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## Student Council Plans New Campus Projects

By Chris Dodd

Southern Tech's Student Council has moved into high gear this quarter and has announced a comprehensive slate of projects it hopes to see accomplished in the near future.

Specifically, plans have been worked out with Georgia Tech for new curtains through Dormitory 1. Beginning in January, a new vending machine company has been contracted to provide more and better vending machines on the campus and possibly a vending area will be established.

Due to several changes at Georgia Tech, more cooperation is expected concerning cafeteria and snack-bar food. It has been suggested that the snack bar remain open later in the afternoon, and that the cafeteria serve breakfast later in the morning. There were also discussions of the meal plan as a whole, and a special committee was set up to take care of food services in general.

For the benefit of evening school students, it has been suggested that the bookstore stay open at least two nights a week. Dean Van Gorder was approached about this and has promised to check with book store officials.

It was also suggested that printed ID cards (that would re-

semble a driver's license) be distributed to students. These cards would provide a more positive means of identification. A picture on the card would also help.

A rumor that a car rack is being planned for student use behind the physical plant building is being investigated. As it stands, there is a good possibility that one may be donated by a private company.

The confusion concerning in-

### 'Pre-Christmas' Events Readied

Southern Tech's "Pre-Christmas Day," scheduled for December 12, is to include several important events. Scheduled for 1 p.m. is the Tug-of-War at the creek behind the gym. Any team may compete with a minimum number of persons on each team set at seven.

The Cross-Country Race, also to begin behind the gym at 1:45 p.m., covers a two-and-a-half mile course. Anyone can compete but fraternities must have a team.

At 3 p.m. is scheduled the Intramural Football finals to be held on the Lockheed Field. At a 7 p.m., the dance, featuring "The Shaones" from Columbus, is to be held.

tramural sports was brought up as a serious deficiency. The problem was left mainly to the Presidents' Council and the Dean of Students as it largely concerns the fraternities.

## Canadians Win Grants

Canadian students may soon join other internationals at Marietta's Southern Tech.

The government of Canada is offering 10 scholarships of \$750 each to those students who wish to attain the Bachelor of Engineering Technology in apparel manufacturing technology at Southern Tech.

Though the offer of financial aid does not mention STI specifically, it is the only college in the hemisphere which makes this degree available, according to Prof. Maurice Halper, special lecturer in apparel manufacturing engineering technology.

Sponsored by the apparel and Textile branch of the Canadian Department of Industry, Trade, and Commerce, these scholarships will be awarded initially for the 1971-72 academic year. One foreign student, Truiss AAs of Norway, began his studies in apparel manufacturing engineering technology in the fall quarter.

## Registration Change Set

Registration for the Winter Quarter, 1971, will be held on Monday, January 4, with several important changes scheduled for the IET, CET, and AET students.

Except for the changes noted below, all pre-registered students are to report to the gym at 9 a.m., whereas new students and transfer students are to report at 11 a.m. The gym will be closed from noon until 1 p.m.

The afternoon schedule includes registration of all other students (day or evening) from 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. when the gym will again be closed. At 5 p.m., it will be reopened for registration of all students (day or evening) and will close at 7 p.m.

### IET STUDENTS

All pre-registered IET students are to report to the IET Department, Room 217, at 8 a.m. to obtain their registration card. At 9 a.m., all IET students who are not pre-registered, are to report to the IET Department, Room 217, to pre-register.

### CET STUDENTS

All CET students who have not pre-registered are to report to the CET Department, Room 506, to pre-register.

### AET STUDENTS

All AET students who have not pre-registered, are to report to the AET Department to pre-register.

## New Status Hits Campus Facilities

The Southern Tech Campus was adequate for the two-year program, but now, with the four-year program, more facilities are needed.

Many courses have been added this quarter including History and Literature leaving the classroom building in a spot for office space with new teachers, but as of now it seems to be adequate.

There are no preliminary plans as of yet for the designs of new buildings for the campus. Plans are soon to be underway for a new student center, dormitories, and other facilities depending on predictions of the future enrollment at Southern Tech.

The administration also has its eye on several pieces of land surrounding the campus including an unused Lockheed building on Barclay Circle just behind the gym.

## Point System Rates Top Campus Group

Southern Tech's Presidents' Council has announced a new point system to determine the top campus club or fraternity. Points will be awarded on a first, second, or third-place basis for various activities.

Points will be totaled at the end of each quarter which will show the standing for that particular quarter. At the end of the Spring quarter, all the points accumulated will be totaled to determine the winner.

