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WINTER '77 PREVIEW BATHTUB RACE SET

Two weeks before the preview showing of the 1977 model racing bathtubs and the tension begins to mount. The winter version of Southern Tech's biggest attraction will be held Saturday, February 12, 2 p.m.

Since the Spring 1976 Bathtub Race, BRA, the Bathtub Racing Association, has been laying plans for this 1977 winter race. The shadow of the 1972 event still hangs over the Southern Tech Bathtub Race and BRA must take every precaution to insure that each race will be as safe as humanly possible. The pressure is unbearable on the drivers, track marshalls and all who try to give Southern Tech one of her few glorious moments, and her 2000 students, 6,000 alumni, faculty, and staff, their own original, unique, motorized Bathtub Race.

Favored to get the checkered flag in this 40 - lap winter race is tub #96 driven by Tom Preacher and winner of the Spring '76 Bathtub Race. Preacher's racing machine, sponsored by Kelly Chrysler-Plymouth, RCA, and The Mad Italian, is powered by 175 cc Kawasaki.

Other drivers expected to challenge Preacher for the No. 1 spot are Don Davidson in #44, "Vermeer Varmint", sponsored by Vermeer Southeast Sales and Service, powered by a Puch 175 cc and Mike Van Steenburg in #17 sponsored by Anderson Chevrolet and Cycle Specialty and powered by a 175 cc Bultaco Pursang. Davidson, who led till the last lap of the 60 lap spring race, lost the race when his clutch failed. Davidson wound up in 3rd spot. Steenburg went out in the 15th lap due to a broken spindle.

Other tubs entered for the preview of the world's only motorized Bathtub Race on land are: #1, Sigma Pi, driven by John Borden; #11, "Fireball," driven by Gary Thomas; #14, "Little John," driven by Ed Jordan; #16, "Big John," driven by Ricky Evans; #18, "Zeke the Teke II," driven by Butch Ballenger;

4, L. A. Racing, driven by David Lynn; #57, driven by Jim Hills; #72, Triuba, driven by Lee Cuba, and #76, "Porsche Pusher," driver unannounced as yet.

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EDITORIALS, ETC.



Hello again!

Since school closed last week, I was able to join my family for the Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D. C.

I attended quite a few of the events while I was there. The Inaugural Ball was interesting, but was not quite the spectacular I had expected. The room was very crowded but there was an aura of excitement all around. The event I really enjoyed was the Square Dance—open to the public—at the Washington Visitor's Center on Friday night. I feel this event was what the "People's Inaugural" was about. I met people from all over the country and I gained a lot from this experience. In my opinion, the Square Dance was the most outstanding happening besides the "official" ceremonies during the week. There were also many intriguing free events at the Smithsonian Institute and various other places during the entire week.

Although at times, the Inaugural as activities seemed quite disorganized, there was a great feeling of unification among the people. The atmosphere all around Washington was one of festivity, excitement, and most of all hope.

The state of Georgia as well as the South has gained a new prestige. Everyone in Washington looked at us with a certain awe when they learned we were from Georgia. For the first time in many travels up "north", I felt very proud to say I was from Georgia.

I believe Carter has brought a fresh type of government to Washington and the United States. I am hoping as I am sure many of you do that President Carter will live up to the hopes and dreams that many Americans hold of Carter and his administration.

Dana Lange

To the Editor:

In the January 17, issue of the Sting, there was an Editorial concerning some "mysterious" departures of Southern Tech faculty and staff members. I agree that the departure of Coach John Martin is "mysterious." In the case of Ms. Vaughan it is very questionable.

I felt that Paul Smith and Coach George Perides have conspired in directing athletic fees towards basketball, thus draining the wrestling team, track team, and possibly the baseball team of funds to remain active. Such a move could have possibly forced Coach John Martin to resign.

In the case of Ms. Vaughan, I feel she would not just resign on the spur of the moment unless she had a good reason. Only God knows if it was a better job, as I understand it, or a run in with the top officials of the Administration Building.

I challenge the students of Southern Tech to investigate these mysterious resignations. I also challenge the SGA to look into this matter. Finally, I challenge Mr. Rober Azar, Public Relations Director of Southern Tech to investigate this matter.

