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STI's AIAS Receives Award

Southern Tech's American Institute of Architectural Students (AIAS) chapter (formerly ASC/AIA) was recipient of one of two outstanding student chapter awards given annually by the American Institute of Architects (AIA). The AIAS has 132 chapters on college campuses across the U.S. First place winner for outstanding student chapter went to the AIAS chapter at the UNIVERSITY OF Hawaii. STI's chapter received the honorable mention award. The award was based on contributions made to the school, increased membership (from 20 to 85 members during the 1984-85 school year), and on the degree of chapter participation in service projects. The level of activity was indicated by the frequency of their meetings (twice monthly opposed to the norm of twice

quarterly).

Danita Nolen, 1984-85 president of the Southern Tech chapter, ran for a national office at the AIAS national convention held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, last spring. Attending with Ms. Nolen was Debbie Eaves. Both Ms. Nolen and Ms. Eaves are students in the Architectural Engineering Technology Department at Southern Tech. In April of last year the STI chapter hosted a regional conference for eight colleges. Among those schools attending were Clemson University, N.C. State, Georgia Tech, and the University of N.C. In addition, the chapter worked with the Atlanta AIA chapter's "Archifest"- a week-long event composed of seminars, architectural tours and social events held each October in Atlanta. Ten students, along with faculty Professor Jim



Fausett, attended the AIA national convention in San Francisco in June.



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Calendar:

Happenings of interest to STI students...

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Wednesday, February 19, 1986 - STI Running Hornets Basketball vs. Kennesaw, Away. 2:00 P.M.

Thursday, February 20, 1986 - CAB Movie "A Midsummers Night Sex Comedy", 3:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. in the Student Center. Cost: .75.

Saturday, February 22, 1986 - STI Running Hornets Basketball vs. Tennessee Temple, Away.

Sunday, February 23, 1986 - Alabama with Charlie Daniels Band and the Bellamy Brothers. 8:00 P.M. Tickets \$17.50 available at all SEATs outlets and The Omni box office. 577-9600 to charge by phone. The Omni, 100 Techwood Drive N.W. Comedian Steven Wright 8:00 P.M. Tickets \$14.50 at all Tic-X-Press outlets and the Arts Center box office. 256-1042 to charge by phone. Symphony Hall, Woodruff Arts Center. 1280 Peachtree Street.

Monday, February 24, 1986 - CAB Video "Frankenstein" all week in the Student Center. STI Running Hornets Basketball vs. Oglethorpe U. at home in the gym 7:30 P.M. STING material deadline. Place all articles for the issue which releases on March 4th, 1986. All submissions should be placed hand written NEATLY or typed in the dropbox in the Student Center. Advanced Registration all week in the Student Center.

Tuesday, February 25, 1986 - Rev. Hosea Williams to speak in the Student Center at 12:00 noon.

Thursday, February 27, 1986 - CAB Concerts presents "Kier", Brown Bagger. A highly polished and captivating performer, Kier uses guitar, piano, harmonica, voice, and a healthy dose of humor to entertain an audience. STI Cafeteria, 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Free.

Friday, February 28, 1986 - CAB Movie double feature "Nosferatu" and "The Phantom of the Opera", 7:00 P.M. in the Student Center. Heart rock concert. Tickets are \$14.50 at all SEATs outlets and the Omni box office or call 577-9600 to charge by phone. The Omni, 100 Techwood Drive.

Sunday, March 2, 1986 - John Cougar Mellencamp rock concert 8:00 P.M. Tickets are \$15.00 at all SEATs outlets and the Omni Gate A. Call 577-9600 to charge by phone. The Omni 100 Techwood Drive.

Monday, March 3, 1986 - CAB Video "Enter the Dragon" all week in the Student Center lobby. Diana Ross rock concert 8:00 P.M. Tickets are \$17.50 at all SEATs outlets and The Omni Gate A. Call 577-9600 to charge by phone. The Omni, 100 Techwood Drive.

Wednesday, March 5, 1986 - CAB presents "Gil Eagles" hypnotist. Student Center Ballroom, 8:00 P.M. \$2.00 general admission, Free with STI I.D.

For more information about happenings on campus, contact the Student Center office at 424-7374. For more information about happenings off campus, call the Wendy's 96-Rock concert line at 633-9623. Dates and times are of course, subject to change.

