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Faculty Leaders Ask SCT President to Resign

By BILL FINNICK

A compilation of deans and department heads may have finally struck Southern Tech President Stephen Cheshier's career its fatal blow. A petition reportedly containing the signatures of all department heads and three of the four deans has asked the President to step down immediately, July first.

This is the third attempt by elements of the faculty in the last few years to get the President of Southern Tech, Dr. Stephen Cheshier to resign. There have been two previous votes of no confidence by the faculty. The most recent case involved the president's White Paper in November 1994.

Some of the issues which have

caused this lack of confidence in Dr. Cheshier involve the BAS Degree, Distance Learning, and the way in which he manages the institution's budget.

The following is a chronological account of the events surrounding this latest attempt.

Monday, May 6. Seven of eleven department heads had signed a petition asking for Cheshier's resignation. A meeting was arranged between the Deans and President Cheshier.

Tuesday, May 7. Near 3 pm in a meeting with the Deans and Vice President Travis the President Cheshier stated his intention to retire or resign in the summer of 1998. He further informed them he had no intention of leaving anytime before

the summer of 1997.

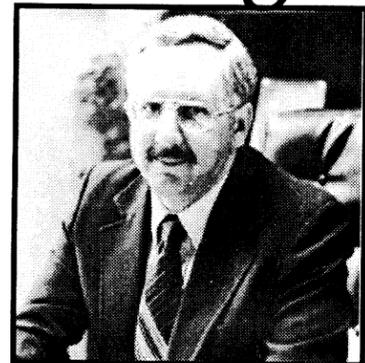
At 5 pm, Cheshier's office was contacted by a faculty group requesting his presence at a meeting in the Computer Science conference room. Cheshier's office stated that he was with someone at the time. After further requests for an immediate meeting, Cheshier's office asked if he could meet with them on Friday. Four department heads (Wilson - ECET, Murphy - CS, Fischer - SIS, and Pfeiffer - H&TC) entered the president's outer office informing the secretary that the group was in the conference room waiting and wanting to know if the president would meet with them.

They further stated that his delayed departure was "unaccept-

able" and that he should "plan to retire on July 1." Cheshier met with the group of deans and department heads and told them that he would discuss their demands with the Chancellor and get back to them.

Wednesday, May 8. The president and chancellor discuss the group's demand for his immediate departure and prepare a joint statement.

Thursday, May 9. A memo was released by the President's office
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A young President Cheshier in happier times

New Name for Southern Tech

What Do You Think About These Names?

Southern Polytechnic University
Southern Technological University
Southern Tech University
Georgia Polytechnic State University

By KEVIN MARKS

In the not-too-distant future, Southern College of Technology will undergo a name change. The details of that change and the results, i.e., what we will be known as, is still undecided. Proposals and guidelines are currently being formulated by the Board of Regents, marketing consultants, and individual university system institutions.

Portions of a letter drafted by President Cheshire to Chancellor Portch delineating our administration's view follow on page 2. The letter is edited for clarity.

According to Dr. Travis, Vice President for Student Affairs, the impetus for these changes involves Georgia's desire to have its university system designed like those in other states that are recognized for their excellence. Our current system is fragmented and confusing, especially to those looking in from outside Georgia.

Dr. Travis also felt that the Board of Regents would probably favor a simple renaming option, rather than those options which would affiliate us with other regional schools.

He stated that the concept of using "university" for all four institutions and "college" for all two year institutions was a key factor in the formulation of probable guidelines. Additionally, the words "State" and/or "Georgia" may also play a key role in the renaming process.

Ultimately, Dr. Travis said that no firm rules have been established as yet. "A name change is an emotional issue, he said. "It would probably be best for everyone concerned if the decision is made outside of our organization."

The Board of Regents meets next month and SCT's recommendations will be heard at that time. Whenever the decision is made, it is expected to be phased in over a period that will allow all schools to cope with the logistics and costs.

Lockheed's Leak Trickles into Southern Tech's Creek

By NIKOS GAVALAS

During the middle of this month, the United States Geological Survey, contracted by the United States Air Force will drill three monitoring wells on the SCT campus.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Department (EPD) has received information generated by the United States Air Force which shows that Trichloroethylene (TCE) contamination in the groundwater has migrated off of Lockheed's property and has spread to SCT's irrigation well and nearby campus tributaries (near the new tennis courts & cul-de-sac).

In 1983, Lockheed allegedly

spilled large amounts of chemicals accidentally which leaked into the storm drains and soaked into the soil. This is not the first time that SCT has dealt with TCE and Lockheed.

When the new tennis courts and fields were being built over by South Cobb Drive, TCE was found to be in the soil but was not considered to be at a high enough concentration to worry about.

Trichloroethylene (TCE) is a common solvent used mainly to degrease metal parts. It is a non-flammable, colorless liquid at room temperature with a sweet odor, similar to chloroform.

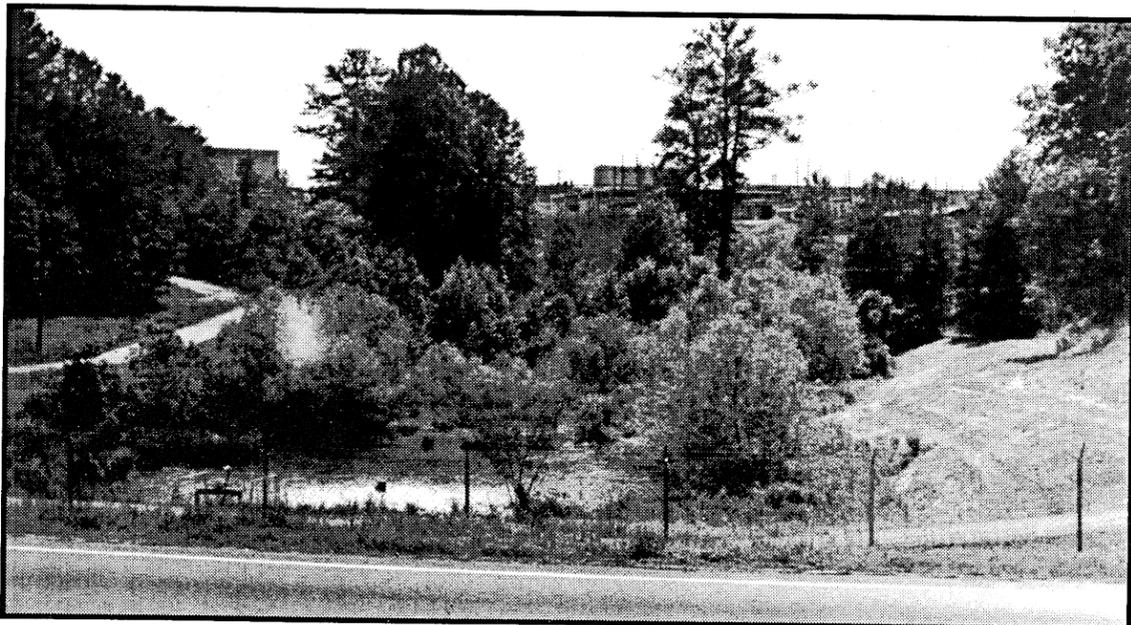
TCE can be found in some household products, including typewriter correction fluid, paint remov-

ers, and adhesives. The human health effects that can be associated with TCE exposure include headaches, dizziness, rashes, and neurological damage (EPA is reviewing TCE as a possible human carcinogen—cancer causing).

However, three factors weigh heavily on whether harmful effects will occur and what the severity may be. These factors include the dose (how much), the duration (how long), the route by which you are exposed (breathing, eating, drinking, skin contact).

Lucky for us here at Southern Tech, the contamination is limited to an unused irrigation well and re-

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Benevolent neighbor or government sponsored poisoner of our ground water?

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Committees Gear Up For 1998 Accreditation

By COLLEEN DESMOND

For the second time since becoming independent of Georgia Tech, Southern Tech is entering into an accreditation cycle by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

Schools must undergo a self-study and a peer evaluation to maintain its accreditation.

Dr. Becky Rutherford, chair of the accreditation steering committee, described the process that

Southern Tech will be immersed in until 1998.

Committees are formed with representatives from every section of the school including faculty, staff, administration, students and even outside advisors to produce "reports on every facet of the school," said Rutherford.

The committees will be in full swing by this fall gathering data and assessing college programs. By spring, their reports will be submitted SACS and in the fall a review

team made up of members from other SACS accredited colleges will visit Southern Tech for an evaluation.

There are three possible outcomes of this review. Southern Tech could get complete accreditation renewal for ten years. If serious deficiencies were uncovered, Southern Tech could be given probationary status and one year to correct the problems. Finally, if the review was so poor Southern Tech could lose its accreditation and reapply after a

year.

"The visiting people really get around on campus and could stop students" to obtain information about the school when they come in the fall of 1997.

Southern Tech adopted a Total Quality Management (TQM) approach to operating the school which constantly assesses the performance of Southern Tech in an ongoing process.

"We are going to use data already collected through TQM in the

accreditation reports. This self study is just another mechanism to find our strengths and weaknesses," said Rutherford.

Students are also intensely involved in this self-study. Committees will interview student focus groups, survey students and supply data for the reports. Student representatives are needed on virtually every committee and should contact Dr. Rutherford or the individual committee chair if interested in participating.

The Reasoning Behind The Name Change

Below are portions of a letter drafted by President Cheshire to Chancellor Portch delineating our administration's view on Southern Tech's name change.

I. System Perspective

The key point to us is that all of the senior units of the System should have "University" in their name. Likewise, all of the System two-year units should have "College" in their name. We feel strongly that this will both clarify the roles of the two types of institutions. Having "universities" and "colleges" in the University System, will give the general public a clearer view of the differences between these institutions and technical institutions.

There would be a variety of ways that the units could be grouped together. Four ways of grouping come to mind. Each leaves the four research universities (Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Georgia, Georgia State, and The Medical College) alone with their autonomy and name identity. All of the other institutions could be grouped as campuses of 1) The System, 2) UGA, 3) Appropriate "parent" institutions, or 4) A new entity.

Here is how the four scenarios could be implemented.

(1) Under System groupings, for example, the senior & two-year colleges could be "University System of Georgia at Marietta, Kennesaw, Rome, Columbus", etc. Or, the senior colleges could be named "USG University at Marietta, Columbus", etc. and the two-year colleges would then be "USG College at Gainesville, Bainbridge", etc.

(2) Under this scenario, all of us would be campuses of UGA, for example, "University of Georgia at Marietta, Augusta, Dalton", etc.

(3) Under this strategy, appropriate groupings would be identified. There are many ways in which this could be done. The institutions in the metro Atlanta area could be campuses of Georgia State University, Southern Tech could be Georgia Tech at Marietta, Georgia Southern could be Georgia Tech at Statesboro, and the rest could be campuses of UGA.

