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· 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 day, Friday, May 31, so that it could make its final decision.

The Board of Regents has recommended Atlanta Polytechnic State University. Recommendations from other groups are as follows:

Students polled liked Southern Polytechnic University, Georgia Polytechnic University (1st choice), and Marietta Polytechnic State University. Students also expressed a general dislike for the Regents recommendation.

Alumni polled liked Southern Polytechnic State University, Southern Polytechnic University (1st choice), Southern Tech University, and Southern Technological 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 Polytechnic University (22)

On the same three names, the deans and department heads voted 15, 17, and 4 respectively.

The SGA, by a unanimous vote, preferred Southern Polytechnic Uni-

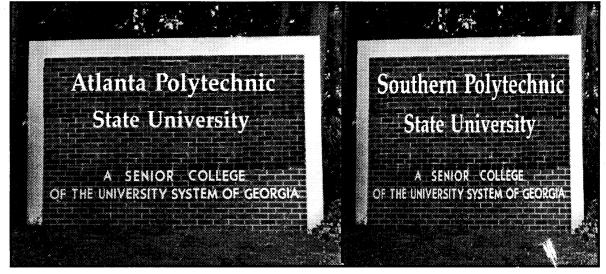
The reasons behind the Board of Regents' recommendation, i.e. "Atlanta...", are unclear. At this time, it is unclear when

the 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 decision for thirty days.

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

"What do the students think SCT's new name should be?" See Page Two for the Answer



The name game: Atlanta Banna Bo Banta, Fe Fi Fofanta - ATLANTA!

Faculty Told to Work It Out

By COLLEEN DESMOND

Three of four schools voted to express their dissatisfaction with President Cheshier's performance in recent years to the Chancellor requesting that he investigate their concerns. The Chancellor replied promptly that the faculty should work harder to come to an agreement with the administration them-

Opponents to the president began voicing their concerns around the first week of May. After a week of impromptu meetings with the president at which faculty representatives and several deans asked for his resignation, President Cheshier released a three page memorandum to the campus on May 13. In the letter Cheshier stated that he "discussed this matter with Chancellor Portch," and that he is "to remain President and, in doing so, have [Portch's] complete support."

Cheshier wrote that Southern Tech is experiencing a great deal of change and that this type of turmoil is to be expected. He wrote, "My job as President and the job of all administrators, including department heads, is to carry out the mission of Southern Tech as determined by the Board of Regents and the Chancellor."

The next day, Tuesday, May 14, the School of Technology and the School of Arts and Science held separate faculty meetings to discuss how to proceed with their concerns with the president. Both schools voted overwhelmingly to endorse a letter to Chancellor Portch requesting that he "become more aware of these problems and to help us implement solutions to them.

During the discussion among

faculty members in the School of Technology, Professor Larry Logue described the correspondence as "a very courteous letter to the chancellor to look into what's going on here and to help us. It does not ask for the president's resignation." Several faculty members added that a letter with a vote count from the faculty be included to indicate that discontent extends beyond a few deans and department heads.

The School of Arts and Science faculty voted 49 to 5 approving sending the letter to the Chancellor. The School of Technology voted 44 to 0 also approving the letter. The School of Architecture also endorsed the letter.

A reply from the Chancellor was expedient but noncommittal. In a May 17 letter to Professor Ronald Young, Faculty Senate Chair, Chancellor Portch responded that it is "very difficult for me to be helpful when, as I understand it, those who oppose the President have already demanded a specific solution, even though they have not provided specifics on the problems."

He further expressed concern

Please See President on 5

Steel Bridge Team Takes Third in National Contest

By CHARLES BANTON

The ASCE team led by Professor Michael Orlandella came within four seconds of a national championship during the National Steel Bridge competition at State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo. The final scores put SCT in the third slot, however after finding a math error, there is a good chance that SCT will move up into second place. Professor Orlandella is hopeful but not holding his breath because, as he sees it, there is still one team left to beat.

The professor and his team will get a chance next year. The team members were Jason Baines, Ed Blasingame, Jacob Redwine, Jeff Simmons, James Steele, Greg Teague, and Terry Wickman.

This competition saw 43 of the

most prestigious universities in the nation come together at SUNY.

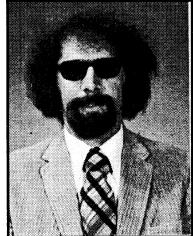
The bridge had to be 20 feet long and the SCT bridge weighed in at 78 pounds. The SCT team constructed the bridge in 2 minutes, 13 seconds, which is longer than the 1:50 they had done in practice.

The team spent many all night sessions preparing the bridge for competition.

The pressure was intense as the team was up late the night before competition continuing to perfect the bridge. Orlandella said of his team, "I asked for blood and they gave me more." The University of Alaska at Anchorage and the University of Alaska at Fairbanks took first and second place respectively.

Other Universities in competition were Michigan State, and Clemson University.

And then there is our favorite The University of Florida who tied with 16 other schools for 29th place.



The Godfather of Steel

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1996-97 Student Elect Leaders

The Student Government Association held elections recently. Here are the final results.

SGA Officers:

President Kris Allegood Vice President Joseph Wyatt Secretary/Treasurer Amy Roberts

Council Members:

Hilary Cohn Shawn Fleet Carl Hawthorne Kevin Marks Mike Moore Gene Oglesbee Dino Pampolina Ray Smith Sean Wells Jody Snow

Congratulations to all elected members and thanks to everyone who participated in the voting process. A special thanks is added for all outgoing SGA members, especially Bill Finnick, who logged an especially active and productive year.

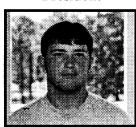
There were some scattered complaints regarding the availability of balloting areas, and in one instance, balloting was unavailable per the posted times. Bill Finnick, coordinator of the election committee, explained that balloting times were set based upon availability of committee members. As it turned out, there were no evening balloting times, and in one instance, the assigned committee members did not show. During this period, students were directed to Ms. Langston's office to cast their vote.

There were a total of 158 ballots cast. While this appears to be a low turnout - about 4% of the student body - Barry Birckhead, Student Activities Director, stated that this was average for Georgia-wide SGA voting.

The new SGA officers were inaugerated on May 28th, and the first SGA meeting will be held on June 25th. See you there!



KrisAllegood **President**



Joseph Wyatt **Vice President**



Amy Roberts Secretary/Treasurer

Robbery at **Howell Dorm**

By AKINKUNMI ADEDOKUM

An unidentified man broke into the Howell Dormitory room of Christopher Coleman at 9 a.m., on May 12.

Christopher reported that the intruder knocked on his door on Sunday morning and forced his way in when he opened the door, according to Gary D. Chasteen, Chief of Police, Southern Tech Campus Safety. He rambled through the room, and was grabbed by Chris, but Chris was kicked and overpowered due to his wheelchair confinement. The bandit finally fled from Chris' room with three credit cards.