Thank you,
Name Withheld
By Request

To the Editor:

Dear "Lost a Fan,"

I don't blame any girl for paying more attention to something else when stuck with a jerk like you!

Dudley Smith
#23

To the Editor:

Dear "Lost a Fan,"

As an individual, I could ignore your letter in the STING criticizing the Hollering Hornets but as head of the group, I feel I should say something in response.

First of all, you are in a tiny minority but it is up to the rest of us to try and reach everyone. You did not have enough personal conviction to sign your name - I'd like to know what kind of "distinguished engineer" you'll make without that quality. It sure isn't something the Hollering Hornets lack. We believe in backing the basketball team, stimulating some school spirit and having a good time doing it. All of us, as future engineers, major in change, experimentation and believing in our necks out occasionally. Success or failure -- by golly we tried. The same characteristics that make an outstanding adult and an effective engineer.

Without a good balance between our professionalism and our ability to let off steam, especially in an uninhibited manner, the result is one stuffy, unpopular individual instead of a well-rounded, healthy human being.

All of us are paranoid to a certain extent but it is only when we start basing our thoughts and actions on what other people say that we lost our identities and self-respect.

The Hollering Hornets stood on their own finances and tried something new. We're proud of our unorthodox contributions to Southern Tech and the basketball games.

I fathom to say that if you had approached we with some constructive criticism, as a true engineer would have, I would not have popped off like this.

I feel sorry that there was no one around to expose you to a good time similar to the joyful camaraderie that we experience in the Hollering Hornets!

Jim Hunter
Distinguished Hollering
Hornet

To the Editor:

You mentioned in your January 17 editorial that funds for our wrestling program had been cut drastically by the Athletic Advisory Board. Why aren't we, the students, ever given any reasons for actions of this sort?

Being your typical working night student, I am totally against our ever-increasing athletic fees for the usual reason of course... "if I can't participate why should I have to pay." But pay we must, and I for one would like to know what my hard earned money is doing for the school.

It appears to me that our wrestling teams carry a better win record than most of our other sports, is organized, and carries more media coverage for the school. Why then, must the AAB pull the mats out from under them. Their logic escapes me.

I believe Southern Tech is a first class school, and I am proud to be a student here. Let's give credit where credit is due and our wrestling program deserves all it can get. Where do you want your athletic fees to go?!

Ben Mitchell



The STing continually seeks the voice of our student body and only requests that a signature and box number be included with all letters. Names will only be withheld upon request.

All letters are given the utmost attention but space allows the publication of only a few.



Old Stuff

OFFICIAL

- Feb. 2 (W) "Dark Star", Student Center movie in Dorm II Lounge at 7:45p. m.
- Feb. 4 (F) Last day to withdraw from a subject or withdraw from school without a penalty.
- Feb. 8 (T) General Faculty Meeting, 12 noon-Library Seminar Room.
- Feb. 9 (W) "It Happened One Night", Student Center movie in Dorm II Lounge at 7:45 p. m.
- Feb. 11 (F) Last day to file Graduation Petitions with the Registrar's Office for Spring Quarter 1977.

PLACEMENT AND CO-OP NEWS

Graduates who plan to use services of the Placement Office must register in room 122.

Campus interviews for the week of January 31 are as follows:

- Wednesday, February 2 -
Simons Eastern Co. - EET, MET
- Wednesday, February 2 -
Allen-Bradley, Co. - EET
- Thursday, February 3 -
Mead Corp. - BEET(EO), BIET,
BMET

March, June and September graduates should place a copy of resume in the Open Resume File Notebook in room 125. Georgia Tech maintains an Open Resume File in their Placement Office.. resumes can be turned in at room 122 to be sent for this file (Bachelor degree graduates only).

Co-op News

Co-op Opportunities for Spring Quarter 1977:

Friday, February 11 - Georgia Power Co. - CET, EET, MET

Friday, February 11 - Southwire Co. - MET

Thursday, February 3 - Emory - MET, EET - (attend group meeting at 3:30 p. m. in

Library Seminar Room) FAA-EET co-ops with 2.5 GPA and 45 quarter hours for jobs leading toward a GS-7 rating and full-time work.