Points will be awarded on the following basis. (The first number in parenthesis indicates first-place points, the second number indicates second-place points, and the last number indicates third-place points.)

Points will be awarded every

quarter in only two categories: Scholarship (35-25-15) and Charity Work (30-25-20). The remaining points and categories and the quarter in which they will be awarded follow:

**FALL QUARTER:** Tug-of-War (10-7-3), Cross Country (10-7-3), Bowling (15-10-7), Empty Stocking (10-7-3), Raft Race (15-10-7), and Volleyball (15-10-7).

**WINTER QUARTER:** Basketball (20-12-7), Blood Drive (25-20-15), Ping Pong (10-7-3), Miss STI (10-7-3), Cancer Drive (10-7-3), and Billiards (10-7-3).

**SPRING QUARTER:** Bath Tub (25-15-10), Baseball (20-15-10), Track (15-10-7), Golf (15-10-7), and Tennis (15-10-7).

## Biblical Graffiti

(The following editorial was written by history professor Harry Dice at the request of the editor of the Engineering Technician. It is partially in answer to the "Canada Here?" editorial which appeared on this page in the November Technician.)

"Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin." This was the handwriting on the wall at Belshazzar's feast, handwriting which only Daniel could understand. Today in our society the handwriting is on the wall plain enough for all to see and understand. The alarming increase in crime, the campus unrest, drugs, poverty, pollution, racism, moral decay, and the latest specter, unemployment, are all clear indicators that something is drastically wrong in the Great Society.

History tells us that the far-flung Roman Empire was destroyed—not by enemies from without, but rather by decay from within. It would seem that if mankind can learn anything at all from history, it would be to profit from the mistakes of past generations. Unfortunately, however, all too often each generation insists on making its own mistakes and erects a communication barrier or generation gap.

Youth is always impatient, and in its haste sometimes fails to realize that solutions are not always so simple — everything is not always so clear-cut. In today's age of instant this, instant that, instant everything, the now generation often turns to violence when instant solutions are not forthcoming. Peaceful dissent and protest are basic rights but should not be used indiscriminately for every petty gripe that comes along. Even Jefferson advised "... that governments long established should not be changed for light or transient causes." Protest just for the sake of protest is silly, but protest that results in violence cannot be condoned.

Radicals, on campuses and elsewhere, resort to violence and then cry foul when violence is used against them. But how else can violence be contained? There is no other way. Force must be met with counterforce, else anarchy would result. This disdain for law and order poses a serious threat to the very foundations of our nation, and in such a crisis emergency measures are not only advisable, they are imperative. Citizenship in a democracy affords certain rights and privileges and freedoms. But liberty is not license. Citizenship also entails responsibilities and when an individual refuses to behave in a responsible manner, then he forfeits his rights and privileges.

What makes the rash of senseless violence all the more senseless is that it is so unnecessary. There are ways established to make changes in our system by working within the system, and it is not necessary to destroy the system in order to improve it. Constructive criticism is always welcome, but that is precisely where the dissenters and protesters fumble the ball because many of them seek only to destroy and have nothing constructive to offer.

Those who knock the establishment should remember that within a few short years they will be over thirty and will become a part of the establishment. What then?

## Student Guards

Bang! Bang! Bang! and Mat Dillon's guns make another crook hit the dust. That was the way thieves were handled in the old days, but today it seems both inhuman and impractical. Even though people's attitudes toward punishment have changed, crime still goes on.

Southern Tech is no exception. Many times people have gone to their cars only to find personal effects removed and sometimes the cars themselves have disappeared. The security force has captured some of these thieves, but still many of them get away scot free.

What can be done to help stop these thefts? Well, one answer could be the development of a student security force manned by the student body and working in connection with the present security force.

Many schools, such as West Georgia, are presently using this system and are being very successful in stopping thefts and vandalism. Perhaps the force could be made up of dormitory residents who volunteer or are paid a small salary. Either way, a student security force could be one way to help curb campus thefts.

### At the Flicks

## Ecology Is Film Topic

Warning: This movie could prove harmful to your complacency.

Ecology is on the minds of millions due to the snow job that the guilty parties have done on the public to keep us from lynching them. *No Blade of Grass* tries to show what will happen if we allow ourselves to continue to be duped. As a result of a buildup of pesticides and atmospheric pollutants, a virus mutates and begins to kill off all the grasses, which includes oats, wheat, rye, etc. Since these plants are necessary for food for both people and animals there is very soon a food

shortage.