The police are still actively seeking

the bandit. A composite drawing of him has been made by the help of C. A. Davis of the Cobb County Po-Department, Christopher's description. The composite is shown here and is posted on campus.

The description of the bandit is as follows: white male in the mid 20's, tall (between six feet, two inches and six feet, three inches); has a large build, dirty brown hair, tattoo on upper left arm and full beard. He was last seen wearing blue jeans, white muscle shirt and white tennis shoes.

If you have seen this person, or have a clue of where he could be found call the Southern Tech police.

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FOR ROBBERY & ASSAULT IF YOU HAVE SEEN THIS MAN

CALL SOUTHERN COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY POLICE



White Male Mid 20's Tall (6'2")

Large Build **Dirty Brown Hair Tattoo on Upper Left Arm**

Dr. McCoy Retires To Texas

By RAY SMITH

What do you say to someone who has taken you from coma splices to semicolons? Thanks and goodbye just doesn't seem to be enough. Southern College of Technology will soon be losing a driving force in the Humanities Department. That force is Dr. Joan (pronounced JoAnn) McCoy. Dr. McCoy has dedicated the last twenty-eight years of her life to educating students.

The last 14 years she has spent at Southern Tech. She has now earned her right to retire. At our school she has been instrumental in implementing several programs including the Technical Communications Degree. Dr. McCoy can well be described as one of the most diverse persons on our campus. She is a world traveler, author, educator, and actress.

Dr. McCoy is a professor who demands students' attention and respect in her classes. She doesn't ask for more than she gives. She gives her all to her students and fights for the students' rights and interest. Dr. McCoys' office door is always open and students are free to discuss scholastic as well as personal problems She is first and foremost a teacher. Students rarely leave her class not understanding the principles she has put forth.

What will Dr. McCoy do now that she is leaving academia? She claims that she will till the soil and do a little consulting work from her home in Texas. Yes, that's right, Texas. She is packed and will be

leaving Georgia before the Olympics take over. She also hinted at something private she will be doing. Could the great American novel be lurking in the back of her mind? If so, that could be some book.

Dr. McCoys' colleagues had many things to say about her retirement.

Her department head, Sandy Pfeiffer, said, "she comes from a background that is seldom seen in students or faculty today. That is a person who has never done anything half-heartedly. When she is on a committee or teaches a course, she goes at full tilt. If she develops a course, she does it so students get their moneys' worth. She always sticks to her guns. She has strong principles and I admire that, even if I don't always agree with her. She is a thorough professional and an admirable person and I will miss her greatly."

Dr. Tom Wiseman had this to say, "gonna miss you, babe".

Dr. Rebecca Kelly smiled and remarked, "Time to enjoy! enjoy!

Dr. Harris T. Travis, Vice President for Academic Affairs, stated, "I've known her ever since she started here. I wish her well in her retirement.

What I'll remember most about Joan is her image of professionalism. What I mean is, she always looked like a college professor should. She was always polished. Every committee that she was on, she worked hard and had the students' interest at heart."

Dr. Carol Barnaman got a sly look on her face and quipped, "Don't ever look back. The next years will be the best years in

Dr. Rainey has worked closely with Professor McCoy on many projects and has always found her to be interested in seeing her students perform at the highest level they can achieve. She is genuinely dedicated to humanistic learning in its best sense.

On a personal level, as I close this article, I would like to say that I will miss Joan greatly. She gave me the confidence to write. I will be grateful to her for the rest of my life. I hope that when I retire, I will have influenced a person as much as she has influenced me. With all my admiration. "What is life but illusion?"

Opinions on Name Change

By RAY SMITH

time the campus heard from the stutunities. If the school has to have a dents about the impending change for Southern Tech.

Southern College of Technology is changing the name of the college. Do you believe this is a good idea and why? If you answered yes, what do you believe the new name should be?

Reginald

major: Construction

I believe the college should not change its' name. The college is not well known as it is and a new name would not help the situation. Southern Tech's enrollment is decreasing and no one wants to attend the

school because the school is not popular. SCT is a good school and We at The Sting decided it was offers excellent educational oppornew name, a good name would be Southern Polytechnic University or The University of Georgia at Marietta. Not having a decision about the new name reinforces the chorus that the student body has no voice in the decisions concerning issues at Southern Tech. Oh, I forgot Atlanta Polytechnic State University.

Reginald heard that the decision to change the name has already been made for the college and with, once again, no student involvement.

major: General Studies

I came to this school solely on

the recommendation of a former instructor. I believe the name of this school is well known and has some status recognition. If the name needs to be changed, some of the history needs to be retained. I don't know the purpose of changing the name, but if it must be changed, "Southern " should remain. The name should not change without student body input. My suggestion would be Southern Polytechnic Institute.

There were several other responses, however, space will not permit their inclusion. The general consensus is that the name should retain southern and add university. The main response was that the students should decide on the name

Most Outstanding Student of the Year is...

By BILL FINNICK

On Tuesday, June 4 the school stopped to briefly acknowledge it's talent at the Southern College of Technology 1996 Student Awards Ceremony. Professor McKee, the perennial emcee, opened the show with the traditional welcome by Dr. Cheshier and a piano solo by Helen Gavrikova, a Russian exchange student.

The award winners are:

Tara J. Hall, Apparel Student of the Year.

John Walters, Outstanding Textile Student.

Jason Summerour and William McClendon, Outstanding Student Volunteer Award; Floyd "Snuffy" Smith, Outstanding Alumnus Volunteer Award from the ST National Alumni Association.

Charles Alan Barge, Chancellor's Academic Recognition Award.

William J. Howard, Frederick J. Berger Tau Alpha Pi Academic Achievement Award.

Gaberiel John Richard, John D. Mulford, III Scholarship from the Architects Foundation of Georgia.

John David Ruff, Atlanta Construction Specifications Institute Foundation Scholarship.

Sirseh Bagh, Outstanding Computer Science Student.

R. Glenn Allen, Outstanding Computer Science Master's Student.

Rhoderick L. Jackson, Most Outstanding Graduating Senior from the Lockheed - Georgia Chapter of National Management Association.

Shawn L McGraw, Society of Manufacturing Engineers Leadership Award.

Frank Schoenbeck, Outstanding Student in Manufacturing Engineering Technology.

Steve J. Forslund, MET Outstanding Student Arnston Memorial Award.

Tedd Curtis Toler, MET Award; and Bradley D. Snyder, EET Award from Lucent Technologies / Bell Labs.

Charles Alan Barge, IEEE -PES Atlanta Chapter Tuition Scholarship from IEEE and the Power Engineering Society.

Olivier Etievant, Outstanding Physics Student Award.

Kenneth M Bilson, Matthew S. Duke, and Helen A. Spivak; the W. Harrison Merrill Foundation Outstanding Student Award.

James Filbey, Jeff Mitchell, Brad Nutting, Maureen Haneklau, and Richard Wagner; Associated Builders and Contractors Achievement Awards.

