

THE STING

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ELECTION COMING

This year the student government elections will be held on May 17. Visible campaigning cannot begin until May 10. These rules should be followed closely. Petitions have been available since Monday, April 26, at the SGA office. They must be turned in before five on Friday, May 7, in order to be eligible to run. The offices which are open are: Pres., V-Pres., AET Rep, CET Rep, EET Rep, IET Rep, MET Rep, TET Rep, Co-op rep, Night school, 2 rep's senior class, 2 rep's junior class, 2 rep's sphmre. class, 5 rep's at large.

To help you understand some offices better, let me explain the duties of the pres., and v-pres.

The pres. is the acknowledged head of the student body in all student affairs and in student relations with the administration. The SGA President will: call all meetings of the student council and of the student body; Appoint all students to serve on all student government committees and as chairman, and all appointees to other offices as directed by the student council; Have the power to remove any officer that has been appointed; See that all elections are announced and held as prescribed; Serve as an ex-officio member of all student Government committees, commissions and governing boards and councils as directed by the student council; Have the power to veto any bill passed by the Student Council as prescribed in Article IV, section 9; See that all proper and necessary legislation is submitted to the student council; Have the power to transact all routine business in the best interestes of the student body and not in conflict with this constitution or by-laws.

The student body vice-pres. will: Act in full capacity of the student body pres., in case the student body pres. cannot serve; Serve as chairman of the SGA; Perform other tasks as determined by the SGA or the STUDENT body pres.

To run for these offices you must have been at STI at least 4 qtrs. and be a second qtr. sophmore.

For the reps., of each class, you don't run for pres. or v-pres., just for reps. The person receiving the most votes will be pres. and the next, v.p.

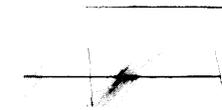
Any person violating these rules is subject to the STI Judicial board which has the ultimate decision as to disqualify the candidate from running.

Now is the time to get involved!

Good luck to the candidates. If you have any questions, concerning the election, feel free to contact me.

Tony Chupp
Charman, election committee

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW with THE PRESIDENT!!!
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Watch Kin Kong do what you always wanted to do -- tear New York City apart. The last reel of the famous ape epic will be shown in Room 268 of the classroom building on Tuesday, May 4. The show begins at noon. A short organizational meeting of the Southern Tech Drama and Film club will follow. Non-actors and ape fans are welcome. For further information, contact prof. Tumlin, 424-7201.



VALVOLINE TO ———

——— COLOR TRACK

Two weeks till race time and it all starts to come together!

At a safety committee meeting last week, members of BRA tried to get time trials on Sunday, May 2, but withdrew their attempts when they felt the compromises offered by some members of the safety committee might pose a hazard.

WYZE, 1480 Karat Gold, will broadcast the race live. Dan Dunnegan, who broadcasts from Road Atlanta for WYZE, will be on the scene race day at 1:00 p.m. for pre-race interviews and background on the college.

The STI pep band will begin playing at 12:30 p.m. and three refreshment stands will be set up by the Lions Club and Teke's and AIA.

Valvoline Oil Company is going to line the track with pennants, flags and give the Southern Tech campus all the color of LeMans or Sebring.

The racing association is making plans for the parade lap. Hopefully, a Formula car will lead the parade around the campus with the Bathtubs.

A perennial favorite with the crowd, Wally Clark, who pilots the red, white and blue, star-studded tub #23, is reportedly working on his tub for the upcoming race. Wally, who finished 3rd in last year's race, is expected to give favored Mike Van Steenburg a good race for first spot. If he does run, he's certain to win the bicentennial trophy which is supposed to be offered on the 200th birthday of the country.

Steenburg, driving #17 which is powered by a 175cc Bultaco, stands a good chance of taking his third race in a row. He finished first in past spring and winter races.

Another driver hoping to duel Clark and Steenburg for the checkered flag is Glenn Welch in #11, "The Asphalt Angel." Welch, who finished 2nd in the winter '76 preview race and 2nd in last spring's race, uses a 180 cc Adams-Kawasaki to power his racing machine.