As martial law is about to be established, because of food riots, the principals of the movie, a middle class London family, leave London to go to a farm belonging to the husband's brother. The rest of the movie chronicles their trek across country to the farm, and what happens when they arrive.

Technically, the movie is excellent; the special effects are truly superb and gruesome; the photography, well though out and executed; and the acting top quality. The only weak thing in the movie is the use of flash-forwards to forewarn the viewer of

Editor:

Mr. Madert's private edition of the Engineering Technician is a classical example of teen-age infantilism. If Assistant Editor Madert will remove his pacifier ..., we constitutional moderates around campus will be pleased. There are a whole slough of editors, assistant editors, and so forth (finally) for the paper, so a broader divergence of editorial opinion is in order.

The campus newspaper is, and should remain, a forum for free expression and open editorial comment. However, the very essence of the freedom involves demands that the forum allow all alternatives to be expressed on any issue at hand. Thus, before you bellyache about parking permits, Mr. Agnew's dissent against so-called dissenters, and the patriotic attitude which many of us still choose to show, spell out the alternatives. If you influence us with emotional tirades (a la "Lester"), the influence will not be durable. On the other hand, if you influence us with your rational selection among the alternatives that exist, the result will be much more in line with your purpose.

C. A. Wimberly  
Instructor -I.E.T.

Dear Mr. Wimberly:

I took the post of editor of the Engineering Technician for quite a few reasons, some of which I present here. First, I was impressed by the restraint that the entire student body during the Kent State incident. What seemed to many a portrait of apathy was, I believe, a silent mourning. Something had gone wrong. We did not know where, and we smoldered in silence because we could find no answer. Again, the war in Vietnam, which few of us understand in all its complexity, seemed to us (and still does) an unusual amount of pressure to bear while in college, especially those to whom the draft is the only motivation to attend school. Yet, we students on this campus have maintained our sense of dignity by refusing to protest because we did not know the alternatives.

Neither do we fully understand the meaning of courage, or true patriotism. It takes a great deal of time, conscious effort, and an invalid action in our government to truly understand

the meaning of freedom and patriotism. I do not have this knowledge and few "constitutional moderates" have convinced me that they know it either.

When I am informed by them that in order to claim title to patriotism, I must in fact proclaim "my country, right or wrong," I hear a similar and frightening echo from the past,

### Bruce Brandt

## Rap

There is a revolution going on in this country that is not violent, although it is militant, and is meant to truly benefit every member of society. This is the Jesus revolution; it is occurring throughout all phases of life. One of the most obvious places is in the music of the hip generation. Almost every new album has at least one Jesus song on it.

Now however, we are getting entire albums of Jesus music by rock or folk rock groups. The logical extension of these single songs is the rock opera *Jesus Christ Superstar*, which, in my opinion, will be one of the greatest surviving pieces of music from the rock generation.

This opera will be both praised and damned by members of the church today. The damnation will be because the opera, which covers the last week of Jesus' life, shows the heroes of the Bible as what they truly were, people. This portrayal will upset these hero worshipers because they have never met Jesus or His apostles but have only had characters of them drawn by half-hearted preachers who don't even know Jesus themselves. The praise will come from those people who have met Jesus as a real person, not some nebulous being.

Musically, this is the first, in my opinion at least, true rock opera. *Tommy*, by the Who, was really a combination of many single songs with few of the usual characteristics of an opera. The orchestration and vocals are excellently done even though some of the singers are possibly not the best in their field. The

bathed in a rationale with which my reasoning is still incompatible.

Too long have we classified people as "red necks," "hippies," "blacks" etc. In my talks with persons from all these "categories," I realize that very little, if any, difference existed that would justify any one group's cloaking itself in arrogance towards another. We all share a common sense of loss: the loss of a common ground on which to stand, the loss of a healthy vitality that we had, and the inability to laugh without painful undercurrents of tension.

Here at STI, I find elements of the old with elements of the new, within both of which lie viewpoints crucial to halting this internal decay. I have sought to understand both sides with an open mind, but no one person alone can act as a catalyst for the future. There must be understanding on both sides, and STI is a good place to start. We can start by talking via the school newspaper, and this means bringing to light those seemingly minor incidents which deter us from shaping a healthy future. (Dan Eason)

only real shortcoming that can be pointed out is the fact that, although the ending leaves you with a wanting to follow up the story by going to the Bible, it does end with His death and not with the resurrection. This point may cause many to feel that the opera is trying to decry the divinity of Jesus.