Richard Wagner, Associated General Contractors Scholarship

Michael J. Cox, PCEA Golden Hammer Award.

Lila Takes, John Malmborg, and Douglas James Butler; Sigma Lambda Chi Awards.

Daniel Ray Lewis, Outstanding Student Award for Industrial Distribution.

Jeffrey J. Williams, Ziegler Tools Outstanding Student Award for Technical Sales.

Preston Goforth, IIE Frank B. Johnson Scholarship Award.

Michael J. Belfoure, The Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award.

Michael D. Hall, Georgia Consortium Award.

Greg Teague, Jason Baines, Ed Blasingame, James Steele, Jacob

Colleen was the only one around at press time. She is always making a nuisance of herself.

Redwine, Jeff Simmons, Terry Wickman, and Mike Orlandella (Faculty Advisor); ASCE/AISC Steel Bridge Design Construction.

Dr. Tom Wiseman and Professor LaJuana Cochrane; the SGA Outstanding Faculty Member Award.

The entire Financial Aid Office, the SGA Outstanding Staff

Member Award.

Coleman Oglesbee, SGA Member of the Year.

Andrea Pitts, Greek Woman of the Year.

Keith Ussery, Greek Man of the

Colleen Desmond, Outstanding Student of the Year - The Elizabeth and Calvin Hays Award.

CAUGHT ON TAPE

By TOMM PENDLETON

A German exchange student was arrested for stealing a pair of shorts from the Southern Tech Campus Bookstore.

Although he would not confirm the exact means used to apprehend the offender, Chief Gary Chasteen, Director of Campus Safety commented, "We use all

available electronic and human resources to curtail criminal activity."

The bookstore management claimed to be unaware of any theft, but Chasteen confirms the theft occurred on April 4th of this quarter and the student was positively identified and arrested on a misdemeanor warrant on May 8th.

"Folks shouldn't take what doesn't belong to them," warned the

Chief, "and we felt that although there are other avenues to deal with a situation of this nature, sometimes the most effective deterrent to crime is an arrest and conviction." Chasteen also stated that there has been an increase in theft activity at the campus bookstore recently.

The student was charged with theft by shoplifting as described in Georgia State Criminal Code, section 15-8-14, a misdemeanor. A court date has been set for August 10th

Charlotte Janis, a counselor for International Services and Programs did not wish to comment on the specifics of the case but stated she would liked to have seen the matter handled internally through the Dean of Student Affairs office. "Our relationship with Germany is not a one time occurrence, it is an ongoing and successful program," said Janis, "and since they (German authorities) have been extremely cooperative in dealing with our exchange student under similar circumstances, we would like to do the same for theirs." The student will still face disciplinary action from Dean Smith's office pending the outcome of his court appearance.

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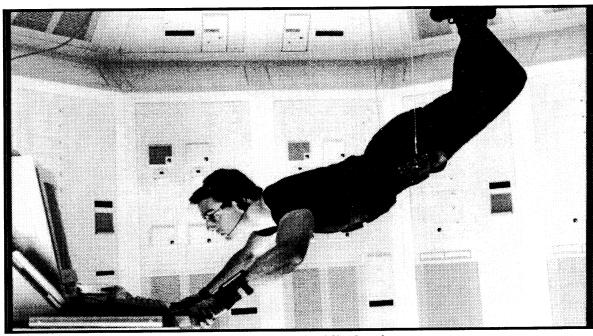
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I knew these Power PCs were sensitive, but this is ridiculous!

Mission Needs More Action

By CHARLES BANTON

This is your mission if you choose to take it. This movie will end in five seconds..... Well, it seems like five seconds, but it was actually about two hours long. This is a suspenseful flick with a few twists. If you're expecting a great deal of action in this one, you will have to go see Twister a second time. There are approximately four action scenes in the whole movie, which

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is nothing like the previews made it out to be, but that's OK. The suspense will kill you.

Tom Cruise's character is very shallow and doesn't get a chance to get very developed. He's more like a James Bond type, a guy who doesn't really have a personality because he's too busy being a spy. The villain was good and unsuspected for a long time. The movie blows by because of the suspense.

There were a few moments

when my wife had the death grip on my arm as Cruise's life hung in the balance. Emilio Estevez plays a very brief part as his usual mischievous self. The film would have been more fun if there was a longer part for Emilio. If you like James Bond then you will look forward to the next one. Oh, but of course, this film does set you up for the next Mission Impossible. This one's worth seeing on the big screen, and I give it four of five dollar signs. \$\$\$\$



By KEVIN BRYAN

Trae sounds like he is on the verge. From the first song to the last, you get the feeling that this is the beginning of something big for this artist.

He seems on the verge...of becoming good enough to write lyrics for someone else. I say this because, frankly, Trae's music doesn't cut it.

Don't get me wrong. He knows his way around a synthesizer, and his sound effects are exemplary. But the unusual and plentiful sounds can't hide the generic funk beat underneath each song.

Fear No Less Than You, the uptempo first track, is a victim of this failing. Instead of sounding enjoyable, it sounds like ten other generic, rehashed songs you've heard a couple of times before.

His songs sound best when he strips them down to mostly sound effects and enunciates his words. The fifth track, Away, is proof of this. He avoids many pop conventions in his music, which is a real shame. The tenth track, Had To Be Me, is both unadulterated pop and one of the best songs on the album.

The back of the CD states "All songs produced, arranged, composed and performed by TRAE". That's too bad, because it seems to me that the best thing that could happen to him would be a collaboration between himself another artist. If someone brought in new and original music that matched Trae's sounds and lyrics, I'm sure I'd want to hear more from him.

As it is, Trae's CD is lost in the sea of average funk/R&B/dance CDs out on the market today.



Will this album be a hit? Whatever. This CD has as much chance of making it as Trae has of looking happy.

Whoopi for Eddie!

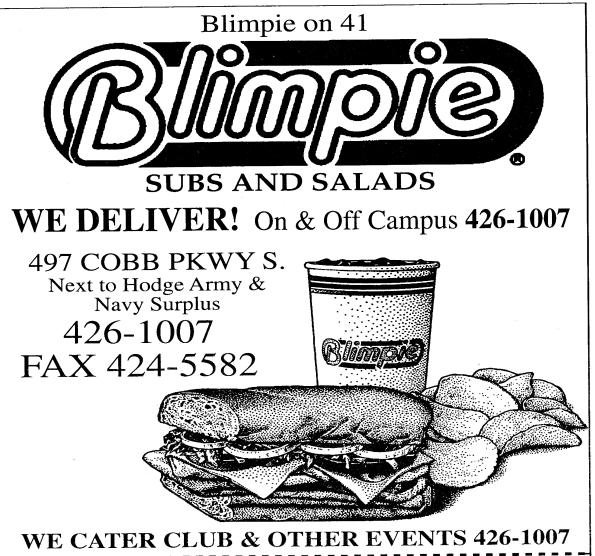
By KEVIN BRYAN

Eddie is the story of a simple fan of the New York Knicks as she takes the reigns of a major NBA team. Whoopi Goldberg is Eddie, a limo driver that is crazy about basketball. She coaches a grade school basketball team, spends quality time heckling the Knicks' head coach, and leaves sports trivia on her answering machine. She even announces the games over the company limo speakers (and over the real announcer).

