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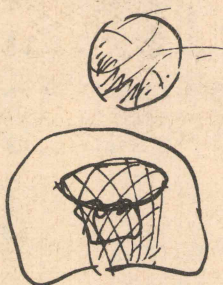
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## Major Raid Shuts Down the Rock

by David G. Hirschler

During the late evening hours of Oct 21, an unusually large group of bandits converged upon the Rock, which was occupied by the Sigma Nu fraternity, and proceeded to conduct what has since become known as the biggest Rock Raid in Southern Tech history. This raid resulted in considerable damage to the new Academic Building, and has forced the Dean of Students to declare the Rock off limits to any group for the next two quarters.

Since this action could have serious repercussions towards the long-standing tradition of the Rock, the STING has attempted to piece together what actually happened on that fateful evening: A small group of students living in the residence halls, composed of members from several different fraternities, decided to raid the Rock in retaliation against the Sigma Nu's, who are suspected by other Greeks of raiding the Rock many times themselves. As the original group of raiders spread word of their plans throughout the dorms, many independent students caught wind of the upcoming raid and decided to exploit the opportunity to "get some Greeks" (this large group of independents was allegedly composed of several members of Southern Tech's Baseball Team).

And so began the Great Rock Raid of 1986. The Rock's defenders, approximately 8 Sigma Nu pledges, were hopelessly outnumbered by an estimated 40 bandits and are believed to have lost the *first battle*. Yes, the STING has discovered that there was not ONE raid, but TWO! During halftime, both sides regrouped and increased their numbers. When the second raid occurred (at approximately 2 a.m.), an estimated 45 bandits faced a larger group of about 16 Sigma Nu defenders. This

time, both sides were well prepared.

During their attempt to even the score, an unknown number of Sigma Nu's stationed themselves at the top of the Southern stairwell of the new Academic Building, perhaps to bombard their assailants from above. However, the bandits trapped the Sigma Nu's in the stairwell, and there ensued a heated exchange of eggs and paint bombs, (which were obviously originally intended to strike the Rock), as the Sigma Nu's fought to escape. It was at this point that the Academic Building became an innocent casualty of the battle since the aim of both groups was atrocious. During or soon after this battle, the Southern Tech Police squad is believed to have arrived in full riot gear, with sirens blaring and blue lights flashing. This sudden display of might incited a panicky retreat by the bandits, who absentmindedly forgot to clean up their mess. This play-by-play reproduction of events was created from an examination of the evidence and from eye-witness accounts.

Many students and faculty probably appreciate Dean Smith's response to the situation- complaints are continually recieved by the Dean's

office concerning loud music, clouds of smoke, and eggs splattered against the sidewalks and buildings. Some people even feel that the tradition of sleeping at the Rock makes the area look like a "hobo town". Up till now, however, school officials lived with these complaints in view of the Rock's tradition which dates back to Southern Tech's early years. The Rock has long been a place to meet with friends, or study outside while enjoying the sunshine. Student organizations have made the tradition unique by "capturing" the Rock and painting it their respective colors.

In order to keep this practice orderly, the Student Government Association has even drawn up a set of "Rock Rules". According to these rules, anyone using violence while at the Rock may be fined up to \$500. But since no particular group or individual can be blamed for this incident, the Dean of Students found himself between "the Rock and a hard place", and so forced the Sigma Nu's to leave the Rock and declared it off limits.

