging to those who will inhabit it. We will be the ones who tell them, "When I was I Southern Poly..." just as those who said to us, "When I was at Southern Tech..."

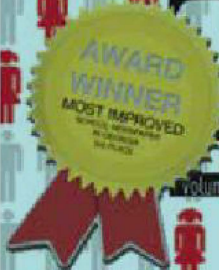
With this being my final article with the Sting, I want to say thank you for reading and ensuring that our legacy continues...

- Daniel R. Silver



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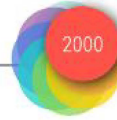
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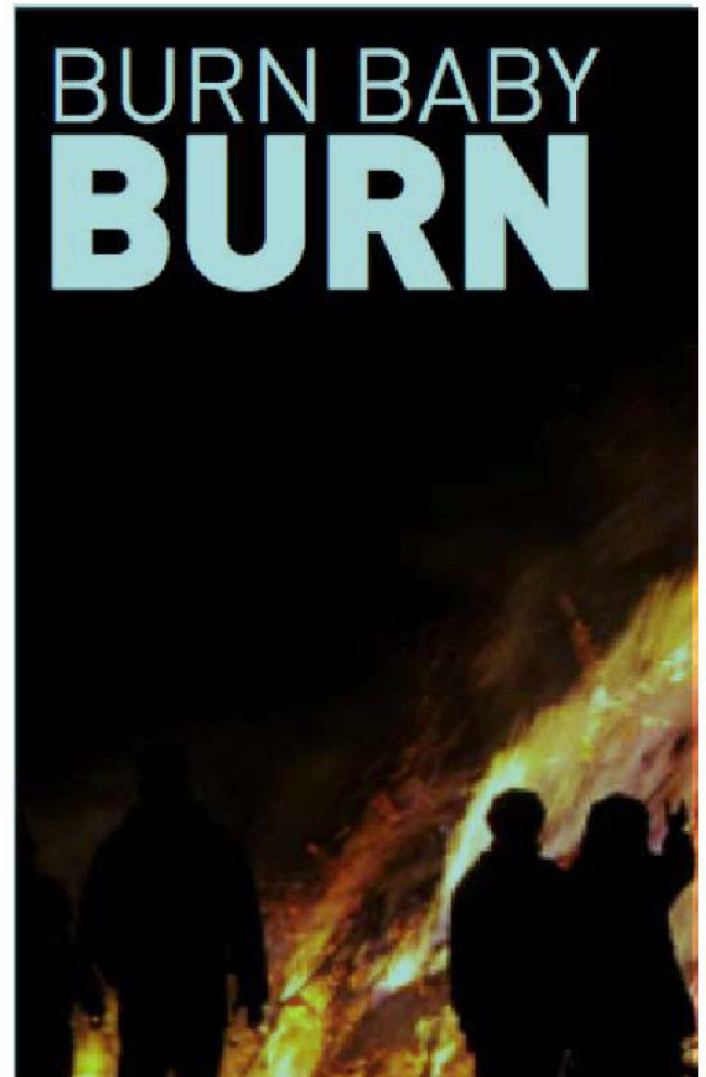
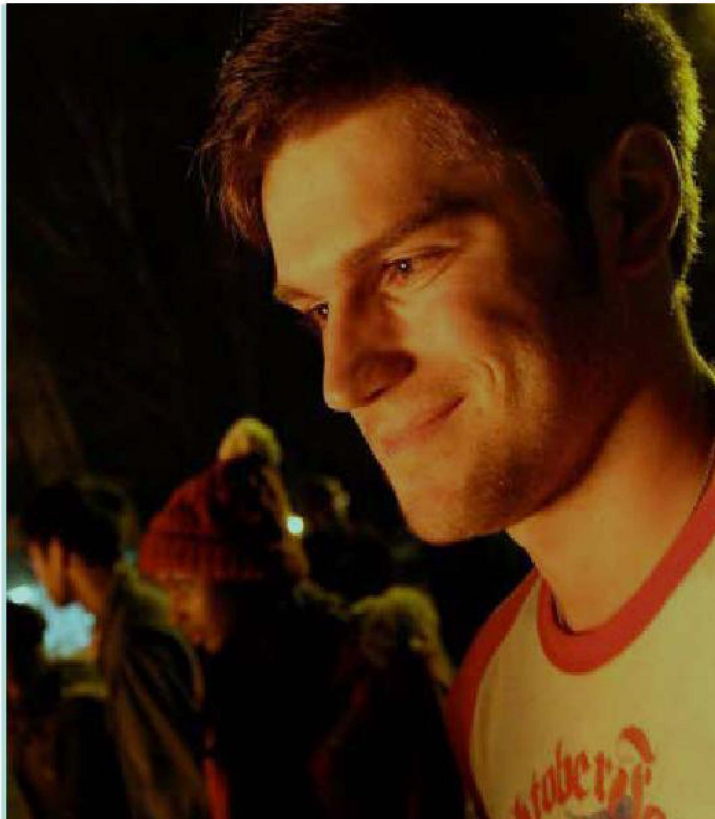




THE STING / February 2013

Burn Baby Burn

That's exactly what happened at SPSU's bonfire. The history of the event is still unclear to me but every year there is an organization that collects the trees that all the people get rid of once Christmas is over. Once they have collected what seemed to be thirty some trees, they put fire to them. Done completely safely I might add. So in between the Howell and Norton dorms we meet for an enjoyable event.