Another approach would be to use the Florida model. Institutions could be grouped into one of four groups: "University of North, South, East, West Georgia".

(4) Under this possibility, the four research universities would be left alone and senior colleges would become "Georgia University at ...", with two-year colleges becoming "Georgia College at ..."

II. Southern College of Technology's Perspective

There are two major issues of concern to Southern College of Technology. First, we believe that any new name for us should include the word "University".

Secondly, we constantly suffer an identity crisis, being confused with the DTAE's (Department of Technical and Adult Education) technical institutes. Unfortunately, as long as our name is shortened to "Southern Tech", we will be confused with the 33 institutions that use "Tech" in their name (e.g. Augusta Tech, Columbus Tech, Chattahoochee Tech). Southern Tech would be a hard name for us to give up, and it could only be done politically within the context of a system-wide change to entirely different names.

I would understand that either (1) or (4) above would be simple name changes that would not change anything in the way that we currently are funded, operate or report.

Options (2) or (3) could have advantages for us, so long as we did not return to our former "step-child" role as a sub-unit of a research university.

Option (2), being part of UGA, would have some advantages. SCT would benefit from sharing a well-known institutional name, which would keep enrollments healthy in the future, and UGA would benefit by having its own, and our complementary, programs offered in the metro Atlanta area, where over half of the population resides.

Option (3), being part of GIT, would probably be our preferred institutional affiliation. We simply have so much in common, and we already cooperate in serving several industries (apparel, textile, pulp and paper, etc.). The advantage to GIT would be that we could be their campus where their more applied programs could be housed, especially at the undergraduate level. The advantage to the System would be that all technological education would be under the purview and name of GIT.

If "tech" or "technology" are to be left in our name, then we would suggest something like "Southern Polytechnic University", or "Southern Technological University", or even "Southern Tech University". Another possibility could be something like "Georgia Polytechnic State University".

Because communities will want to hang onto their name being part of the college's name, and because alumni and others will want to hold onto the old name, it will not work to have the individual colleges try to achieve some kind of consensus on what their new name should be. The only way the names can be changed, in my opinion, is for the Regents to restructure all of us and to mandate the new nomenclature (after seriously considering input of this kind). This will be unpopular for a while, but, if the change is really for the better in terms of better understanding and national models, then we will all accept it and move ahead.

WGHR is First With New Technology

By CHARLES BANTON

WGHR, the premier radio station of Southern Tech, has done something that no other college station in Atlanta has done. That's right WGHR is **THE ONLY** college station in Atlanta to have the Radio Data System (RDS). The only other stations in Atlanta to have this system is 90.1, Z93, and 89.3. The RDS transmits text across the airways which are displayed on stereos equipped with RDS capabilities. You will not be able to hear the signal, but if you look at the DJ booth in the student center you won't be able to miss the RDS. Promotions Manager Jon Licata was generous enough to give The Sting the full story about what this system can and will do for Southern Tech.

The system will allow up to 16 messages which are programmed in by the DJ's. It will identify the station, what kind of music is playing, what song is playing, announcements for activities or any other information that the DJ programs in. You may even be able to wish someone a happy birthday through this system.

Radios that can pick up this text signal will display it on their LED screen. For example, if you

are driving down the road and you want to listen to a certain type of music, all you would have to do is program that into your radio and then if you lose the signal you are presently listening to then it will automatically find the closest signal that is playing the same kind of music.

Maybe you are listening to a baseball game and you lose the signal then it will find another station that is broadcasting the same game. This has been used in Europe for years and has become standard on the newest radios sold in Europe. These radios are still expensive in the United States due to it being such a new technology.

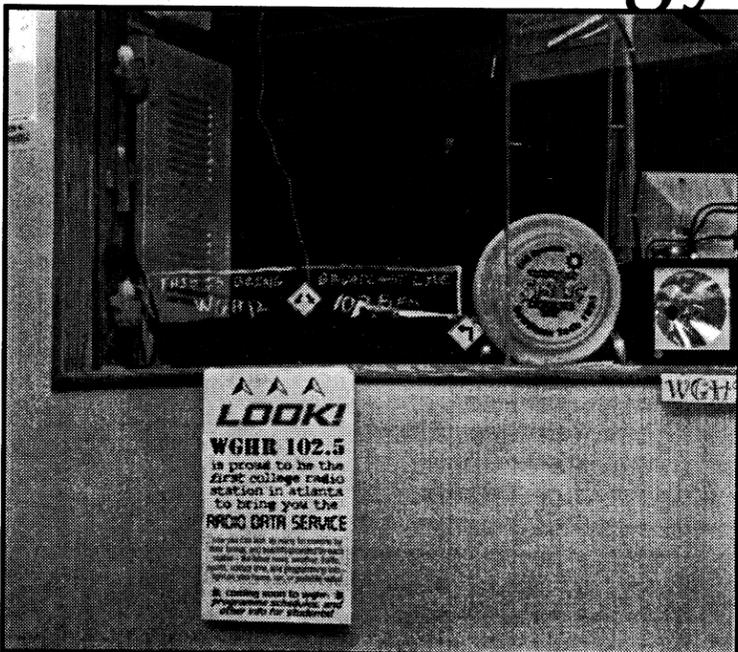
Large LED signs can be used in many ways to display messages in many different markets. Billboards are being used in New York to display these messages. WGHR hopes to have some LED signs throughout the campus in the future. The station has received an offer from the Electrical and Computer engineering department to design a radio with chips and information donated by the manufacturers of these radios in order to develop a less expensive RDS capable radio.

This would give Southern Tech tremendous publicity within the ra-

dio industry and throughout the world. The RDS was given to the station free because Atlanta is considered one of the top 25 markets and manufacturers provide this type of new technology to test in the largest markets.

The antenna is on the top of the administration building. Recently the Amateur Radio Club placed its antenna on top of WGHR's to increase its range. Before the move to the top of the WGHR antenna the Ham Radio signal would reach Cobb County, but after the move their range increased to Cartersville, Norcross, and down to Carrollton. In return, Phil West and the rest of the Amateur Radio Club lends its antenna expertise to WGHR.

WGHR has asked to move the antenna to the student center. According to Jon Licata, when the student center was built, it was built to support an antenna on the roof. The move would give the receptionally challenged station to increase its range, and "the antenna is sinking into the administration building" says popular WGHR DJ, Reggie "the R" Walton. The range of WGHR's signal is severely effected by the weather and even the seasons effect the signal because there are more leaves on the trees during the



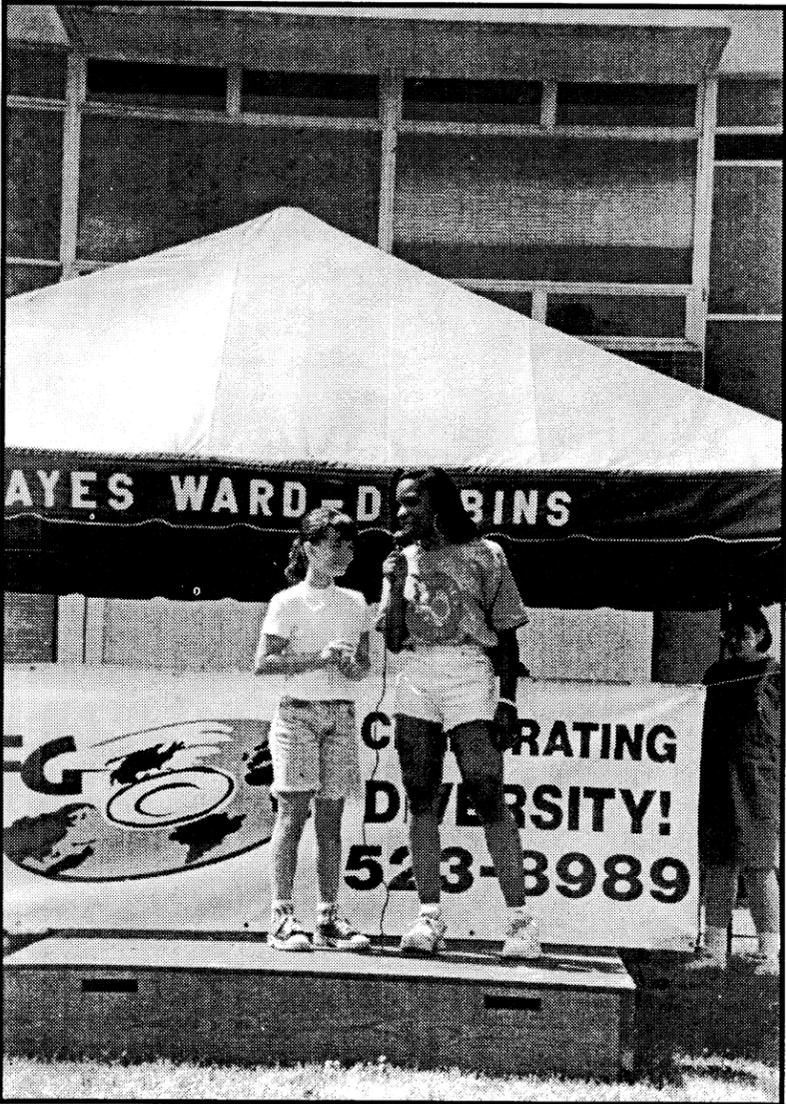
The only college radio station in Atlanta to broadcast the RDS is right in our face.

spring and summer which block the signal. This is not the first time they have requested to move, but in the past they were not able to because of licensing problems.