The movie begins with a buyout of the Knicks by a rich Texan appropriately named "Wild Bill". The new owner quickly realizes the team revenues are at an all-time low and also comes to odds with the head coach. From a few chance encounters with Eddie, he decides he could gain fame for the team (or at least ratings) and save a huge amount of money at the same time. With his typical bull-in-a-chinashop approach, he moves her with lightning speed from honorary coach to coach for the night to permanent head coach. How can he do this? He's the owner, silly. Haven't you heard of Mary Schott?

Eddie somehow has to knock the team in shape, though they barely give her the time of day and spend more time making contracts than jump shots. No sooner does she do this than she realizes that the person that got her hired would fire her with the same impunity as the last coach, and is only in it for the money. It is then that her die-hard New York roots kick in and she plans a dramatic showdown with her Texan boss.

This movie is what no sports movie has been for a long time; entertaining and fun. It takes huge fan into the back rooms of the NBA and shows what a little caring and faith can do. Even though it's just a movie, it brings the viewer into the game and shows how fun it can really be. Go ahead and see this one in the theaters with your friends. It'll be an enjoyable time for every-



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Chancellor Claims Media Complicates Dispute

By CHARLES BANTON

Stephen R. Portch, the Chancellor of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia made himself available to *The Sting* to answer some questions about his response to recent events involving Southern Tech's President, Stephen Cheshier.

When Chancellor Portch was asked what he was going to do to assist the situation, he stated that he "would facilitate when I'm certain that open discussion has taken place" and "when it reaches a point that they have resolved some of the issues." If these conditions were met he said he "would find some-

one with expertise in this area to assist in the resolution of any remaining issues."

One of the surprising statements from Portch came when he was asked if he was aware of the discontentment on campus. "No," he replied, "the first time I was aware of this was when I read it in the *Marietta Daily Journal*." Portch has been in office for less than two years and he lives in Marietta.

The article was run in the Marietta paper on May 16 and used quotes from *The Sting*'s May 14 article. Portch wrote a letter to the faculty dated May 17 stating that "It is very difficult for me to be helpful in a situation where such a letter

follows rather than precedes discussion in the media."

The Sting's first confirmation, obtained by Ray Smith, of the existence of the petition came from Dean Yancey who had "seen the petition but had refused to sign it." The Sting wrote an article based primarily on two letters from the president's office. The president's office only released the May 9 letter after The Sting had the Chancellor's office direct Sam Baker to do so.

While retrieving this first letter, Bill Finnick asked for an advance copy of a second letter to be released May 13 which President Cheshier refused (via telephone conversation through his secretary). Instead, *The Sting* was permitted to read, but not copy, this second letter.

President Cheshier was not in his office when information was collected by *The Sting* and no faculty members would go on record for the May 14 issue regarding the controversy.

The Chancellor was asked why it made it more difficult to be helpful in a situation where such a letter

followed rather than preceding discussion in the media. He responded by asking "how would you feel if you were the editor of the newspaper and the first time you heard there was a problem between you and your staff was when it was printed in your newspaper?"

The chancellor stated that he plans no new action since his May 17 letter to the Faculty Senate Moderator, Ronald Young.

President from 1

Alumni Offers His Opinion on President Cheshier

Dear Sting,

I'm glad that Dr. Cheshier is very close to being removed as president. I was very involved on campus during my time at Southern Tech and have had a great deal of experience with Dr. Cheshier and have found him to be unacceptable as president. He has lied to my face on at least two different occasions, both times involving large amounts of Student Activities money.

I was a member of the Student Government Association several years ago when President Cheshier came to an SGA meeting and first proposed increasing student fees in order to pay for an indoor athletic complex. He promised that this fee would not be charged to students until the quarter the complex opened.

This isn't hearsay; I was there. We students were enthusiastic about having an indoor athletic complex and agreed to the fee increase. We thought paying \$27 was cheap as long as we got to use the complex. I even helped out in a petition drive to help convince the Board or Regents to allow this fee increase. Before groundbreaking even happened

for the complex, however, the fee started being charged to students. This was years before President Cheshier had promised. The first indication students had that this was going to happen was when they got their Tuition Statements for that quarter.

The SGA protested and Pres. Cheshier came to another SGA meeting and explained. I was no longer on the SGA at that time, but I attended the meeting as a guest. According to Dr. Cheshier, the complex was going to cost more than he had anticipated and there was a desperate need for money immediately. The SGA reluctantly agreed, knowing that a formal protest on their part to the Board of Regents could have killed the project.

No mention was made by President Cheshier at this SGA meeting that this money was going to anything other than the Indoor Athletic Complex.

Turns out this was a lie, too. The fee was for \$27. Only \$20 of this goes to pay for the new complex. No one appears to know, or will admit to knowing, where \$3 of the money goes and the remaining \$4 goes to the current basketball

team! A team for which there is absolutely no student support.

So I say it is about time that Dr. Cheshier was removed as president. Let's get someone in the office who will tell us the truth.

Thank you, Ed Hardy Alumni Class of '94 the "Southern Tech as an institution is being harmed by the current controversy", and directed that a dialog be pursued "to resolve the differences that exist."

Following up on this suggestion, several deans and representative members of the faculty met with President Cheshier Friday afternoon, May 25. Some faculty members expressed frustration with the members.

Professor Julian Wilson summed up Cheshier's stance by paraphrasing three of Cheshier's statements at the meeting. "First, don't spend a lot of time listing old grievances. Second, I am incapable of significant change, and third, I agree that our image has been tar-

nished by this controversy."

Another faculty member present at the Friday negotiations said "the president sincerely believes that he has made the best decisions for Southern Tech. He believes that good things are happening at Southern Tech and it is unfortunate that we do not agree with him."

On Tuesday, May 29, the School of Technology met again to discuss their latest response. They rejected a sending a second letter to the chancellor as drafted for this meeting. Instead, they voted to revise the letter to indicate their efforts to negotiate with the president and request a mediator from the Chancellor's office.

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM Saturday 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

MAY	27	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	JUNE 20	RESUME REG. HOURS
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JUNE	. 13	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	JULY 22-26	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
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JUNE	15,16	CLOSED	JULY 29 - AUG 2	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
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JUNE	. 19	8:00 AM - 7:30 PM	AUG 4	RESUME REG. HOURS
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NC Rails Yee Haa!

(If You Like Twang, That Is)

By LEIGH BOROS

Hey, everyone! There is a new country CD out by NC Rails. This self-titled CD puts some rock 'n' roll into the country scene. NC Rails is a group of six musicians from Asheville, North Carolina.