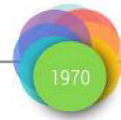


THE STING / February 2013

Valentine's Day Ideas for Students on a Budget

With Valentine's Day just around the corner and falling on a Thursday this year, you may be at a loss for gift and date ideas. As students, we all understand how expensive a typical Valentines date might cost. Buying flowers, chocolates, and going out to dinner can be very expensive. Why not try something new, exciting and more affordable? Consider the following valentines day ideas this year.





6,210

SPSU has record enrollment

If you are still circling the lot looking for a parking place, you won't be surprised to learn the Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta, Georgia celebrated a record enrollment of 6,210 students for the Fall 2012 semester.

THE STING / August 2013 As We Are

BY RANDY BROWN JR.

Members of the student body do not expect your displeasure with the new transportation regulations to alter any decisions. It will not. Do not expect your disapproval with the quality of food in the dining hall to improve the quality of food that you receive in the dining hall. It will not. Do not expect your disfavor with anything on campus here at SPSU to change anything. It will not.

Why? Nothing will change simply because we are a divided student body that only complains. We never join together and speak up about anything. Why should we expect anything to change?

I have listened to your complains and read your emails about all things concerning the new parking regulations. Yet, I wonder how many of you will attend the first SGA general body meeting to voice your opinion. How many of you are willing to sign a petition? We can talk all we want. I can talk all I want. Nothing will happen.

YES, YES, YES, AND YES,

students should be an integral part of the decision making process.

departments on this campus should be more transparent.

this campus should be overflowing with information about where our money is going.

there should be students arriving in droves to attend events on campus.



THE STING / February 2013

Pulitzer Prize Winner Isabel Wilkerson Visits Campus

On January 29th 2013, SPSU students, faculty members and alumni got the chance to hear a space by Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Isabel Wilkerson. There was an excellent turnout; Wilkerson was very well received. The Washington, D.C. native won the Pulitzer Prize for her book: The Warmth of Other Suns. Wilkerson's book focuses on the great migration of African-Americans from the south to other regions of the United States.



THE STING / February 2013

Warning! Coyotes on Campus

Early Monday Morning on February 4th, I spotted a coyote walking on campus in between the commons and the architecture building.

At the time I was sitting in a car located in the commons parking lot, when I saw a large animal coming from the direction of the Atrium through the tree-covered area. At first I was skeptical thinking it was a dog, and I waited for someone else to come along and confirm it as such.

Yet, as the beast came forward, I realized that this was no dog, It was a coyote.



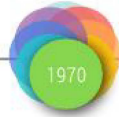
THE STING / March 2013

Hornet's Hitting Homeruns

BY AMANDA BLANTON

The SPSU baseball team is off to a great start and is sitting on an 114 overall and 21 conference record heading into March. The Hornets are under the new leadership of Head Coach Mary Lovrich. He coached at our conference rival Auburn University at Montgomery for 20 years before taking over the head gig at Southern Poly in June. Comprised of mostly juniors and seniors, the Hornets have some standout players on the team. DeMarcus Tidwell has 13 RBIs and 19 hits this season. Our pitching staff is led by Darin Wiltgen, Jordan Egan and Teigh Dooley.

Another aspects of Hornet baseball to be excited about is the new grandstands. Completed in December, the new seating area now holds more than 600 fans with 100 of those seats having chair backs. If you have been to any games in past years, you may remember the 80's style stadium seating that only held 200 or so people. The new grandstands are just another great, new aspect of our growing SPSU Athletics Department!



THE STING / March 2013

Hornets Wrap Up Regular Seasons



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THE STING / August 2013
Laura Jane Dingler
 (February 22, 1990 -
 July 28, 2013)

BY NATHAN ATKINS

Our campus community lost a sister recently. She was vibrant, intelligent, and witty. Her opinion was something fierce and carried a voice that never relinquished the floor with point unmade. Her eyes were intense when she spoke. She could admit being wrong, which is a trait few manage consistently. As a senior in English, Technical Communications, and Media Arts, Laura Jane put to practice what she did best. She touched lives through thought brought by tangible word. Tangible because you felt those words - her words - and they moved you.



THE STING / November 1, 2013

The plan to consolidate Kennesaw State University and Southern Polytechnic State University is announced.