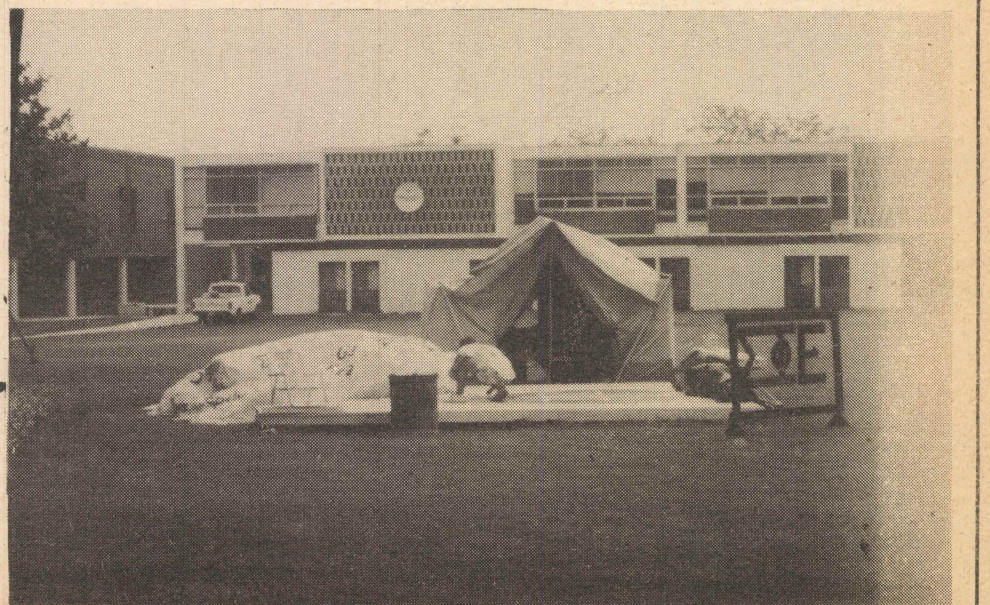
The cost of cleaning up the mess at the new building has been estimated at \$300, and the school will have to pick up the tab. It's a shame that

some students feel they must vandalize and destroy property every time a student group captures the Rock. This should not be a part of the Rock's tradition, and until this attitude changes, the Rock will assuredly remain off limits to everyone, perhaps forever.

## Chinese Delegation Visits SCT

Dr. Xie Xide, President of Fudan University in Shanghai, Peoples Republic of China, will be visiting Southern Tech on Monday, November 17, 1986. She will give a talk on 'Current Situation of Higher Education in the People's Republic of China, Using Fudan University as an Example' in the Burruss Auditorium at 12:00 noon. President Cheshier and the International Affairs Committee of Southern Tech request everybody to be present. Dr. Xide is an eminent Nuclear Physicist holding a Ph.D. degree from MIT, and is very active in Physics research.

**Rock  
In  
Danger  
?!**



# 'STEW'-pidity Derek Stewart

## NO SPACE, NO FUN

I can only think of one advantage to taking an 8 a.m. class. There are parking spaces available at 8 a.m. But unless you are a first quarter freshman, or just so gung-ho that it makes the average student sick, most of us had rather die than take an 8 a.m. class.

So what are you to do when you show up at 9 a.m., or even 10 or 11 a.m. for juniors and seniors, and the parking lot is packed to the rafters? Well, there is always the movie lot. The short half-mile hike back to campus serves to wake the student and wear out the legs. It is a great way to start the morning. The hike compiled on top of the lost 15 minutes, from riding around the main lot, puts me in the perfect mood for sitting in class and absorbing a lecture on AC-DC circuit analysis.

What, then, do I and the rest of the students do to combat this problem? We complain. A right most of us do possess.

But there are some of us who do not have the right to complain. This group includes the various sectors of parking lot abusers on campus.

How do I define abusers for a parking lot? First of all there is the group known as the 'Indy lot racers'. This group seems to think that the 55mph speed limit is not only too slow for Georgia's highways, but is, in fact too slow for Southern Tech's parking lots. Such drivers include that little red hunk of garbage that was so kind as to attempt the removal of my knee caps one afternoon last week.

These are not the only parking lot abusers on campus. The second group that comes to mind is the group known as the 'put it anywhere it will go' gang. This group is composed of line-blind students who just can not seem to hit the spaces. They hang their vehicles out of the spaces and into the rows, and appear not to give a damn about keeping their bumpers on their vehicles.

But, you know what is the most annoying fact of all? For some strange reason these cars and trucks never have tickets on them. I would really like to see these vehicles towed away to the back of the movie lot, and tied together so that their owners could not annoy the rest of us.

### WHAT IT AM

It has come to my attention that some of the people who read 'STEW'-pidity last week wondered what the purpose of the column was. They thought that my column was intended as a gripe column.