One can hear the rock 'n' roll country mix coming out of the mountains in <u>Trailer Park</u>, and show the influence of bands like *Drivin* 'N' Cryin.

In the song Straight to Hell,

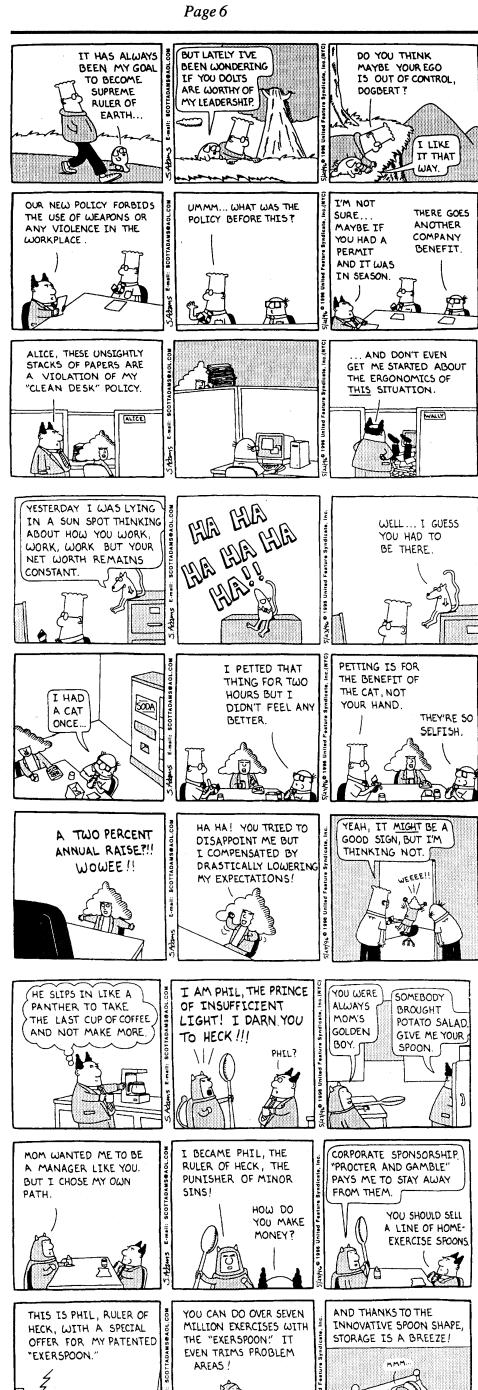
one thinks of the David Allen Coe song <u>Get drunk and Screw Rita</u>. They also whine about relationships and sex in <u>Girlfriend</u> and <u>Sex</u>.

Girlfriend has country bar music written all over it, but the lyrics are comical. Blooming There starts as a slow dance and speeds up gradually, but ends with one of those famous country dance finishes.

So if you like country with a rock 'n' roll twang to it go out and buy this CD. If you're just curious, get a friend to buy and borrow it.



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MATH

by DR. JOEL C. FOWLER

Last issue's puzzle was to find the possible areas of a regular hexagon in which the distance from one corner to some other corner is 6. The answers are 54 (sqrt(3)), 18 (sqrt(3)), or (27/2) sqrt (3). Correct answers were received from Michael Harris, David Debter, Franklin Cain, and John Blanchard.

For a new puzzle suppose that six people bring bread to a picnic. The first brings one loaf, the second brings two loaves, the third brings three loaves, the fourth brings four loaves, the fifth brings five loaves, and the sixth brings six loaves. They are unexpectedly joined by four other people

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By PROFESSOR RICHARD BENNETT

It was the age of the Vietnam War, of civil rights and protest movements, and political assassinations. Across the United States, this period witnessed campus upheavals, student demonstrations, sits-in and widespread unrest. On the Southern Tech campus, even during this period, life was relatively tame maybe even apathetic, except for minor dorm incidents, adolescent pranks, food fights, petty thievery, and "scratching-out." But this same period was creating serious challenges to Southern Tech's continued existence.

In the early 1960's, the vocational-technical and junior college movements in post-secondary education had become popular. In addition, by this time, technical institute training was no longer adequate for industry. In 1950 the technician was the liaison between the craftsman and the engineer. But technology had developed so rapidly in the ensuing decade that a new position developed, engineering technologist (a four-year degree program), who was liaison between the technician and the engineer. Furthermore, the four-year college program had become the popular norm across the country. The result of all these forces was that Southern Tech's student enrollment peaked at 1,340 in 1965.

In an effort to counteract the impact of these changes, Southern Tech had already introduced calculus into nearly all its curricula and changed its degree designation to Associate of Engineering Technology. The trend to four-year programs across the country led the school to develop liaison arrangements with a number of four-year, non-technical schools whereby Southern Tech

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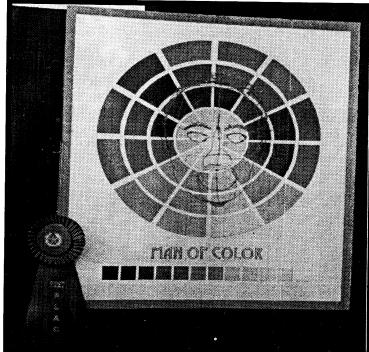
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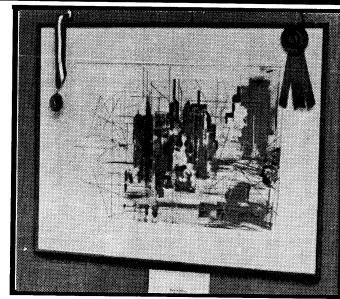
who bring nothing. They decide to divide the loaves they have equally among all ten people. Once they are done each of the four visitors donates \$3.15 to a "pot" to cover what they ate. The puzzle is to determine exactly how much each of the other people (who brought loaves) should put in or take out of the pot to keep the division fair.