Kier To Perform At Southern Tech

By Annabella Wright

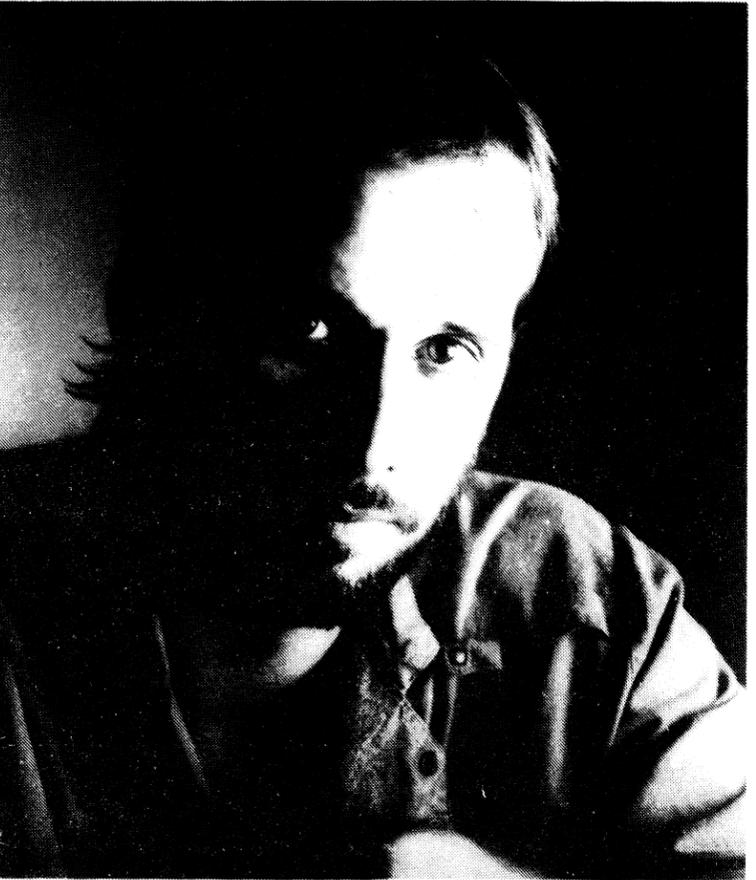
A singer-songwriter, guitarist, and keyboardist, the versatile Kier gave up a voice scholarship and a career in classical music in order to bring his own music to others. Kier plays a wide range of popular styles by Billy Joel, Jackson Browne, Dan Fogelberg, Elton John, the Beatles, and Bruce

"He is the kind of performer who loves what he is doing on stage so much, it's infectious!!"

Springsteen.

He first started playing guitar when he was 16 and writing songs soon after that. Kier first performed in 1978. He is now a highly polished and captivating performer, using guitar, piano, harmonica, voice, and a healthy dose of humor. After starting out in clubs and lounges, Kier now spends the majority of his time working colleges and universities across the country.

Kier released his debut album, "Consider ME." in



1982 which received rave reviews throughout its Southeast distribution. Kier is currently working on his second album, tentatively slated for a mid 1985 release.

It is clear that Kier has established himself as one of the top college performers touring the country today. He is the kind of performer who loves what he is doing on stage so much, it's infectious!! And we're seeing audiences cat-

ching it all over the country.

Kier will be performing at Southern Tech on February 27 at 12:00 noon in the lower level of the student center.

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All display ads and articles must be submitted by 2:00 P.M. of the respective deadline. Late material will be accepted at the Editor's discretion.

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Decrease In Aid?

School & Degree Changes

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CPS) -- Student aid programs will shrink by about 4.3 percent as of March 1, figures released by the Office of Management and Budget last week indicate.

The cuts are the first mandated by the new Gramm-Rudman formula to balance the federal budget.

And while educators say black, Hispanic and middle-income students will bear the brunt of the new cuts, they now think the Gramm-Rudman law--named for co-sponsoring senators Philip Gramm(R-Tex.) and Warren Rudman (R-N.H.)--will have a severe impact on students when the next round of cuts it requires take effect in October.

In the following years, reductions may have to be four to five times as large as this year's in order to balance the budget by 1991.

Even now, educators think current cuts will hurt certain classes of students while convincing some banks to give up making Guaranteed Student Loans (GSLs).

"This will certainly accelerate the trend of declining black and Hispanic participation in postsecondary education," contends Arnold Mitchem, director of the National Council of Educational Opportunity Associations.

As much as 80 to 90 percent of the students in black colleges receive some federal aid, Mitchem says.

"It's another straw on the camel's back, but how many straws can the camel take?" wonders Winston Brown, dean of financial aid at Xavier University, a primarily black school in New Orleans.

"We have seen a significant drop in minorities applying," Princeton financial aid officer Linda Ensor reports.

Ensor speculates, however, that middle-income students ultimately will suffer the most.

"If there are fewer and fewer dollars, the pressure will be greater to be more careful in needs analysis," adds Tom Wolanin, an aide to Rep. Bill Ford(D-Mi.).

