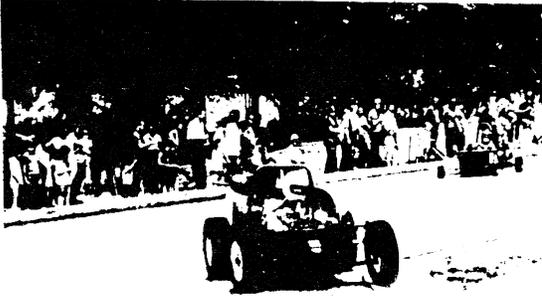


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Final preparations are underway for the Winter '76 Preview Bathtub Race Saturday, Feb. 14, 2 pm.

BRA, the Southern Tech Bathtub Racing Association, is gearing up for the 35 lap race where eighteen tubs are expected to compete in the 1.1 mile run around the main track.

Drivers are putting the finishing touches on their racing machines. Track communications and safety measures, audio for the spectators and press participation are being examined and final plans made. The STING will publish a special race edition for the preview race.

The race will have a LeMans start and travel the main track for the first time in Winter race history. Practice will be Saturday, Feb. 7, 10 am - 1 pm. All cars must be off the track by 8 pm, Friday, Feb. 6 and 8 pm Friday, Feb. 13 or they will be impounded.

Reportedly, the electric tub, always a source of spectator and press interest, will not run in the Winter '76 race.

Drivers and tubs expected to race are #12-ASME, #17-Mike Van Steenburg, #23-Wally Clark, #11-Glen Welch, #76-Lambda Chi Alpha, #8- and #22- TKE, #1-Sigma Pi, #43- Sigma Nu, #96, Tom Preacher, #44-Don Davidson, #54-David Lynn, #28-Sanders Shadow, #14-SME "Little John", #16-SME "Big John", #24-John Hadley, #57-Jim Hill and #55-Jeff Byers.

The Winter '76 Race will be the second biggest event on the campus. As everyone knows the biggest event at STI is the spring race.

More race news to follow!

This year's Homecoming basketball game and dance should prove to be the best our Student Government has ever arranged.

Two distinctly different types of bands have been selected for entertainment and dancing.

In addition to music this year, food and beverages will also be offered. Right now the plan is to provide soft drinks, hors d'oeuvres, sandwiches, and pizza. The food committee may add some more items to the list.

The SGA urges you to support school spirit by participating in the Homecoming activities. These include : voting for Homecoming queen on Feb. 6th, the basketball game at 3:00 p.m. on Feb. 7th, and the dance that same evening.

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Student Activity Fees are paid by the students for the benefit of the students, and

WHEREAS: The purpose of an institution of higher education is to provide educational opportunity for its students of a broad and varied nature and in doing so aid the student in becoming a responsible well-rounded individual,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The elected representatives of the student body be given the opportunity to accept full responsibility for the allocation of Student Activities Funds,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Pursuant to this objective, the current Policies of the Board of Regents University System of Georgia be amended to provide for this opportunity and the current regents policy be changed to "All student activities funds shall be handled by the business officers of the institutions subject to allocations made by (the elected representatives of the student body)."



Anyone wanting to go out for the STI Tennis team, please get in touch with Lee Tucker at Rm 351 (Lab Building).

What do you think?

*-greeks-*



Tau Kappa Epsilon will collect money for the Cobb County March of Dimes in a "Roadblock" Saturday, Jan. 31, at the intersection of Clay and Fairground Streets.

The TKE's, as most other Southern Tech fraternities, are heavily involved in helping charities in the metro area. Sigma Pi has the blood drive, Lambda Chi has food drives for the underprivileged and Sigma Nu has a work day in the community.



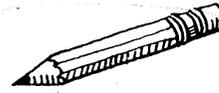
**AIA STUDENT CHAPTER NOTICE...**

Committee and officers meeting- Tues., 27 Jan, 1976. Meet in front of Mr. Myatt's office at 5:00 to discuss with the officers your committee's job.

AIA REGULAR MEETING- Thur., 29, Jan. 76. Mr. Hornebuckle, from BLACK CONSTRUCTION COMP. will be with us to present a program on the new STUDENT CENTER. library seminar room. 7:00 - till.

AIA BUSINESS MEETING- Thurs., 5 Feb. 76, Library Seminar Room, 7:00 - 9:00. Come prepared to discuss the increase of dues to \$15.00 per year. A calendar of events for the Southern Tech Student Chapter of the AIA will be furnished at this time.

# EDITORIALS, ETC.



Finally mankind is considering restoration of his barren environment! At last our campus won't look like a bulldozer or pavers dream, the scars of which still blight our landscape.

Take a look around you and tell me, what do you see? A lot of grassy hills, huh? Do you realize our campus was totally covered with trees, not twenty five years ago? I must give those guys down at Northside Trade School and others some credit; they left a few select ones for our pleasure and to help us remember what they are.