Dr. Rossbacher informs students, faculty, staff, and members of SPSU's administration about Chancellor Hank Huckaby's proposal to merge Kennesaw State University and Southern Polytechnic State University.

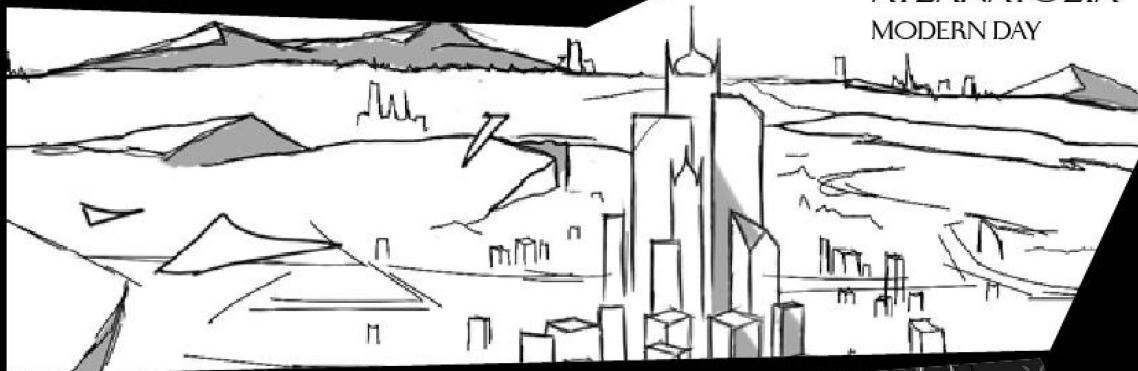
SPSU students protest the proposed SPSU, KSU merger. They form a group by the named of "Keep SPSU True" which organized petitions, rallies, and calls to members of USG's Board of Regents.



THE KINGDOM

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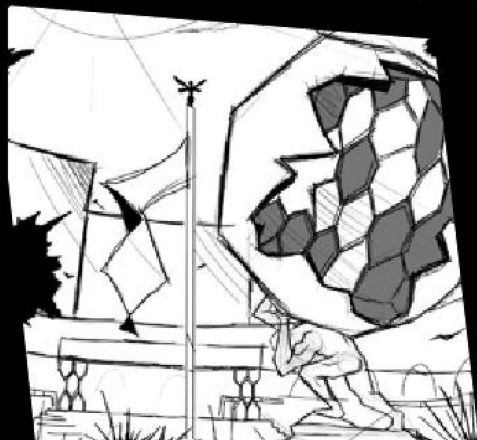
2ND ERA
ATLANATOLIA
MODERN DAY



WHEN OUR DYNASTY WAS STILL YOUNG, IT WAS SAID THAT OUR ANCESTOR, VESPIDADARIUS CARRIED IT NORTHWARD FROM ATLANATOLIA DURING THE FIRST ERA.



VESPIDADARIUS WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN HALF MAN, HALF HORNET, BOTH CUNNING AND STRONG.



AS DECEDENTS OF VESPIDADARIUS WE PRIDE OURSELVES THIS CUNNING AND STRENGTH... IT FLOWS THROUGH OUR BLOOD AND THE AIR WE BREATHE.

WE WERE RENOWNED ALL THROUGHOUT THE LANDS BY SUCH A REPUTATION...

...UNTIL THEY CAME.



-An original story by Amir S. Hamer



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WHAT IS THE KINGDOM?

A sneak peak of the graphic novel by Amir S. Hamer

-Character styling concept art



It started one day after thinking about a statement Reggie Marks [New Media Arts student] made during a group exercise about the KSU – SPSU merger. “SPSU was like our kingdom and KSU invaded us”.

The assignment was simple, “Find a narrative on the campus and find a way to express it using visuals [as communicated by Pete Rora-baugh]. And so after some creative thinking, this idea came to me:

Tell the story of the SPSU – KSU merger in the most exaggerated, fantastical & action-packed way as possible heavy with my own creative flare. My own style of Manga became perfect for this.

“THE KINGDOM” is a story that takes

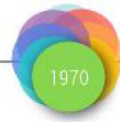
place in a fictional universe within the greater region of “Atlanatolia”. The setting is derived from magical, science fiction, ancient & modern themes. World development is rich in lore & content drawing influence from the ancient Middle East. I didn’t just want this to be your typical “Arthurian tale” of a kingdom’s conflicts, but instead something more unique, political, & impactful.

I’ve been fascinated by parts of the middle-east for a long time. Being born with Muslim names, various overtones follow me. I don’t like the prejudice I see on the news about Muslims and Islam. Uneducated people see affiliations with these cultures as “bad”. I want to help off-balance this by telling a dramatic, fun, & relateable story that references many visuals & histories native to those lands but via the merger.