I can assure you that the purpose for this column is not solely as a gripe, or complaint, column. I can also assure you, though, that when the need arises for me to present my material in the form of a gripe (I am using the word gripe because I am not sure if I can use that other word with the same meaning in print) I will do so without hesitation.

You see, IT IS MY COLUMN! If you do not like it, write me a line and tell me what you think. (O.K. so what if this is a cheap trick to try and get some input from readers?)

★★★★★ INPUT ★★★★★

I recently received a very lengthy letter from a student who alleged that faculty and staff at Southern Tech are not required to pay parking tickets if given one by the Southern Tech Police. The letter listed several other complaints about the parking, and ticketing, situation on campus. It appears that most students at Southern Tech feel the same way that this student feels. The best question brought up by this student was this: 'How can it be legal to have an appeal (court) procedure for students that have been issued a parking or traffic ticket on the (Southern Tech) campus without the Police Officer that issued the ticket being present?'

Thanks for the input!!!

# DEAR STING,

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### SEAL OF INJUSTICE

Recently I was given a flyer introducing new ideas for a new school seal. There were two pictures on this flyer but neither seal was particularly attractive to me. None of the ideas presented did any justice to our beloved Alma Mater. I have yet to see a distinguished University or College that has either their mascot or a walkway and a rock as part of their school seal. If you were to remove the name on the seal and just look at what's in the seal, you would not have any idea of what kind of school this is since nothing in the seal represents what we are all about. The motto on the scroll reads, "Imagination, Innovation, Application." Imagination: according to my dictionary it means *creativity, inventiveness, resour-*

*cefullness, and the process or power of forming a mental image of something not real or present.* The seal to me represents a lack of it. I can't believe that they (whoever designed the seal) had to go to the extreme of including the "Rock" (which at this time is off limits due to the many conflicts that it has caused) and the hornets. Definitely the person(s) that designed the prospective seals were not Southern Tech graduates because we have a little more imagination. The motto doesn't really describe what we do. For all I know, it could be describing Marietta Vot-Tech. Maybe they will adopt it later on (if it doesn't conflict with the copyright laws). Why not make it so that it will describe us- for instance, SCIENCE AND

TECHNOLOGY FOR THE FUTURE. It doesn't have to be that specific one, but I think that anybody that reads that one would get a pretty good idea of what we are all about. The State of Georgia symbol (the three legged thing) somehow reminds me so much of the Georgia Tech and University of Georgia school seals (not very innovative). I think that the idea of having a textbook and the lamp on the seal (choice B-1) is great since they are symbols fitting of an educational institution. However, the paperback edition they included in the seal looks REAL NICE!

I really hope that such an important matter is not taken lightly because once we get a seal, we will be stuck with it for a long time.

Sincerely,  
Jose A. Morales  
Box 8002



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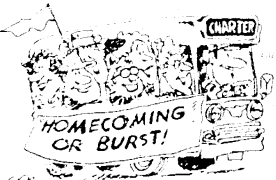


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## Which Will Be Our New Seal?!

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# B. Gentry Lee: The Engineer of the 21st Century

By Navid Nourollahi

As a platform guest in the closing remarks of the dedication ceremony at the Southern Tech Dedication, B. Gentry Lee made the shortest, yet most powerful speech of the day, which impressed many of his abilities to awaken the minds of an audience. In a personal interview, I found out that there is indeed much more to this gentleman, than meets the eye!

With a Bachelor degree in Language and Literature from the University of Texas in Austin, a Master of Science degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Physics and Aerospace Engineering, and as a Marshallfellow in the University of Glasgow in Scotland, he has used a sound education as a base to his success. Currently he is a staff member of the California Institute of Technology's Jet Propulsion lab, and also the director of the NASA's Advance Projects for Future Space Explorations. As a professor in the Aerospace studies at Cal. Tech, he truly enjoys the day-to-day challenges, and as NASA's director of APFFSE, he creates the rationale for space projects such as planetary explores, and space travelscopes. One of the most interesting things about Mr. Lee was his unique approach on ideas. 'My approach is top-down, such as the universe, our galaxy, the solar system, then the earth and the United States.

