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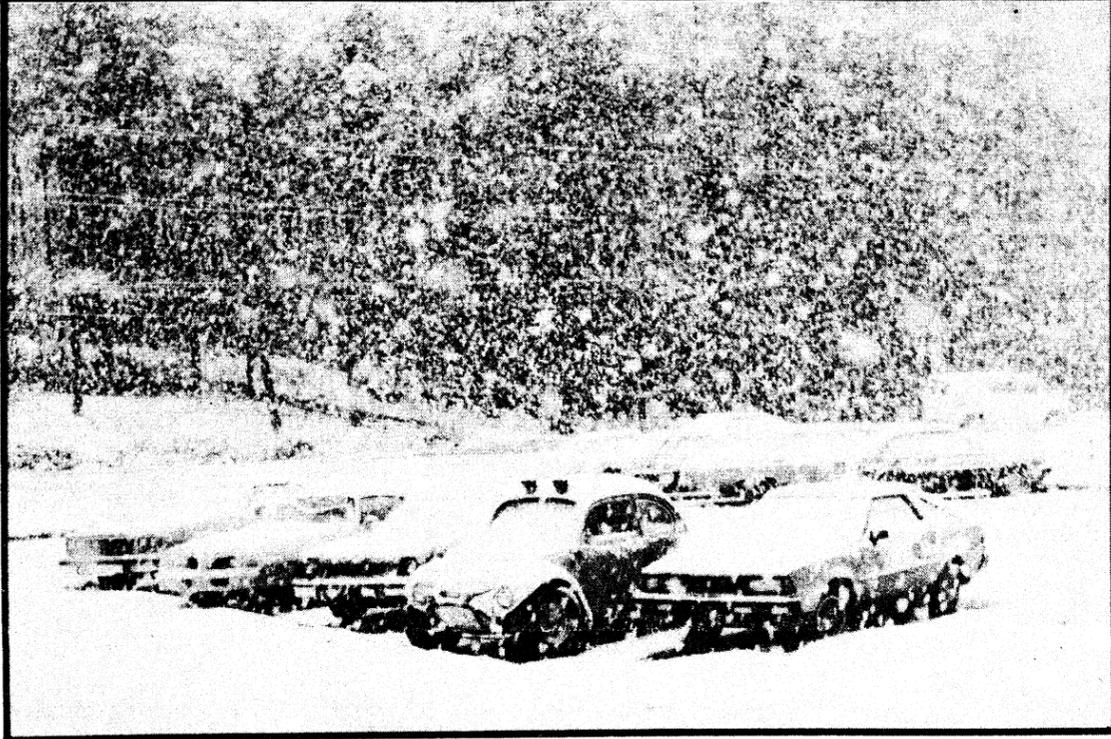
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This was the scene one year ago as several inches of snow covered Metro Atlanta.

## FREAK WINTER STORM DELAYS OPENING OF SOUTHERN TECH

At 4:00 a.m. Wednesday morning, January 11, freezing rain began falling in the metro Atlanta area, turning roadways into ice skating rinks. The storm was unexpected, and many drivers did not expect problems as they left for work but soon encountered impassable roads. Most area schools either closed for the day or delayed opening until rising temperatures made the roads passable. Cobb police reported hundreds of accidents as motorists slipped and slid on the slick roads. One Cobb County patrolman described I-75 as a "junkyard". The I-75 and I-285 interchange was a definite trouble spot with several jackknifed semi-trailers backing traffic up for miles. Southern Tech delayed its opening until 12 noon accordingly.

## REGISTRATION RUNAROUND

**John Hardman**  
Staff Writer

Southern Tech opened winter quarter 1984 with one of the worst registration fiascos in the school's history. Students who came to register on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd were met with 5 and 6 hour waits just to reach a computer terminal. Once there, students were frequently told that the courses they wanted—which may have been open when the students arrived—were now closed, causing further delay. Late Tuesday afternoon, the Registrar's office began issuing number cards for service. This reduced lines outside the administration building but not waiting times. Wednesday saw most of these student return to register. Wednesday had originally been scheduled as a drop/add day. By the end of Wednesday afternoon, there were many angry students who still had no schedules at all. Because of the delay in registration, the attachment of late fees to tuition was postponed one day. However, those students who did not complete registration until Thursday were charged a five dollar late fee for waiting until Thursday to pay for their courses. Any student or faculty

member who was directly entangled in this registration snarl can testify that it was at best trying and at worst, enough to make transfer a tempting alternative.

The STING spoke with Registrar Jim Hamrick about this situation. According to Hamrick the problem with registration was multi-faceted. First, due to water damage, the computer center was not operational for registration. Registration is usually handled on ten terminals. Due to equipment failure the number of available terminals decreased from ten to three. The second aspect of the problem was that the Registrar's office was not prepared for the large number of students that appeared at registration on Tuesday. When asked why his office was caught by such surprise, Hamrick told the STING that 2722 students were shown to be pre-registered, and 250 students were new to Southern Tech. The Registrar's office registered a total of 3363 students for winter quarter Friday, Jan. 6th. Subtracting the number of pre-registered students from the total number of students expected to show up at registration as 641. This figure includes the 200 expected new students. In

actuality, the Registrar's office gave out 2400 number cards for service. When asked why his office made such a fatal error in forecasting the number of students expected at registration, Hamrick answered that a large number of students who went through registration on Tuesday were attempting to alter schedules they already had from pre-registration, while there were still many students who still had no schedules at all. In the past, the first day of registration has usually been reserved for students with no previous registration. Students who wished to adjust their schedules had to wait until designated drop/add days. This procedure was not enforced during the registration period for Winter quarter, however, and Hamrick could offer no valid reasons why this procedure was ignored. A third facet of the problem, according to Hamrick, lies in the fact that so many students needed or wanted to alter their pre-registration schedules. If so many students were unsatisfied with their schedules, then obviously the pre-registration procedure was inadequate to meet the needs of the students. Students who attempted to pre-

register last quarter may recall that pre-registration was only marginally better than registration.