Tubs expected to run in this race which didn't make it in the winter preview race are the Vets Club tub, the IEEE electric-powered but and #24, an aluminum framed tub driven by Steve Hadley, an independent. It's powered by a 175 cc Kawasaki.

Rumor has it that there is a tub, as yet unidentified, being worked on at Geneva Wheels at Cartersville. Over 15 racing tubs are expected to start the 1976 Spring Bathtub Race.

Spring '76 Bathtub race schedule

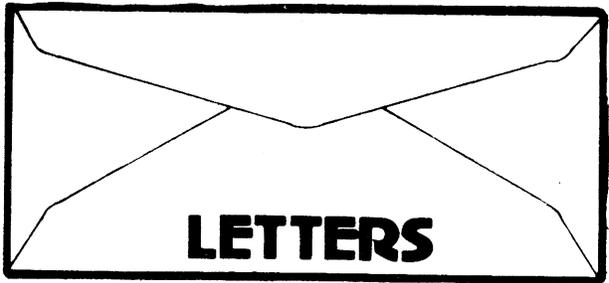
April 30 Friday Tire Day 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 May 2 Sunday Inspection 11:30 am - 1 Pm
 Practice 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
 Practice 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm
 May 6 Thursday Impoundment 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 May 7 Friday Tire Day 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 May 8 Saturday RACE DAY
 Practice 9:00 am - 11:00 am
 Driver's meeting 1:00 pm
 RACE 2:00 pm
 May 10 Monday Tire Day 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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Editor,
 It has been brought to my attention that the planned student activities for the following year have exceeded their budget. The new student center must be operated, walkways are needed to the library, the book store is inadequate, and many things are needed in the athletic department. All of these things cannot afford to sacrifice what little money they already have to support new facilities. The only solution to this problem is either increase student activity fees or the recruiting of new students. I feel that a combination of both would help this school very much. I also feel that the offering of a physical education program would enlarge the student body and provide more money from the government.

Bill Camith

Editor:

Comments published by your wonderfully informative paper about idiosyncrasies of the bookstore, have not been unfounded. I have found it imperative to inform the bookstore, of the ghastly error they have made. I have chosen to convey my message in your paper to also warn students.

The mistake made is the pricing of the Physics 201 Lab Manual of only 72-cents. Surely they meant to make the price unbearably high like everything else. Unless they adjust the cost immediately, a false impression of giving the student a break might occur. The image of the book store is at stake, so without delay notify the bookstore of this simply awful matter so it can be corrected.

Please withhold name

Editor,

Students at Southern Tech are required to pay fifteen dollars per qtr. for student activity fees money. This fifteen dollars multiplied by the total number of students per qtr. comes to a sizable sum of money.

As a student, I wonder what happens to this money? The big activity I have seen is one dance and one movie a qtr. Although free food is furnished at the dance I feel sure that all the money is not spent on one dance. It is a shame more results are not seen from this money.

Since attendance at the dances has been so poor, it would seem logical to spend the money on something more beneficial to the whole student body. A worthwhile project would be a swimming pool. At the present time the only access students have to a pool is to drive to Ga. Tech. Even going to Tech, you are allowed to swim for an hour and a half weekdays and afternoons on weekends.

A pool could be used by students and vaculaty at any convenient time. It would serve as a beginning to enlarging the athletic program. Courses in swimming and skin diving could be added to the curriculum. These courses would offer students an outlet to get away from a total academic schedule and still receive credit for taking a physical training course.

If all studetns get a qtr. is a dance, then I feel we are being cheated. I think it is about time our money is put to better use.

Perry Ragan

Editor:

There has been some controversy concerning students activity fees. Most students live on campus and use the facilities provided; however some consideration should be given to day students that come to school for classes only and never use any of the facilities. These day students are paying a large portion of the cost for students who do use them. Also, it should be realized that most of the students who do not use the facilities, do not because they are working. The reason that most of the students work, is because they need money. Is it fair to make these students pay? Shouldn't some system be developed using color coded ID cards so that students who pay are allowed to use them and students who do not use them do not have to pay?