Moreover, limited funds will force Pell Grants into a "statutory reduction" in which students with less need

will get smaller amounts of aid.

But lower-income students may have a harder time getting Guaranteed Student Loans as Gramm-Rudman's cuts continue, says Bill Clohan, a lobbyist for the Consumer Bankers Association.

Gramm-Rudman will cut the "allowance" that banks get when they make the GSLs from 3.5 percent interest to 3.1 percent.

The initial allowance cut, which applies only to the first year of a loan, "will have a minimal impact," Clohan says. But cutting the allowance further, as some legislators want, will provoke banks to make sure students are good credit risks on their own.

In banks' view, of course, students from middle-and upper-income families are better credit risks than students from low-income backgrounds.

"Making (loans) more restrictive will make loans available only to the white middle class," he adds.

When the allowance on loans to students was cut back to 1973, "the program crashed because bankers refused to continue lending due to the squeeze on their profit margin, Clohan remembers.

As for the next few years, "it's a very tenuous program," he adds.

The cuts would hurt all the more because Pell Grants, unable to keep up with inflation, forced low-income students in recent years to borrow under the GSL program, observers say.

Others expect the current cuts will hurt private schools with high tuitions the most.

They could force still other schools to eat in to their endowments to get money to help students who used to depend more on federal aid in school.

On the other hand, some community colleges think the cuts might actually help them.

"Students at other schools may come to us," speculates Erling Hjortdedal, director of financial aid at Spikane Falls Community College.

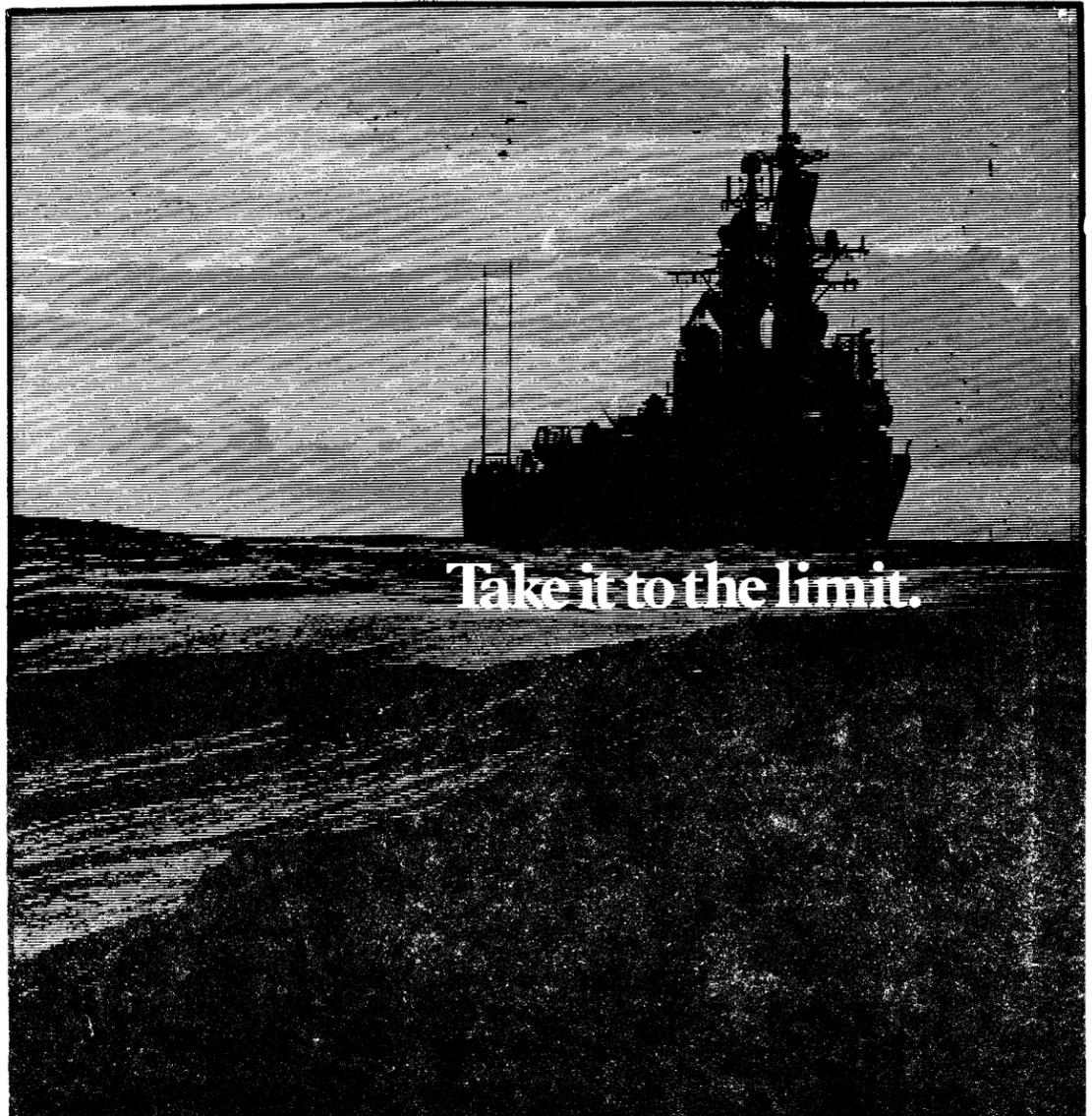
"With us, their grant money will go further," notes Myer Titus, president of Denver Community College.