Close observation of the entire registration procedure reveals that there appears to be a serious problem. When students are forced to wait hours—and in some cases, days—to get registered and are charged late fees for waiting to pay for courses they didn't even acquire in time to avoid such fees; the students' attitudes get justifiably worse and worse. This situation must be prevented whenever possible. When asked what measures his office plans to take to prevent future occurrences of the "registration runaround," Jim Hamrick told the STING that several alternatives are under consideration. The Registrar's office recognizes the faults inherent in the current system and is hard at work to produce a viable replacement. Only time will tell whether or not such improvements will actually be found.

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## STING GETS NEW IMAGE

A new masthead, new typeface, and bold new sections give evidence of the STING's new direction. The new editor, Eric James King, has turned the paper into a forum for students, faculty, and administration.

The staff needs some input on its selection of the new masthead. A contest is being held to determine a truly new and unique image for this important first impression (see details inside).

The STING's word processor will soon be operable, continuously churning out stories and headlines in real (non typewriter) typeface.

New sections have been added, and old sections have been revised: these are efforts to provide the reader with more informative material in a more organized manner.

School participation is necessary for continued growth and revision. A willing and hard working staff will provide up-to-minute information, enlightenment, and entertainment.

Bon Appetit!

# STUDENT ACTION NEEDED!

It is no news to us that Southern Tech is in dire need of new laboratory equipment, but many of our state Representatives, Senators, and Regents are unaware of our situation.

The Georgia Society of Professional Engineers has taken it upon themselves to show state politicians just how badly we need updated labs. The G.S.P.E. is requesting a one-time \$16.5 million for instructional laboratory equipment to reduce the age of lab equipment to an average of five (5) years. Southern Tech would receive \$5.5 million of this amount. Governor Harris requested \$15 million for state labs but the funds would be appropriated by the Board of Regents. The following article has been reprinted from the Atlanta Journal.

## College labs outdated, engineers say

**Susan Faludi  
Staff Writer**

The lights dimmed in the posh Colony Square Hotel Crown Room and a group of thoroughly wine-and-dined legislators turned to find a sorry-looking laboratory with ancient equipment staring them in the face.

"You should visit this 1940s chemistry lab," James Koen, head of the northeast chapter of the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers, scolded from behind his slide projector. "Practically no ventilation, corroded light fixtures and equipment, ceramic tops, completely out of date."

This 1940s lab exists in 1983—at Southern Technical Institute in Marietta.

Antiquated equipment in the state's engineering schools has bumped Georgia's university system behind those of almost every other state in the Southeast and has high technology companies scurrying away from Georgia, the engineering society contends.

Fearful that Georgia will lose its chance to develop into a high-technology center, the society of engineers has plunged into the political fray. In the last three months, the society has delivered the same lecture and slide show of decrepit labs to at least 25 groups of industry officials, educators and politicians. About half the state's legislators have had their ears bent by the society.

Next week, the society will make its plea before the Board of Regents. And the members are seeking an audience before Gov. Joe Frank Harris, Lt. Gov. Zell Miller and state Speaker of the House Tom Murphy.

"If we don't get what we want, we are going to show this all year until the state of Georgia says, hey, we are losing a lot of money," Koen told the legislators Wednesday night.

The engineers want the state to sink \$16.5 million in its three major engineering schools at Georgia Tech, the University of Georgia and Southern Tech, the University of Georgia and Southern Tech—and in some cases that's just to bring the lab equipment up to five years behind the state of the art.

The average lab equipment now at the three campuses is 10 to 20 years old. Some of it is beyond repair. Some of it is homemade because the colleges lack money for regular equipment.

Thanks to automation, even a technician in a paper-and-pulp company needs to know microelectronics these days, Koen said. "You can't train these people with textbooks." They can only pick up the skills by working on sophisticated machines that cost big money, he said. The machine to teach students about the integrated circuit, a CALMA 220, costs \$750,000.

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Please address all such correspondence to

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1112 Clay St., Marietta, Ga. 30060.



As students, there is something that we can do to help. Writing letters to our representatives may persuade them to provide the funding that we need. Lists of Representatives, Senators, and Board of Regents members have been compiled to aid you in your lobbying efforts. These are available in the Student Center. Please take the time to write. In the long term it will benefit us all.

John Braunbeck  
S.G.A. President

## MEMORIAL

The recent death of Mr. James Michael Sumner, a student of Southern Tech has saddened us all. His death was determined as natural causes. Michael was found dead in his dorm room, Tuesday, December 6, 1983.

The family has requested that any remembrance of Mike be honored by a donation to the American Diabetes Association, 1447 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 810, Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

The following information is necessary so that the Diabetes Association can send notification of donation to Mr. and Mrs. James Sumner, Michael's parents.

Deceased Name:  
James Michael Sumner  
Parent's name:  
Mr. & Mrs. James Sumner  
Parent's address:  
Rt. 1, Box 98-2  
Richmond Hill  
Georgia 31324

Group/department/individual making donation.  
Donor's address (for receipt purposes).

It is the policy of the American Diabetes Association to not inform the parents the amount of the donation.

## ENGINEER SOCIETY URGES \$5.5 MILLION FOR STI LABS

The Georgia Society of Professional Engineers has called on the state legislature to spend \$5.5 million to upgrade laboratories at Southern Technical Institute. Additionally, they urge \$10 million for similar purposes at Georgia School of Agricultural Engineering.

The society says that equipment in the campus' 55 labs is an average of 17-20 years old. Lab obsolescence has put the Mechanical Engineering Technology curriculum on probationary accreditation, and other departments are in danger of similar status.

The requested appropriation would bring the average equipment age up to five years, comparable to the average car in the student parking lot. The current situation was created by low-level funding in the past. Lab budgets since 1970 have averaged \$1100.

The Engineer's Society points out that Southern Tech is at the bottom of the list in funding. Although the average expenditure per student is \$3106

throughout the state university system at STI the figure is \$2030. This places the campus 14th among the 14 four-year colleges and lower than any of the 19 two-year schools.

The student-faculty ratio is another area in which Southern Tech lags behind. System-wide, the ratio is 16.7, but here it is 22.9, a level that may threaten accreditation.

Despite the disadvantages of the school, Southern Tech's student population has grown 49% in the last five years, more than any other state campus. In the last seven years, Southern Tech has granted more BET's than any other school among the 250 in the country which are accredited to grant this degree.

