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FINAL PLANS

The countdown begins!

Ten days before the Winter '76 Bathtub Race and the tension is mounting. Final plans are being prepared for the second biggest attraction on the STI campus, the winter bathtub race.

Latest reports indicate that IEEE may run the electric tub. Some of the club members are making an attempt to get the machine ready. Number 23, Wally Clark's tub, always a favorite with the crowds and holding down third spot in last spring's race, may not run. However, Wally has been known to show up at the last minute for some of the races. We'll have to wait and see!

Before the race begins, about 1:00 pm, the Southern Tech pep band will provide race fans with some music. At about 1:50, drivers will line their tubs up for the parade lap around the track. After the parade lap, the pit crews will line the tubs up again for the LeMans start. Starting position in only this race will be determined by the driver's drawing for it. In the previous races and in the future, time trials determine position.

Practice for the race will be Saturday, Feb. 7, 10 am - 1 pm. All cars, students or otherwise, must be off the track by 8 pm, Friday evening, Feb. 6 or the cars will be impounded. Also cars must be off the track by 8 pm, Friday, Feb. 13, or they will be impounded. The reason for this is obvious. However, remember the danger only one car can pose to a driver and his tub if its on the track during practice or the actual race. Please move your car so we don't have to impound it, and especially so no one will be exposed to danger.

This race will be closed to off-campus spectators and there will be no pre-race publicity. However, invitations have been sent to members of the media and tub sponsors and major companies in the racing scene.

Pabst will sponsor the Winter '76 Bathtub Race. This will mark the first time in the history of the Winter race that there has been a sponsor.

Watch for the Special Race Edition that The STING will publish during race week. It will include photos and information about each tub and racer.

FRANKS' FOOD FACTS



The winter blah's are upon us. We in foodservice feel it in reduced income. So to help your- and our- blah's, we are offering a few specials.

In the dining hall, you can get (at lunch) a meat, two vegetables, rolls and butter, and a beverage for only \$1.50 plus tax. You could also opt for a vegetable plate- three vegetables, rolls and butter, and beverage -- for just \$1.20 plus tax. These are warm, hearty meals, just the ticket for a cold winter day. Also note that any of our salad selections can be substituted for a vegetable. The menu appears in the weekly bulletin and is posted in the dining hall.

The snack bar is offering a chopped steak plate for \$1.25. This includes a 5oz. chopped steak, french fries, sliced tomato, and beverage. Hope this fills the bill for you with heartier appetites.

If you would like to see some item offered in either the snack bar or the cafeteria, please contact me and I'll see what we can do. If you have any other suggestions, complaints, or ideas, please contact me directly. My office is in the dining hall and the number there is 422-7785.

REFUSAL

The following are reasons given by the SGA President for refusing to sign the resolution.

I am not of the opinion that we are completely aware of the full responsibilities that this resolution will entail. The Student Government is not fully informed on certain matters that go on in this institution. It might cause a crucial decision to be made by the SGA that could be detrimental to the student body and the school.

I am concerned about the consequences the Board of Regents might incur. I would also not like to see the power of the purse strings put into the hands of one group of students, faculty, or any other decision-making body on this campus.

Douglas B. Laird
President of the
Student Body

RECOMMENDATIONS

25 Jan. 76

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As is our responsibility, under the SGA Constitution, the Student Judiciary Cabinet met on 20 Jan. 1976, at 5:05 P.M., to conduct a hearing on alleged violations of the SGA Constitution by the executive and legislative bodies of the SGA. The following is a list of the Cabinet's interpretations and recommendations.

1. It is the interpretation of the Judiciary Cabinet that the Executive and Legislative branches of the SGA are separate and distinct bodies, and that members of the Executive Branch of the SGA have no legislative powers. The exception to this is the SGA Vice-President where duties are delineated in the SGA Constitution.

2. It is the interpretation and decision of the Judiciary Cabinet that in the absence of an official, documented and up-dated Constitution, the Constitution contained in the 1973-74 "Green Hornet" publication, shall be the official SGA Constitution. From this day forward all action by the SGA will be conducted in strict compliance with the regulations contained therein. Exceptions to this will be obvious, typographical errors and documented proof presented to the Judiciary Cabinet of properly concluded amendments to the SGA Constitution.

3. It is the recommendation of the Judiciary Cabinet that the student council immediately cause a thorough search to be made for the purpose of locating and up-dating the past and present student council records.

4. It is the recommendation of the Judiciary Cabinet that the Student Council form a committee of four for the purpose of up-dating the SGA Constitution. If it is the desire of the Student Council, the Judiciary Cabinet will provide two members of this committee. This should be done as quickly as possible in order that the recommended changes be incorporated prior to spring elections.

