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SGA

Petitions due

The SGA is taking petitions for the office of secretary and treasurer.

I) A candidate for secretary may be any rising sophomore, junior, or senior member of the student body. The secretary records, preserves, and keeps available to members of the student body all minutes, by-laws, charters, bills, resolutions and rolls of attendance of the SGA. The salary is \$150 per quarter.

II) A candidate for treasurer may be any rising sophomore, junior, or senior member of the student body. The treasurer is responsible for keeping a record of all funds and expenditures, and submits to the SGA periodic written reports on the financial affairs of the SGA. The salary is \$100 per quarter.

Both terms of office will end in June, 1976, and both office holders must have an overall average of 2.0 or higher.

Petitions are being taken until Jan. 14th, 3:30 pm. Petitions are available at the SGA office in the lobby of the library.



WHERE ARE WE:

In a Cobb County-Southern Tech Bicentennial event, Dr. Michael H. Mescon, Regent's Professor of Human Relations at Georgia State University, will speak on "Technology and the Future of Free Enterprise" on the campus of Southern Technical Institute in Marietta, Thursday evening, January 15 at 8 pm.

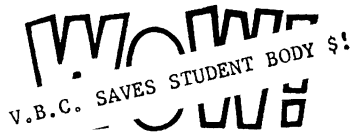
Dr. Mescon is the third speaker in a series of community dialogues being held at the engineering technology college and sponsored by the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce and the Southern Tech Student Government.

Free and open to the public, the community dialogues are designed to acquaint the citizen with the challenges of an increasingly technological society, thought-provoking challenges in our bicentennial year, according to Dr. Amos St. Germain, STI history professor and coordinator of the series.

"The intention of the community dialogue is to create a true interchange of ideas between the college and the greater community," said St. Germain. "We hope to answer the questions: Where are we now and where are we going as we enter our third century as a nation?"

Dr. Mescon, the author of over 70 articles, holds the first Chair of Private Enterprise established in the nation. A recipient of the Freedom Foundations George Washington Honor Medal Award, Mescon has been honored by the American Economic Foundation for work in economic education and was awarded a special citation by the Joint Council of Economic Education. He has served in consulting, training, and lecturing capacities for over 100 organizations representing business, academic finance and government.

Prior to Mescon's speech, the Sprayberry High Concert Band will provide bicentennial music and the Atlanta Naval Air Station color guard will present the colors. Reverend James Budd of the First United Methodist Church in Marietta will deliver the invocation.


V.B.C. SAVES STUDENT BODY \$!

The Southern Tech Veteran's Club estimates that their operation of the book club this quarter has saved the student body approximately \$1500 dollars. Fifteen hundred is a conservative estimate, according to Bob Godwin, the club's public affair's chairman. The club provided the focal point for the resale of some 600 used text books at a savings of two-fifty to five dollars per book.

The book club has been well received on campus. The club has the backing and cooperation of the student body and there hasn't been a complaint from customers, other than not having enough books to sell.

The club gratefully enjoys the cooperation of John Patillo and his library staff who allow them the use of the library breeze way and space for the operation of the store.

Bob also comments of the ladies in the post office who were especially helpful this quarter. They went to extra trouble to make sure book sale notices were quickly placed in the students mail box.

All in all the veterans say it has been a good week!

ATTENTION USERS OF THE
VET'S BOOK CLUB.

Check your mail box for a check from the sale of your used book. When you receive your check please cash it promptly! The club presently has checks still outstanding from Spring Qtr. 1975. This makes book-keeping difficult and costs us money as we try to relocate the holders of the checks.

Thanks for your cooperation this quarter.

The Vets.

SIGMA PI

We would like to welcome the new freshmen, and the old ones (as far as that goes), to a smoker Jan. 13 (no not that kind). Just some music, alot of suds and a purty good time. See any brother about the details; he'll be glad to talk to you.

Sigma Pi's basketball team is shaping; a few brothers will be missing from last year but it's still looking very promising.

Sigma Pi meets every thursday at 12:00 in rm. 601.

What are you doing these days?

A group of engineering technology students and a professor from Southern Tech undertook an unusual project in South Georgia recently. Unusual, that is, for engineering technology students.

The project involved the exploration and mapping of a Creek Indian village located on the banks of the Ocmulgee River. The site, being kept secret to prevent souvenir hunters from damaging it, is located near the area visited by Hernando De Soto in the mid-sixteenth century and is near the southern boundary of the land controlled by the Creek nation.

According to STI history professor Nick Wynne, the project coordinator, the area is one of the "Blind spots" in the study of Georgia's Indian population. That is, little work has been done in this particular area and anthropologists/historians have concentrated their major studies on the Cherokees who lived in North Georgia. The Ocmulgee Indian Mounds in Macon have been the site of most of the work done with the Creeks to the exclusion of the rest of the tribal lands.