But rejoice, biota lovers! As part of Southern Techs bicentennial celebration, we will be soliciting a tree from every state in the Union! I say, if we really want to put some spirit (and muscle) into the bicentennial celebration, and our campus, we should plant two hundred trees! And if nothing else, they would help stop the erosion their removal has caused.

But wait a minite; remember all the evergreens that were planted in front of both dorms, lining the complete sides, a while back? They sure are thriving, aren't they? Should we even consider the idea, if they are only to fall into such murderous hands?

The Editor.



Administrative policy????

An interesting item came up at the Judiciary Board meeting this past Tuesday. Senior Class President, Chris Welty presented the board with facts regarding the unconstitutional ways and "blatent disregard" our student government president, Doug Laird, has displayed. To mention a few, exercising the right to vote when in fact he holds no voting power, using student fees without authorization of the student body, and holding student government elections for the secretary's and treasurer's position when and if they are to be elected by popular vote. Another question arose as to who is the legislative body or just what comprises the legislative body. Chris asked the board members to "read through the constitution and ask yourself; has this been the way the SGA has been running under the present administration?

Doug had no comments to make, but when asked his view on the alegations, he gave his interpretation of the constitution. When different people can read the constitution and derive different interpretations from it, questions automatically come to mind. Is it so lax? Is our SGA president exercising unjustified powers? What is wrong?

What was revealing was the fact that past administrations apparently have not maintained proper records. Complete records of student council legislative activities of three years and farther back are hard to produce. We all hear alot about apathy as a major pas-time and our helplessness as to what can be done about it but one can only sense that if the student government association is as apathetic as to not even consider the meetings' minutes significant, well isn't that a starting point? Maybe amendments should be introduced into the constitution to strengthen it. And maybe if the whole constitution was seen in a brighter light and strengthened alot more, we could solve the mystical origin of apathy on this campus.

It was a very fair hearing of the matter until, at the close of the meeting, Professor Black used the meeting as a forum for his opinion, which was out of order, and which the Judiciary Board failed to recognize. Let's hope it didn't affect the decision of any member too much.

Nick A . Gordeuk



## BICENTENNIAL

Southern Tech has been designated a bicentennial campus by the American Revolution Bicentennial Association in Washington and by the Georgia Commission for the National Bicentennial Celebration.

The engineering technology college's bicentennial program thus far has consisted of two lecturers in the college's community dialogue series "Technology and A Free Society." Seventh district congressman Larry McDonald was the first bicentennial speaker. McDonald spoke on "The Constitution in a Technological Age" on November 20. The second bicentennial speaker, Dr. Michael H. Mescon, Regents Professor of Human Relations at GSU, spoke on "Technology and the Future of Free Enterprise" on Jan. 15. At this event, Mrs. Ginny Anderson, chairperson of the Cobb County Bicentennial Committee, was presented an official Bicentennial flag by Gene Michaels, administrative assistant for congressman McDonald. However, Mrs. Anderson presented the flag to Dr. Walter O. Carlson, Dean of Southern Tech, for the college.

Other events include a state tree project, where trees are to be solicited from each of the 50 states and planted on the campus of Southern Tech. According to Dr. Robert Fischer, chairman of STI's Bicentennial Committee, the state tree project will provide lasting commemoration of the nation's bicentennial.

Fischer, head of STI's English and Social Studies Dept., said also that "Bicentennial America," an appraisal of America to date through literature and history, will be offered as a course during the summer qtr.

In addition, "American Domestic Architecture to 1900: A Bibliography" has been compiled by the Southern Tech Library as a service for researchers during this bicentennial year.

## SAY IT SIMPLY

Get ready you Scrabble and Probe lovers. Here's something to test your skill in obfuscatory onomastics (double-talk). But mind you, unless you edit a dictionary for a living, you may need one to decode this bit of sage.

"In promulgating your esoteric cogitations; or articulating your superficial sentimentalities and amicable, philosophical or psychological observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your conversational communications possess a clarified conciseness, a compact comprehensibility, coalescent consistency, and a concatenated cogency. Eschew all conglomerations of flatulent garrulity, jejune babblement and asinine affectation. Let your extemporaneous descantings and unpremeditated expatiations have intelligibility and vivacious vivacity, withoutrodomontade or thrasonical bombast. Sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, pompous prolixity, osittaceous vacuity, ventriloquial verbosity, and veniloquent vapidty. Shun double-entendres, pruvient jocosity, and pestiferous profanity, obscurant or apparent. In other words, talk plainly, briefly, naturally, sensibly, truthfully, purely. Keep from slang, don't put on airs; say what you mean, mean what you say. And above all - DON'T USE BIG WORDS."

In a more serious vein, with the spread of "officialese" in government and technical circles it might behoove each of us to examine our speech habits and simplify our language when speaking with those not privy to our specialized vocabularies.