Union Carbide, Oak Ridge, TN, - MET co-ops with sophomore status and 2.5 GPA

Interviews for returning co-op students are being held January 26, 27, 28, and 31. SIGN UP ON ROSTER IN ROOM 125.

GEORGIA POWER COMPANY'S CO-OP BANQUET is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 1. MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.

GEORGIA POWER COMPANY co-ops who will graduate in 1977, please come by the Co-op Office and let Mrs. Howard know what quarter you will graduate. Mr. Johnson has asked us for this information.

FINANCIAL AID DEADLINE

All students who will be applying for any type of financial aid for the spring quarter 1977 must apply by March 1 to the Financial Aid Office in the Goat Shed.

GREEK LIFEIFC

There will be an IFC Dance held on February 12 from 8:00 p.m. until whenever. All Greeks are invited, so be there.

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA

The brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha would like to invite all interested persons to their regular meetings on Thursday at 12 noon in room 562. The brothers are looking forward to a good intramural basketball season and IFC Dance this quarter.

TKE

This past week, we took part in the Annual TKE Basketball Tournament in Athens at the University of Georgia. Nine other chapters from around the southeast participated. In the first game, we played the Top Seed-Florida State and lost 64-54. We also attended a big party given by the Georgia Chapter that night.

Our intramural team is 2 - 0 after wins over Sigma Nu and the Bombers this week.

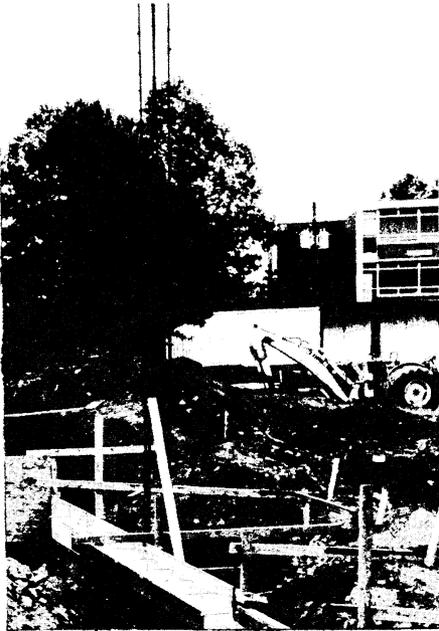
If you might be interested in pledging a fraternity, come by our meetings every Thursday at 12 noon in room 358 and see what we have to offer.



"TAP KRAP" is the name of Tau Alpha Pi's new column which will mysteriously appear and disappear every two weeks. Tau Alpha Pi is the national engineering technology honor society and wants you to join. Your ticket is being on the Dean's List for two consecutive quarters, a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better and no failures at Southern Tech. If interested contact Gerald Shelton, President of the Society. People who wish to contribute thoughts, ideas, concerns or observations to the column may leave them at Box 8294. Also, persons with indictments, warrants and subpoenas should address them to the above box in care of TAP KRAP.

Everyone knows that the instructors need pay increases, right? Well, prompt payment of parking tickets may help. That money goes into the Southern Tech General Fund and NOT to the Police Department.

The Southern Tech Library, manned by Mr. John Patillo and crew, is really Your Kind of Place. They have such interesting items as Motor's Manuals, textbooks for most courses offered on reserve, five thousand record albums of every kind, career planning materials to help in interviewing and resume writing, annual reports from twelve hundred companies, the latest maps of every Georgia county surveyed, a nice music room and people there who are just as nice as can be. So check it out. There is a lot more than meets the eye.



FACTS ON STUDENT CENTER DELAY

Two weeks ago, our front page exhibited the fact that there was no real news concerning the Student Center. Many of you have heard rumors, some of you have heard rumors based on facts and a handful of you may have heard the facts. However, I hope to clear up the matter by stating the facts as they were stated by Don Nelson at the SGA meeting two weeks ago.

First, the Student Center as it stands now is an empty shell. There are no drapes, no records for the Record Room, no pool tables for the Recreation Room, no ashtrays, no lounge chairs, no coat racks -- in short, even after the building is approved it will still require twenty to forty-five days before the doors can be opened to students.