K. Stephens

WHAT'S LAIRD IS FAIR...

Last Thursday, THE STING interviewed Doug Laird, president of the Student Government Association. Laird, whose term expires the end of this quarter, was 17 minutes late for the interview. The first words spoken by the big, bearded president was, "I'm late! I'm sorry!"

STING: What do you feel your administration has done for the students the past year?

LAIRD: Okay, our administration, the Student Government administration has accomplished one thing the past year the previous two administrations didn't, faculty names next to class courses for pre-registration and registration. Also, we have gotten health services for students on campus, developed the auto hobby shop, rewriting constitution, tried personally to keep in tune with needs of students, rather than try to assist the faculty rather than students. The SGA also got \$15,000 worth of pool tables donated to the student center from Ga. Tech.

STING: What input did you get from the students?

LAIRD: Various fraternities for social functions, students came to my office, dorm students. Various groups rather than specific individuals.

STING: Do you feel the SGA on a whole is benefitting the students?

LAIRD: No, I think general members of student council do not contribute to benefitting of all the student body. Just a few carry the load.

STING: Why did you run for president of SGA?

LAIRD: Because I thought there was a lot that needed to be done on the campus for students at large. My primary objective was health services.

STING: Of the three general categories of students at Southern Tech, the dorm students, the commuter day students and the night school students, whom do you feel has benefitted most by your administration?

LAIRD: I guess the dorm students by health service and auto repair shop. Our administration has done absolutely nothing to help the night students.

STING: Why haven't you?

LAIRD: I don't know anything we can do and they (night students) don't make-up the majority of the campus population.

STING: Is there a future in the SGA at Southern Tech or is it just a "me too" body for the administration?

LAIRD: I don't think there is a member of SGA who is a "yes" man for the administration. I think there is now and will be in future a viable need for good students. There is a future for the SGA on campus.

STING: What do you feel the SGA has most to offer to the students?

LAIRD: It can be a rallying point for students major complaints and forms as a platform for action against administration.

STING: Does Southern Tech's relationship with Ga. Tech weaken the SGA?

LAIRD: The relationship between Southern Tech and Ga. Tech at present does weaken the SGA. The SGA would be stronger by combining the schools or being independent of Ga. Tech.

STING: Why do you want to put Ga. Tech's name on the diploma in larger print and above Southern Tech.

LAIRD: Because first it is a stepping stone toward uniting Southern Tech and Ga. Tech as a College of Engineering Technology, Ga. Institute of Technology. This will enable Southern Tech graduates

to be able to leave the southeastern United States to other parts of the country and still have recognized credentials.

STING: What makes you think Southern Tech's credentials are not recognized out of the southeastern U.S.?

LAIRD: Specifically, I'm sure we have graduates out of the southeastern U.S. In most cases companies that do not have direct affiliation with Southern Tech or graduates, are not well enough informed of Southern Tech's curriculum to be interested in ST's product.

STING: Who is the authority of that statement?

LAIRD: Myself, Ron Young, Larry Haddock (apparel professors), etc.

STING: Do you feel Southern Tech should change its name to Ga. Tech, Marietta?

LAIRD: No, I think the name should be Southern Technical Institute, College of Engineering Technology, of Ga. Institute of Technology.

STING: Are you ashamed of your Southern Tech diploma?

LAIRD: No, No. I just don't think the Southern Tech diploma is as impressive to employers as it could be.

STING: Would you favor a petition by the majority of students calling for the resignation of certain administrators?

LAIRD: If a majority consists of 70%. In many instances students are not well enough informed to make a decision on the competency of any administrator.

STING: Which administrators would you favor recalling?

LAIRD: (Expletive deleted)(Pause...)

STING: Do you think you are a popular president?

LAIRD: I can say without a doubt I am probably the most unpopular president this school has ever had.

STING: Why?

LAIRD: Students at campus, rather than dig into what's going on, bend and humble to the most absurd rumors.

STING: How does it feel to be a lame turkey president?

LAIRD: (Pause.) It has not affected me one way or the other. I've done as much for the student body as I could throughout the year.