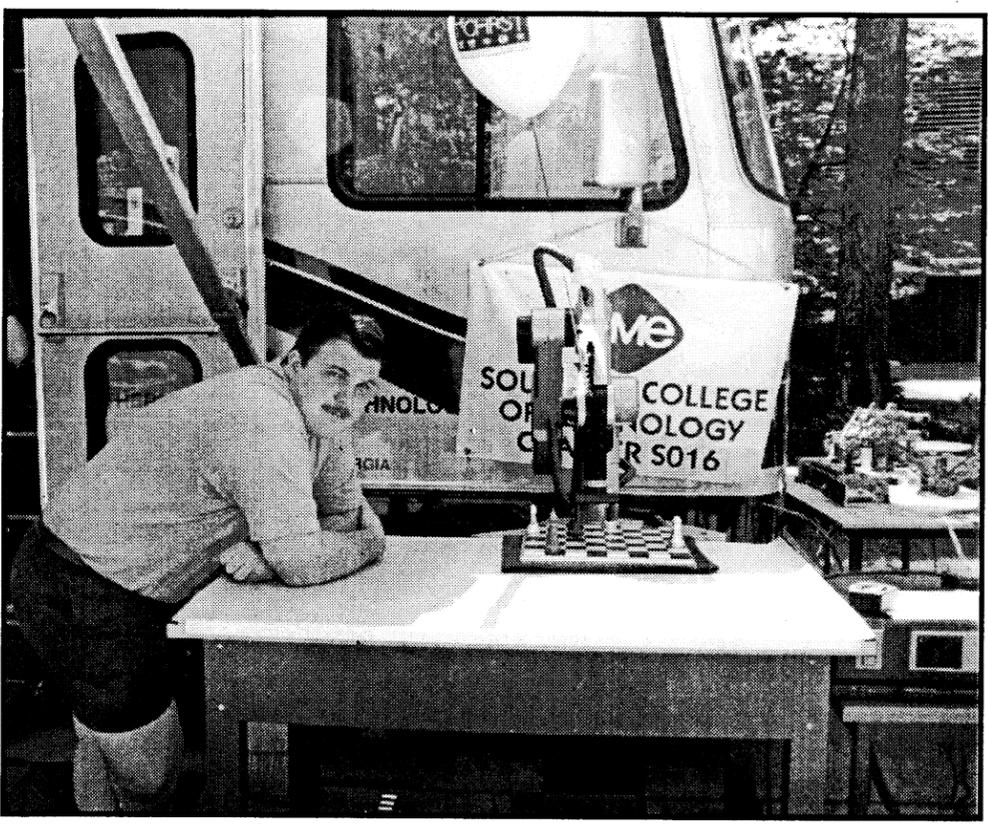
Jon provided most of the facts in this report and he left these parting words, "We are part of the core group of student activities and need

the support of students... We need more live DJ's on the air to play a wide variety of music." If you have any questions or you wish to join the WGHR staff e-mail Jon at jlicata.@sct.edu or call the station at 528-7354. *Jon was experiencing a bad hair day and was glad this was not a television interview.*

Techfest 1996 is a family affair



There were balloons, and face paintings, performances, robots and everything else under the sun at the Techfest '96. The campus festivities attracted many local families. There was enough going on to fill the entire newspaper, so hear are a few shots of the neighborhood at Southern Tech.



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Special SGA Session Called

By CHARLES BANTON

The SGA meeting on April 29 brought many issues to the table. President, Bill Finnick reported that there would be a special meeting of the SGA on the following Tuesday, May the 7th, to discuss the 1997 Student Activities budget and to hold an impeachment hearing of Secretary Treasure Almaz Kerr. Details of the special meeting are discussed at the end of this article.

Finnick also announced that Andre Willis the president of NESBE will be nominated to the council on May 14, his confirmation is virtually assured.

The vice-president Kris Allgood reported what was discussed at the Student Life Committee meeting. The facilities that will be open during the Olympic break will be the dorms, the library (possibly alternating hours from 9am-5pm and from 12pm-9:30pm), and the student center will be open for

some hours depending on necessity.

Southern Tech will receive between 175 to 185 thousand dollars from renting areas like the Student Center Theater to the Theater on the Square for performances and the auxillary parking lot will be rented out as well.

Almaz Kerr reported that the general operations account has a balance of \$3,485.76 and the student development account has a balance of \$600.00.

The Internal Affairs committee reported that their was a request for a new organization and a statement containing written griefs against the Secretary was given to her and reiterated that these would be discussed at the special meeting.

The Budget and Finance committee reported that the Vice-President of Student Affairs, Charles Smith sent a letter to the SGA stating that the FY97 budget brought many issues to the attention of the administration. One such issue in-

volves the student handbook that is produced every other year.

This publication cost approximately \$4,000 and the past budgets have allotted \$4,000 every year creating a \$4,000 surplus which would roll into an excess account never to be seen again.

This will no longer be the case, these funds will only be allotted every other year when the catalogs are published. President Finnick requested an accounting of funds that have been left over dating back to fiscal year 1990.

The special meeting that took place on Tuesday May 7, involved a lengthy discussion of the charges brought against the Secretary. Charges included not preparing meetings minutes and many other charges dating back to the begining of her term.

Many of the charges were dropped and those that were left were voted on. By a vote of 5 to 2 the charges were dropped.

1996-97 Budget

Group/Activity	Allocated FY 1995-96	Requested FY 1996 -97	Approved* FY 1996-97
Student Center	101,000	71,843	66,850
Recreat Sports	62,500	154,919	56,500
CAB	49,500	56,000	50,000
LOG	22,100	27,100	23,000
Sting	18,600	22,285	20,000
WGHR	11,100	14,460	11,100
Cultural Series	9,000	10,000	9,000
Student Handbk	4,000	4,000	0
SGA General Ops	8,000	9,670	9,700
SGA - stud awards	300	300	300
SGA - stud development	2,500	3,000	7,500
SGA - judiciary	700	380	500
Activites FY 96 subtotal	\$289,300	\$373,957	\$254,450
AIC	400	0	0
Am Radio Club	0	1,610	1,000
ASCE - Gen	200	6,481	1,000
ASCE - Canoe	300	2,500	2,000
ASCE - Bridge	1,000	2,500	2,000
ASME	950	492	500
BSA	400	3,382	2,000
Circle K	0	1,915	2,000
Constr. Guild	250	0	0
Delta Mu Delta	250	0	0
Drama	800	2,000	2,000
GSPE	300	0	0
IEEE	450	6,050	1,900
IIE	300	0	0
ISA	1,000	2,300	1,500
NOMA	0	5,863	1,450
NOWA	900	600	600
NSBE	500	9,907	2,500
RHA	500	2,300	500
SAE	0	2,350	2,000
SAMSOG	400	2,774	1,500
Sig Lambda Chi	250	0	0
SME	300	492	500
Soccer Club	0	600	600
Tau Alpha Pi	250	0	0
Activites FY 96 subtotal	\$9,900	\$54,116	\$25,550

*This budget was submitted by the budget and finance committee at the special SGA meeting Tuesday May 7. There were no major objections and it is expected to pass Tuesday 5/14



SGA ELECTIONS



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CET to Offer Surveying and Mapping Major

By AKINKUNMI ADEDOKUN

The Civil Engineering Technology department is expecting to add the Bachelor of Science degree in Surveying and Mapping program to the department in fall quarter, 1996.

The plan to create a four-year degree program in Surveying and Mapping was first put to the Board of Regents about one and a half years ago, according to Hans A. Troemel, Professor of Land Surveying and Acting Department Head of CET.

"The primary objective of the proposed BS in Surveying and Mapping will be to provide the land surveying community of the state of Georgia with an avenue to obtain the necessary education for professional registration within the state," according to the proposal of the new program.

According to Matthew M. Wilson, temporary assistant professor of Civil Engineering Technology at the department, who was in charge

of drafting the proposal, the program will train its students to cope with the modern-day sophistication of land surveying.

The proposal also envisions that Southern Tech will become a center of excellence in surveying and mapping for the immediate area around Georgia.

The final step has been taken to get the new program into the department. "We have recently turned in the final proposal to our administration, from where it will go to the Board of Regents," Troemel said.

Now the department is eager to hear the board announce approval, so that the long anticipated program could take off before the end of 1996.

The Civil Engineering Technology department had been able to supply the board with answers to all the information it requested. Some of the answers provided to the board are as follows:

SAMSONG officially supports the

new program.

Companies are interested in employing the students of the proposed course in on-the-job training programs such as Cooperative Education and Internship. Some of the companies that have shown interest are Georgia Power and the Georgia Department of Transportation.

One may wonder why the new degree program has won so much recognition in the professional society and the job market. Troemel explained that there is a surveying option in the CET curriculum, and courses are already being offered in Mapping and Surveying.

This leads to the answer to the important question of staff and equipment availability. "Because we have a surveying option, we have the equipment and the professors," according to Troemel. We only have to do a minimal amount of purchase of equipment. And as the course grows, we'll employ more professors," Troemel continued. "We have the best Survey in-

strument room in the Southeast and we have a Global Positioning System, which surveys the earth's surface by satellite, he added.

"There are no existing programs of the type proposed within the state of Georgia," Wilson said.

The projected enrollment for the proposed program is five to ten students per year upon commencement. It is expected to increase to 20-40 by the year 2000. Troemel

said the figures are relatively low, but Surveying and Mapping degree programs are generally small across the country.

Accreditation of the new program will be sought from the Related Accreditation Commission, Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (RAC/ABET) as soon as the program is eligible after commencement.

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mote tributaries. SCT's drinking water comes from the county and is perfectly safe.

However, after an interview with the Environmental, Health, and Safety Officer, Vic Johnson, it is recommended not to come into contact with any contaminated water.

"The concentration of TCE in our irrigation well has been measured to be as high as 0.3 mg/L (60 times the safe drinking level of 0.005 mg/L)," said Mr. Johnson.

Even if someone comes into contact with some contaminated water nothing would probably happen, yet as a precautionary measure, students and faculty are advised not to venture into the contaminated areas. The three wells will monitor the direction of the contamination and to ascertain its source.

The position of the three wells is set up in a strategic triangular pattern so that if there is more contamination anywhere, it will be found.

Students will possibly see people dressed in protective uni-

forms with masks, goggles, and all the required Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). All the equipment that may be seen including Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) warnings, is standard precautionary measures that are required when conducting an operation of this sort.

Information from the US Geological Survey tells us that these testing wells could possibly be here on campus from 2-10 years.

The wells will be marked off and students will not be allowed to get near the wells — for student safety.

Updates on the testing wells will be posted in the *STING* and/or in the *ENVIRONMENTAL POST* (a new newsletter posted by the Environmental, Health, and Safety Office) on a regular basis.

It is unfortunate that accidents like this one happen, but maybe it takes these kinds of accidents for people to realize just how important the environment really is.

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that stated a number of things. First that the administration has been implementing changes consistent with the Board of Regent's directions. It then states that a number of department chairs have expressed their dissatisfaction with campus' administrative leadership.

Most importantly the memo states that Chancellor Stephen R. Portch cites that he had not been contacted by anyone at Southern Tech regarding the president's performance. "President Cheshier was recently unanimously reappointed by the Board of Regents for the 1996-1997 academic year," stated Portch.

The Chancellor added that he, "would urge those who have legitimate concerns to communicate those with the president. They should realize, however, that the chancellor expects the president to continue to implement change that supports the Board of Regent's di-

rection."

Friday, May 10. Posters telling people to watch the CBS Evening News (WGNX) were posted at the information desk in the student center. After contacting several local broadcast news organizations it was determined there was no story about Southern Tech any of them planned to air. WGNX's Assignment Desk Editor, Melissa Ponzio stated, "They have nothing about Southern Tech or it's President being covered." She added that, "Several students have called asking about the story, it's contents, and when exactly it would be aired."