Second, the building has not been approved by the Architect or by the State Building Authority. During the preliminary inspection made by the architect three weeks

prior to the formal inspection, a total of 117 violations of the building specs were discovered. Three weeks later not one of these violations had been corrected. So on top of the 117 previous violations the State Building Authority added 317 more violations of the building code and some 500 notations.

That is the situation as stated by Don Nelson. We can only speculate as to the builder's motives for doing nothing to correct the violations and we must realize that nothing more can be done until a majority of the violations have been corrected.

Finally-- once the building is deemed ready for another inspection, it will take a minimum of three weeks to arrange a preliminary inspection by the architect. If the building passes this one, we expect another three week delay before a formal inspection can be arranged. Hopefully-- the Student Center will be approved this time and we at Southern Tech will only have to wait an additional month and a half for the doors to open. Maybe, we'll get to use our \$1 & 3/4 million elephant before the end of spring quarter! I hope its worth the wait.

Barbara Ransom



PARKING REGULATIONS FOR WINTER
BATHTUB TRIAL RACE

Parking will not be allowed on Campus Drive or on the road on the West Side of the Main Parking lot after 10:00 p.m. on Friday, February 4, or Friday, February 11, 1977.

Parking will be allowed in the small parking lots in front of the Administration Building, but autos will not be allowed to move from these lots after 8 a.m. on either the Saturday of February 5 or February 6 and February 12.

Both the lower entrance and new main entrance will be blocked off for both the practices and race. Police will be stationed back from these two closed entrances to control any persons attempting to enter from these areas.

The old main entrance and eastern end entrance will be left open so autos will be able to enter the main parking lot.

Practice hours on Saturday, February 5, will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Time Trials on February 6, from 1:00 to 4:00 p. m.
RACE IS ON FEBRUARY 12 -- 8:00a.m. to----?

Autos that park illegally and/or present a danger to practice or to the race will be removed by a wrecker at the students own expense.

COBB COUNTY SYMPHONY

The Cobb County Symphony invites you to a FREE "Family-Fun-Fare" Concert for the young and not-so-young on Sunday afternoon February 6 at 4:00 p.m. The concert will be held at the Cultural Arts Theater in the Cobb County Civic Center - Marietta. Betty Shipman Bennett will be conducting.



NOW HEAR THIS!!!

ARMS AND THE MAN, Bernard Shaw's
mistresspiece of comedy, will be
performed at Cobb Civic Center
3, 4 and 5 February. Students:\$1.

BRA MEETING

The Bathtub Racing Association will be holding its meeting at 12 noon on Tuesday in the Library Seminar Room. Please -- all tubs be represented!

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Help clean up the Log room. If your Log is one of the over two hundred waiting to be claimed, go by there and stake your claim.



R.P.M.

"Wings Over America"-Side B
Capitol SWCO-11593

When someone spoke of a "live" album not long ago, they were almost always speaking of a recording produced on second rate equipment under conditions that were impossible to cope with. The equipment was all set up at the location, the tape rolled, and if the singer's voice cracked or a trumpet was off key. Well.. that was that.

That has, for the most part, changed. Now technicians use the same multi-track equipment found in the studio and since many concerts are taped the best songs can be selected from each. But still in a live performance, an artist cannot fall back on studio "tricks" to make him sound good. No double tracking here! It's just the performers and the audience. That is why, in general, I think live albums stink and why they usually get a thumbs down from me.

Recently an album was released that is amazing because it really sounds good! I could even hear the music over all the yacking and clapping! WINGS OVER AMERICA by Paul and his band truly shows the genius of this talented performer. Each song is enjoyable and well engineered. The excitement of "Live and Let Die" carries across as well as the tender vocals of "Yesterday." It was nice to hear the old Beatle songs revived as well as newer tunes such as "Richard Cory" or "Bluebird." This three record album will make a valuable addition to your music collection. It's almost worth the absurd list price, but buy it discount!