The Engineers Society compiled the information on STI and the other schools in preparing a slide show which they have presented to Georgia political leaders, civic groups, and the public. They suggest that students and their families contact members of the legislative during the current session to support their proposal.

# ATTENTION:

Are any of you out there frustrated writers? Do you secretly dream of seeing your name in print on the byline of an article? Is there anything you'd like to share with the other students at Southern Tech? Well, here is your opportunity to get things off your chest. The STING is here to provide you with a chance at achieving campus-wide recognition as a raconteur. All you have to do is put pen to paper for a short while and write us a story. If we like it, we'll print it. But of course you'll get all the credit. Our overworked editor will straighten out all the grammatical errors so you don't have to be afraid of looking like an illiterate engineer. If you have an amusing anecdote, a gripe with the administration or anything you think should be published, give us a shot at it. All you have to do is amuse our staff and you can be a published author.

# VIEWPOINTS

## REGISTRATION ... The Real "Day After"

The Thirty-years War was less chaotic. I have yet to meet a solitary person who lacks a registration horror story to tell. They range from the fairly benign tales of hypo-thermia, frostbite and nervous collapse to outright lawlessness. Evidently, even pre-registration gave new impetus to the meaning of the word "catastrophic." Fortunately, I missed that.

But after an 18-hour ordeal of regular registration hazing, I'm not sure I could have survived. Still standing, battle weary, I listened with empathetic ears to tales of horror and desperation hoping to find some reason in the madness. I have also yet to find a single person who actually knows what went batso.

We all know from experience that when something this monumental screws up, it's usually concerning a computer. This is evidently the case here. But, in all due fairness, the computer cannot take the blame fully. After all, had purchasing had the good sense to buy "tidal-wave proof" computers, there'd be no problem.

To my knowledge, Personnel has not hired a single Psychic to help foresee pending doom. And what about the computer personnel? Why didn't they have the preventive instincts to go to work at 2 A.M. to check it all out in advance? And don't forget

about the students. Where were your **leaders**? Why didn't you resist? It was positively disheartening to see hundreds of dejected-looking students threaded on endlessly coiling lines, passively accepting numbers on little index cards. It was even worse than Christmas at Service Merchandise. Every so often, a strained little voice would squawk something like,...

"Numbers 175-200 will simply have to come back at 7 P.M.!" By 7 P.M. the now raspy voice was saying,

"Numbers 750-900 will register on Thursday at 4 P.M. Threats will only get your number revoked!"

By Thursday at 4 P.M., I had been through two sets of numbers, and currently held a number in the thousands. I think we register sometime in February!

It's certainly been an occasion I will not soon forget. I have truly experience amazing things this registration. I heard about an E.E. major who, out of desperation, switched to Textiles just to secure an open class! I saw people scalping registration numbers for megabucks. I heard advisors were seen sporting flask. I even met a guy who'd forge anything I wanted for 25 dollars. I kept his card. One never knows what joys spring quarter may hold...

Cher Cheatham Haile

## ROUND 'EM UP, SOUTHERN TECH

Attention Southern Tech Administrators! Put on your best western boots and turn up that theme to "Rawhide," your troubles with registration are over! Having lived and worked on a farm for the past 19 years, I am all too familiar with the procedure of rounding up cows for their annual immunizations. Yet, we farmhands have a simple solution to this otherwise chaotic solution to this otherwise chaotic event—one that you might find quite effective when registration time rolls around again!

First, let's look at the problem of time schedules. How many times have you had fifty people standing in the corner waiting impatiently because they had inadvertently slipped in before the computer would register them? This problem may be easily solved by the use of a small branding stick. This way, there would be no doubt about the student's time, that is, in case he "forgets." (Actually, this should only occur once in each student's life, but with the rising number of students, this may still pose a problem.)

Still, many students shudder at the thought of a hot poker on their hip so for these we have yet another solution! An electric poker has proven itself quite helpful in herding those anxious

and often hostile heiffers, and I'm sure this would hold true for students as well. And unlike the branding technique, it leaves no permanent scars!

And how about you, the guy who holds the door? Surely the thought of a neck chute at the entranceway to the computer room has crossed your mind! This simple device works by holding the cow's or student's neck securely between two 2 X 4's (which, incidentally, may be padded for comfort purposes...) thus preventing him from entering before his time. Fences, too, may be added to further ensure the orderliness of the line. And remember sedatives and syringes may be purchases at your local vets to calm those who are usually susceptible to anxiety attacks.

Finally, there should always be a wrangler on hand ready to hog-tie any student who displays particularly rambunctious behavior, or who tries to break in line. Surely finding a local ranchero would pose no problem here in the heart of the South! Although switching over to this system may require some minor adjustments, I'm sure that in time it could completely replace those outdated techniques formerly used at our institutes of higher learning. Gee, Southern Tech, I just can't believe you didn't think of this first!

J. Chastain

## SHAFTED

When a student is wronged by a professor, what are the alternatives he can follow in trying to correct the situation?

For instance, you (the student) make an "A" on a test. The instructor passes the tests out and goes over the answers, and you turn the test back in to have the grade recorded. You go by the office to pick up your test and the instructor cannot find it. After a couple of days, you try again, and the test has apparently "disappeared." But it's not just your test, it's your "A." You know you made an "A," but since the instructor neglected to take the time to record your initial grade, he will not take your word that you made an "a." What can a student do when this happens?

The alternatives offered by the instructor are not in the best interest of the student. One such alternative may be to take a zero for that grade. He could say that you did not take the test; therefore you get a zero. After all, he didn't record the grades, and he doesn't have your paper, so he doesn't know if you were there or not. From your point of view, you knew the material, you took the test, you made an "a," and you are being penalized because of his negligence.

Another alternative suggested by the instructor may be to let another grade substitute as the missing grade. The instructor, rather than admit he lost the test, could say you lost the test and that you could be trying to improve your average by saying you made a higher grade than you really did. This alternative isn't fair because it could hurt your average, since, if you fail this test, you really fail **two** tests. If the instructor has no idea what you made, he has no right to say you didn't make what you say you made, particularly if you have given him no reason to doubt your word.