STING: Do you favor the \$5 athletic fee waiting for regent's approval?

LAIRD: I do not favor the amount of \$5. I do favor the principle of an athletic fee for the intercollegiate athletic program. I think a \$3 fee would have been adequate to supply the partial needs of the intercollegiate athletic program. It could provide enough money to run the program without scholarships.

STING: Do you favor the \$1 increase in student activities fee proposed by the administration?

LAIRD: No, I think the student council did not have the best interests in mind for the student body when they approved the 76-77 SGA budget. The \$1 increase is in the budget. The \$1 increase was generated by the Finance Committee of the SGA chaired by Scott Dobslaw, treasurer of the SGA.

STING: Are you backing anyone for SGA president?

LAIRD: I'm not backing anyone for president of the SGA.



STI RUNS OVER EMORY

Southern Tech's track team finished first in a 4-way meet Wednesday April 24, at Emory Univ.

Hornet runners led the way in most events scoring 103 points. Emory finished second with 76, followed by Gainesville Junior College with 38½ and Ga. Southwestern with 32½.

In a photo finish, Hornet Dean Fambro nosed out GJS's Don Roper. Both runners had a time of 15.5 seconds. David Poteet, a Sprayberry graduate at STI, finished first in the 440 yd. dash. Poteet's time was 51 seconds. Poteet also finished first in the 220 yd. dash in 24.2 seconds.

Another Cobb Countain, McEachern's Steve Reece finished first in the 880 yd. dash. Reece's time was 2.06 seconds, followed closely by another Hornet Joel Rae who finished in the number 2 spot with 2.07 seconds.

Hornet Ed Head finished first in the 100 yd. dash in 10:2 seconds and led the STI team to first place in the 440 mile relay along with Chip Sloan, David Foster, and David Poteet. Their time was 46.1.

According to Hornet track coach Clanncy Head, all the times were slow because it was run out on dirt track in the rain.

"It was the biggest win of the season," said Head, who calls this team the best he's ever coached."

Hornet tracksters take their 7-3 record to DeKalb county where they meet DeKalb Central and DeKalb South in a 3-way meet April 28.

Led by its coach, history prof. Nick Wynne, Southern Tech's team split the \$500 prize money with DeKalb Junior College when both teams tied with 41 students each. However, on a toss of a coin for a television set, DeKalb Jr. made the lucky call.

Azar, one of the referees for the evening whose job it was to blow the whistle on a completed stack, made it very clear to Braves officials before the event that STI's world record was not on the line since the Braves were going after the most bodies in a 60 second period.

After the Braves-Dodgers game, over 2000 students were let on the field for the competition. At times, it was difficult for the referees, Azar and four safety officials, to determine the stackers from the spectators as the crowd kept surging forward toward the mattresses.

Emory's Chi Phi, joined by Braves owner Ted Turner, was first up and managed to stack only 27 students. Azar disqualified one team when the members kept piling on after he repeatedly blew the whistle. DeKalb Jr. stacked 41 students. Shortly thereafter, coach Wynne brought his team up for a try. As they begun their stack, one safety official blew his whistle. Unfortunately, the official blew it on a stack question, not a safety one. The southern Tech team complained. One official suggested Southern Tech be allowed to go again because of the official's foul-up. Then the DeKalb college captain and team members complained that the teams were only supposed to go one time. Azar, who was the official for stacking, told the DeKalb captain that either Southern Tech would go again or they would share a tie with his team. DeKalb agreed to a tie rather than allow Southern Tech to try another stack. Azar told a disappointed STI team that they could not go again. However, coach Wynne issued a challenge to the DeKalb coach to meet his team on the Southern Tech campus for a stack-off.

Two other teams were left, Shorter and Mercer. Both took full advantage of the 60 seconds and methodically stacked their students. By this time, the scene surrounding the mattress had calmed somewhat, if only from the exhaustion of some students, and spectators . . . Shorter, whose coach told Azar when his stack was completed, came up with 38 students. Mercer stacked 35 after Azar blew the whistle on them notifying them the stack was completed.

