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STI BEATS THE REGENTS TESTING PROGRAM

The results of this quarter's Regents' Test show that STI students are continuing to beat the averages. The test was taken by 2716 students in Georgia senior colleges with 98.6% passing the reading test and 61.4% passing the writing test. The Southern Tech students in that group (204) passed the reading test 100% and the essay test 64.7%

Overall, the senior colleges had 99.2% passing the reading test and 66.9% passing the essay. The senior college had 1935 taking the test for the first time.

Dr. Fischer, head of the English Department, quoted his mentor. He said, "Bully!"

MINUTES OF THE SGA MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 pm. The following people were absent -- Ellen Calloway, Butch Ballenger, David Carroll, Mike Cox, Steve Gailey, James Gilmore, Abdul Hafeez, Dianna Hinton, Gary Maggard, Jeane Morris, Steve Westbrook and Ron Nance.

SGA vice-president Tom Samford asked secretary Millie Cone if there was any member that had missed three or more meetings. The following people have missed three or more meetings -- Ellen Calloway, David Carroll, Steve Gailey, Steve Westbrook, and Ron Nance. Vice-president Tom Samford asked that a letter be sent to these people according to the SGA by-laws.

The next SGA meeting will be on Monday, December 6 at 5:15 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.



ANNOUNCEMENT

A clothing drive is in process for Christmas. If you have clothes that are no longer useful to you, do not discard them. Bring them in and put them in the collection area located in the Goat Shed. If you can't wear them, give them to someone who can. We ask each organization on campus to assist with this campaign.

The members of the BSA which all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

IFC

There will be a mass meeting of the fraternities on Tuesday, January 4, 1977. All Greeks, please attend.

SCHOLARS FROLIC!!

There will be an initiation party for new members of Tau Alpha Pi on Saturday, December 4 at the Fischer Mansion.

OFFICIAL SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dec. 6-9		Final Exams. End of Term.
10	(F)	Final Grades due in Registrar's Office no later than 12 noon.
Dec. 10 - Jan. 3		Christmass Recess.
Jan. 3	(M)	Registration: 1:30-4:30, 5:30-7:30
		Orientation for all new full-time students - Library Seminar Room - 9 am.
		Committee on Standing - Adm. Conf. Room - 9 am.
4	(T)	Classes Begin.
		Curriculum Committee Meeting - Adm. Conf. Room - 2 pm.
		Petitions for Curriculum Meeting - Adm. Conf. Room - 2 pm.
		Petitions for Curriculum Meeting must reach the Registrar by 12 noon, January 3, 1977.
5	(W)	Late Fees Apply.
6	(Th)	Last day for adding a subject or indicating audit status. Drop/Add/Audit Cards must reach the Registrar by 7 pm.
		Last day to pay fees. Fees must reach the Cashier by 7 pm.
7	(F)	Registration cancelled for non-payment of fees.

PLACEMENT NEWS

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Western Carolina Industries, Inc. -- December, March, and June graduates from the Western North Carolina area are encouraged to attend a Career Program sponsored by this organization. Date: December 22, 9 am to 3 pm at the University of N.C. in Asheville. NO FEES. More information can be obtained in the Placement Office.

ATTENTION DECEMBER GRADUATES: Career Data forms have been sent to your P. O. Boxes. Please complete these forms and return to us before leaving school.

CO-OP

All Co-op Students returning to their work assignments please schedule an exit interview with the Co-op Office, room 122, Administration Building by December 10. Beginning Co-ops must also come by and see Mrs. Howard or Mr. Selter.

Co-op Opportunity for CET students in the Atlanta area. One needed for Winter, one for Spring. See Mrs. Howard in Co-op Office.

EDITORIAL

The timing was perfect --- the day before Thanksgiving break, we-the student body-received an informative, concise memo from Dean Carlson concerning a change in the athletic program. Due to "extremely limited funding" golf, tennis, and track will no longer exist as competitive sports at Southern Tech.