"This is an opportunity for Southern Tech students," said Wynne, "to use their skills in surveying and architecture to map, locate, and reconstruct a site from information gained from the site. It is a unique opportunity for future technologists to make an important contribution to historical research through the use of their technical skill."

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BOOKSTORE MOONLIGHTERS

Ever since the "surf's up!" call transported us, Southern Techs' bookstore has been in the bookselling business. They clearly don't know what they're about, and they continue to turn away book lovers and potential book lovers. Such a store is supposed to make money for the institution, but their profits, if any, must be negligible. No privately owned bookstore could possibly survive anywhere if operated on such a lack of principle.

At reputable universities, of course, the institutional book outlet is overshadowed by more interesting and better managed commercial bookstores close to the campus but on the typical campus as ours, bookselling has become a clumsy monopoly. At not a few colleges, management of the bookstore is turned over to a syndicated food-catering service, as a sidelining. Many managers of such official bookstores would fail as dishwashers.

What's wrong with the student-union bookstore? Everything. It's interested in selling sweatshirts, sneakers, and texts rather than good books. As for more lively books - why, there are masses of paperbacks, perhaps, that could be bought at any drug-store, there are a couple of shelves of volumes usually lavishly illustrated and costly; but there are no book books, of the sort that students might like to buy.

The biggest segment of the book-buying public, in any country, consists of young people in college or graduate school. They may not have the means, but many of them are willing and eager to buy decent books anyway. At the bookstore the hungry student is fortunate enough to have a bookstore manager who gets his stock from a naive Saturday Review or the New York Times Book Review of books.

Even the standard reprint series is absent from the shelves of the campus store; so are most of the "quality" paperbacks. As for second hand scholarly books--why, what self-respecting college manager would traffic in that dusty old trash? Or how could he distinguish a good old book from a worthless old book?

But aren't the prices lower at the campus bookstore than at commercial bookstores? Decidedly they aren't at the campus store: no discount is passed along to the luckless student.

What would I do to reform the campus bookstore? I'd get rid of it altogether, and let some man who knows books, and can run a small business, sell back textbooks and trade books, along with plenty of second-hand books, somewhere across the street from the campus. At any decent sized college, two or three such shops would arise, in competition, to everybody's benefit in quality and in quantity. There's no reason for Southern Tech to sell books than there is for them to monopolize the merchandizing of students' underwear.

Put if the college president's heart would break should he part with his monopoly or if American enterprise is so dormant locally that no commercial bookseller would hang up his sign, then I would pump some imagination and energy into the college bookstore. First I would fire the present typical manager, and attract to the campus somebody who reads books and can ring up a cash-register. A likely candidate would be some young unemployed PhD for whom there isn't any room right now on the faculty, but who is bookish, sufficiently practical, and affable. He'd be grateful and he'd know what to order.

Then I'd put a conspicuous sign over the entrance, and good books in the empty windows, and invite townfolk, as well as professors and students to browse. One would sell twice as many books that way.

Third, I would buy any number of second-hand books at auctions and out of folks' attics, and price them moderately and make them available to precisely the young persons who need them. This is a good way of keeping library discards from the trash-heap, too.

Fourth, I would stock lots and lots of remainers, for there are hundred of recent titles available from the remainder-houses, that students could buy at a half or a third of the original jacket price. (Most students aren't even aware that remainder-houses exist).

Up with academic moonlighters! Colleges don't employ physical cripples as head coaches, and I don't know why they should employ intellectual cripples as bookstore managers.

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The expedition, equipped for two days of underwater exploration, explored the interior of a large limestone lake which was used by the Indians as a dumping pit. Nothing was found in the lake which was 500 yards from the site of a village. However, a 600 ft. by 30 ft. mound with a 180 ft. base was found next to the river. The mound, according to professor Wynne, belonged to the Hitchiti tribe, part of the Creek confederation. The mound was probably part of a mound complex.

The students and professor Wynne found water pots, arrow heads, scrapers and net sinkers. However, no attempt will be made to disturb the site and any artifacts found will be charted on a map grid and marked for future reference.

According to Wynne, there is certainly evidence of a "prehistoric Indian village." Archaeologist are not certain who built Indian mounds and there is doubt as to their specific function. No excavation work has been done south of Macon.

According to Wynne, this initial exploratory visit provided enough information to demonstrate the value of future excavations and hopefully will lead to a grant of money to pay for this. "Perhaps we can secure enough funding from a federal or state agency to be able to spend an entire summer working this site," Wynne went on. "Certainly, the excavations and explorations should continue even if no funding is available."

Southern Tech students working with professor Wynne include John Golden, Terry Allen, Dave Carroll, Gary Higginbotham and Wiley Horton.

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