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







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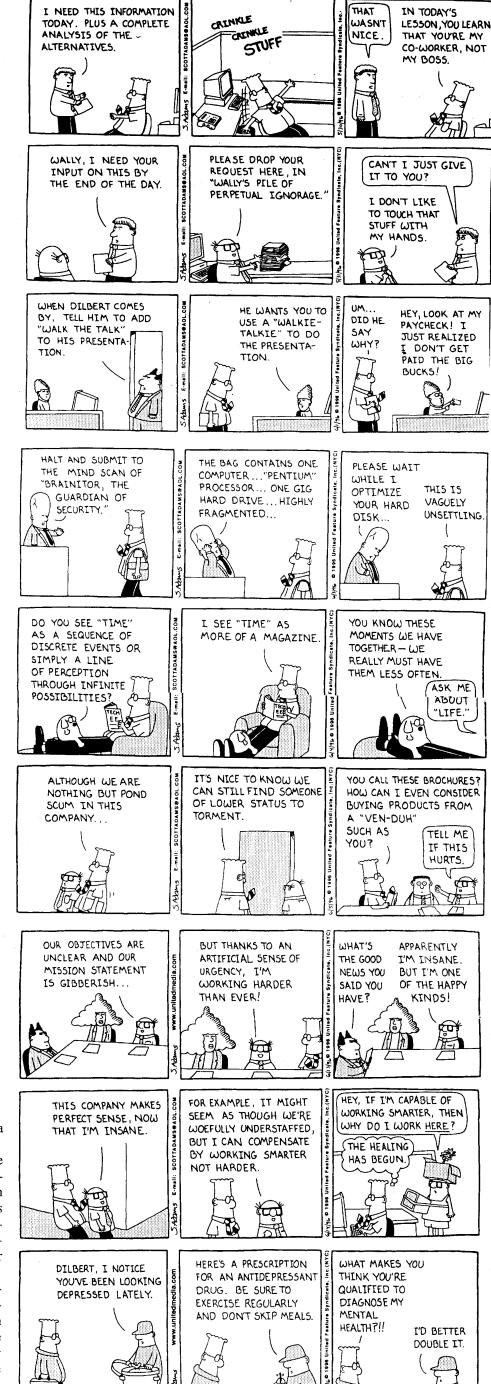
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students could complete a Bachelor's degree. These changes helped distinguish the school from a vo-tech or junior college, and temporarily resolved the problem of a four-year program. After 1964, US involvement in Vietnam intensified and the government decided to rely on the

After 1964, US involvement in Vietnam intensified and the government decided to rely on the military draft rather than the Ready Reserve for manpower needs. Until 1968, male college students received automatic deferments from military service, creating a scramble for enrollment in colleges. However, four-year programs were understandably preferable to two-year programs when the deferment issue was considered by these prospective students. Furthermore, the technical fields, such as those at Southern Tech, were considered more academically rigorous. Therefore, many potentially promising students pursued other programs to ensure retention of their deferments for as long as possible.

With seriously declining enrollments and fewer four-year schools choosing to continue their liaison with Southern Tech, it was increasingly imperative that the school become a four-year institution. Efforts toward this end began in the mid-1960's, but were only successful in 1970, when Southern Tech became a senior college in the State University System. This would begin the process of dramatically changing the school's operations and relationships to Georgia Tech. New courses, new faculty, more administrative structure, and a new campus atmosphere would be some of the changes which would ensue in the process. Ultimately, this also contributed to the separation of Southern Tech from Georgia Tech. But these stories will have to wait for now.





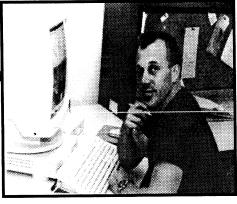
I laid my head to sleep the other night, feeling pretty good about myself. I had successfully petitioned the SCT faculty to remove four F's from my transcripts after pitifully dropping out of school last quarter (personal problems). I am enrolled in classes next quarter and despite no vote of confidence from my predecessors, I will step into the mightiful position of editor-in-chief of this very publication (lots of radical changes on the horizon). I also received the results of my attempt at the Regent's Test...mediocre. But passing. And that very evening I was pulled over by Cobb County's finest for running a red light. I didn't have my driver's license in my possession either. He let me go with warnings because I wasn't a "Richard Cranium." If I had been, he told me, he'd of wrote me up. And...he was from New York and being a fellow Yankee he let me go! What are the chances of that?

What does all this mean? What does it all have in common? It gives rise to an opportunity to be optimistic. That was the topic last week at the quarterly Student Leadership Dinner. The turnout was somewhat apathetic but participation by those in attendance was good and the food was great. (Cudos, Aramark)

The guest speaker was Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs for the University System of Gerogia, Dr. James L. Muyskens. He held a Master's Degree in divinity and a Picture of howdy Doody in Philosophy. The discussion centered around attitudes and the idea of optimism as it relates to leadership. He was a very interesting speaker, but I thought I'd write, not so much about what was said, but what wasn't. And so I will endeavor to do so using my now notorious philanthropic charm.

Dr. Muyskens began by asking, by a show of hands, who thought themselves an optimist; and then pessimist. I inadvertently raised my hand to indicate I considered myself more pessimistic. Actually, I consider myself more accurately, a realist. A pragmatist if you will. Incidentally, no one raised a hand in a vote of confidence in the work of our government officials in Washington, or in support of our local police authorities. Not a one! That is alarming. Be very afraid.

All in attendance participated in a round table discussion of three questions posed by the speaker: Are we, as Americans, unduly pessimistic? Maybe so, but we, as Americans, are also very fickle. Things are terrible today, but tomorrow,..... HEY! Things are lookin' up! I've lived all over the United States. Met lots of people. Most of them pretty decent, honest, hard working slobs. Both spouses having to work just to make ends meet. Adults rooming together just to survive. Everyone seems to be one or two



paychecks away from financial disaster. Living like that, never knowing...never feeling secure, is certainly a reason to feel pessimistic. Duly. Something is missing.

We were asked to compare which course is better to follow: realism or mushy optimism? Neither is mutually exclusive of the other. I feel in order to be a true optimist, you must first be a realist. You can't just jump off of a building because you want to fly. You may be able to go away to build something or find a way to come back and try it later. It's possible. It can be done. But not by you simply wanting it. It'll take some time and some planning but ultimately you can do it.

And should the strength of your beliefs follow the evidence for them? I think not. You can never know if you can do anything you think or dream about unless you try. And when you succeed, you will have your evidence. If you fail it's just one less mistake you'll make the next time you try something. That's it's own success.

What ensued after his discussion, was our discussion. We acted upon our votes of no confidence as mentioned earlier and we created a consensus. Voiced our opinions, and felt there was some positive outlook to be had.....well, almost everyone. Some feel that the faculty should have acted thus concerning their recent vote of no confidence toward President Cheshier. Perhaps they did. And perhaps they were left with that one burning question...the same one I've had since our dinner: At what point does talk of optimism become lip service, and the time for leadership

Everyone knows me. I make sure of that. And even though it may seem I have a critical tongue, many times I merely convey the opinions of others. I am in agreement with them, but I speak out what they're thinking because they may be afraid to. However I do realistically myself consider optimistic...eternally. I will always seek to find new ideas. A better way of doing things. I am not afraid of change for it's own sake. If something is wrong, I want to make it right. Right now. Screw the frustration. If I perceive something to be illogical or impractical or egócentric, I simply remove that obstacle. Get rid of it. Let's move on down the road toward the goals set. Provided you set them. Provided you have the vision to see them and the ability to communicate them to others. The finesse to create a consensus. The way I see it you just lead or get out of the way. Go along for the ride. It's not a question of attitude. It's a matter of fortitude.

I don't mean to sound like a pessimistic exaggerator. I'm sorry. You're right. And I was just feeling so reminiscent about my optimism. In fact I'm very optimistic about the future here at Southern Tech. Cuz I intend to lead it. So, which way are you headed?