You go to the department head but you find that he practices a laissezfaire policy with the instructors. He says the instructor "is God in his classroom." All you can do is hope that the professor does the right thing, which is give you the "A" that you deserve. When you turned that paper back in to be recorded, you were acting in good faith that the instructor would give you what you deserve. But when this unwritten contract is broken, why do you have to pay for it? What do you have to do to get your "A"? Professors, if you were in this situation, what would you want done? You'd want your "A," but because of his negligence, you get the shaft...it's just not fair.

Name withheld



# ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RESIDENT ASSISTANTS

On Sunday, January 29, at 9:00 p.m. in the main lobby of Norton Hall, there will be a general meeting for all students who are interested in applying for a Resident Assistant position with the Department of Housing.

The starting salary for the position is \$3.40/hour with 14 hours per week of work required. Total quarterly salary is approximately \$476.00 minus room rent. Summer employment is available.

At the general meeting, job expectations and responsibilities will be discussed, the specific interview process will be explained and applications will be available. There will also be a question and answer session.

It is anticipated that positions for both men and women will be available at the start of Fall 1984 quarter.

Students wishing to be candidates for a Resident Assistant position **must** attend this meeting. Those not in attendance will not be considered.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Housing Office in Norton Hall or call 424-7335.

## REDCROSS HONORS SIGMA PI

The Souther Technical Institute chapter of Sigma Pi social fraternity was recently honored by the American Red Cross for their outstanding cooperation and participation in the blood donor program. Among the top three donor groups in Cobb County, the fraternity was honored for sponsoring four blood drives and donating 400 units of blood during the past year. Recipients of the award must sponsor at least two blood drives and exceed the group's goal as established by the Red Cross. Terry M. Dorsey, left, representing the Red Cross' Donor Resources Development Division, presented the awards to Jerry Wingate, center, Sigma Pi president, and Dr. Stephen R. Cheshier, president of Southern Tech. Sigma Pi has sponsored the blood drives at Southern Tech for more than six years, with several of the fraternity brothers participating as gallon donors.

Some additional notes concerning the last blood drive here at Southern Tech:

- \* 100 Donors Participated.
- \* 50 of these Donors were from Fraternities.
- \* The highest percentage of Greeks were TKE.
- \* Pi Kappa Phi's followed with a close second.
- \* A PITIFUL NUMBER OF FACULTY AND STAFF (2) gave — so much for example setters.

The Southern Tech Executive Round Table is a new student organization that provides an opportunity for concerned student, faculty, and administration leaders to meet and discuss topics of mutual interest with leading representatives of industry and government.

ERT is looking for such students, faculty, and administrators who are high achievers. Anyone interested in ERT should contact Alan Martin, Randy Lazenby, or Tobin McTyre c/o the SGA in the Student Center.

There will be a membership drive in the Student Center Ballroom at 7:30 pm on the 24th of January. Refreshments will be provided.

## ATTENTION SENIORS

The Alumni Homecoming Committee extends a special invitation to those students who will be graduating within the next year to attend the Alumni Banquet on February 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Northwest Hilton.

Lewis Grizzard, noted author and columnist, will be the speaker at this annual dinner. Tickets are \$15.00 each and reservations must be received in the Alumni Office by January 27. Space limitations may cause an early sellout, so get your tickets as soon as possible.

## COUNSELING CENTER

The STI Counseling Center offers a series of programs of educational, emotional, and vocational nature designed to meet the interests of all the students. Some of these include:

### ☆ **ASSERTIVENESS TRAINING**

Goal will be to learn how to differentiate between assertive, non-assertive and aggressive behavior.

### ☆ **DECISION MAKING**

Focus will be on the decision-making process. Decision-making strategies will be presented and discussed.

### ☆ **SELF ASSESSMENT**

Workshop designed to help participants focus on the internal components of the career exploration process - interests, skills, work/life values, personal resources.

### ☆ **PERSONAL GROWTH AND THERAPY**

The Counseling Center offers personal growth or therapy groups which deal with personal/emotional and interpersonal concerns. These groups offer participants an opportunity to explore and develop human potentials.

### ☆ **RELATIONSHIP BUILDING**

Understanding the stages of a relationship and making the most of your relationship.

### ☆ **COPING WITH STRESS**

Relaxation is a skill which can be learned. People can learn to reduce the physical tension and emotional anxiety resulting from the stresses of day to day life.

### ☆ **EFFECTIVE STUDY SKILLS**

Discussion of factors that inhibit successful studying and ways to study effectively.

### ☆ **TIME MANAGEMENT**

Learn how to best schedule your studying and have time for fun too.

### ☆ **VALUES CLARIFICATION**

Techniques for understanding your values and using them for effective decision-making.

☆ COME BY THE COUNSELING CENTER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATION AVAILABLE ON DROP-IN OR APPOINTMENT BASIS

## STI RESIDENT ASSISTANTS SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Several Cobb County families had a brighter Christmas because the resident assistants (RA's) and dormitory residents at STI joined forces to collect almost 600 pounds of food and \$150 to contribute to needy families. According to Charles Wilson, an RA in Norton Dorm who organized the food drive, he and the other 17 RA's agreed that it would be their way of "putting something back into the community." Some of the RA's on hand to make the deliveries last month were: (left to right) Sharon Knight, sophomore ECET major of Fairburn; Braxton Gibson, IET, senior, Thomasville; Todd McClendon, AET, junior, Fayetteville; Willie Dick, IET, senior, Thomasville; Todd McClendon, AET, junior, Fayetteville; Willie Dick, IET, senior, Ozark, Ala.; Buddy Jones, AET, junior, Snellville; Charles Wilson, ECET, junior, Macon; and Glenn Mosely, ECET, senior, Albany.



# CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

## TAU KAPPA EPSILON

Congratulations to the eight new men who were initiated on January 3 into the bond of Tau Kappa Epsilon:

Scott Bodkin  
Scott Cobb  
Neil Gershon  
Russell Grant  
Don Jones  
Hal Moore  
Craig Smith  
Jeff Trammell

Congratulations also go out to our three newly initiated Little Sisters:

Sarah Compton  
Rhonda New  
Robin Coleman

Winter Rush was a successful one for the TEKES. On Wednesday, January 4 was the 1950's Sock Hop Party. On Thursday,

January 5 was the Snow Jam '84 Party in which the entire downstairs area of the T.K.E. house was covered in a blanket of artificial snow. Then on Tuesday, January 10 was the Founders Day Dinner at Joe Rigatoni's in which the men who received bids from T.K.E. were invited to dinner then later went to the T.K.E. house for a private party. Through Winter Rush, two men have become associate members of Tau Kappa Epsilon:

Larry Hall  
Lee Burr

During the Christmas break our Chapter was represented by our President, Tim Jones and our Chapter Advisor, Tommy Miles at the T.K.E. Conclave from December 27-30. This bi-annual national meeting of TEKES was held in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Once again on January 14 a van loaded with fourteen TEKES and one on his feet left Southern Tech for the 70 mile venture to North Georgia College. The Tau Kappa Epsilon Cystic Fibrosis Run For Breath '84 is our way of making money for this charitable contribution in the name of our late brother Tommy Crumley who died of C.F. The TEKES plan on exceeding last years contributed donation of \$1,300.

The third annual T.K.E. ski trip is taking place on the weekend of January 28. Over thirty fraters, alumni, and Little Sisters will be on hand for this fun filled weekend in Boone, North Carolina.

The T.K.E. Leadership Conference will be held in Birmingham, Alabama from February 24-26.

The eleventh annual Tau Kappa Epsilon Red Carnation Ball will be held at the Dunfee Royal Coach on March 10. A reminder to all brothers and alumni to please keep your clothes on and not dance on the tables.

In sports, T.K.E. had a fun and eventful Fall quarter. T.K.E. did receive three All-Stars, George Galloway for volleyball and David Millen and Lamar Owens for football.

We would also like to welcome back Monroe Carpenter and Richard McAuley, and wish Lamar Owens and Derrick Odom a safe stay in Dallas, Texas.

T.R.H.!!

Cliff Leatherwood  
Historian T.K.E.  
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## WIN A TRIP FOR 2 TO THE BAHAMAS!

Just attend a CPR class. What could be easier? And learn to save a life in the process! CPR Saturday. WGST Radio and the American Red Cross announce their second annual event, on the STI campus, February 11, from 1 to 5 P.M. More information to be announced in next week's paper. They have set a goal of 3000 people to be trained at 5 different locations. To register, phone 881-9800.

Movie, Music and Madness of the Month

Best Movie - "The Right Stuff"  
Best Music -  
"The AT&T Break-up Song"  
Best Madness - Playing Gas-powered Frisbee

More Bests...

Best eats - Luther's Barbeque sliced beef plate and mega-beer.  
Best to avoid - Going through registration sober.  
Best kept resolution - To attend a quit-smoking class. For info call the Lung Association, The American Cancer Society, or The Cathedral of St. Philip.

Best Bumper Sticker -  
"Coke is it (...Ask Pasquel Perez)"

Best slogan - The American Red Cross - AIDING America.

Best thing to do - Give blood. Someday it may be **you** begging for it.  
(P.S. to all you LILIES, it really **doesn't** hurt!)

Turkey Contest

There is still time to drop your vote by the Sting office for your favorite "TURKEY." Our "Turkey-of-the-Month" contest is just getting under way. Each month we will be giving out the dreaded prize for the most outrageous, inexcusable and/or inappropriate behavior demonstrated by a person, group, or business. Everyone is eligible to enter. Winners will be announced in each month's last issue. Please leave a brief profile of your Turkey nomination in the **Sting** box outside the door in the Student Center, right where all the turkeys are watching "All My Children."

## PI KAPPA PHI

Our fraternity has prepared for Winter Rush, and we are looking forward to meeting any students who might be interested in fraternity.

This quarter our plans include initiation for fall quarter pledges. We also hope to raise as

much funding as possible for Play Units for Severely Handicapped (PUSH), which is sponsored by our national fraternity. We are getting geared up for Homecoming, and we expect some of our alumni to attend.

Pi Kappa Phi is the fastest growing fraternity in the United

States, and our chapter hopes to move with that spirit and become the fastest growing fraternity here at Southern Tech.

We are very proud and honored to have Steve Wrenn, Pi Kappa Phi's chapter Advisor of

the year, as our chapter advisor.

We hope that 1984 will be a prosperous year for all of you. We invite you to look into our fraternity.

Historian  
Joe Urquijo

## FACULTY

Robert Hays, Professor of English at Southern Technical Institute, has recently had another professional article published. The article, "Prescriptions for Using Boilerplate," appears in a recent issue of "Transactions on Professional Communication" and covers reuse of previously written materials in making proposal writing more efficient. "Transactions" is published by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), the nation's largest professional group concerned with that field.

The author of four books and more than 120 articles, Hays has taught technical and business writing at Southern Tech for more than three decades. He has also served as a consultant to more than 50 organizations.

Dr. John S. Tumlin, English and History Department, has reviewed the proposed book **It Won't Byte** for Reston Publishing Company, a division of Prentice-Hall. The proposed book is an introduction to uses of the computer for faculty in the humanities.

Dr. John S. Tumlin, English and History Department, will again serve as a reader for the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey. This is Dr. Tumlin's fourth year of scoring the English Test with-Essay for the ETS. The annual five-day session held each December, draws upon faculty from all over the nation to read the test essays of college-bound high-school seniors. ETS administers the tests for the College Entrance Examination Board.

Bob Wess, of the English and History Department, has recently had an article published in the **Arizona English Bulletin**. Entitled "Analogical Writing and Teacher/Student Invention," the essay presents a paradigm for analogical thinking and records the analogical process as it actually unfolds in the writings of both teacher and students. The essay concludes with a cognitive and affective evaluation of the process.

## BATHTUB RACING ASSOCIATION

Welcome all race fans! The Bathtub Racing Association would like to invite all students interested in "doing it in a tub" to the weekly meeting. The meetings are held every Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. in the Student Center.

If you have any questions or want any information, come to the meetings. If you cannot make the meetings, contact Dr. Larry Logue or Brenda Kay-or drop us a note in our P.O. Box.

Come out and get involved in the world's only bathtub race!