I feel that it is in truth chronicling the last week of the man Jesus and leading to the divine Jesus but asking the listener to discover this Jesus for himself. For all these reasons pro and con, I won't recommend the record but tell you to try to hear it and then decide for yourself if you want to buy it.

For those of you who are already involved in this revolution. I would like to recommend a book and a movie to you. The book is *Cross and the Switchblade* by David Wilkerson, and the movie carries the same title and stars Pat Boone. They are the story of David Wilkerson's work with the gangs in New York. Don't miss either of these.

## Hold Your Breath

Walter J. Hickle, Secretary of the Interior Department, and ardent conservationist, was fired from President Nixon's cabinet recently. In the first few days in office Hickle attacked the coastal off-shore oil companies for their pollution of thousands of square miles of the Gulf and Santa Barbara coasts. Heavy fines and shut-downs were his weapons against environmental polluters with this type policy long overdue. Last year Hickle submitted a recommendation to the president to reevaluate his policies toward youth.

Many in Washington believe Hickle stepped on too many toes in his attacks on the oil companies. Undoubtedly, this would be a thorn in the side of many a politician. Nixon's reason for Hickle's discharge was that he was a poor administrator and that they could agree on nothing.

With the discharge of Hickle, we can foresee an acceleration of environmental pollution. If political favors are to be paid back, be prepared to hold your breath. (Martin Madert)

## Merry Christmas



On the Soapbox

# Prof. Cooper Presents Varied Views

In keeping with the Engineering Technician's policy of obtaining the views and opinions of various faculty members, the following interview with physics professor Charles M. Cooper, Jr., is offered. Mr. Cooper, who hails from Montgomery, Ala., has both a bachelors and masters degree in electrical engineering. He is also very interested in biomedical engineering and has minors in psychology and biomedical engineering. He claims to be "a chronic dabbler in psychology."

The questions and his answers follow:

**Q:** Would you support a change from the present grading system to the "pass-fail" system and why?

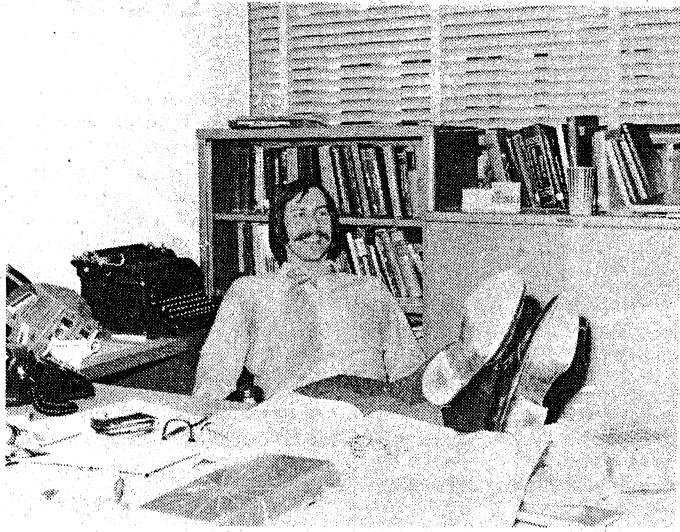
**A:** I think it would be good to have the "pass-fail" system available, but it should not COMPLETELY replace grades. A student should be allowed to take some reasonable fraction of his work on a "pass-fail" basis, especially subjects outside his major.

**Q:** Why is physics required of an industrial management major?

**A:** The real world exists and some IM students may have to deal with it. Physics, of course, is about the real world. It also "teaches you how to think," although I hate to sound like a Latin teacher. Many companies have been seeking out management personnel who have a good background in the "hard" sciences or in engineering. Some companies, especially technological ones, value knowledge of the technical subject matter itself, but the main thing seems to be a desire for people who have a "problem-solving" orientation. The leaders in most industries today must be innovators and problem solvers, even in conventional industries. I think that physics is much better preparation for the future than is an extra dose of specialized courses.

**Q:** In your opinion, will STI gradually change from practical to theoretical curriculum?

**A:** I hope we never become impractical. I think it is now being realized that some engineering schools have gone over-



Professor Charles M. Cooper, Jr.

board in making their curricula theoretical, but I don't think STI will make that mistake. On the other hand, the various four-year curricula ought to be more theoretical than two-year curricula. I think a really practical engineering curriculum must give a solid theoretical background.

**Q:** Are there any immediate needs at Southern Tech in the physics department in the way of faculty, equipment, space, etc?