President Cheshier stated that he would release a two page document to the campus concerning the matter and the changes the college has been going through.

Staff members Ray Smith, Charles Banton, Tomm Pendelton, and Colleen Desmond contributed work and material to this article.

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What do you think?

The Sting will dedicate space in our next issue for all interested party's to freely express their views about Dr. Cheshier's performance

TWISTER

By RAY SMITH

The new film directed by Jan De Bont just doesn't get up to *Speed*. The film is a visual thrill and has a special effect every other scene.

Why is it that film makers take mediocre stories and throw terrific actors such as Jami Gertz, Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton and Lois Smith in them? Is it lack of imagination? No. The special effects were imaginative. Is it money? No.

They spent over fifty million on this hunk of drivel. What I think is that Hollywood has decided the

American public will watch anything.

Let us prove them wrong starting with this film. The film is long, tedious and uncomfortable in the extreme.

The story line is only moved along by the constant displays of tornadoes and storms.

If you've seen one truck/trailer or cow sucked up into a twister you've seen them all. Maybe I was expecting another *Speed*, I didn't get what I expected.

The characters never connected. One got the feeling that Jan

De Bont saw this great footage of a Tornado and thought, "Gee Jollies, wouldn't this make a great film. No, sir."

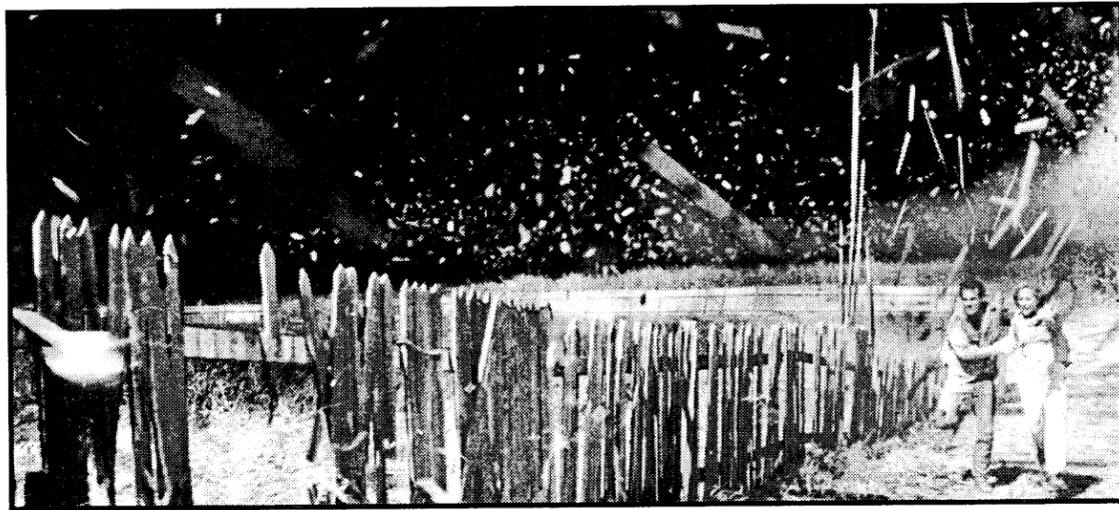
That footage makes a great documentary, not entertainment. Mr. De Bont, you have let down your public with this film.

If I were you, I would re-release *Speed* so people can see what a great film maker you once were. The film opened locally May 10th and, if I'm any judge, will be released on video June 10th.

Don't go see it; don't rent it; PUT YOUR MONEY IN AN IRA.



Bill Harding (BILL PAXTON) and Jo Harding (HELEN HUNT) run from an oncoming tornado in "Twister."



May 1996 Activities Calender

13th through May 24th-Advanced registration

28th through May 31st- Greek Week

14th- SGA Meeting room 204 in the students center

16th- Cultural Series presents:Shakespeare Company 12p in the outdoor amphitheater

17th- Student bus trip to Braves Game 5:30pm. 5\$ Tickets on sale in the students center.

20th- Atlanta Community Orchestra 7:30pm at the Student Center theater. Free from the cultural series.

21st- Coffee HouseII 8pm to 10pm in the student center lobby

27th- Memorial day, NO CLASSES

28th-SGA meeting in room 204 of the student center

-Cultural series presents the SCT ART SHOW in the student center lobby at 4pm

31st- Cab sponsored Family Night

Write for the
Sting and Watch
the sparks fly!!!



FAMILY NIGHT

For the families of students, faculty and the staff.

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CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD



FREE MOVIE AND
REFRESHMENTS

FRIDAY MAY 31
6PM - 9PM

THE BALCONY

written by Jean Genet

By RAY SMITH



I had the pleasure of seeing a mentally stimulating and visually intriguing play last evening. The play contained abstract characterizations and settings. The characters included prostitutes, leather daddies, and crooked politicians.

I saw this play in Cobb County. The setting of the play is a dream and like all dreams they are what you make them. I chose to make this dream entertaining and pleasurable.

The plays' physical setting is that of a brothel (whore house). If the whore house phrase offends you, do not go to see this play. The phrase is used quite often, but the rest of the language is clean.

The cast was exceptional. The actors seemed to relish their parts, however, as in all plays one actor grabs you and holds you through out their performance.

That actor was Felice Monteith who played one of the whores (The Mare). Ms. Monteith is a superb comedian; moreover, her characterization was extraordinary. She captured the pure essence of a prostitutes'

wants, desires and frustrations. I wanted to see more of her; unfortunately after her small scene she did not return until the curtain call.

The theater is set up in true bistro style; coffee and cheese cake are available during intermission. Ticket price for students is eight dollars with student I. D.. Curtain Time is 8:00 P.M. Seating is limited, so call ahead to reserve setting.

The company (Midnight Theater) is new and housed in the Nunn Complex located on Cobb Parkway next to the Marietta Bowling Lanes. Reservation and Box Office 770-428-6695 or 770-662-9374.

The people in Black... are coming to SCT



By RAY SMITH

On May 20, 1996, at 7:30 P.M., Southern Techs' Student Center Theater will be besieged by people dressed in black. These people will be carrying dark cases as well. No, these are not executives here on a recruiting mission, or the mafia coming to take out a few professors (wishful thinking folks).

The people in black suits with dark cases are musicians with The Atlanta Community Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra is the oldest community orchestra in the metro area and was established in 1958 by the Atlanta Music Club.

The Orchestra has performed

all over the Atlanta area with an emphasis on community enrichment. Their concerts are inspiring and dynamic.

Under the direction of John Morrison, who has been their conductor for the last two years, they will perform the following:

Mendessohns' Symphony No. 3 (Reformation). This has a quotation in the first movement of the famous Dresden Amen.

The second movement is a light minuet followed by a very pensive andante movement. The fourth and final movement draws from Martin Luther's famous hymn 'A Mighty Fortress is Our God'.

Aaron Copeland's 'Tenderland Suite' is taken from his opera "The Tenderland" which he completed on April 1, 1954. It was premier in later that year in NewYork.

Taloe Harding's Rosewood Concerto. Harding, an Atlanta composer, like Mendelssohn has chosen to quote from a hymn in his concerto for piano and orchestra.

He will be quoting from the famous American hymn 'Amazing

Grace'. Tina Lu will be the featured pianist. She last performed with the orchestra April 14, 1996 when she performed the Piano Concerto No.1 by Mendelssohn. Miss Lu is a student of Doctor William Ransom.

The last piece on the program is by Shostakovich. It is a Concerto for piano and Trumpet.

The featured artists are Ann Steel on piano and Beth Still on trumpet. Ms. Still is local piano teacher and has performed numerous concerts throughout the Atlanta Area. Ms. Steels daughter Beth will play the trumpet.

Beth is with the United States Army Band in Washington D.C. and has performed at many state occasions as well as formerly being the Assistant Conductor of this orchestra before moving to Washington.

The orchestra is supported in part by the Atlanta Music Club, the Atlanta-Bureau of Cultural Affairs and the Georgia Council for the Arts.

This concert is sponsored by Southern Tech's Cultural Series which brings entertainment and cultural enrichment to our campus.

Gillette is dull

By KEVIN BRYAN



Once upon a time, there was an artist named Gillette. She had no singing skills or ability to play an instrument. She didn't even have good taste in music. She did, however, feel a need to succeed in the music industry.

Somewhere along the line, she managed to score a gold single, using the only ploy on which she could depend; shock value.

No one could recall the specific single if their life depended on it, but it didn't matter. She used her fifteen seconds of fame as leverage to pump out a second album, called Shake Your Money Maker.

Never mind that she stole the name from a Black Crowes album. This entire CD from beginning to end steals from one area or another, and is a direct affront to anyone

who appreciates music.

The sum total of this intellectual theft is a CD that sounds like a carnival show of bad 80s pop, triter than trite lyrics and the most horrible rapping heard since Vanilla Ice.

This music is so comically and freakishly bad I can almost imagine a sideshow carny urging people to listen to this CD. "Listen to Gillette state her admiration of the male posterior on Do Fries Go With That Shake! Thrill with Gillette in her appreciation of the weekly two day respite from work on Week-end!"

It's not enough not to buy this CD. It's not even enough to make sure none of your friends (or even enemies) buy this tripe.

Everyone, laugh at Gillette. Laugh at her attempts to make an album. Make her feel bad about choosing music as a career. Maybe then she will quit while she's behind.

The Queen of

BINGO

By RAY SMITH

Okay, so BINGOS' not your thing, neither is kick boxing, but if Claude Van Dam does a crappy movie people go see it.

Well, Polk Street Players have put together one kicking ass play and people need to run and see it before it closes. It's funny, emotional and clever. Not only does one get a chance to see live theater, they also can win a turkey(gobble, gobble) [not live].

The two leads played by Helena Cochran-Jones and Barbara Newton are incredible. They make the audience feel as though they are actually eavesdropping in on two women's conversation as they play

the game of game BINGO. The two actress play sisters and the chemistry between the two has that tension one always feels with a sibling. The direction by Carol Morrison was adequate for her first attempt at direction. However, Ms. Morrison has allowed her actors to take control. This evident in some of the choppy dialog and blocking sequences.

The play itself is not Shakespeare, consequentially one must make up for the inadequacies of the writer by the adequacies of the company. Polk Street theater is located in the cellar of Saint Jame's Episcopal Church off the Square in Marietta. For reservation and directions call 770-926-9733 (Noon to 8 P.M. Mon.-Fri.) Tickets are \$6.00 for students.

Kill This CD -- Please!

By KEVIN BRYAN



If all you've heard from the band Killing Joke is the single Millenium, it's not surprising. The success of that single puts them in one-hit-wonder status.

They have long been in the background, being cited by Nirvana and nine inch nails as an influence, but never gaining lasting fame of their own.