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## MOVIE

"Terms of Endearment"

### Cher Cheatham Haile

I must be the only movie-goer in America that thumbs-downed this movie. I found it preposterous, only mildly witty, initially boring and finally depressing. There seemed to be better character development in "King Kong". It paraded an endless melange of characters and sub-characters by me with obscure pasts, dubious presents, and hopefully, no futures.

The central theme of, "don't you feel guilty now that I'm dying" was more worthy of "All My Children" than an all-star cinematic event. The movie staggered endlessly to build empathy for its characters, only partially succeeding in the role of the daughter (played by Debra Winger). Then, it suddenly took a cheap nose-dive and bumped her off in an otherwise hopeless ending.

Why they decided on Jack Nicholson is beyond me. I was quite frankly, embarrassed for him. Sinking to the totally incredulous role of fat, slovenly, balding, drunken, woman-grabbing ex-astronaut must have been an all-time low for him. I mean, an astronaut? How ridiculous is that? How many people identify with an astronaut next door? Ba! A glow-in-the-dark-meatloaf packer would have been more likely.

The most blatant mis-casting absurdity was in using John Lithgow as an extremely unlikely, conservative banker to play Winger's extra-marital paramour. Lithgow, forever brilliant as the huge transvestite in "Garp" left such an indelible performance on me that I continually imagined the always-pregnant Winger with this huge transvestite rolling in the hay. Kinky!

Shirley McLaine, always brilliant, was the only saving grace of this yawner, and certainly the highpoint in a vast sea of mediocrity. She courageously fought for credibility for both the hopelessly neurotic mother and the film. Shirley rarely disappears.

Conversely, Debra Winger, the "always ready for sex" siren, was right at home in this flick. This time she even sported a trio of kiddies to reinforce the fantasy that her best talents are still between the sheets.

But, the fact that a much-hated, newly widowed son-in-law would cheerfully hand over his cherished (?) children to his mutually hated over-bearing mother-in-law (who was currently shacking-up with the down-and-out astronaut) was simply the last straw. I, like nearly everyone else, was in tears leaving the movie; not because of any empathy, but because once again I bought the media-hype, blew the big bucks, made the effort, always hopeful, and was sorely let down.

## MUSIC

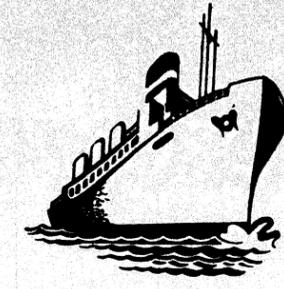
### Bill Thorsen

Those of you who have been around STI for a few quarters or more are probably saying to yourselves, "I don't remember a section devoted to music in the last issue of the STING (if you can remember that far back)! Well you're right! This is certainly the first one I've ever seen. Anyway, this section will hopefully be seen on a regular basis with emphasis on current record albums (my opinions, of course) and maybe some local music and entertainment news.

Now for some record reviews:

### Synchronicity The Police

If you're as much of a fan of Sting & Company as I am, you won't be disappointed with their latest effort. **Synchronicity**, as with their previous albums, lets the power of the music, rather than the power of the amplifiers, do the work. The commercially successful "Every Breath" and "King of Pain" are good but other songs like "Synchronicity I" and "Synchronicity II" have more of that infectious, driving sound that sets The Police apart from lesser groups of musicians. Self-proclaimed "rhythmatist" Stuart Copeland really puts on a clinic as far as tasty, noncluttered drumming is concerned. A fine follow-up to **Ghost in the Machine**, **Synchronicity** covers the spectrum of imaginative tunes, subtly slashing lyrics, and that snappy sound that I personally have come to expect from the Police.



Jack Walter

### U.S. Dollar Hits Record Highs Against Most European Currencies

"So, what?" You might be saying to yourself; "How can that affect me?" If you start planning now, this could prove to be a very significant factor in how you spend your vacation this year.

Most travel agents and tourist services agree that 1984 is going to be a banner year for the American traveler in Europe due to the relative strength of the dollar against the major European currencies. This means that a European vacation will be cheaper than it has been for years. I, for one, am planning on taking advantage of this.

In a series of columns in the **STING** I'll draw on my experiences from two previous trips to Europe covering a total of seven months to provide you with reasons and hints for your trip.

First of all, why should you go? A European vacation can be an educational and broadening experience and introduce you to many things to which you might not be exposed otherwise. Take for example art and history. Almost everywhere you go in Europe you are surrounded by a palpable sense of history as you walk down streets, hundreds of years old. Almost any town over the size of Marietta has an art museum the contents of which would put our much-touted High Museum of Atlanta to shame. It's almost impossible not to absorb a bit of culture in such an environment. But beyond education there are the moments you'll treasure beyond all others:

- Hiking in the Swiss Alps or Germany's Black Forest
- Sitting on the steps of Montmartre at night with all of Paris spread out before you
- The sense of history you feel in the Tower of London as you stand at the spot where Ann Boleyn, second wife of Henry VIII, was beheaded in 1536.
- Singing and drinking with the crowds in the Hofbrau Haus in Munich
- The variegated carpet of tulips in Holland in May and the sheer genius of Van Gogh
- Michaelangelo's "David"

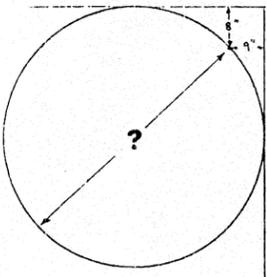
The importance of a European trip is not only in the fun that you have during the trip but also in the impressions that you carry back with you. The social value of such a voyage is immense. You learn to deal with strange situations and cultures in ways that make you more self-confident and out-going. You will get a different perspective on your own country and the countries that you visit. I have found that my travels have given me a common ground with people in the industry with whom I might work someday. A well-travelled person can present a more well-rounded self image to a potential employer.

In future columns I'll cover such topics as packing hints, places to stay, and ways to get around and add a few personal favorites on where to go.

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## STINGERS

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A circular table is pushed into a corner of a room. If a point on the edge of the table is eight inches from one wall and nine inches from the other wall of the corner, then what is the diameter of the table?