The new Schools of Management, and Information, Engineering Technology, and Arts and Sciences, should greatly enhance the curriculum for the students in the future. Although this reorganization will not be extremely evident to the students in the beginning, the long term effects will greatly enhance the academic life here at Southern Tech.

Proposed changes already expected are the new English minors, expansions in the School of Arts and Sciences such as language classes, implementation of the new IET graduate program, and the expansion of the Architecture curriculum from 4 years to 5. Although these changes do not all come with the restructuring of the departments these improvements do indicate major

advances in school quality. The administration deserves a hearty "Well Done!" from us all.

Also in the wind is a plan for changing designations from specific to general, resulting in bachelor or master of science with a major in a particular area. The projected degree designation change is fall quarter 1986.



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Be A Rescuer!

The Student Health Clinic and Campus Safety are sponsoring the Multi Media First Aid Standard Course. It will take place in the Georgia Fire Academy Classroom on Monday, March 3, 1986, Tuesday, March 4, 1986, and Wednesday, March 5, 1986. The time will be 5:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. for all three dates.

The class will be limited to 30 people (first come). You may sign up for the class in the Health Clinic, Norton Hall Monday - Friday, 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. There will be no charge for the course. Flexible Modular lesson plan enabling

varied times in class competition will certify individual as Multi Media First Aid Rescuer. Topics to be covered in class include the following: Rescue Breathing, Wounds, Burns, Fractures, Choking, Bandaging, Splinting, and Transportation of injured. A demonstration of Emergency Ambulance (Advance Life Support unit) Trauma, and cardiac equipment will be given. The class will be taught by officers Bob Fitzpatrick, Duane Reece, Mike Rossi, and the Red Cross.

GCIS Aids Students

"AM I IN THE MAJOR THAT IS RIGHT FOR ME?" is a question asked by many students. Most of the time they don't have enough information regarding different occupations. The STICounseling staff is available to help those students with questions about their career choices. In addition to the Strong Campbell Interest Inventory, an instrument that's widely used and very useful in looking at career patterns, they have

begun to utilize the Georgia Career Information System(GCIS).

GCIS is a computer-based system, developed by Georgia State University. It provides complete information on occupations in Georgia, how to prepare for them, and educational or training programs and the schools that offer them.

GCIS asks the user 21 questions about his or her interests and abilities, and then

gives a list of related occupations to be researched. The user can get job descriptions, working conditions, hiring practices, outlook and wage information for those occupations.

This service is available to all STI students, free of charge. For additional information contact the Counseling Center, on the lower level of the Student Center or call 424-7226.

Short News Of Interest :

Diet and Exercise have an effect on test performance, according to the Penn State U. assistant dean for counseling and academic skills development. Students should eat food easily digested and high in protein such as fish, cheese or eggs the night before an exam. To raise blood sugar eat adrenalin levels, students should eat hard candy directly before the exam. To relieve tension, students should exercise to the point of perspiration, but not fatigue, about an hour before an exam.

A snowball fight, started by a few U. of Illinois students, got out of hand when nearly 300 others joined in. The crowd went on a three-hour rampage, breaking car windows and morrors, and overturning a van. Damages may reach \$5,000. The university police say the students were "taking out their frustrations over final exams."

The Campus Activities Board will be organizing an

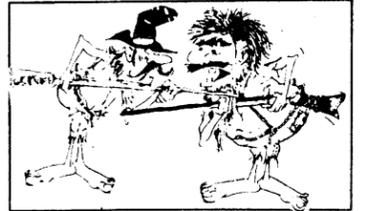
ArtFair to be held on May 7, 1986. This will be held upstairs in the Student Center ballroom. All students, faculty, and staff are invited to enter! Applications for entry are available in the Student Center Office. There will be six categories of judging: Sketchings, Paintings, Architectural, Civil, Mechanical, and Sculpture. You can also have your computer portrait made at the Art Fair. More details concerning the Art Fair will be available through the STING and faculty. Remember,

get started NOW!