Gary Pearcey
WSTB

ROTARY CLUB AWARDS AVAILABLE FOR FOREIGN STUDY

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, representing some 17,000 Rotary Clubs throughout the free world, has announced its program of educational awards for 1978-79 for study in foreign countries. The purpose is to promote goodwill and friendly relations between peoples of different nations. Awards are available for college study, graduate study, technical training, teachers of the handicapped and journalists or journalism students. Georgia applicants are selected in competition with other Georgia applicants and at least one award will be made to a Georgia applicant. An award covers transportation, educational and living expenses for up to one academic year. The nature of the awards requires early planning; the deadline for applications is March 1, 1977 and awards will be announced in September, 1977, for attendance abroad the academic year 1978-79.

Approximately 1,000 young people are now enjoying a year of travel and study in approximately 100 foreign countries under this program. Since 1947, when the program was first activated, over 7,000 have gone abroad for a year at a cost of over \$20 million as "Ambassadors of goodwill."

Any person interested in an application for a Rotary Award should write for further information or contact the Rotary Club in his or her hometown or write Ben Johnson, P.O. Box 845, Decatur, Georgia 30030 indicating applicant's home town. The deadline is March 1, 1977, and persons interested should begin now on their applications.

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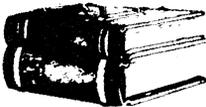
LOST

Week before end of fall quarter-
a long, white scarf with orange
trim. Sentimental attachment.
Please return to Dean of Student's
Office.

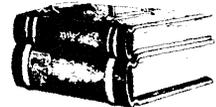
AUTO SHOP HOURS

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| Monday | 2-5 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 3-6 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 3-6 p.m. |
| Thursday | 11a.m.-5 p.m. |
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| Saturday | 9a.m.-4 p.m. |

COME AND SEE!



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Besides building their tubs, the drivers, pit crewmen and other members of BRA must see to an endless list of details to put on the race. Safety is the top priority and BRA will line the track with hundreds of tires to protect the crowd. Since this race is unpublished off the STI campus, the crowd will be smaller but the same effort must go into protecting them. Communications and flags will be handled by the Atlanta Triumph Club who do the same job for Road Atlanta. BRA member Hugh Greenlee coordinates this effort. WSTB will make sure the sounds of the race will be heard by everybody through their P.A.

system. The STING will publish a special race edition, physical plant will help BRA prepare the raceway, each tub must supply track marshalls to protect the onlookers. The fire protection is handled by STI's Fire Science Department. The beat goes on, the tempo quickens as race day approaches.

At 2 p.m. Saturday, February 12, the gun will fire, the drivers will run across the street and jump into their racing machines, one man will push them off,

... the race is on!

HOME COMING '77

HOME COMING '77 - four days of fun, entertainment, laughter and thrills for students, faculty and staff - will dribble-off to an exciting start Wednesday, Feb. 9, when the Hornets meet Augusta College in conference basketball action at 7:30 p.m. in the gym.

The Hornet cagers, coached by George Perides, in his first year at the basketball helm, have an overall record of 4-12 and a South Atlantic Conference record of 1-11.

The half-time show at this game will be a "basketball game" between the SGA members and a team made-up of Goat Shed, Alumni and Faculty. The SGA team, according to SGA president Scott Dobslaw, will have male and female players and Dobslaw said that W.O. Carlson, Dean and Executive Director of Southern Tech, will play in the game.

Thursday night, Homecoming entertainment will continue when the Student Center will show a yet unannounced but reportedly major movie in Dorm II, Recreation Room at 7:45 p.m. Admission is free.

The Student Government Association will have a free hot dot dinner Friday night in the STI dining hall. It will be open to all students, faculty and staff. Following dinner, a Disco Dance will be held in the gym at 8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and STI's 1977 Homecoming Queen will be announced. This year, the student body will elect the Homecoming Queen from among the campus coeds sponsored by the various organizations.

To cap-off the Homecoming weekend will be the Winter '77 Preview Bathtub Race beginning at 2:00 p.m. Saturday. The Winter edition of Southern Tech's biggest event, the world-famous Bathtub Race, will be 40 - laps around the 1.1 mile raceway. At least 14 racing bathtubs are expected to compete for the checkered flag.

The Student Government Association of Southern Tech proudly presents Homecoming '77 and all students are cordially invited, to participate and celebrate in the 3rd annual Homecoming in Southern Tech's 29 year history.