STINGER #67 brought in a large number of correct solutions. First of many were: Lee Blaylock, Mark Allen, Dean Ball, Jeff Amodie, Dave Schornak, Brian Brimer, Earl White Jr., George Schobloher, Mike Beyers, Michael Jones and M. L. Ward. Whew! Dean Ball also turned in a neat solution to #67. Well done!

### DISCOUNT TICKETS!!!

The Student Center office has available discount tickets during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Available are General Cinema tickets for \$2.50 good at Akers Mill, Northlake, Southlake and Perimeter Mall. Also, AMC Theatre tickets for \$2.00 good at Galleria, Tower Place, Omni and Arrowhead. The Entertainment '84 books also available now at \$18.00 a piece.

### Campus Paperback Bestsellers

1. **Space**, by James A. Michener. (Fawcett, \$4.95.) The space program — skillfully blends fiction and non-fiction.
2. **The One Minute Manager**, by K. Blanchard & S. Johnson. (Berkley, \$6.95.) How to increase your productivity.
3. **Christine**, by Stephen King. (NAL/Signet, \$3.95.) A killer car is at large among a small town's high school set.
4. **Foundation's Edge**, by Isaac Asimov. (Ballantine/Del Rey, \$3.95.) The struggle to keep civilization alive.
5. **The Color Purple**, by Alice Walker. (Washington Square Press, \$5.95.) Winner of the 1983 American Book Award.
6. **Growing up**, by Russell Baker. (NAL/Plume, \$5.95.) Baker recalls his boyhood and youth.
7. **Valley of the Horses**, by Jean M. Auel. (Bantam, \$3.95.) Sequel to *The Clan of the Cave Bear*.
8. **Mistral's Daughter**, by Judith Krantz. (Bantam, \$4.50.) The art world of the 20's and the fashion business of the 80's.
9. **Garfield Sits Around the House**, by Jim Davis. (Ballantine, \$4.95.) More of the funny cartoon cat.
10. **Life, the Universe and Everything**, by Douglas Adams. (Pocket, \$3.50.) Concluding volume in a trek through the galaxies.

Compiled by The Council of Higher Education from information supplied by college stores throughout the country. Dec. 15, 1983

### New & Recommended

- Starburst**, by Frederik Pohl. (Ballantine, \$2.75)  
A carefully selected crew ventures out for the first time to another stellar system were no man had gone before... or so they thought.
- Dance Macabre**, by Stephen King. (Berkley, \$3.95.) In King's most unusual masterpiece, he takes you on his personal tour of the dark ballroom of horror.
- Lite Reading**, by Frank DeFord. (Penguin, \$6.95.) Behind the scenes of the most popular ad campaign in TV history.

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# CLASSIFIEDS

## Start Preparing for '84 Summer Jobs

The Office of Personnel Management will soon issue Announcement No. 414; "Summer Jobs in the Federal Government for 1984." Summer job opportunities with the Feds include anything from being a lifeguard with the National Park Service to a geologist with the Bureau of Mines. Deadlines to apply for these jobs begin as early as January 15th and end April 15, 1984.

There's still a heavy demand for people who can type, file or otherwise clerk, modest but respectably-paying jobs for many people between semesters. Also, there are upper echelon availabilities for students with good grades in engineering—which is in particular demand—or other science/technocrat areas, including medical and health assignments for premeds.

**Federal Jobs**, a bi-weekly newspaper which lists current government jobs nationwide and overseas will publish its Annual Summer Jobs Issue the first week in January. The issue includes a copy of Announcement No. 414, and lists the upcoming Summer job opportunities state by state. **Federal jobs** also gives tips on how to apply for them and otherwise find your way through the bureaucratic labyrinth.

Early birds who order by December 31st can save \$2.00 off the regular \$4.50 price for this 20-page special issue. Send \$2.50 today to Dept. SJ, Federal Jobs, Inc., P.O. Box 1438, Leesburg, VA 22075.

Superstar rock group Journey and their manager Herbie Herbert have joined Bob Hope, Chuck Mangione, Esther Williams Lamas, Burl Ives, Ronnie Milsap and Ally Shedy as members of the Honorary Advisory Board of the American Collegiate Talent Showcase (ACTS). Herbert says of the ACTS concept, "I think it is a fantastic program. Journey would be honored to be on your Honorary Advisory Board."

ACTS is designed to provide and opportunity for college students to have access to the professional entertainment industry through an educational experience and in an atmosphere of creative competition. All areas of performing talent are accepted including rock, classical, gospel, country, rhythm and blues, jazz, dance, drama, variety and others. Through ACTS students may receive cash and scholarship prizes, auditions, tours, showcases and invaluable contact with entertainment industry personnel.

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES INTO ACTS HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL MARCH 6, 1984.** The date of the National Finals has also been rescheduled for April 14, 1984. For more information contact: ACTS, Box 3ACT, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88003; or call (505) 646-4413.

## 2,500 Host/Hostess Positions Available at Six Flags

Six Flags Over Georgia, one of the metro Atlanta area's largest seasonal employers, begins accepting applications for 1984 employment on December 26.

There are more than 2,500 positions to fill on the "host and hostess team" at the 331-acre theme park, including staffing of rides, shows, attractions, food service and gift and souvenirs.

If you are interested, you need to apply in-person Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Six Flags Over Georgia Personnel Office, located at I-20 and Six Flags Road. After January 15th, applications will be taken on Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Applicants must be 16-years-old at the time they apply and possess a social security card and proof of date of birth.

Jim Daniell, Personnel Administrator, says "We're looking for outgoing and enthusiastic people who enjoy dealing with people and responsibility."

Daniell says Six Flags will place an even greater emphasis than usual on the hosts and hostesses in 1984. "We have developed a new, comprehensive program to more fully address the needs of both our hosts and hostesses and park guests," says Daniell.

"This program, which we call 'We Care About You,' will provide an even greater level of guest satisfaction in 1984 as well as make Six Flags an even better summer job."

Six Flags Over Georgia is an equal opportunity employer.

Death Row prisoner, caucasian male, age 37, desires correspondence with either male or female college students. Wants to form some kind of friendly type relationship and more or less just exchange past experiences and ideas. Write: Jim Jeffers, Box B-38604, Florence, Arizona 85232.