A gambling raid by the University of Nebraska police netted seven student arrests. Police say the students are not tied to any one organization, but combined they handled about \$52,000 in gambling per week.

Windows are bolted shut in the men's freshmen hall the U. of Mississippi to "balance the heatingair-conditioning systems, and to prevent objec-

ts being thrown from windows, "according to the UM housing director. UM will also begin billing entire floors for vandalism when the vandal is not caught. As one official described it: "It looked worse than bad. It looked like a burned-out bunker on some floors."



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Major _____ Expected date of graduation _____
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 Total Hours Earned _____
 Are you a transfer? _____ If yes, what other college
 did you attend? _____
 How many quarters have you been at S.T.I? _____
 Please list clubs, organizations, and activities in
 which you have been envolved in (both STI and
 previous schools). Also, please list positions you
 have held: _____
 Are you currently employed? _____
 If so, how many hours a week do you work? _____

How would you like to meet new people? Once again, the Orientation Planning Committee is taking applications for orientation leaders. This year, orientation promises to be one of the best and biggest ever. There will be several overnight sessions this summer and a day session right before fall quarter.

All applications must be turned in to the Counseling Center by February 28th. If you need further information, contact the Counseling Center. GET INVOLVED you need further information, contact the Counseling Center.

GET INVOLVED AND BE A LEADER.

Do you Co-op? _____
 If so, which quarters will you work from now through fall quarter?

Where will you Co-op? _____

IF SELECTED, YOUR LARGEST COMMITMENT
 WILL BE DURING THE SUMMER QUARTER.

How many hours will you take summer quarter (approx.)? _____
 How many hours will you work summer quarter (approx.)? _____
 Will this position interfere with your other activities? _____
 Have you had any previous orientation experience?

Organizations

AIAS

The AIAS chapter of Southern Tech would like to invite all students to a special upcoming meeting on February 26.

Our guest speaker will be John Busby, the newly elected president of the AIA (AMERICAN Institute of Architects). This will be the first an AIA president has spoken at STI. For that matter, it is the first time that a Georgia native has become a president to this national organization. His topic will be on the future of Architecture and the current Student's roll in it.

The AIAS also would like to advertise support for the four-three man groups who in the AET 401 class who submitted their designs to the AIAS-AISC BRIDGE Competition. If any of their entries are selected a cash prize will be given to the winners and national recognition will be given to the school. So, the next time you see Joey Alise, Rob Brown, Tim Carver, Mike Garrison, Ken Hearn, Shafiq Kazim, Don Lynn, Fred MULLER, Allen Payne, Georgia Schobler, Greg Wright wish them luck. As for other activities, our second tour for Buckhead Plaza is scheduled for March 4th at 2:00PM. On the last tour we were shown the foundation construction. This tour, we will see the building of the fourth floor. Plenty of hard hats are available, so everyone should make plansto go.

BSU

Greetings fellow students and welcome to another episode of BSU. This episode will merely update previous reports, but some of these further developments might be of some interest to you.

By now you should have heard about the Atlanta area BSU Marathon for Missions. However, there has been a change in the schedule. Instead of the 4:pm start time that was originally publicized, the Marathon will now start at 7:00 pm and continue until 5 AM. the location remains unchanged, Weiuca Road Baptist Church gym.

Don't forget about the spring break mission trip. Those who

are interested should get an application as soon as possible. Experience is not necessary, only a willingness to serve.

Remember that we do have a meeting every Monday night at Noonday Baptist association-please attend. Luncheon's on Thursday at noon in the student center ballroom.

Good bye and God bless.

CSI

The C.S.I. chapter would like to remind all of our next meeting on February 19 in Ballroom "B". Our speaker will be Nancy Warner from Allied Carpets. "Watch where you step" will be the topic.

Another reminder is our participation in the National CSI chapters product fair coming up on March 6, from 5:00 to 9:00 pm at the Georgia Railroad Dept downtown- and the admission and parking are free.

Also, any one in the chapter who is going to L.A. this summer for the CSI convention and would like to get partial funding for the trip can make plans to help out at the fair. We are looking at a sizeable donation so your time and work will be well rewarded.

Gamma Phi

The sisters of Gamma Phi have really started Winter Quarter off with a BANG! First, we had NINE sisters make a 3.00 GPA or better Fall Quarter. Those sharp students include: Karen Smith, Teresa Hardeman, Jamie Bryant, Chrissy Switzler, Melissa Carroll, Lisa Carroll, Georgianna Conger, Cindy Yarbrough, Courtney Hall.