Howdy Doody or Kermit the Frog?

Dearest TP,

I did not want to fight with you that night last quarter. After all, you came to my rescue from behind the curtains when I was in desperate need. I have pleasant memories of you, as well as the not-so-pleasant ones you re-created in your 4/30 column.

You are right, of course; I did lose my cool; I did react with an unprofessional, emotional response when you mentioned your attack on one of my colleagues. You were right, too, when you wrote that I had not even read your column before this emotional explosion. But you seemed so proud of what you had written - a diatribe against one of my gentlest, kindest colleagues. At the time you brought up the article, I was aware that your searing column burned a professor who had spent much extra time with you, stretched the department "rules" for you - in an effort to HELP you learn to write. For his efforts you wrote unkind things without providing a complete picture of the events.

Then when you indicated that you, better than the English faculty, knew what students needed, I was astonished. My colleagues have devoted their lives to discovering the "what" and the "how" of teaching college English. I suppose I was a knight in shining armor in a previous life, coming to the rescue of the innocent. (NO, I do not believe in reincarnation. This is just entertainment, remember.)

In your 4/30 column you quoted Bob Weir of the Grateful Dead: "You can't learn what you don't want to know." (That quote seems to me to be a judgment against the student, not the teacher.) I do not entirely agree with him, but as a scholar, I am interested in learning. In fact, I am responsible for planning a faculty development retreat each spring for our composition faculty. We are on a limited budget, so I am sure we cannot hire this noted singer as a

consultant. If we were to purchase all his tapes and listen to them for two days, do you

think we could learn things that would help us? Especially if we do "want to know?" We really do have the interests of our students at heart.

And I, too, value one's integrity and personality, not one's title, whether it be Ph.D. professor or something less notable. Sometimes we faculty are not "valuable" by the standards of integrity and a positive personality. Sometimes Sting writers aren't either.

I strongly believe that the students who succeed (or fail), not the faculty who teach them, get the credit. Behavioral patterns are established LONG before we see the students. This statement is on my office door:

Success is frequently the result of some effective behavioral patterns (which can be imitated), not the result of some innate abilities which are unattainable.

Failure is usually the result of some ineffective behavioral patterns (which can be altered), not the result of some innate inability to succeed.

I must say that I cannot accept your claim that most of OUR NON-TRADI-TIONAL STUDENTS BELIEVE THAT A PIECE OF PAPER DOESN'T MEAN SQUAT. Too many of them work (in the real world, for real \$) 40-60 hours per week and take 1-3 classes per quarter for years, at great sacrifice, in an effort to earn that piece of paper.

(???Why are you here?)

Now. KISS you? KISS YOU? Well...., if you think you might turn into a prince, I'll take the risk (with eyes closed). XOXOXOXOXOXOXO. The hugs are extra because I think most grumbling people need a few hugs to make the day better. Feel better? (DO NOT think of calling these kisses "sexual harassment." YOU ASKED, in writing, on April 30, to be kissed, by me.)

Yours truly, just for entertainment,

JL Jo Lundy

Editors Editorial

This will be my final words (for now) as editor of this powerful newspaper. I say powerful because when you write something in the Sting you are going to get someone's attention. Why do people try to hide things? The Chancellor of the Board of Regents recently stated that the "media" (I think he meant The Sting and not the Marietta Daily Journal since the Journal reported that they spoke to him the day before the article was published) has made it difficult for him to be helpful. What a cheesy response, if you want my opinion. How does that change the situation? If the first time he heard about the problem was outside his administration, it just shows that the communication in his administration stinks. Portch has many other things on his mind, like changing the entire school system. I think his response is ter-

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rible but that's his management style, have someone else take care of it.

Some inside info on Portch might help. Portch was put in his position a little less than two years ago in order to get the Georgia University System up to date. That explains why there is so much change going on. The problem is that it's impossible to push a chain of people through change so you must pull them. That's my last bit of advise for the administration.

Now for the students and campus leaders I have a bright idea, have you ever heard of the bath tub races? If you ever get five minutes you should look at yearbooks from years past that have the race featured. These races would take place once a year and would draw close to 10,000 people to this campus. The tub racers would reach speeds of seventy miles an hour as they raced around the SCT campus. If you want something to create excitement on this campus this is the ticket. Bring the races Back, Bring the races Back, I implore you. Besides it would be a blast!

I would like to say a special thanks to my beautiful wife, Lauren. She is my biggest fan and best friend.

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EDITORIALS

Bill Finnick's Final Dictum

By BILL FINNICK



aving overstayed my welcome in the world of academia I recently came to the realization that I have collected enough pebbles of wisdom, dropped by my professors, to earn a sheep's

skin to hang as my shingle in the land of cubicles required by custom a last banal configuration of words inappropriately mechanized as: a salute to those who have helped me; an accounting of my deeds, or misdeeds; and any pearls of wisdom I feel would be of benefit to the friends I leave behind.

My thanks go first to the faculty who, through their diligence in protecting the reputation of this fine school, have allowed me to accept an employment offer President Cheshier would find unimaginable.

Specifics in recognition go to the three deities (earth, water, and steel) [H/B/O] and the lessor gods of crystals, gray matter, and direction [G/M/W] in the Civil department.

The Arts and Sciences scholars [L/G/P/B] deserve equal praise for the building blocks they provided.

There were many other professors I've had the opportunity to learn from outside the classroom. Some are: Cochrane, Harbort, Rutherfoord, Stevens, and

Then there are the staff people that really make this place go. Vicki is what makes student leadership manageable, with Dorothy as a backup. Serena made my last two years affordable. Sarah scheduled the important times I needed. And Fred made the machine gun battles really cool. Many, many more deserve mention but accept my thanks to one and all.

An accounting of my deeds comes in the form of a diploma. I have accomplished only that myself, sometimes with lab/project partners. All else has come from the combined work of many students interested in their school; after all, "One is no number."

The only wisdom I might impart to my fellows is a prayer for graduating seniors that has worked for me: "God bend me to your will; point me in any direction you would have me go; help me serve my fellow man in any way you see fit: but you and I both know I could best serve in an executive capacity."

Now finally the unfinished work that for another may lay ahead.

You must find the bodies! I have heard him ask the sorority girls to wear their bikinis to the baseball games so the boys will fill the stands to look at them. I have seen him threaten bodily harm on a student after a basketball game, and that student was not even the heckler. He is best noted for his profane courtside manner. But that he racks up a hundred wins every six years is the only defense offerred for not canning him. Somebody please find the buried bodies Coach Perides knows about so the administration may rid this cam-

Next is the Pinhead awards. An illustrious prize to the members of the campus community that refuse to help in the righting of wrong, or merely confirm the truth. Persons that would deny the truth rather than make no comment qualify. Those who sing the praises of the first amendment but then want The Sting to be a PR rag like Life's would likewise qualify. But then, when the press sanctions an action, that action will fail. Why, just look at The Sting's Spirit Stick.