One example of this 'Top-Down' approach came when he elaborated on the United States' edge on the 'last frontier'. 'U.S. has lost the momentum in space exploration', and as he explained, not because of lack of public support, but rather, the lack of knowledge.

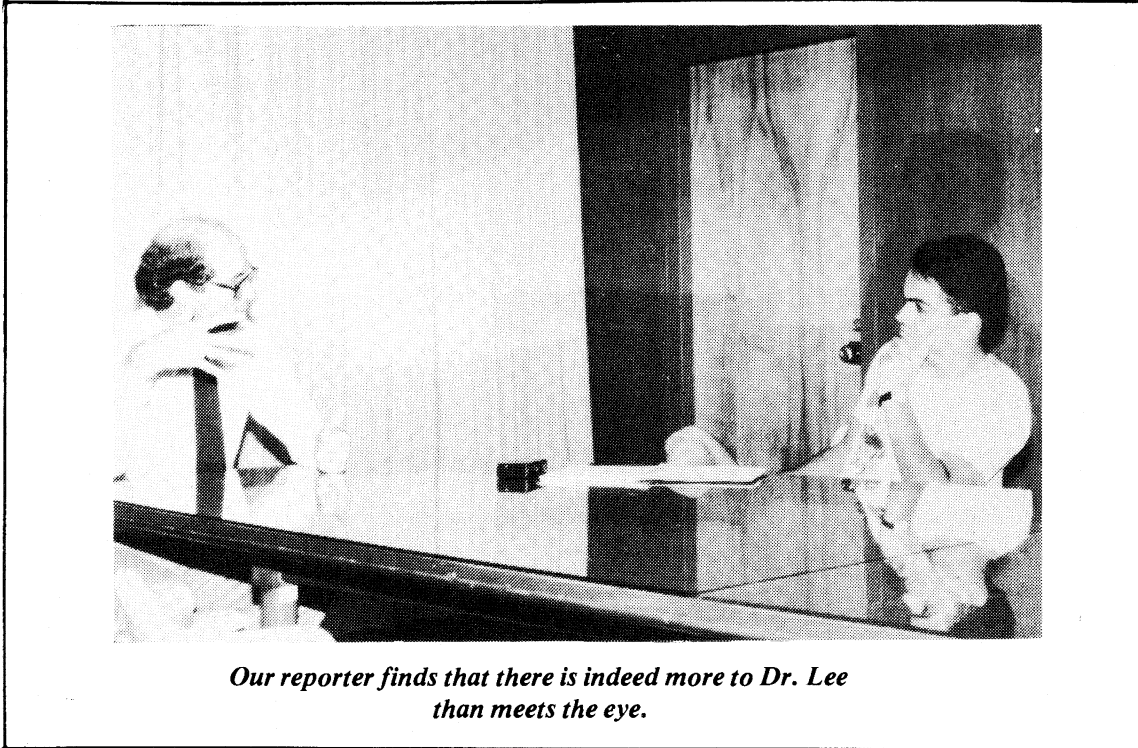
'We are becoming a global culture on earth, and U.S. is slowly recognizing that our days of freedom to do what we want to do on a global scale to survive economically have past.' He feels we must plan what segments of the economy we can get into and thrive in it.

About U.S. in the 21st century, he pointed out that by then U.S. will be qualified to do 3 things real well: 1. Agribusiness - 'Not shovels and rakes, but computer automated businesses' because of our great vast of land; 2. Hi Tech stuff, thanks to IBM

and Hewlett Packard and rest of that family, and 3. Services such as entertainment like motion pictures. 'There are still universities in the country that think turning out liberal arts graduates is all they have to do', and even though he is all for liberal-arts, he feels it is only a 'stepping stone' toward a successful future.

recalled his comments on that terrifying day. 'I felt it would take 18 months before the shuttle could go up again,' but an optimistic early 1988 launch is scheduled. 'Why optimistic? Because of certain fear of another mistake, and when you become traumatized by fear of mistakes, you don't accomplish things.' The

He strongly pointed out that people who made the laws in this country, do not understand science 'even well enough to know which scientist know what they are doing, and which ones don't!' He gave an example with the shuttle program, in how its push was a military one, and when the budget overflowed, the White