They now look to find favor in the US market with their latest offering, Democracy.

Killing Joke says this is their most optimistic album to date. I liked it better when they were mad. The music is not at fault here.

At least, they haven't forgotten how to play their instruments. The problem is the lyrics. Here's a sample: "Funny handshakes, insider dealing/ Et in arcadia, arcadia ego/ Backhanders and salamanders/ A powerhouse that is morally mechula."

It sounds even more awkward than it looks. Trust me.

The problem is deeper than awkward lyrics, though. There comes a point when a band should just throw up their hands and start the writing process all over again. Killing Joke has reached this point.

Eight of the ten songs are an unmitigated mess, so I'll briefly mention the other two.

Rising from the depth of incompetence to the lofty height of

mediocrity is Another Bloody Election. In this song, they finally realize what angry people they really are and start yelling about it in full force.

The only other bright spot on this CD is the song Lanterns of Hope. Here they manage the new optimism they profess to have, and sing about freedom and hope.

If the rest of this CD had this level of quality lyrics, it would have been a winner.

Although I never thought anyone else would admit they listened to this CD, some of the music has shown up on TV. MTV News uses the riff from Democracy as background music.

Come to think of it, that's the only thing this CD is good for; stripping it for spare parts.



Youth, Jaz Coleman and Geordie Walker make a spare part's album

1996 - 1997

The Sting Questionnaire for SGA Candidates

Please choose ONE to answer.

Name: _____ Office Desired: _____

Without equivocating!

- 1) What is your personal goal as an SGA member for the coming year? Please be as specific as possible.
- 2) What is your opinion about the current activities fee structure and budget allocation? What changes would you like to see with the budget?
- 3) What is the SGA's main shortcoming? What will you do about it?

BALLOTING TIMES

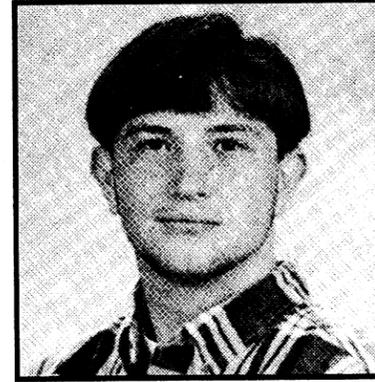
Tuesday 5-14: 1 pm - 4 pm SC Lobby

Wednesday 5-14: 11 am - 5 pm SC Lobby

Thursday 5-15: 11 am - 2 pm ATET Lobby

Friday 5-16: 11 am - 2 pm SC Lobby

The polls will be open at other times on Tuesday thru Friday in the SC Lobby as Staff Availability Permits



Joseph B. Wyatt

Candidate for V.P.

Question #1

Make sure everyone on SGA is treated fairly and are given fair opportunity to receive whatever help we can give them.



Kris A. Roberts
Candidate for V.P.

Make Southern Tech the student advocate of the University System through the efforts of the student body through with new student activities fee 10% of student government to student organ

Hillary Cohn

Candidate for Council Member

Question #1

Recently I've seen a lot of things where students are not the main focus and I want to change that. The students are the reason the faculty have jobs and they need to consider that.

Shawn Fleet

Candidate for Council Member

Question #1

My first goal as a student council member is to take an active role in the student government at Southern Tech. As an active participant, I will encourage other SCT students to voice their opinions and concerns to me so that I can bring these issues to the council. A second goal is to aid student activity clubs to attain funding to better enable these groups to function at their best as representatives of Southern College of Technology.

Kevin Marks

Candidate for Council Member

Question #1

I would like to bring a measure of level-headedness and maturity to the SGA council. As a non-traditional student, I feel I have a great deal of experience to offer. My specific goal is to become better informed about campus issues, act on them and eventually work toward an SGA officer position.

Michelle Mason

Candidate for Council Member

Question #1

I would have more fun activities for the students in order to get them more involved.

Carl Hawthorne

Candidate for Council Member

Not available for comment

Amy Roberts

Candidate for Sec./Treasurer

Question #1

I have been financially responsible for my education, and have not always had the extra time to dedicate myself to the student body although I have always had the desire. I feel I am now able to dedicate my time and efforts. I would like to work through the SGA for the students who do not have this extra time. My personal goal for the upcoming year is to make my best effort to help regulate and disburse the hard earned money students are spending.

Sean D. Wells

Candidate for Council Member

Not available for comment

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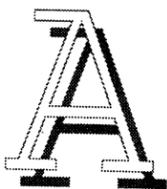


Anzae O. Hardman

Candidate for V. P.

Question #1

As a member of SGA in the upcoming year, I plan to work strenuously towards solving the problem of increasing enrollment, with an emphasis on increasing minority enrollment.



Jason Herr

Candidate for Sec./Treasurer

Question #1

I would like to be as effective on the SGA staff as possible. I am a team player and firmly believe that many things can be accomplished in this manner and would target teamwork and overall morale. I think that new ideas and strategy are always of benefit.

Almaz "Al" Kerr

Candidate for Council Member

I would like to see more than the present 10.96% of the activities budget. I would also think that more students should be involved in the distribution of the activities budget.

Gene Oglesbee Jr.

Candidate for Council Member

Question #1

My personal goal for the SGA is to increase the participation of the student body in the overall affairs of the council. When many students think of the SGA, they think of "organization budgets" and not much else. Though finance is an important part of what the council does, there are many other concerns that can be addressed. The SGA gives the students an extremely powerful voice. An increase in the number of students who use that voice will only improve the way of life at Southern Tech.

Jody Snow

Candidate for Council Member

Not available for comment

Dino A. Pampolina

Candidate for Council Member

Question #1

To help improve student life on campus, and if possible help with public relations that will bring more students to Southern Tech.

Ray Smith

Candidate for Council Member

Question #1

I would like to be PR chair because I feel this is one area the SGA is lacking. Southern Tech has a very poor public image and I believe the SGA should work hard to improve that image.

Mike R. Moore

Candidate for Council Member

Not available for comment

1996-1997 Student Government
 Association Elections

President (choose one)	Vice Pres. (choose one)
Kris Allegood	Anzae Hardman
Write in: _____	Joseph Wyatt
	Write in: _____
Sec/Tres (choose one)	
Jason Herr	
Amy Roberts	
Write in: _____	
Council (choose ten)	
Hilary Conn	Dino Pampolina
Shawn Fleet	Carl Hawthorne
Almaz Kerr	Kevin Marks
Michelle Mason	Mike Moore
Gene Oglesbee	Ray Smith
Jody Snow	Sean Wells
Write in: _____	Write in: _____
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MATH STINGER

By Dr. JOEL C. FOWLER

Last issue's puzzle was to find the roots of a polynomial, $h(x)$, obtained as follows. Let $p(x)$ be a fourth degree polynomial that has the complex roots $1+i$, $1-i$, $2+i$, and $2-i$. $h(x)$ is the polynomial obtained from $p(x)$ by reversing the order of its coefficients. The answer is that the roots of $h(x)$ are: $(1+i)/2$, $(1-i)/2$, $(2+i)/5$, and $(2-i)/5$. Correct answers were received from Michael Harris and John Blanchard.

This issue's puzzle involves a regular hexagon. A regular hexagon is a six sided polygon with all sides of equal length and all interior angles of equal length. Suppose that the distance from one corner to some other corner is 6. Find all possible areas that the hexagon could have.

Answers should be sent, via conventional methods or e-mail (jfowler@st6000.sct.edu), to Joel Fowler in the Mathematics Department. Correct answers and the names of the first to find them will be printed in the next issue of the Sting.

Dr. Joel C. Fowler is an Associate Professor of Mathematics

Suds in a Tub

The Continuing Saga of Southern Tech

By PROFESSOR RICHARD BENNETT

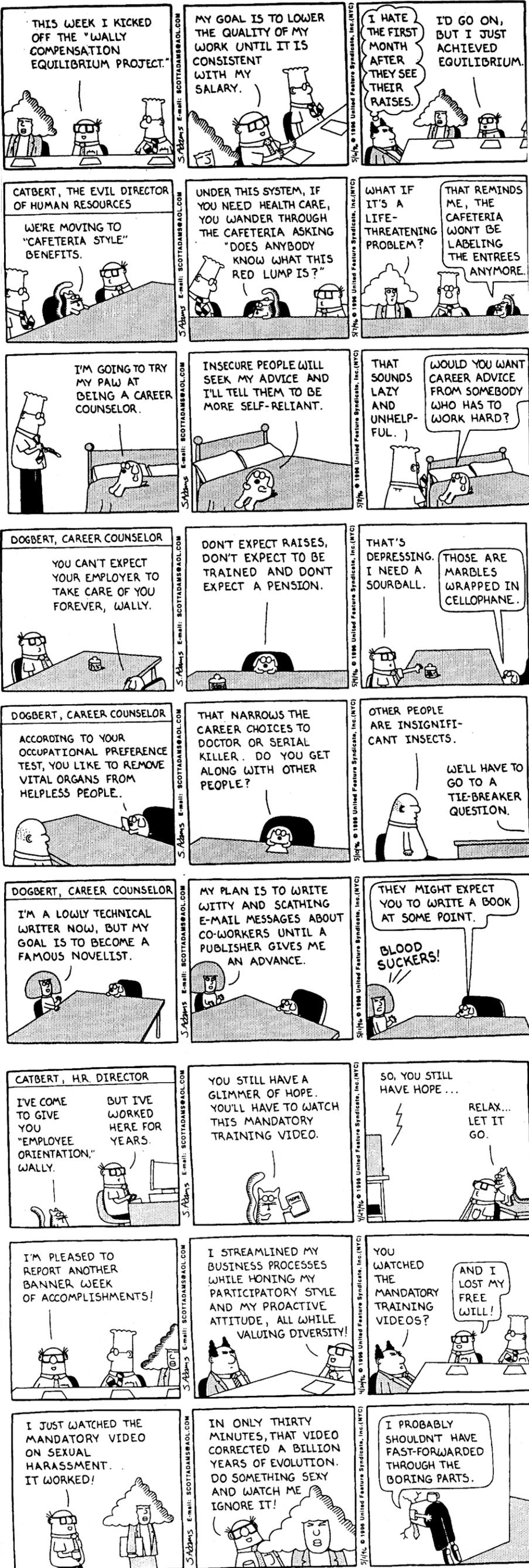
Before looking at challenges Southern Tech faced in the late 1960s and into the 1970s, and in keeping with the spirit of Techfest, it is appropriate to remember that before there was a Techfest, there was a bathtub...many of them in fact. Throughout the 1960s, on-going efforts to familiarize the local community and state with Southern Tech's program had included open houses, high school counselor's conferences, visitation days, and a number of other initiatives. Each of these helped, but visibility remained a problem, exacerbated by the development of Kennesaw Junior College (now Kennesaw State) and the Cobb County Vo Tech (now Chattahoochee Tech). A fraternity and a bathtub would help change that.