We also showed our physical skills by capturing 2nd place during Goat Nite!! Lots of thanks goes to the excellent help we got from the following people: Roger Armstrong, David Jenkins, Mike Vandermark, Larry McCord, Danny Whitehead, James, Mike Bagley, Larry Manning, Julie Albright, Teresa Robertson, Angi Bay (coach), Jamie Bryant, and Chrissy Switzler- -WAY TO GO GAMMA PHI!!

Finally, we would like to thank the Pi Kappa Phis for a

wonderful social on February 8th. The dancing was wild, the "Newlymet" games were FUN, and the guys were GREAT!!

IET

Hello fellow IET students!! Our February 6th plant tour of Lockheed was a success. The tour lasted a little over two hours. We first saw a film presentation of the history of Lockheed-Georgia Company.

Afterwards we were given a presentation by the chief industrial engineer who pointed out the future challenges to IE's and IET's. After his presentation came the tour of the plant floor.

We saw all the facets of construction of the C-130's and the giant C-5B's, the largest airplane in the world. The tour proved to be an interesting and worthwhile experience to all who attended.

Now for some other news. On February 18, the Atlanta chapter of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers will sponsor a student-night dinner. This is a rare opportunity for you to meet and speak with practicing professional IE's and IET's from diverse industries.

On the week ending 19-22, February, the officers of Southern Tech's IIE chapter will attend the American Institute of Industrial Engineers Conference in Blacksburg, Virginia in order to represent our school.

Lambda Chi Alpha

I'm not going to write a whole lot because chances are the Sting will forget to print our article again. (SURPRISE ME!)

As far as the Chops go, we would like to welcome five new brothers into the bond of Lambda Chi. You guys worked hard and learned a lot last week-- I hope you new brothers cherish our Christian based fraternity as much as we cherish your fellowship.

Congratulations: Russell Vullo, Ray France, Darrell Johnson, John Cobb, and Mark White.

The actives won out over the alumni at our basketball game on Sunday. Basketball takes a

lot of exercise to get prepared to play the game--stretching, running, lifting weights. That is why the actives won--we're in better shape. BUT--when softball season gets here, the alumni usually show us that there is only one exercise needed to prepare for a softball game--BEER!! That is why they always win.

In my next letter--all the gruesome details of the chops invasion of Florida!!

Lambda Chi Alpha...there is a difference!!

Pi Kappa Phi

Every year, Pi Kaps congregate for area conclave. This year, it will be held at the University Of Georgia. the weekend of February 21. All Pi Kappa Phi chapters from Georgia and Florida will be there for a wild weekend in Athens. Hopefully, we will all return in one piece.

The following awards were given at our 5th Anniversary Founders' Banquet. Alumnus of the year is Gary Pritchett. Associate Member of the year is Denis Hernandez. Don Eddleman and Jose Morales received an award for having the highest combined GPA of all associate members and their big brothers. Steve Brewer and John Thompson were joint recipients of the brother of the year award and Paul Raniere received the scholarship award. After a steak dinner and award presentation, the bar was opened, the stereo cranked up, and we celebrated our 5th anniversary at Southern Tech. Several of this quarter's parties will be open to the public. I invite everyone to attend. You can count on having a good time when you come to the Pi Kap house. Dates and times of these parties will be posted around school.

Sigma Nu

Congratulations to Paul Matthews for his nomination into "Who's Who Among American College Students". Paul is an EET major with only a couple of quarters left At Southern Tech. In Sigma Nu, Paul has been active as Commander, Pledge Marshall, and Rush Chairman, as

well as a member of several committees. He pledged Sigma Nu Fall quarter 1982.

Also, hats off to Steve Arnold for an excellent banjo solo during Talent Night. Steve placed 3rd but did a 1st place job. He comes from Nashville, TN. so it's not surprising that he can play so well! We're glad you didn't get "whip-lashed", Ken!

As far as Goat Week is concerned, Sigma Nu would have beaten out Gamma Phi and Lambda Chi if our goat had not been run over only a few hours before the contest! The Tug-of-War team did an outstanding job. It looked like an "alligator roast" when Sigma Nu beat the Pi Kapps!

Speaking of basketball, it should be noted that Sigma Nu has been the only fraternity or organized group to attend and fully support Hornet home games. This was most evident during the Georgia Southwestern game and the North Georgia College game, as well as the recent Berry College game. It should also be noted that every home game that Sigma Nu has attended this season, the Hornets have won. Superior, spirited, roudy,...only Sigma Nu!

Sigma Pi

Although we are half way through Winter quarter, Sigma Pi would like to welcome our two new pledges, Bill Roberts and Chris Thompson. These two fine young gentlemen are destined to improve thier future life through Sigma Pi.