My first reaction was one of regret. Golf, tennis, and track are often sidetracked in favor of other more popular team sports. Thus, these extremely worthy teams never seem to receive the recognition they deserve. Now - without any exposure or recognition at all, the chances of these "secondary sports" gaining "more adequate sources of financial support" seem very slim indeed. I think students may fail to realize that golf, track, and tennis require just as many long, hard training hours as basketball and baseball. It doesn't seem fair to rank sports in order of importance and only support the two at the top when all five sports involve the same amount of dedication.

My second reaction was to question the validity of this decision. It never came before the student body at large, even though the athletic program receives all its money from student athletic fees. To my knowledge, the issue never came before the SGA. Some students might not agree that basketball and baseball should take precedence over other established sports at STI. Some students may feel a compromise is called for and alternate recommendations should be proposed. Some students may not care. But- whatever the case, more enthusiasm could be generated if more students had a chance to voice their opinions on how the athletic program should be conducted. After all -- it is our money.

NOTE: Some answers to these points were developed at the last faculty meeting as a result of Professor Wynn's questions on the same topic. Later issues of the STING will pursue the subject further.

RPM

Joni Mitchell
-Hejira-
Asylum 7E-1087

Joni Mitchell has followed her largely unsuccessful last album, "The Hissing of Summer Lawns" with a new album, "Hejira", that has more potential than the last album. She has always been rather moody in her writings and this album is no exception.

I think that it's easy to see that a little bit of Ms. Mitchell goes into every one of her songs. Some nice folks help her out on the album, too. Names like Larry Carlton, Neil Young, Tom Scott, and members of the L.A. Express would be welcome on any album.

Finally, I would like to say that besides this being the last RPM for the quarter, this is also my last RPM, period. I am leaving STI and I hope to have some other unlikely suspect to write RPM. I would like to thank Dana Lange for her support and Al Hunkin for his continuing efforts for both the STING and WSTB. My last suggestion to any or all students interested in the media here at school is to take English 304, 305 and join the staff of the LOG, STING, or the radio station, WSTB, or do anything to help the school. Thank you.

Randy Tyndall
General Manager-WSTB
RPM record reviewer

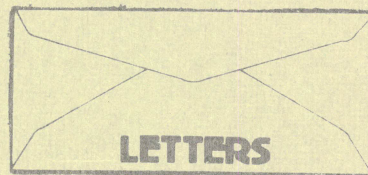
Ed.--

Good-bye and good luck to you, Randy. You'll be missed.

CONGRATULATIONS!

STI STUDENTS WIN WRITING CONTEST

The Cobb County Chamber of Commerce initiated a quarterly contest for the best letter written by Business Communication classes at Southern Tech (English 112). The first contest was won by Jeff Taylor for a sales letter for possible use by the Cobb County Tractor Company, and he will be presented a US Savings Bond. Jeff Strickland won honorable mention for his letter "selling" the Cobb Bank and Trust. Both are night students in Professor Jo Pevey's class. The other finalists include Phil Horton, Bruce McBee, Richard Deininger, Paul Daukle, Ron Banksey, Jack Shuler, James Pogue, Charles Matthews and Diego Bermudez.



To The Editor:

Excuse me, but I would like to confuse the issue by using facts-for a change! As chairman of Goat Day '76 committee I must take issue with a letter to the Editor about the selection of the band. Apparently the person who wrote the letter did not like the band selection and decides after Goat Day is past to make suggestions. Further, they are of the opinion that the band selection has been lacking for several years.

It's the same old worthless gripes.

Fact #1: Goat Day plans were open to any and all suggestions a full month before Goat Day.

Fact #2: Only a couple of suggestions were made from outside the committee.

Fact #3: Notice of Goat planning and weekly status reports were given weekly in the Sting and at SGA meetings the month before Goat Day.

Of course, it is much easier to wait until after the event and then gripe.

The person writing the letter goes on to suggest people on campus are willing to assist in selection of a band and then doesn't have the gall to even sign their own name.

Perhaps some will think my letter harsh, but perhaps it will motivate a few into making suggestions for events for the rest of the year.

Once again any ideas or suggestions for entertainment events will be gladly accepted. Write them down and either slide them under the SGA door (located in the Library Lobby) or take them to the campus Post Office.

Scott Dobslaw
Student Body President

The STING staff wishes everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