96 Rock Co-Sponsors  
1st Atlanta Music Awards

WKLS Vice-President/General Manager Dick Meeder has announced that 96 Rock will be co-sponsoring the 1st Atlanta Music Awards. The event takes place in conjunction with this years Grammy Awards. Additional sponsorship is provided by Turtles and The Atlanta Recording Academy. Public balloting takes place through January 26th at all 31 Turtles locations with the awards being presented, February 23rd, a few days before this years National Grammy Awards ceremony.

Winners will be selected in each of six categories, including: rock/pop, gospel, R&B, country and male and female vocalist. Performers must be residents of Georgia with groups having at least one member residing in the state.

Winners will receive an original glass trophy designed by world famous sculptor, Hans Froebel.

# SPORTS AND INTRAMURALS

## BOWLING

This year's Bowling League will be played on Tuesdays with a starting time of 3:00 p.m. at Marietta Lanes. The cost per person will be 75¢ per game with free shoe rental. The league will start on Tuesday, January 17.. Deadline for team entry is January 13, Friday, 5:00 p.m. Final Roster will be due on January 24 at Council Meeting, which is held at 12:30. Waivers will be due on or before the first playing date, liability waiver. Each team should have a representative at the Council Meeting.

All individuals are invited to sign-up in the Student Center office. Teams will consist of four people, co-ed is fine. Alternates may sign up also.

## BADMINTON

There are now two badminton courts laid out in the gymnasium on each side of the main court. Equipment can be checked out from Intramural office for free play. Any one interested in playing in a round robin tournament, please sign appropriate list found at Student Center office. The list will also be available during sign up days in the Student Center. There will be singles and doubles available in these round robins. At the end of the round robins, there will be a tournament with trophies for first, second and third place. The round robin times will be set at your convenience and availability of the gym.

Please sign up and help support this new activity. You may pick up copies of rules and regulations for badminton at the Student Center office or Intramural office. For more information, contact Ron Wofford at the gym, 424-7349, or the Student Center, 424-7374.

## WINTER QUARTER BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan. 4	Wednesday	Grace College (Indiana)	Home
6	Friday	Roberts Wesleyan (New York)	Home
11	Wednesday	Piedmont College (Demorest)	Home
14	Saturday	North Georgia	Away
16	Monday	Georgia Southwestern	Home
18	Wednesday	Berry	Away
21	Saturday	Shorter	Home
25	Wednesday	LaGrange	Home
28	Saturday	Georgia College	Away
Feb. 1	Wednesday	Piedmont	Away
4	Saturday	North Georgia	Home
6	Monday	Georgia Southwestern	Away
8	Wednesday	Berry	Home
11	Saturday	Shorter	Away
15	Wednesday	LaGrange	Away
17	Friday	Georgia College	Home
18	Saturday	West Georgia	Away
23	Thursday	Edward Waters (Florida)	Home
25	Saturday	Armstrong State	Away
Mar. 3	Saturday	District Playoffs	
5	Monday	District Playoffs	
7	Wednesday	District Playoffs	



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Anyone interested in trying out for the Southern Tech Tennis Team, see Coach Lee Tucker, Room 351 (in the Lab building).

Georgia college students have a chance to apply for internships in the Washington and Atlanta offices of Senator Sam Nunn. Interns will be selected in May 1984, for the following academic year, beginning summer quarter 1984.

Application materials are available from local campus coordinators and the Carl Vinson Institute of Government. To find out the names of campus coordinators at your school, contact the Institute of Government at (404) 542-2736, or write: Sam Nunn Senate Intern Program, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia, Terrell Hall, Athens, Georgia

## INTRAMURAL LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

HELP! Design the Intramural Logo for your college. The logo will be used on a participation T-shirt which will go to all students participating in Intramural Sports Activities. This design may be graphic or illustrated. You may use the words Southern Technical Institute or abbreviated Southern Tech, Intramurals, sports, recreation or any other words related to this. I would like to have this design completed by the end of January.

Immediately, the design will be used on a T-shirt. The design will also be adopted for any other publications by the Intramural Department. The person that wins the design contest will receive a T-shirt, write ups in campus paper, local papers, home town papers. They will also receive a gift valued at approximately \$20.00. If you are interested in entering this contest, please fill out the form available and turn in to the Student Center office.

The deadline for this event will be January 31 at 5:00 p.m. For any questions or information about this project, please contact Ron Wofford, Gym or Student Center, 424-7349 or 424-7374. A contest entry form has already been distributed and additional ones may be picked up in the Student Center office.

### DESIGN STI INTRAMURAL LOGO CONTEST

#### ENTRY FORM

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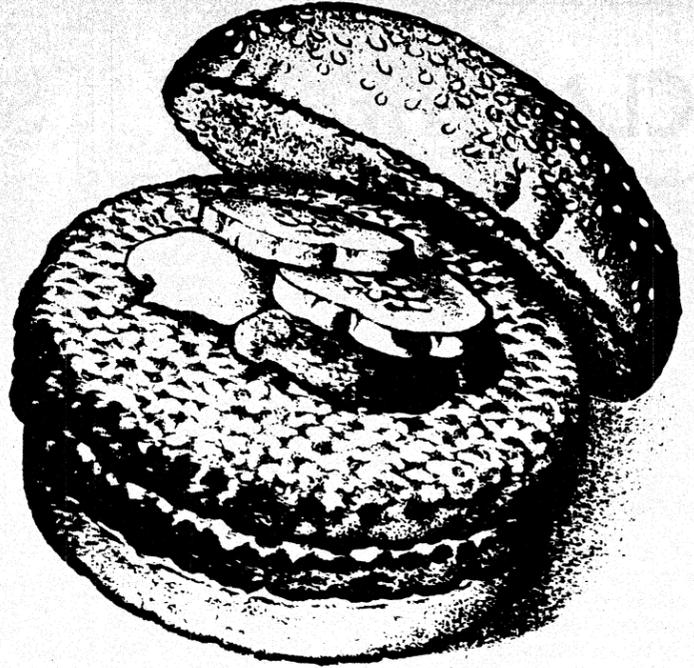
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DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS JANUARY 13, 1984.

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