Then there is my hope that the students do not become complacent with the current status of their budget. There is a sinister force, as you read this, planning to steal more from your budget. Planning to hire people you do not want hired. Planning to spend the students money to pay the school's debts. Be wary, be suspicious, and never trust someone who when caught red-handed says the Regents told them to do it.

And then there is the parody Ed and I once started. Do not go gently into the work force.

Old age should burn and rage in homework Rage, rage against the graduation

Party animals who caught the need for school and learned to late they grieved education on its way Do not go gentle into your finals

Seniors near graduation who see with blinding sight Blind eyes that blaze like meteors and begaze

Rage, rage against the final project

And you my alumnis there on the sad heights working Bless me now with your fierce tears I pray Do not go gentle into your interviews

Rage, rage against the graduation

Our apologies to Dylan Thomas.

Finally, remember to speak no evil of Southern Tech, "For faithful love will never turn to hate."

Bill Finnick hopes to now quietly remove himself from your sight; it was, after all, just a bad dream.

Politics & the Name Game

By KEVIN MARKS



ave you ever awakened wishing your parents had given you a different name than what we currently call you? Have you ever wondered why a particular name was bestowed upon you? Chances are, vou were named after a relative or

 a whim. Not so with the current struggle to rename our beloved college. Stand by. Your dreams to become a student of a more prestigiously named institution are about to be realized.

If you have read the news story in this issue, you have already discovered what name the Bored [sic] of Regents likes, and what our faculty and SGA prefer. What you don't know, and what I must now tell you, is that politics are afoot in this latest attempt to pigeon hole our school. Surprised? Neither am I.

What I find particulalry humorous is that we'll probably end up with the "Atlanta something-or-other" moniker for one BIG reason: Georgia Tech. Here is a school that has national renown, milks the big research bucks, and graduates beaucoup theoreticists for industry. Yet in their scholarly excellence lies a political green-eyed monster. Yes folks, they are worried that some other school, i.e. SCT, would dare have a name that engenders a larger territorial vision than they.

Let me rephrase. I believe SCT will not own a name with "Georgia" or "Southern" as an ingredient. Both conjure up visions of an institution that might appear bigger, and hence better, than our cherished research institution(s). You can bet your life savings that Georgia Tech dictates to the Regents what rules the Name Game will follow. And why shouldn't they? After all, money talks and technology walks.

What I find particularly un-humorous in these "negotiations" is the pretense that the Regents, in their quest to appear magnanimous, have asked for the faculty's input. The only comical side to this painful political truth is that the faculty actually believed they had a voice and fought vociferously for their favorite name.

Ultimately, we will be given a new name. I suspect, unfortunately, it will be the "Atlanta Poly something-or-other" choice. While "Polytechnic" sounds cool and evokes visions of brilliant grads and a multifaceted cirriculum, "Atlanta" returns us to an undefined obscurity and waters down the entire stated pur-



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pose of the Renaming Game.

Georgia Tech is safe, thank heavens, from those of us who would steal their glory. The Regents are safe, thank heavens, for they have done their duty and asked our opinion; now they can go forth — in spite of it and make whatever decision they were pressured into from the start. Isn't it great that we are all one big happy family — by definition. Score one for all the short-sighted weenies.

Call Kevin by whatever name you wish. He neither suffers from an identity crisis nor is he politically motivated.

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Well I guess this is it for the year—get ready for the Olympics. The repeater will be on on the air this summer and will be used for weather alert communications, so keep an eve on the sky. Club meetings are now on the third Thursday in the month. Posters and special announcements on the repeater will tell you where and when.

Contact Phil <N4NBL> (pwest@mindspring.com) for information regarding the club or Ham Radio in generel. 73 de KF4BMG



We had a great year in the BSU! We offer our prayers to Jana Stewart, who has served as this year's intern. We wish her best of luck as she prepares for seminary. Thanks for all the people that contributed to the various events both on and off campus. The BSU will continue to hold meetings and activities during the summer on Thursdays around 7:30 pm. Come and participate if you can!



By: 384

Thank goodness, spring quarter 1996 is almost over! Time to put away the books for a few months, for those of us lucky enough to not take classes over the summer.

We would all like to thank Doug for the use of his land for the chapter retreat. I want to give a big congratulations to our cow-tipping expert Big Hurt, it took a while but he finally caught one!

A special congratulations goes out to the four new TEKES; Joel Beardon, Brent Burkett, Matt Elliott, and Joe Hughes. Congratulations guys, you worked hard for it, now work hard to keep it.

I have to say thanks to Joe and Joel for painting the rock before initiation, I would have warned you if I'd known it was going to be that dangerous.

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Big Playoff Errors Eliminate Hornets

By NICKOS GAVALAS

The Southern Tech Baseball Team ended an impressive season last week in the state playoffs.

The playoffs were based on a double elimination system and the Hornets were facing some of the best baseball competition in Georgia.

The playoffs were set in Albany, GA, where the heat was sticky and humid, making competition even more difficult.

In its first game, our Southern Tech Hornets faced its division rival, Shorter College. Shorter won the majority of regular seaon games against the Hornets. The regular season, however, has no bearing when playoff time comes.

Shorter and our Hornets battled it out for a hot 7 innings as Coach Lumsden made strategic moves to outsmart the opposing team. Unfortunately, as the game wore on, it became apparent that a few big plays would cost our Hornets the game.

In the middle of the game a routine fly ball was popped to center field, where an easy out should have been made.

However, with the sweltering sun just above the ballpark, it cam-

ouflaged the baseball in a sea of bright light. The light blinded the center fielder, allowing the ball to fall to the ground. Shorter capitalized on big errors like this, squeezing them past our Hornets for a score of 5-2.

Losing its first game, the Hornets found themselves in the same bracket as Brewton Parker, another division rival who finished second in the division after the regular season (one rank above the Hornets). Once again, it was the big plays that lost the game for the Hornets.

With two outs in the 4th inning and three men on, Brewton Parker blooped a hit in shallow outfield landing just out of the grasp of a diving outfielder. The hit cleared the bases and gave Brewton Parker an early 3-0 lead.

As the game wore on our Southern Tech Hornets rallied, scoring two of its own runs in the following inning and closing the lead to 3-2.

Unfortunately, Brewton Parker had an answer for every rally the Hornets could muster. Brewton Parker scored one more run to end the Hornets' season with a 4-2 lead.

When talking with Head Coach of the Hornets Charlie



SCT SOCCER TEAM: Standing: Mark, Latcho Paskalev, Todd, Giovanni Astarita, Mario Stoilovich, Franz Repole Kneeling; Chu, Ziv Moskoviz, Javier, Kirk Gardino, Madjid

Lumsden, he stated, "I am proud of my guys, they played hard out there. Unfortunately in games like this, one big play determines the outcome."

When asked how he is going to spend his off season, Coach Lumsden said "recruiting more players." I guess a head coach's work is never done.

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