5. It is the recommendation of the Judiciary Cabinet that the Student Council set up a finance committee if one is not already active in order to oversee the administration of the SGA budget. At the present time there appears to be nothing that sets forth the procedures for expenditures, from the SGA President's salary, to the conduct of routine business. These recommendations and interpretations offered by the Judiciary Cabinet will not be accepted by some and have already been derided by others as a lot of unnecessary administrative paper work. However, if you reflect you will agree that the SGA is a business with an annual budget of approximately \$100,000.00. You cannot run such a business with hearsay remembrances and slipshod procedures, augmented by an annual turnover of leaders. You eventually have chaos.

We, as elected leaders of the student body must accept the challenge of our offices to rectify past errors and to provide a viable base of continuity for the betterment of the Southern Tech student body.

Respectfully,

R.E. Godwin
Chairman, Judiciary
Cabinet

THE WAY IT APPEARS TO ME

The resolution, printed last week in the STing, has been overwhelmingly adopted (18 for, 1 against, 1 abstention) by the Student Council. It will be forwarded to a coalition of students, from institutions throughout the state, which is attempting to bring about a change in regents policy.

Specifically, as stated in the resolution, the Student Council proposes that allocations of your Student Activity Fees be made solely by you, through your elected representatives.

At present, allocations made by the Student Council are subject to a veto power held by the Dean of Southern Tech.

Since its inception the Student Council has allocated over a quarter of a million dollars in Student Activity Fees, during this time, the dean has chosen to exercise his veto only one occasion. The record, therefore, clearly indicates that students are quite capable of responsibly allocating their Activity Fees.

Right?, right! say ninety percent of the Student Council; wrong! says Student Body President Doug Laird. Forsaking any logical pattern of debate and remaining steadfastly immune to simple deductive reasoning, Laird has refused to sign the resolution. He states, "I would not like to see ' the power of the purse string' put into the hands of one group of students, faculty or any other decision making body on this campus." Notice, if you will, that that covers just about everyone at Southern Tech. I can only wonder who Laird would like to see with this power. Well let's see, that leaves the Post Office, the Physical Plant, and of course there's the Police Dept. You don't suppose that would make dealing with all those "irresponsible" students somewhat easier wouldn't it Doug.

Well, fortunately, Laird's refusal to sign affects neither the intent nor the impact of this resolution.

It is interesting to note, this situation displays an important aspect of constitutional republics which may very well be the essence of their strength, that being, that the collective majority opinion of the elected representatives of the people cannot be negated by one dissenting voice.

Sincerely,
Chris Welty
Senior Class Pres.

R.P.M.

Loggins and Messina - Native Sons - Columbia Records, Inc.

A vast improvement over the pair's recent oldies album, this is the kind of material the pair have been associated with-- good, flowing ballads and easy-to-listen-to rockers. The acoustic ballads are best, with several featuring powerful Sax solos. A few country oriented cuts and several of the rockers feature the same fun sound of "Your Mama Don't Dance." Good Spanish guitar on several cuts as well, and the usual distinctive individual and harmony voices. Voices, in fact, are stronger than anything they've done, even sounding a bit like Bee Gee Robin Gibb in spots. Best cuts: "Pretty Princess", "My Lady, My Love," "Peacemaker," "Foxfire," and "Native Son."

Carole King - Thoroughbred - Ode Records
When Carole King sets out to work on an album of pop songs, the result is generally as this turns out - a superbly executed effort combining listening songs with one of the most distinct and best performances in pop. Return here to some of the simplicity and skill of her early Ode albums, including material cut with just her and piano. Vocal guests include James Taylor, David Crosby, Graham Nash, and John David Souther, but Carole is the obvious focal point.

Best cuts: "So Many Ways," "Daughter of Light", "Only Love Is Real," "There's a Space between Us," "I'd Like to know You Better," "Still Here thinking of You."

Joey Watkins



For Sale

'72 Yamaha Enduro 175cc. Great dirt bike. 4000 mi. Contact: Bill Bors
STI Box: 8187 or
Ph. 692-2261.

For Sale

'70 Honda CB 350 - Excellent condition. 14000 mi. Soon to be a collector's item. Contact: Bill Bors STI Box: 8187
Ph. 692-2261.

Time in nothing but our incapacity to comprehend everything at once.
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Mustang II SPOILER(fiberglass) for sale. With or without front lower body panel. \$28.00 David Horner Box 8207
Phone: 973-4376.

FRANKLY SPEAKING...by phil frank

"Everything in the universe is made up of one element, a single note. Atoms are really vibrations which are extensions of THE BIG NOTE. Everything is one note, even the ponies. The note is the ultimate power."