Coach Wynne said that the \$250.00 the

WYNNE FOR STACK-OFF

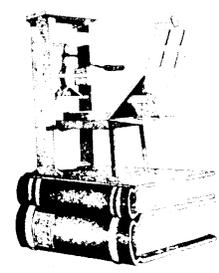
In a scene described as wild, chaotic and pandemonium by Southern Tech's public relations director Robert Azar, the Southern Tech mattress stacking team, world champions with 72 students on a mattress in 19.9995 seconds, went to Atlanta Stadium to compete in a mattress stacking competition sponsored by the Atlanta Braves and radio station WZGC.

team won will go to the Hays Foundation which gives short term loans to students in need. A presentation of the money will be made to professor Robert Hays at the Rock, Thursday, April 29, at noon.

Also, the event at the stadium is scheduled to be shown in the future on NBC's Grantstand show. Local radio, television, and newspapers have given Southern Tech excellent coverage of the event.

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New Book News

Another Way For The World To End

A new life-destroying gas has been discovered by the scientists that gave you fluorocarbons, the gases that deplete the earth's ozone layer. The ozone layer filters out the sun's ultraviolet radiation, protecting humans from skin cancer and eye injuries.

This time, Dr. Michael B. McElroy, a Harvard atmospheric specialist, says that nitrous oxides may be even a greater danger to ozone. The gas is commonly produced by chemical fertilizer plants, auto emissions and coal-burning power plants.

Last year, McElroy and other scientists warned that the fluorocarbons used as propellants in spray cans could destroy 35% of the earth's ozone layer by the turn of the century if the current level of use continues.

The threat from nitrous oxide could be even more severe.

Nitrous oxide, like fluorocarbons, make their way into the earth's upper atmosphere and chemically break down ozone. Man is estimated to release about twice as much nitrous oxide into the atmosphere as is naturally released during the normal life cycle of earth's vegetation.

Of particular concern, according to McElroy, is stepped-up production of nitrogen-based chemical fertilizer. Production was at one million tons per year 25 years ago and will reach 200 million tons per year by the year 2000.

McElroy warned that "Man is playing games with nature's nitrogen cycle and some day he's going to pay the penalty."

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OFFICIAL SCHOOL CALENDAR

April	30	(F)	Last day to withdraw from a subject or withdraw from school without penalty
May	4	(T)	General Faculty Meeting 12 noon - Library Seminar Room
May	7	(F)	Last day to file graduation petitions with the Registrar's Office for Summer Quarter 1976
May	19	(W)	Advance Registration for Night Students for Summer Quarter
May	20	(Th)	Advance Registration for Day and Night Students for Summer Quarter 1976
May	25	(T)	General Faculty Meeting 12 noon - Library Seminar Room
June	1	(M)	Last day for applications from new and transfer students entering Summer Quarter 1976
June	4	(F)	Copy of Final Roll with graduating seniors grades only must be in Registrar's Office by 10 a.m.
June	8-11	(T-F)	Final Exams
June	11	(F)	End of Quarter. Final grades for all students other than graduating seniors must be in Registrar's Office by 5 p.m.
June	12	(S)	Graduation
June	21	(M)	Registration Day Summer Quarter 1976
June	22	(T)	Classes begin for Summer Quarter
Sept.	1-4	(W-S)	Final Exams
Sept.	4	(S)	End of Quarter

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This week's album review:

Wings - at the speed of sound, Capital Rec.

This is not a spectacular album in the same sense that "Band on the run", which with its almost perfect sense of commerciality and several monster hits, was a spectacular album. In the long run, however, this deceptively easy-to-listen-to collection may be recognized as one of McCartney's better overall efforts with Wings. For a start, "At the speed of sound," unlike "Venus and Mars", is a set of songs. Whereas "Venus and Mars" strayed a bit far into the realm of concept, the new release professes to be nothing more than a solid collection of listenable songs.

Other recent releases now featured on WSTB include:

Led Zeppelin.....Presence
Elvin Bishop.....Struttin'my stuff
Santana.....Amigos
and many more great albums everyday
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Next week - A review of the new LP by Leon and Mary Russell.