*Our reporter finds that there is indeed more to Dr. Lee than meets the eye.*

When asked about Southern Tech's role in the growing Hi-Tech world, he pointed out that very rarely in United States an administration looks at 'blue prints' of the future. 'Southern Tech prepares people for the variable economic conditions in the U.S., and its graduates play a very key role, as they become partners with the design engineers of the future.' So, what about the prestige and the great reputations of such schools as Georgia Tech, MIT, Purdue, and Cal Tech? 'Some schools create the design engineers, but...there has to be another group of people who can take these designs and use them in everyday applications.' He felt strongly toward the lack of number of schools like Southern Tech, which play a great key role in the design and application theory. 'There is a great need for schools that prepares its students for the Hi-Tech future, and how to use the innovated designs - Southern Tech does that, and that's great stuff!'

One of the most recent issues concerning space has been the Shuttle program and of course the disaster of January 28, 1986. In regard to this discussion, Mr. Lee

original design and justification of the shuttle was based on forty to fifty flights per year, but Mr. Lee 'worries' that the shuttle 'will never be the cargo truck carrying cargo into space, like it was designed to do', because of the kind of caution it carries upon its back, therefore, it will become a white elephant - economically impossible to operate. So what comes after the shuttle? According to Mr. Lee 'nothing anytime soon, because of our untannable situation.' The over-spent budget on the shuttle trashed all other ideas, projects, and hopes, and by 1990, we may launch Tyte-Sentars, sending payloads to space. He went on to explain how in 1986, space historians will write about the shuttle accident, and of course, exploration of Haley's comet by other nations, which is the first time ever U.S. has not participated at all in a significant inventory, much less lead it. Is U.S., in fact, losing its forefront of technology in space exploration? 'We have been losing ground for half of a decade, without people's knowledge, mainly because of the scientific illiteracy on one hand, and the inability to communicate on the other.'

House to take money from other projects, and cancel everything else.

Overall, B. Gentry Lee is happy with his life and his career, but one of his biggest regrets in the space program, was his 7 year project which was a space telescope, which arrived at Cape Canaveral to be launched on the Challenger, but the disaster destroyed what many called 'a very creative idea.' He feels NASA and Cal Tech has brought him a great life which is engaged in stimulating, interesting, and creative work. 'My life is full of great choices, and some of the ones I turn down, would make most people's lives enriched and happy.' He considers himself 'the luckiest man in the world' with a mind full of ideas, a working environment surrounded by 'greatious, moral, ethical people concerned about one common goal: The expansion of a knowledge base of the human species. That's what we are all about. Building crafts to go out and learn new things, and share the information with everyone in the world.'

Editors's Note: My sincere thanks to Mr. B. Gentry Lee for his time, and the most interesting interview of my life.

## What Should Be Done?

By David G. Hirschler

- Students were asked, 'What should be done about the Rock?', in an informal survey taken in the Student Center. The results ranged from serious to ridiculous;
- Remove it from campus.
  - Keep it off limits and paint it Southern Tech colors.
  - Keep the tradition, but students should act responsibly.
  - I don't care.
  - People who raid the Rock should only use water balloons.
  - I like the tradition of capturing it, but without raids.
  - Blow it up and bury the pieces.
  - We need more security to prevent raids.
  - The Rock is neat.
  - Catch a raider and beat the !?&'\$! out of him!
  - Don't mess with tradition.
  - Remove it and set up a football field.
  - What happened?
  - Don't take away our school's only tradition!
  - The independants in the dorms cause all the problems.
  - Someone should capture it now.
  - No opinion.
  - I like it the way it is.
  - The president of the school wants it dug up and hauled off.
  - It's a tradition to raid the Rock - it gives dorm students something to do besides drinking.
  - Blow it up and set up a building for partis - The Rock House.
  - They should be more strict on fines.
  - Raiding the Rock is fun - but without the damage.
  - Keep it - it's a status symbol.
  - The raids should continue as part of tradition, but without the paint.
  - Taking the Rock away is like taking the Steam Whistle away from Georgia Tech, it's something you don't do.
  - The tradition of the Rock should be regulated more closely.
  - The Dean acted way out of line when he put it off limits.
  - Keep the tradition.
  - When the Sig-Eps built the deck around it, that was a good idea.
  - We should set up some more tables or spruce it up somehow so that it continues to be a great meeting place - no capturing should be allowed.
  - Keep it as a centerpiece.
  - The vandalism is tacky
  - Keep the Rock, get rid of the cafeteria!