We are also proud to announce that Joey Gilmore, a former Sigma Pi president, graduated Fall quarter, 1985.

On the lighter side, the Sigma Pi basketball team, headed by an elusive front three, Steve Wilson, Mike "Gambo", and Rick Wilson, aniated the Road Warriors, Geeches, and Pi Kaps. And due to unknown circumstances, we lost to BSU in double over-time.

Sweetness comes in many forms and the brother's of Sigma Pi like the shape that our lil' sisters have taken. Thank You for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

What kind of society is ours to accept unquestioningly units of measure without being able to reproduce the standards from which they were derived? Every day we speak in terms of feet, ounces, pounds, miles, etc. Someone might ask you, "How far is it from where you live to S.T.I.?" You respond, "Oh, about ten miles."

Well, just what is a mile? Is it one thousand paces of a typical Roman soldier as it was when it originated or is it 5280 smaller undefinable units? These smaller units of which I speak are, of course, feet. But just what is a foot? History tells us that one foot is the average length of a human foot. Who's foot? Male or

female? Adult or youth? Of course it is probably recorded somewhere exactly who's foot it was based on, but, for now we can only speculate because the standard is neither exact or reproducible. However as a fraction or a multiple.

Likewise our other so-called "standards" are used without question. We do not have a standard mile. Instead we have statute miles AND nautical miles. The latter does have a reproducible standard that is internationally accepted but fails when expressed in miles as is common practice. An ounce can be a unit of measure for fluids or weight. That is a pretty potent position for that unit but still no true standard. Whiel bordering on the subject of fluidic measure, I guess I

should mention the other arbitrary and archaic units such as the cup, pint, quart, and gallon.

Now I would like to get to the point of this essay. I would like to thank Southern Technical Institute for promoting the use of the SI. This helps Southern Tech. fulfill yet another part of its responsibility as an educational institution. By promoting a reasonable, verifiable system such as the SI, Southern Tech is producing top-notch engineering technologists and intelligent, thinking people.

Sincerely,
David A. Johnson
A concerned citizen and STI student.

We Goofed!

Dear Mr. Blankenship,

I read your article concerning campus construction with interest and a great deal of surprise. I am certain that the architectural firm of Sizemore and Floyd do feel that they have been very much engaged since they have been working for more than a year on the library plans. The building has been designed and construction is in sight. Should you wish to see the plans and renderings, they are in the library office.

John W. Pattillo
Library Director

In the last issue of the STING, we said that architects for the library had not been engaged and that construction for the library extension was nowhere in sight. This, however, is not the case and must have come quite a surprise to Sizemore and Floyd (architects) who have been working on the plans for more than a year.

The (Student Center) architects have not been engaged and construction on that building is not in sight. John W. Pattillo, Director of the Library deserves our apologies. Construction on the library will begin as soon as the present academic building construction is completed.

Are We Vo-Tech? New Radio Commercials which are broadcast on a popular Atlanta radio station make our school, Southern Tech, look like a Vocational Technical School...

Wait one minute!!! Do I go to a Vo-Tech school? I recently heard a radio commercial that portrayed our four year institution as a low-budget DeVry, which was not fit for any state funded university.

I am aware of the unexpected decline in S.T.I.'s enrollment, but the money spent on this commercial might have been better spent on job placement. This plan would ultimately ripen the reputation

of Southern Tech. A sound and respectful reputation in the corporate world will effectively keep a college properly funded.

Let us work on a professional approach to the promotion of Southern Technical Institute.

Signed,
A disgruntled sophomore student

Thomas S. Glover II



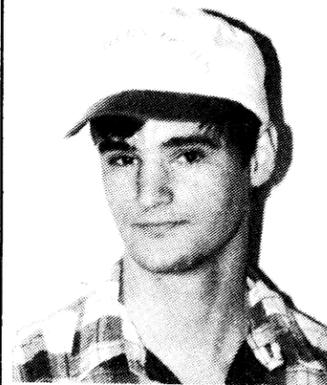
Attention Readers!

Hey People! We want your opinion! Really... see all of these Letters To The Editor? Well, they were written by students. As a matter of fact, we would be happy to publish your opinion in the STING.

Just write down your thoughts in letter form and submit it to the Editor before deadline. All submissions are subject to grammatical editing. We want your opinions... Really!

Handling The Mid Quarter Crises

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By Kevin Blankenship
Editor

As I gaze out towards the "real world" from my editors desk (really at a corner in a crowded newsroom), I wonder at what target to focus my guns upon. Words have a curious power, and no less curious are they than to a junior writer who finds himself editor of a school newspaper...wondering which way is up. Ideology and Faith (not necessarily in the same order) often pushes us into these things, wondering how we got here, how to survive, and how to get out. This feeling, I am sure, is not alien to many students who find themselves in school, surrounded by pressure, and pondering the deep things of life... like how to get by in Physics 202.