The readers can expect to see their friends or professors featured in the epic I’ve created redesigned as heroes combating the story’s invading antagonists native to “The Golden Empire”.

For updates & development follow:
Amir S. Hamer Art & Shop on Facebook





THE STING / May 10, 2014

Randy Brown Jr.: First Student Commencement Speaker in SPSU's History

Southern Polytechnic State University's Randy Brown Jr., an English and professional communication major and Editor-in-Chief of The Sting became the first student commencement speaker in the University's 109 year history.

His commencement speech was titled "A Talk: Milkshakes, Socks, and the Number One Friend You'll Have in Life".



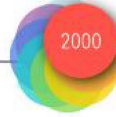
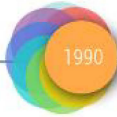
LETTER TO SPSU

Hello, my name is Joseph Pitts. When I first decided to go back to college and had chosen SPSU I was extremely nervous about fitting in, making new friends, and just making SPSU like home. Four and a half years later I have to admit that Southern Polytechnic State University has made me a better man, a man with more self-confidence, more ambition, and all around desire to move forward in life.

I am a non-traditional student but at times I feel like SPSU gives me back my youthful feelings of days long past but don't get me wrong it hasn't been all a bed of roses. The long study hours and the class projects that I seem to put off until it's a do-or-die situation have been rough but worth the overall experience of college that I let pass me by earlier in life. My favorite memories from my time at SPSU has to be my time working as a member of the editorial board on the Sting. I have worked under three different editors. I began just taking snapshots in 2010 and stuck around until I was offered the position as Advertising Manager in late 2012. This position gave me the opportunity to make new business contacts through the Marietta area and on the corporate level as well. My experience and skills that I have had the opportunity to gain by working as part of the Sting will help advance my career (my plan is marketing/advertising) for years to come.

The memories that I have forged while attending SPSU will stay with me for life for which I bid a thank you to Southern Polytechnic State Univers

Joseph Pitts
Advertising Director - The Sting



THE STING / DECEMBER 13, 2014

Dr. Lisa A. Rossbacher Commences the 111th and Last Class of Southern Polytechnic

BY DESMOND HILSON JR.

"AVOCADO ARE REALLY HORNET GREEN IN COLOR."

Dr. Lisa A. Rossbacher, SPSU President Emerita, gives the commencement speech to the 11th and last class to graduate under an institution named Southern Polytechnic State University.

The commencement speech was wrapped around how avocados are the essential ingredient to make guacamole and how it holds everything together. "The most important part".

Her message to the graduating class: "Be the avocado."



THE STING / JANUARY 6, 2015

The Board of Regents approve. Kennesaw State and Southern Polytechnic to consolidate.



THE STING / ∞

SPSU students continue to hold on to and carry the SPSU Legacy within their hearts.



Once a Hornet, always a Hornet.

"... thank you for everything."

SPSU kicks off the Fall

STING Awarded a First Place in 1984 GCPA Better Newspaper Contest

Stephen Howland, Editor
The STING was awarded First Place for Best Campus Coverage for a Senior College with Enrollment under 7,000. Second Place was awarded to Meridian College, The Mountain View and Third Place to Georgia Southern's The George News.
Judging was based on service rendered through the use of news coverage, style, layout, design, and readability.



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A CHANGE IN THE ANNUAL CAMPUS... By Randy Bro...

GAME ON!

Southern Tech Hornets Embarrass Kennessaw

Vol 3, No 4 December 9, 1985

By Larry Manning
Special to The Sting
On Nov. 18, 1985, Southern Tech hosted its 10th annual basketball game against Kennessaw College. Hundreds of fans were on hand to witness the game.



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By Debra Post
The press for reform and modernization comes in Southern Tech, which has been recognized for the last several years, "may be approaching reality," according to Debra Post.

President delivers his game plan for the future of Southern Poly.

On July 1st, our new interim president, Dr. Daniel Papp held an open forum for all faculty, staff, and administration members where he laid out his game plan for his one-year term as President.
Dr. Papp addressed five major administrative philosophies that he plans to bring to the ST graduates, including a practical and serious education.

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He feels it is important to take all of the facts into account and committed himself to "making those decisions in when it comes to making those decisions and making sure everyone understands all the facts," stressing the equal importance of both having and understanding the facts.

Mechatronics to put today At TechFest

Criteria Wilson
Senior Staff Writer
A new program proposal for the addition of a Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics Engineering (MSE) is currently under review. Professor Glenn R. Allen, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering, is the lead proponent of the proposal.



Were you ever curious about The Rock before there was a picture of The Rock before there was a picture of The Rock? Well here's your chance to find out that and maybe even (but probably not) more!

SCT Wins Regional Construction Competition

By Robert L. Bishop
The best general contractor in the Southeast region of the United States has been awarded to Southern Tech for its construction work on the new building.

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