# FEATURES

## Are You Bored?

By David Hirschler

If you find yourself with nothing to do after a hard day of hitting the books, then take advantage of all that Southern Tech has to offer to spend your time. Whether you are interested in athletics, joining a student organization, or just looking for a nice place to relax, then Southern Tech has something for you.

If you are athletically inclined at all, or wish to be, then check out the Gymnasium. It is open every day of the week and offers you an air-conditioned weight room, free use of the basketball court (when the Hornets aren't practicing), and tennis courts. Some outside activities include a frisbee golf course (one of two in Georgia), an obstacle course, intramural sports, or simply a jog around campus.

Another great way to find recreation is to visit the Student Center. It's open every day until 11:00 p.m. and offers a Rec-room complete with ping-pong and pool tables, video games and pin-ball machines, and many

board games which can be checked out with your student ID. There's also a wide screen TV, a music listening room with enough albums to suit everyone's taste, a different movie every week on videotape upstairs for your viewing pleasure during the day, and a CAB-sponsored film every Thursday night in the ballroom.

However, if the Gym or Student Center doesn't appeal to you enough, why not go to the Library and check out a good book or read a magazine? If you have done all these things and need yet another outlet, then you can visit the Counseling Center or Placement Office for a change. You might even learn something. Or you can stop by the Computer Center and learn how to use one of 'them fancy machines.'

For students who wish to invest their free time by getting involved on campus (employers look for this) join one of the more than 30 student organizations at Southern Tech. The fraternities and sororities here offer so much:

## Free Stereo

By Tim Glover

Drinking will ruin your holiday! (Given the chance). I'm now joining the list of writers harping against the evils of excessive drinking during the upcoming holiday /Super-peachorangerosetcbowl season.

Did you know if a 150 lb. person drinks five beers or 15 ounces of wine in an hour, his blood alcohol content (B.A.C.) will be .10? That's enough to earn a D.U.I. citation, which is very expensive to pay for, (increased insurance costs, not to mention the fine). Also, three or more hours are required to get back to a 'safe' level (below .05), provided he doesn't drink anymore. Cold showers, fresh air, black coffee, and exercise, except for the time spent doing them, have no effect on B.A.C.

So if you plan on drinking, please do it at home or somewhere where you don't have to drive home. Then, if you 'accidentally' drink too much, the only thing ruining your holiday will be a granddaddy hangover, not an accident which could take your car away, not to mention someone's (who would have

been near and dear to you) life.

Incidentally, surveys taken show the following statistics: California - 53% of drivers killed in accidents had over .08% BAC. Wisconsin - 2 or 3 drivers killed had been drinking...of these drivers, 3 of 5 had over .10% BAC.

Nationally - Problem drinkers (7% of all drivers) are involved in 33% (18,000 annually) of all fatal crashes.

Anywhere - Increased probability of accident, BAC levels of sobriety

.05%...2 times (that's safe?)

.10%...7 times

.15%...25 times - that's only 7 1/2 beers or 22 1/2 ounces of wine in one hour

These statistics come from a booklet distributed by the Southern Tech Infirmary. The booklet, 'ABC's of Drinking and Driving', is available to anyone at the student center information booth.

So, if you're going to drink, please make sure you stay away from that steering wheel.

The odds are stacked completely against you. Also, the money saved from avoiding a fine will buy a fantastic 100 watt stereo system. Think about it.

a social life, leadership opportunities, and lasting friendships. The many professional organizations (one for almost every major) offer business contacts, plant tours, and up to date information about your chosen career field. Some of the other campus groups include the Campus Activities Board, the LOG yearbook staff, the STING newspaper staff, and the Southern Tech radio station, WGHR. These groups offer you planning skills and a chance to have your feelings and opinions broadcast over the air or be seen in print and pictures.