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.

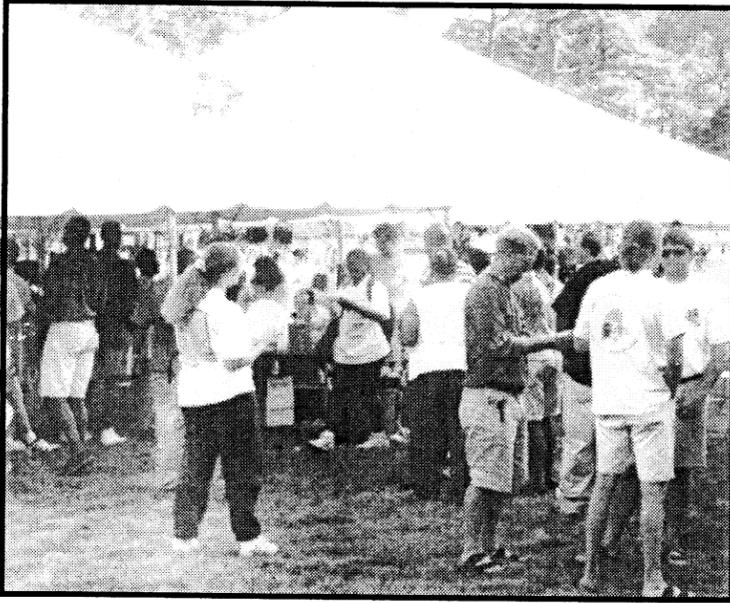
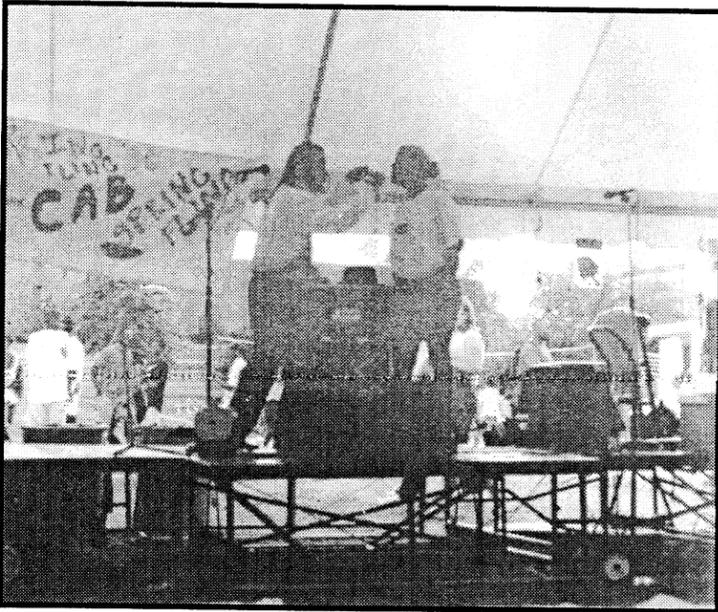
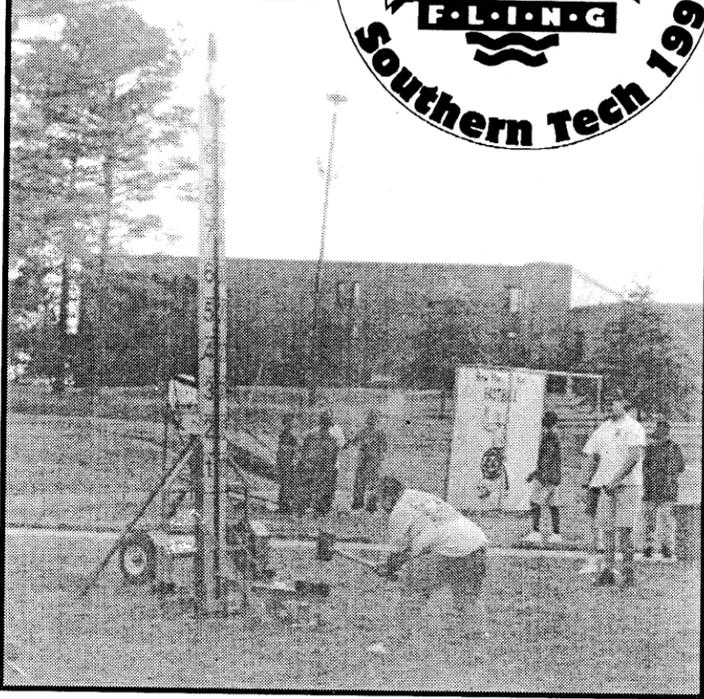
The third year, motorized engines were added; steering devices, and a course around campus was established. Campus-wide interest was also encouraged. Quickly thereafter, the race became the central focus of a day of festivities and celebration for the campus. Prospective students were hosted, department displays promoting technological education were erected, refreshment vendors were added, and the public invited. The great race was held, some years featuring over 20 entrants, eventually reaching speeds above 55 mph.

During the 20 years (to 1986) that races were held, students continued to refine their engines and bathtubs. In spite of an accident in 1972, which eventuated in a fatality (a blood clot got loose while a woman's broken leg was healing), the race drew bigger crowds every year and was even featured nationally in magazines and on CNN. At one point, Ted Turner borrowed from the idea to stage a bathtub race at Fulton County Stadium in an attempt to stir enthusiasm for the Atlanta Braves. The bathtub race also became a major presence on campus, with rules, safety guidelines, and sequestering of bathtubs after the qualifying event. Planning and designing for the next race began almost as soon as the last race finished. Not always popular among all spheres of the campus, the race nevertheless helped bring the campus, faculty, staff, students, together with the community in a spirit of excitement, while at the same time heightening Southern Tech's visibility.

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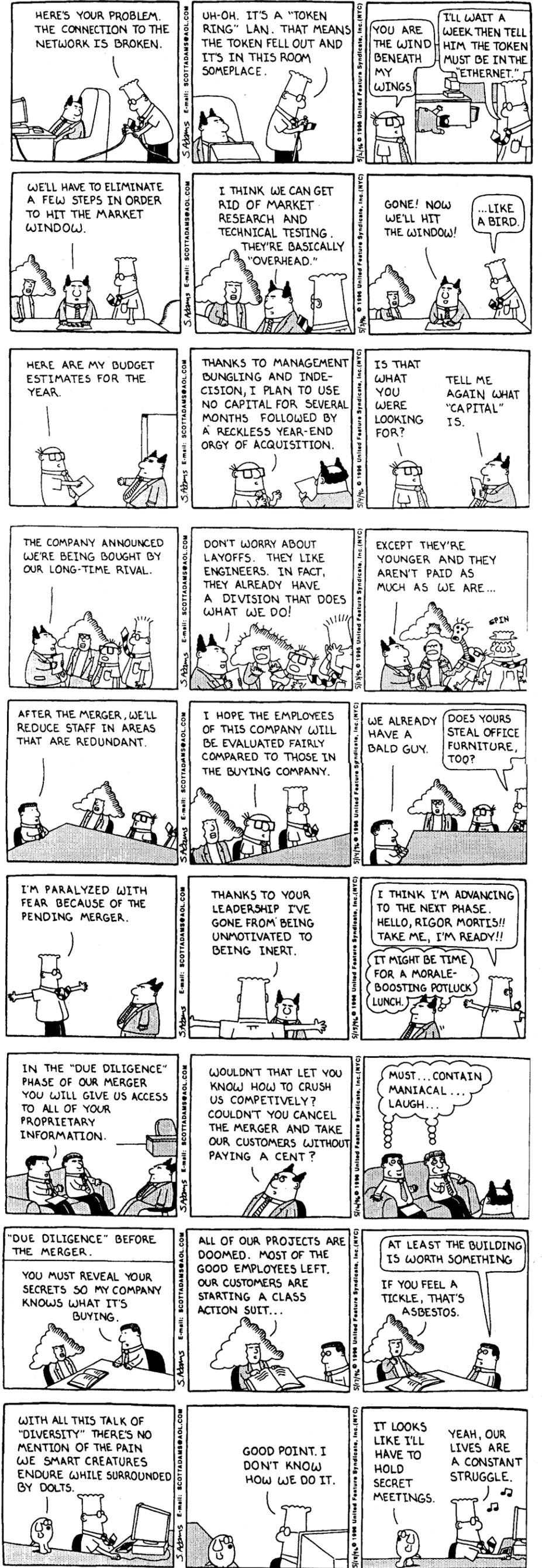
Students take a Thursday Night break to join the Spring Fling



Cafe Angst by Hans Bjordahl and Holley Irvine



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Pi Kappa Phi

Well a lot has changed since our last article. Big/Little and Prater's Mill have come and gone. We hope everyone had a great time at Wasega, next year we are moving to our new camp site where the tents are not to close to the river. Thank goodness we did not need our boats this year to park cars at Prater's Mill. Thanks to everyone that showed up and helped out. We hope that you had a great time as usual. You might not even have to wait until Fall to have this much fun again because they are thinking of having a summer festival.

Congratulations to Bruce Sutherland for winning the first annual envelope throwing tournament by getting a hole in one in the elevator. Way to go Bruce, bet you can't do that again. Out of Iota chapter at Georgia Tech comes news that we are the Official Fraternity of the Olympic Games, but of course this is only a rumor. Oh by the way no news is good news.

Reminders:

Roseball
May 25th

Greek Week
May 28th-June 1st
Pi Kapp Blowout Party
June 8th

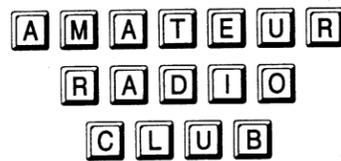
Good Luck to Rick and Jon as they leave for the Journey of Hope. Have a great ride and see you in August. Everyone get ready for **Roseball**, Hiawaii here we come!!



Tau Kappa Epsilon

Our latest stop as we continue to raze hell across the Florida panhandle was Ft. Walton beach. We made it back from the beach alright, physically anyway, though my mind is still there singing Jimmy Buffett's beach tunes. Congratulations to our new judges Joe, Warren, Matt, and Joel, I know it had to be tough choice. Now that we are back from our mid-quarter vacation we must remember that drop day has come and gone, there is no getting out of it now folks. Time to hit the books.

The TKE softball team is now 3-1, keep it up guys. Spring Wing Ding is coming up soon everyone, you really don't want to miss this one. Alumni softball game is May 18 and initiation is the 26. Thank you to all who participated in the blood drive this quarter. I hope Chris, Jeremy, and Scott had a memorable birthday.