But for the student...he must lead, follow, or get out of the way. He(or she, to give credit to our left-brained better half) must remember their visions of life, and speak out on what they feel are the great issues of the day, the moral imperatives of civilization, and try to do so while passing a class that has as much interest to them as turnip greens (my apologies to those who like turnip greens).

College is a crucial time for many of us. Here at Southern Tech we get a great cross-section of students. This is a cross section of our community and, as many have known in the past, the proving ground for the leaders of tomorrow. The risk of a cliché is deep, but the seriousness of tomorrow's reality is unavoidable. Many here will fail. They will play games and may even manage to graduate, but they will still fail. They won't be "movers", they will be "watchers", because they don't really want to "move" anything, they just want peace...and comfort...and ease.

But others do want to "move" things...and people. Some are driven by faith, others by fear, some by lust, and some by goodness. Often, however, in the infancy and growth of these people's awareness, the daily things begin to pull them down, and they lose sight of what is important. It is at these times, when things are at their worst, that each individual's basic beliefs resurface. And the strength of these beliefs will prove themselves real, only if they have the strength to renew the individual believing in it. Perhaps that is the test of reality for many of us. What is really important and what do we really want to do...and is it worthy of us. Someone once said, perhaps it is true, that nothing is worth living for, that is not worth dying for.

Cough, Cough, Cough!

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By Joel Lesser
Assistant Editor



It was Thursday, February 6th. About 3:00 A.M. I believe. I was sleeping. Most people were asleep in Norton dorm. The place was pretty quiet all except for one person who wanted smoke. Lots of smoke. I would have given him a cigarette before letting him do what he did.

I awoke hearing a loud buzzing sound. Not like some sort of insect buzzing in your ear. It was more of a loud annoying not-at-3-in-the-morning buzzing sort of sound. The fire alarm had been tripped. My roommate got up and opened the door. I think he forgot to read the firesticker on the door. He was a little delirious (who wouldn't be at 3 A.M.?). "This is for real Joel", he said. That's when I got out of bed.

Yes Indeed, there was plenty of smoke. Kind of a greenish haze and you could not see more than two feet in front of you. I grabbed my wallet just in case this was for real.

It wasn't for real. It wasn't even close to being real. Some fool got a hold of a military smoke bomb and decided to "light up" on the first floor of the Norton dormitory. As I said, I would have given him a cigarette. I asked a couple of people if they knew who it was that lit the smoke bomb. No one knew.

I decided to ask others who live in Norton dorm what they thought of the smoke out.

"It made me sick for three days and I'm still getting over it", said one person. I asked why the smoke made him sick. "Sinuses", was his reply.

Another said, "I thought I was dead. I wanted to know who the ----er was that did it."

Someone else said, "I want to catch the dude and infiltrate his lungs with cottage cheese." I personally agree.

"...It was an uncool and bogus idea...", said another.

So there you have it. Complete (almost) coverage of Norton dorm's smoke-out. We all had to wait outside for about 15 minutes until we were allowed back in. They found the smoke bomb and carted it off for fingerprints or something like that. If you are thinking about living in the dorms, do it. \$275.00 gets you a place to stay, roommate, good times (?), and of course, a smoke bomb... every now and then.

Save Chip & Dale

Dear Editor,

Thank you maintenance and grounds crew of Southern Tech for the beautiful facelift operation you've done on the walkway between the classroom and Administration buildings. It's nice to see that nothing will stand in the way of progress-not even the homes of frisky little chipmunks. Yeah, it's good to know that at least 50 chipmunks gave up their homes, all for the betterment of that section of campus. Now you can put some superb model of modern engineering or a bed of begonias in that acreage.

I don't know how many of you were aware that those big ugly bushes were the homes for some of the most curious creatures (on four legs) that

around on a warm day or watched them dart under a pretty (?) young coed's feet and the watch the young lady stifle a scream. But alas, Chip & Dale are no more at the Southern Tech walkway. Keep your eyes open. You may luck out and see them scurrying around somewhere on campus. Whatever you do, don't let the S.T.I. staff know where they are. Good-bye dear chipmunks, parting is such sweet sorrow.



inhabit North Georgia. Evidently you never sat and watched them cavorting

A South Georgia Nature Lover

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE.

Q: How many of the people who died of lung cancer last year were smokers?

- A. 25%
- B. 40%
- C. 60%
- D. 80%



QUITTING. IT COULD BE THE TEST OF YOUR LIFE.

D. It's more than 80%

Give Blood.



It'll Warm Your Heart.

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