**A:** Yes. We need much more of everything! Seriously, I think that since our department will service two additional years' worth of students in a wide range of major fields, we will have to improve our resources even more rapidly than will the individual degree-granting departments.

**Q:** At what rate would you say physics is advancing as related to other sciences?

**A:** At the risk of incurring the wrath or crushing the hopes of the real physicists in our department, I would say that physics will not be as important in the rest of this century as it has been in the last 40 years. I think the real action will be in biology, both from a purely scientific point of view and considering its impact on society.

**Q:** What biological and physiological dangers do you see as valid concerning marijuana?

**A:** I agree with former Attorney General Ramsey Clark that the people who are still screaming about the hideously dangerous and corrupting effects of marijuana have been unable to present evidence to justify their view. Many authorities, including the former head of the FDA and the former director of the NIMH, have come to the

same conclusion, and I applaud the present attorney general for recommending that the penalties for possession and use be greatly reduced.

I think that the important questions involved here are social and legal, rather than physiological, and I could go on at great length about the damage that has been done (and is still being done) by our over-criminalizing of marijuana. But, getting back to your question — I think that it would be unscientific to say that marijuana has been exonerated. It could turn out that marijuana usage over a sufficiently long period of time has serious effects. Also, I think there might be something to the "amotivational syndrome." If harmful effects do eventually show up, I suspect that they would be psychological rather than purely physiological. Speaking of long-term physiological effects — I think we are in for some nasty surprises about what happens to people exposed for 20 years to air pollution like that in Los Angeles or New York.

**Q:** Referring to your knowledge of biology, can you relate this to evolution in man along the lines of physical change over the centuries to the future?

**A:** I think that major evolutionary changes require so much time that it would be idle and perfectly safe speculation to predict that we will evolve into hyper-intelligent beings with large, bald heads and spindly arms. I do think that within another few generations we may have real problems with the genetic load of deleterious genes that were formerly selected out of the population through early death, but I'm certainly not advocating enforced early death. We may be able to solve some of

these problems through "genetic engineering," but I'm afraid that this discipline, if it comes into existence, will cause more problems that it will solve.

## Vets Club Is Involved In 'I Care'

By June Morris

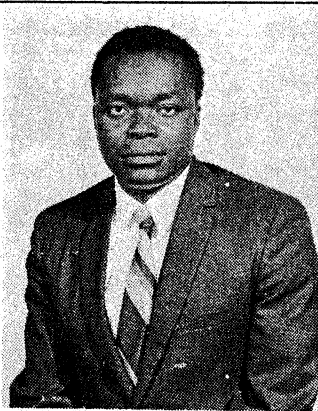
The Veterans Club, though new on the Southern Tech campus this quarter, is working on numerous plans. They are involved in the "I Care" program which sends letters to the men in Vietnam and are also going to send Christmas boxes of candy and cakes to American soldiers.

The club has proposed such ideas as securing a bus for school use, a club maintained information service for part time jobs and available housing, setting up a book trading service, and bringing patients from the Veteran's Hospital in Decatur to Southern Tech and Hawks basketball game.

The Veterans Club meets on Thursdays at noon, and so far, about ninety people have joined the club. (Members are required to have served 181 consecutive days in the armed services).

The club has gotten off to such a good start, that it's members are planning to build an entry for the next bathtub race and to sponsor a candidate for Miss STI.

The Veterans Club hopes to become the number one club in serving the school and community from a civil and social standpoint. If the club keeps progressing as it is presently, it may very well succeed in its goals.



**FROM AFRICA ...** Prof. Ukanga C. Mudakha, from Kenya, East Africa, has been appointed to the faculty of the industrial engineering technology department. A graduate of the Kokamega High School in Kenya, he holds the BA degree from Sterling College (Kansas) and the MS from Wichita State University (also in Kansas). Prof. Mudakha also holds an MA from Atlanta University. Last year he taught economics at Atlanta's Morehouse College. He is a member of the American Society of Public Administration.