Well we all had a great time at Techfest. Our demonstration of amateur television, packet radio, HF communications, and our local school repeater went very well.

Several new faces found interests in Amateur Radio Communications. Our next project is a local area "net" that will help us prepare for the Olympics. A net is a weekly meeting on the air, that allows us to discuss issues with Hams from all over Atlanta. Officer elections are coming up next meeting, before the end of the quarter. We hope to see you there. **73 de KF4BMG**



IEEE

The IEEE started its design meetings for the 1997 Regional Conference Competition. The competition will be held at Virginia Tech and is called the Hokie Hunt. We will be having design meetings about every two weeks on the vehicle.

Anyone interesting having a copy of the rules or joining the design team should stop by the IEEE or ask Colleen Desmond or Dr. Taylor.



Gamma Phi Beta

Whoahoo!! I remembered to get the article in on time!! Anyway the wonderful ladies of Gamma Phi Beta have been kicking bootie on the fundraising extravaganza!! Thanks to Amy's talent and wonderful public relations, we did very well during the car wash with the men of Pi Kappa Phi and the bake sale during Techfest. By the way, thank you to all the help, Amy really appreciated everyone's participation. In other news Cara did an excellent job on our wonderful, stupendous, and outright good-time-had-by-all Pink Carnation Formal. Cara did the whole formal single handedly, and we do appreciate every bit of it!! So, if anyone needs a social coordina-

tor, talk to Cara! Congradulations to everyone on their awards, sorry... but I don't know the winners just yet! Since I goofed and didn't get an article in, here's a quick summary, our Sigma Pi social was a complete success, and Stephanie was a great asset to those guys in softball, but she got a little carried away on her sliding and is retired for this "season". Amber however, doesn't do the sliding thing, she believes in soaking guys during a car wash fundraiser with the Pi Kapps. Jennifer's foot got up close and personnel with a needle, and she became our designated cheerleader. O. K., back to business.... The Gamma's are going to be having thier quarterly big/little on May 18 @10:00 a.m. Initiation is on May 31, the week of GREEK WEEK!!! Late B-days go out to Jennifer 5/13, Quintina, Amy, Angel, Lorie, and Karen Honeycutt. Upcoming birthday goes to our Favorite Guy, Michael Moore 5/26. Study hard and don't forget to say hello to your alumni buddies.

Love in PKE, DO #162



Baptist Student Union

First, we'd like to thank all of you that came out to work at the BSU exhibit at Techfest. It was encouraging to see new students inter-

ested in getting involved in the BSU. The BSU state softball tournament was also held that weekend, in which the Southern Tech/Kennesaw BSU team took two out of three. The BSU has a record of 3-0 in intramural action. Keep those bats safely smokin. Our last mission fundraiser -The Great Date Auction- put us closer to our summer mission goal. Our next assignment will be to work at Six Flags on May 17th. Food for thought: No Jesus - No Love. Know Jesus - Know Love.

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Soccer Comes to Atlanta and Southern Tech

By NIKOS GAVALAS

In 1994, the world's eyes were on the United States and soccer fans were finally able to view world-class soccer in the States. The United States hosted The World Cup of Soccer in 1994 and this allowed the USA National Soccer Team Players and local soccer fans the chance to show the rest of America the fever that has been a major part of their life.

In an ESPN interview, Alexi Lalas (USA Defender) was quoted saying, "Soccer isn't just a game, it's a way of life."

After witnessing "the soccer fever" at the World Cup and the fan support for the American National Team, negotiations were made to form a professional soccer league in the states, just like all the other major continents in the world have.

In April of this year, the first Major League Soccer game was played and the beginning of Major League Soccer (MLS) in the states was started. So far there are ten professional teams split into a Western and Eastern Conference that as time goes by, will surely grow.

Many well-known players, American and International, were signed to play and to provide a strong base for which the team success will be built upon.

Some of these well-known players include: Alexi Lalas (USA),

Tab Ramos (USA), Carlos Valderrama (COL), John Harkes (ENGL), Hugo Sanchez (MEX), Frank Klopas (GREECE), Michael Emenelo (NIGERIA), Eric Wynalda (USA), and Jorge Campos (MEX).

Finally, young soccer players have a chance to fulfill some of their dreams by possibly making it to the MLS.

Just like kids want to be a professional basketball, baseball, or football player, soccer is now added to the list.

Many colleges and universities have had soccer teams for years, even before MLS was established (this is one reason that MLS was formed).

Ever since I have lived in GA, I have been to many amateur soccer league matches and they are always exciting. These amateur soccer leagues are where stars are born.

That is why I am proud to say (as a soccer fan and student) that a group of students began the Southern Tech Soccer Club (STSC) about a year ago and the membership has been growing ever since.

The STSC is a Co-ed soccer club/team that organizes and plays against some other local college clubs and Atlanta Soccer League Division 1 & 2 Teams. Some of the colleges that the STSC play against include Morehouse College, Life College, and our biggest rival, Georgia Tech.

Mario Stoilovich (SR), President and Coach, along with Assistant Coaches Giovanni Astarita and Latcho Paskalev head the STSC and are always looking for new members. All members/players are students of Southern Tech and most are full-time students.

Since most members are full-time students, practices are scheduled on Saturdays at noon. Games are also scheduled for Saturdays at 4 PM (no practice when game is scheduled).

Last year the STSC record was 8-3. According to Head Coach Stoilovich who is also a student here at Southern Tech, "Our team is filled

with all sorts of talents and it is unfortunate that all the games we play are technically considered scrimmages, since we are not a part of an official college sport system."

The main focus that the STSC has set their sights on is making the club an official soccer team as the baseball, basketball, and tennis teams here at Southern Tech are, while at the same time improving their skills as a team.

So far the STSC has been supported by the Student Government Association (SGA) which is most appreciated, says Stoilovich.

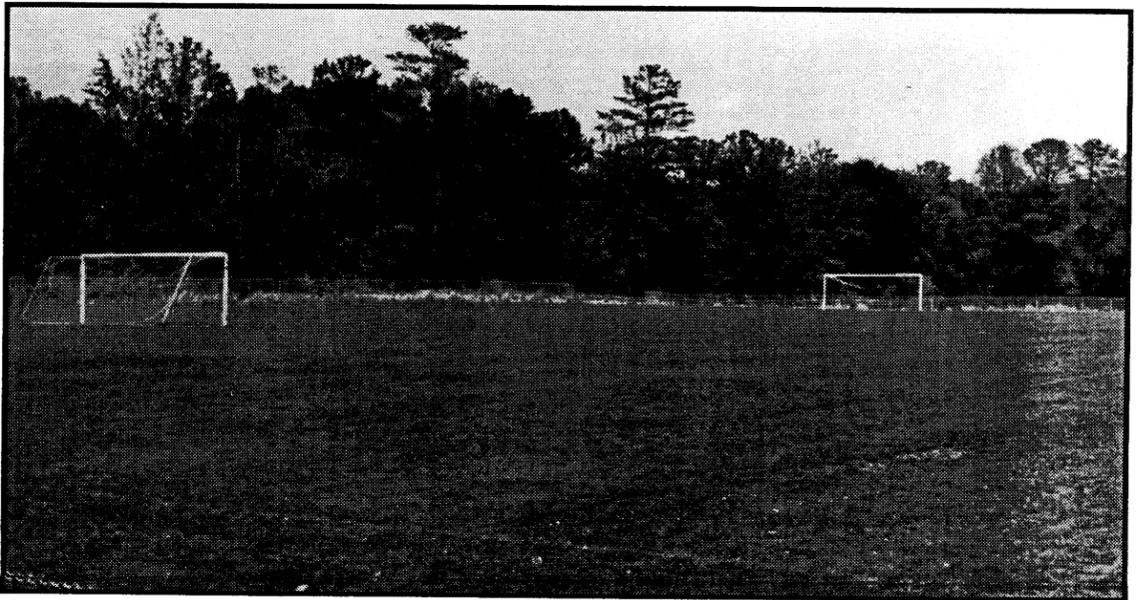
"Along with the SGA's support, we also need fan support, a

sponsor, and most important, school approval to officially establish soccer as a Southern Tech sport."

As an SCT student and soccer fan, I will cover all the soccer matches played by the STSC and help this organization get the publicity it needs to achieve its goals.

Countries that are represented by the STSC so far include: Yugoslavia, Italy, Bulgaria, USA, Costa Rica, Mexico, the Middle East, and some Asian countries.

For any questions about the STSC membership and schedule please contact Mario Stoilovich at (770) 429-8175.



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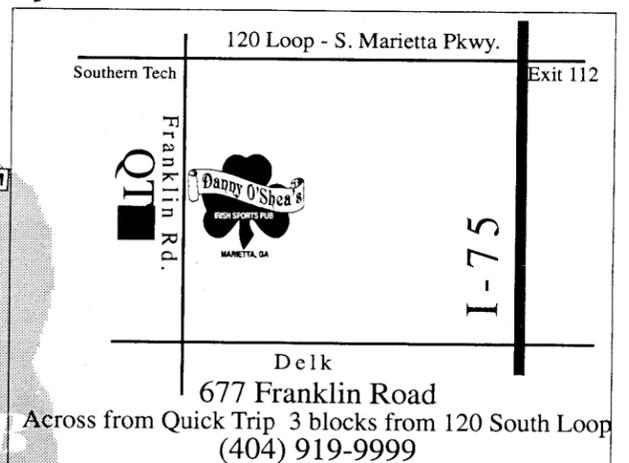
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By TOMM PENDLETON

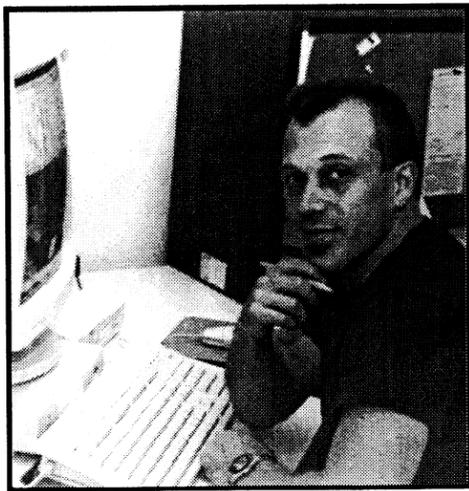
I had a vision...Southern College of Technology moved into the twenty-first century. I envisioned by summer quarter the Continuing Education Department producing videos for recruitment; Career Services linking students with potential employers via video production; any department or organization on campus making in house videos for promotion or fund raising; I see a technology bus, loaded with the latest computer technology traveling to various high school and college campuses fostering interest in technology and science (not to mention boosting our image).