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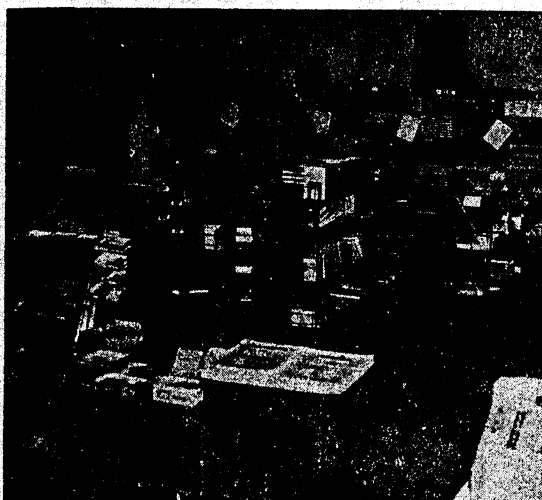
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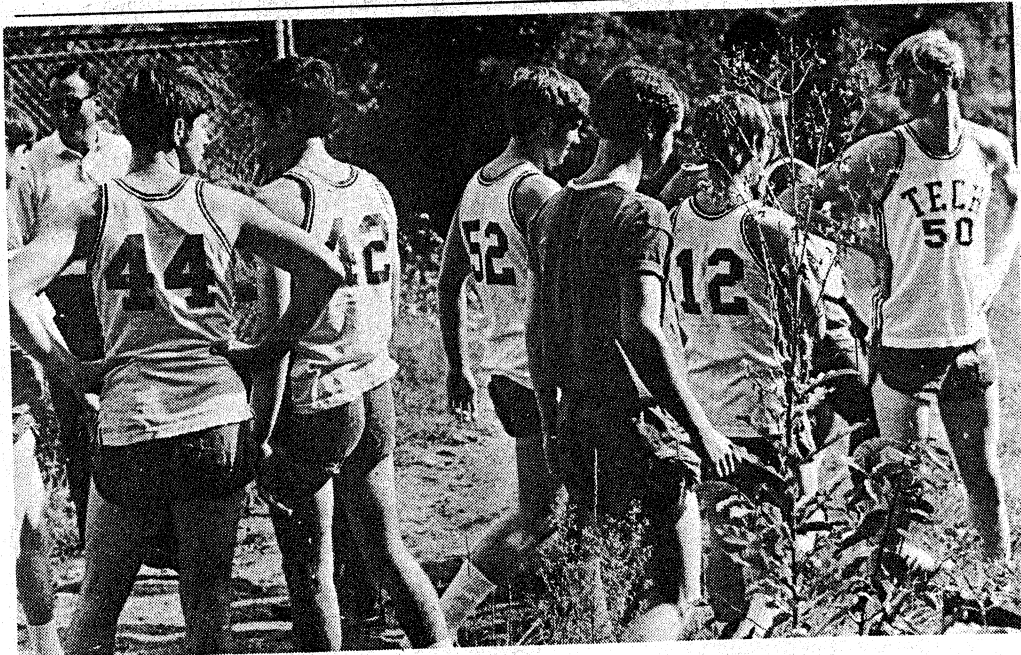




**INTERNATIONAL CLUB** — The International Club has several plans for activities this quarter. It has been suggested that members of the club meet with community organizations and make speeches about the community.

Representatives from the U.N.'s association of International Clubs have been trying to get southern Tech's International Club to join the U.N. association. The club has scheduled about 10 visits to industrial and manufacturing firms in the area. The Junior Women's League plans to place foreign students from Southern Tech in local homes during the Christmas holidays since the school does not serve meals during the holidays. The International Club is helping the Women's League with the names of interested students.

Shown standing, left to right, are Jose Gutierrez, Rene Antich, Jesus Luciani, Donald Praba Prabhakar, Naim Sarkis, Eliziero Lugo, Haresh Patel, Vishnukumar Trivedi, Bijan Rauof, Ordanal Fernandez, John Hooker, Ernesto Antich, Vernon Jaimes, Luis Luciani, and Prof. Lewis Wynne, faculty advisor. Kneeling, left to right, are Roberto Pulido, Fotis Papatopoulos, Whitaya Chaisit, Harin K. Dave, Ricardo Danies, Ojelelo Osagie, Chin-Andrew Ting, Abolfazl Shahab, and Mohammed Toba.



**CROSS COUNTRY** — Southern Tech's Cross Country team got off to a running start this year, placing eighth in the Intercollegiate Cross Country Meet which was held at the Atlanta Water Works on November 10. Coach Head says that now Southern Tech is a four-year institution, the team should improve materially over the next several years. In the picture above, several members of the team are preparing for STI contest with DeKalb College. Shown are Larry Garrard (44), Mike Garret (42), Frank Van Nou Huys (52), Terry Harris (12), and Keith Nottke (50). Other members of the team are Larry Todd, Allen Lewis, Frank Howard, Stewart Way, Steve Monalad, Steve Voyles, and Steve Lanning.

## Sigma Delta Solves Weekends

By June Morris

Most of the guys at Southern Tech have been victims of the boredom that surrounds dorm life on weekends and after classes. Sigma Delta Phi this quarter has finally come up with a solution for this hum-drum; inter-mural football games.

By starting a new school activity, Sigma Delta Phi got points that go toward obtaining the rating of number one fraternity, and also gave fraternity-members and non-fraternity members a chance to compete.

Sigma Delta Phi has won its last two games; the first against Epsilon Pi Chi 28 to 13, and the second against an independent team 7 to 6.

Besides taking part in the football games, Sigma Delta Phi has two team on the Southern

Tech bowling league. The league consists of ten teams with three members each, which bowl three per night every Wednesday at 6:00 P.M. at the Marietta Lanes. The Fraternities also get points for having teams in the bowling league.

Sigma Delta Phi has been very active this quarter with plans for parties and schoolwide activities. October 30, the fraternity had a Halloween costume party, November 20, they had a Thanksgiving party, November 23, the fraternity had initiation followed on November 24, by a banquet to accept the new members, and sometime before the end of this quarter they plan to have a Christmas Party.

Sigma Delta Phi has a schoolwide blood drive scheduled for December 2, and a field trip to

Regal Textile Industry in Atlanta for everyone in the textile and apparel departments, scheduled for December 3.

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## Hornets Lose To Bell Haven

Southern Tech's Hornets lost out in an over-time match at the Dixie Tournament played at Memphis Southwestern December 4-5 to put them into the consolation bracket. In the opening game, the Hornets went down before Bell Haven College, 95-93. Bell Haven, from Jackson, Miss., however, went on to win the tournament.

In the consolation game, STI lost to the Little Rock Branch of the University of Arkansas.

Southern Tech rallied in the second half of the first game to go ahead, after trailing 38-44 at halftime.

The Hornets had five players in double digit scoring against Bell Haven. Curtis Bivins, who was named to the All-Tournament Team, dumped in 24 points. Wayne Collett and Bob Compton had 18 each, Eddie Wallace had 16, and Bob McDonald had 10.

Although disappointed by the early season losses, Coach

Harry Lockhart was high in his praise of the fine effort of his charges.

"Our boys did themselves proud," he said. "Our starters consisted of two freshmen, two sophs, and one junior."

## Pep Band Has Plan

Southern Tech's Pep Band is still attempting to attract members, according to its leader Jeff Schenk. With two members so far, first-chair positions are open for almost all instruments.

Mr. Schenk says the only real requirement for becoming a member of the group is to be able to hold an instrument correctly. Practice sessions are held each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. Interested parties should contact Mr. Schenk whose post office box number at STI is 8247.

## Columbus Bombs Hornets 117-100

Columbus College beat down a second-half Southern Tech rally in the season's opener December 2 with a late scoring burst that saw the Hornets go down in defeat, 117-100.

The Cavaliers had five men scoring in double figures with four scoring over 20. Southern Tech, playing without last year's leading scorer Jerry Johnson, placed five scorers in double figures and gave coach Harry Lockhart feelings of optimism.

Lockhart, who is leading the Hornets into their first season of senior-college basketball, had earlier expressed some concern of STI's ability to compete on the four-year level. But the Hornets' opener eased his concern somewhat.

"I am certainly encouraged by what we did against Columbia," he said. "Since this is the first year we have played senior colleges and since we have no seniors on the team, we could have a rough year."

"But I am extremely proud of the way our team played. They were down, but they never quit."

Eddie Wallace, a South Cobb product, was the leading scorer for Southern Tech and the game with 24 points. Freshman Curtis Bivins from Americus followed with 21. Bob Compton and Bob MacDonald from Pebblebrook, had 17 each and Wheeler's Barry Parker scored 10.

## Drama Tech Plans Play

This winter quarter Drama Tech will be producing a play in the "theater of the absurd", *America, Harsh*. This will be good experience in this type of acting for all concerned. It will be a play in three separate parts needing from eight to nineteen actors and actresses.

Casting will be held in the Georgia Tech Center for the Performing Arts, 696 Hemphill, on Thursday, January 7, 1971 at 7:30 p.m. The performance dates are February 19, 20, 26, and 27, 1971.