Imagine with me, if you will, an interactive satellite television network capable of reaching every college or university student in the state. The boundaries of distance eliminated between our teachers and students. And SCT will have its own cable TV channel, on air twenty four hours a day, seven days a week with original, educational programming as well as a community bulletin board! Sound incredible? Ain't gonna happen.

This dream has been a reality for the last six months. The nightmare is...it's all about to end. Before it had a chance to breathe. Before the embryo ever had a chance to hatch it was aborted. But its not lack of funds that will kill it. It is certainly not a lack of technical skills or creative talent. We've got an abundant pool to choose from. It's not an unwillingness to move this idea forward....it's lack of vision.

The political machinery of this academic monster has once again reared its ugly head and appointed another inane committee. Among other things, to determine what will or will not go out over the air on the cable channel which has effectively resulted in the *banning of all programming*. Sort of like our radio station deflecting its own waves back onto the campus. Everything must be approved by this Distance Learning Committee (as they have dubbed themselves).

The thinking at the time this special interest group was formed was the status quo: There *will* be naysayers. In order to appease these unqualified control freaks we'll need to make up the committee of *them*...and only them. Therefore any decision they make will be the right one. After all, who will criticize their own ideas? Forget the fact that none of them has actual video production experience. They speak of lack of *quality programming* as if they could do any better. If the quality of video production is not up to their standards, then we'll have *no* video production. The closest any of them probably ever got to this type of technology is watching America's Funniest Home Videos or making home movies. This is neither. I've worked as a TV writer/producer/director in Los Angeles for over five years. I have written, produced, directed, shot, lit and edited hundreds of television and video productions.



How many have you committee members done? Thought so.

Their unfortunate ignorance in getting this Distance Learning program off the ground and running is best exemplified by an analogy used by their clueless leader: "If you don't want people to poke holes in your boat, ask them to get in the boat with you." What a defeatist attitude. You've admitted failure before you start. Doomed from day one. This philosophy (which so permeates our halls of learning) espouses the notion that your enemies can and will poke holes in your boat, and there's nothing you can do to stop it! How about building a bigger boat? A faster boat? A stronger boat?! I hope no one decides to brief our U.S. Naval forces in this approach.

The problem is this self-appointed group has no **vision**, no imagination and thus can't stand for the innovative thinking of others to succeed. They're unable to participate. And if they can't do it, **no one** will. It appears that not even our campus has created a vaccine to fight the credit stealers normally associated with great ideas.

The whole world is about to converge upon us during this summer's olympic games. What will they remember about Southern Tech? Will they see a school teaching with tools of the twenty-first century or will they see a relic...broken down on the side of the information super highway? The window of opportunity is wide open. But we'll all be learning from a distance...the hard way...if we stand idly by and let a few provincial thinkers shut down what may prove to be our greatest asset. Not to mention possibly the most powerful tool to be utilized in solving our image and declining enrollment problems. (By the way, where is this outside marketing firm we've hired?) This committee is about to shut this window of opportunity...turn the miniblinds...slam the shutters and pull the drapes on using this new hi-tech idea. Gettin' kinda hard to see the light, huh?

There are those who walk among us who have dared to boldly go where few educators have gone before. True "teleteaching" pioneers. I'm speaking of such innovative, creative, gutsy explorers as Dr. 's Fischer, Pfeiffer and Rutherford as well as Professor Jim McKee and several other great thinkers in the MET, IET and Humanities departments. Not to mention my colleagues in the Instructional Technology Department. Kudos all. May you be commended and forever remembered in the annals of our *Technician's Log*.

The audition for **STTV 24** is over. It's showtime! This whole project is an embryo about to become a scrambled egg. Too bad (cuz I like mine over easy). If we'd incubate it...nurture it...and let it hatch we could be in possession of the goose that laid the golden egg. Don't take my word for it. What do I know? I'm not an expert, I just play one on television. 'Nuff said. **TP**

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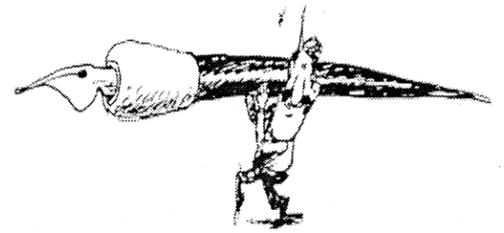
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Editor's Editorial

This is the opportunity of the editor to give an editorial summary of the latest issue. This issue contains a lead story that grabs the attention of the students and other readers. The request of President Cheshier's resignation is no small matter and is taken very seriously by the editor of the Sting. The information in the article is for the purpose of informing the students and not to defame anyones character. If students are being asked to become part of the solution to the enrollment problem with this campus then they should also be informed about the turmoil within the campus. Excellence is being required of the students, so why not ask for the same in the administration of this fine institution.

Some may feel like the Editorial page has become an area that usually has some student complaint about the faculty or the administration. I hope that those who find it offensive or annoying take the time to see others' point of view and perhaps find something that they can change to push Southern Tech to excellence where it belongs.

Don't be so worried about how the message gets to you, **JUST GET THE MESSAGE**. If we are all persuing excellence for ourselves and this institution then we have nothing to hide, *right?*

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Let's Clean House

By KEVIN MARKS

Suppose you have a class in your major that is being taught in two sections at the same time of day. One section has had nearly 1/2 of its students drop this past week, while the other section is virtually at full strength. Recent testing in the high drop section indicates few passing grades, while the low drop section's grades follow the standard bell curve. Subsequent investigation indicates that students in the low drop section have a superior grasp of the concepts presented compared to their high drop counterparts. Furthermore, the tests given in either section are similar enough to be interchangeable. What could be the cause of this lopsided drop rate and learning gap? Fortunately, there are few possibilities to ponder:

- 1) By a freak of enrollment, the studious students miraculously ended up in the low drop section while the goof-offs landed in the high drop section.
- 2) There is a major difference in the instructional material.
- 3) There is a major difference in the depth and teaching ability of the instructor.

Option 2 can be immediately ignored as both classes use the same text and the same syllabus. Option 1 is potentially possible, but improbable given the diversity of our student body. This leaves us with Option 3, and subsequently the potential for a serious problem.

Let us presuppose that there is indeed a significant difference in the methodology of Instructor A versus Instructor B. What are we to do? If this course happens to be an early entry in a student's major, poor instruction

could easily dissuade that student from ever returning to that discipline. For some, that dissuasion equates to failure and quitting higher education altogether. For the rest, it will at least cause us to retake the class in the future, extending our graduation date. Either way, the student suffers and the problem continues unabated.

Are the department heads looking at drop and test data and seeing the trends that are obvious to every student on campus? Apparently not as I have had to fill out "study logs" so that somebody can determine why so many students fail certain classes. This is ludicrous. There is no mystery why some classes have a high drop rate. It is either because the material is difficult to grasp, and/or there is a problem with the professor's delivery system. If both classes in our example had high drop rates, then one would readily conclude that the material is unmistakably difficult; this would lead to a curriculum revision. However, if a disproportionate drop rate occurs between two nearly identical classes, the professor's delivery system must be investigated.

It is one thing to be a small, ineffective cog in a large corporate conglomerate. It is utterly another predicament to be an ineffective, important cog in the microcosm of a student's educational development.

Our professional futures depend on this administration providing the requisite checks and balances upon its faculty. Deadwood should be removed or rehabilitated as required to meet today's educational standards. The students of SCT deserve the best. If a mediocre professor is whom we go to each day for instruction, everybody loses and our reputation becomes tarnished.

Popeye's Revenge part III

By BILL FINNICK

At what point do you scream?
At what point do you prepare just the right combination of ferric oxide and aluminum and then ignite the pile with a magnesium strip?

I know at what point on the administration building's roof to place the device. I just need help with the timing.

For all the clueless aliens (and administrators) out there who have been removed from the intelligent discussions about full time salaries this past year I will give a brief synopsis:

In the eighties a director in the administration building could not get along with her assistant. So in the Southern TECH patented method of dealing with incompetents: we created a position for the assistant in Student Activities Office. After this person had been accepted by the VP for Student Affairs the decision was made to charge her salary to the student budget.

When the previous Assistant, Kelly Hewitt, resigned, the SGA fought to leave the position vacant. More and more salary demands had been placed on the student budget and relief was needed. Despite the repeated protest of, then SGA President, Scott Wages, a replacement for this non-essential position was hired.

Non-essential in that we did not need the position when there were more students to provide programming for, and we have operated without the position just fine in the past.

Recently the SGA was approached with a \$155,000+ budget request from Rec. Sports. That request included a new full time position: Coordinator of Intramural Sports.

Note also that even though the student budget took a \$20,000 hit this year they kept rec. sports at last year's level. Now the Director of Rec. Sports says that popular activities will be cut because the SGA did not provide the needed funds.

The SGA did provide the funds but the director has chosen to place them all into operating the new Rec. Center. Even though he will only operate the center for three-fourths of the fiscal year he is cutting other activities.

In considering the constant stream of complaints received by the SGA concerning the lack of work required of, or done by, the Assistant Director of Student Activities position, I suggested we not create a new position; but rather, fully utilize the personnel for which we are charged.

Excuse me, but considering the cuts to the students' budget and all the strings that had to be pulled to fund the operation of the new rec center, this seemed reasonable. Knowing that the job requirements of the Assistant's position include a Master's Degree and some programming experience coordinating the same games we have every year does not seem an unreasonable burden.

Despite all that, I was informed that this non-essential person has, "neither the necessary training nor inclination to coordinate the college's intramural program."

As I understood the real world, while I was in it, if two jobs can be done by one person effectively then you either downsize to what you need or give the single current employee an opportunity to become more essential to the organization.

When they decline to do the added work you let them go. If they change their mind they can reapply for their newly described old position.

Return seven paragraphs to where the students will lose activities because of a lack of funds. Please explain then how we cut services, increase staff, and keep non-essential people on our payroll?

These people, by one's own admission, have the best jobs in the world. We have two professionals already and the administration wishes to add a coordinator. Is it too much to ask that one continue to do his previous duties and the other assist to save the students, or the school, over \$25,000 just for starters? I am not alone in thinking it is a small price to pay for the perfect job.

Now stop and think, if running the Rec Center for only three-fourths of the year will cut out adventure type trips; would not running the center year round cut into the remaining programming (intramurals) and thereby rendering a coordinator, you guessed it — non-essential!

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Chairman Arney missed the point when he blamed, "the greedy professors" for the skyrocketing cost of education. It is not greedy professors, but rather the incompetent personnel and their administrators, at least at Southern Tech, which are the problem.

Bill Finnick cannot but wonder if Speaker Gingrich, Senator Gramm, and House Majority Leader Arney have added to that old axiom, "Those who cannot perform teach — and those who cannot teach go into politics."

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