Too long have we classified people; "rednecks", "hippies", "blacks", etc. In my talks with persons from all these "categories", I realized that very little, if any, basic difference existed that would justify any one group cloaking itself in arrogance towards another. We all share a common sense of loss. The loss of a common ground upon which to stand. The loss of a healthy vitality that we had, and the inability to laugh without painful undercurrents of tension. Here at STI I find elements of the old with elements of the new, within both of which lie viewpoints crucial to halting this internal decay. I have sought to understand both sides with openness, but no one person alone can act as a catalyst for the reaction. There must be understanding on both sides and STI is a good place to start. We can start by talking via the school newspaper, and this means bringing to light those seemingly minor incidents which deter us from shaping a healthy future. I shall start by bringing two such incidents for judgement by the student body and staff. Below is my view.

The following conversation took place in the Administration Building when Martin Madert, accompanied by myself, entered the cashier's office on business.

(Mrs. Fuglar to Madert) "Are you a student here?"

(Madert) "Sure, don't I look like a student?"

(Fuglar) "No, you sure don't."

(Madert) "That's pretty rude."

(Fuglar) "It was meant to be. Don't you want me to give you the money to get a haircut."

Mrs. Fuglar's behavior was inappropriate and unbecoming. In fact it was a display of that self-righteous attitude, and that type of negative conviction that leads one generation to believe that it has been divinely ordained to set the standards and rules for what is considered the "right way".

To permit such an unimportant detail as the length of another's hair, or some similar aspect of personal preference warp ones thinking to the extent where a warm smile, a kind gesture or even a hint of common courtesy becomes difficult to afford, it is evident that we are suffering from a disease whose symptoms we failed to recognize at an earlier date and which today spread to the proportions of an epidemic. The cure is simple and inexpensive, and I do not believe there is one among us who does not know where to find it.

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I received a letter to the editor from a professor who had much to tell me. I informed Mr. Madert about the short comings that Mr. Wimberly pointed out. Mr. Madert agrees that the point was salient. However, I do feel that for the first attempt at ever organizing a college newspaper my staff did a fairly good job and hopefully, with time, we will assume that maturity which comes, I am told, with age and experience.

Mr. Madert has neither the age nor the experience of a Mr. Wimberly, but hopefully with time his "infantilism" will give way to that eloquence and subtlety of expression by which we are expected to glean constructive criticism from members of the educational staff.

Daniel A. Eason

This letter was suppressed from the December issue of the Engineering Technician. I am presenting the true and entire form of the article before it was cut by our faculty advisor. With this article, I am resigning as editor. I refuse to work where the truth is not allowed for reasons such as "it was not in good taste". Here, for student and faculty, are presented the true and entire contents of Mr. Wimberly's letter and my reply.

Mr. Editor:

Mr. Madert's private edition of the Engineering Technician is a classical example of teenage infantilism. If Assistant Editor Madert will remove his pacifier from whichever orifice it is inserted and insert it back into his mouth, we constitutional moderates around campus will be pleased. There are a whole slough of editors, assistant editors, and so forth (finally) for the paper, so a broader divergence of editorial opinion is in order.

The campus newspaper is, and should remain, a forum for free expression and open editorial comment. However, the very essence of the freedom involved demands that the forum allow all alternatives to be expressed on any issue at hand. Thus, before you bellyache about parking permits, Mr. Agnew's dissent against so-called dissenters, and the patriotic attitude which many of us still choose to show, spell out the alternatives. If you influence us with emotional tirades (a la "Lester"), the influence will not be durable. On the other hand, if you influence us with your rational selection among the alternatives that exist, the result will be much more in line with your purpose.

Mr. Wimberly

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I took the post of editor for quite a few reasons, some of which I present here. First, I was impressed by the restraint that the entire student body displayed during the Kent State Incident. What seemed to many a portrait of apathy, was, I believe, a silent morning. Something had gone wrong, we did not know where and smoldered in silence because we could find no answer. Again the War in Vietnam, which few of us understand in all its complexity, seemed to us (and still does) an unusual amount of pressure to bear while in college, especially those to whom the draft is the only motivation to attend school. Yet, we, students on this campus have maintained our sense of dignity by refusing to protest because we did not know the alternatives. Neither do we fully understand the meaning of courage, or true patriotism. It takes a great deal of time, conscious effort and an involved action in our government to truly understand the meaning of freedom and patriotism. I do not have this knowledge and few "constitutional moderates" have convinced me that they know it either. When I am informed by them that in order to claim title to patriotism I must in fact proclaim "my country right or wrong", I hear a similar and frightening echo from the past, bathed in a rationality with which my reasoning is still incompatible.