There is yet still another way to have fun at Southern Tech - while showing your school spirit at the same time: Go with your friends to a Hornets game! There is no better way to show your support than to go to a game and let the excitement carry you away. Our sports teams (basketball, baseball, tennis) are very good and admission is free.

So whatever your interests are, Southern Tech can fill those empty hours. If you suddenly find yourself with nothing to do, then stop staring at the walls, put on your Reeboks, and go have some FUN!

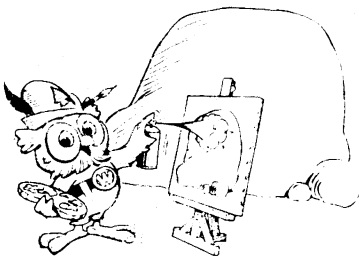
## Nightlife

By Edwin Vaughan

Yes, friends, it is again time for another experienced evaluation of one of Atlanta's nightspots. This time, though, the place in question is right here in Marietta, on the Square. I'm talking about the illustrious Chattahoochee River Company.

First of all, CRC's is NOT a dance club. It's really not a place to satisfy your animalistic partying desires, either. CRC's, however, is a place to relax and have a great meal and good drink.

Occasionally, CRC's will have live music (always laid back) to go with their rustic atmosphere. The food (all of it) is quite delectable. I seriously suggest that you head over there.



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## WGHR Music Spotlight

By Ric Hall

Last Friday night, I had the chance to catch a great show at the Buckhead Cinema and Drafthouse. In a comfortable club atmosphere, local band Drivin'-n-Cryin' opened with a tightly packed 40 minute set including original material and a thrashy cover of Queen's 'We Will Rock You'. Drivin'-n-Cryin' once again proved to be a fascinating local act with a great deal of promise. Drivin'-n-Cryin' opened with the way for the headlining act of the night the previously Marietta-based band Guadalcanal Diary. The Guadalcanal Diary set included every song off of their latest album, *Jamboree*, or as they call it *Walking in the Shadow of the Big Chicken*. Jeff Walls and singer Murray Attaway created a wall of guitar sound that has yet to be captured on a Guadalcanal album, while bassist Rhett Crowe danced his way constantly through the

two hour show. John Pot, the drummer, showed an interesting and unusual style. He never played a snare, but instead emphasized his large tom-toms to set the rhythm and wailed on his cymbals for accent to create an almost African sound. Despite call for it, they refused to play 'John Wayne' but did endear the crowd enough to appear for two encores, including the Beatle's 'I Feel Fine', and closing with the traditional 'Kambayah'. Although Guadalcanal Diary is now used for playing in much bigger halls (they opened for R.E.M. for a month nationwide), they still feel comfortable playing to a thousand people in their hometown. The show reaffirmed my faith in this band. If you ever have the chance, see Guadalcanal Diary live.

## Need a Scholarship?

The Army will again provide Scholarships to deserving young college students. Army Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC) scholarships pay all tuition, \$125 per quarter for books, and provide \$100 per month pocket money (non-taxed).

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are securing a future, part time in the National Guard or Reserve, or Full time in the Active Army."

The minimum qualifications for three year scholarships (Freshmen) and two year scholarships (Sophomores) follow:

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-Be at least 17 years of age and under 25 years of age on June 30 of your graduation year from college. (up to 4 years more for veterans)

-Pass your physical exam and physical fitness test.

-Have a 2.0 GPA or better.

Have a SAT Score of 850 or better, ACT of 17 or better.

More information about the scholarships, or ROTC in general, can be obtained through the ROTC Office, 429-2929.

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# The Bathtub Race

By Tim Glover

John Whitmire, driving the Sigma Nu/Bud Light tub (No. 63) won the semi-annual Southern Tech Bathtub Race Sunday.

Whitmire took the trophy, with Ed Jordan in the Miller tub (No. 15), coming in second, and Mike Smoker in the Lambda Chi tub (No. 17), taking third place. John Rodgers (No. 43), took first place in the Rookie/Novice class, finishing fifth place overall. The Best Pit Crew award went to Mike Smoker's crew, and the Sportsmanship award went to Bill Lotz, president of the Bathtub Racing Association (BRA).

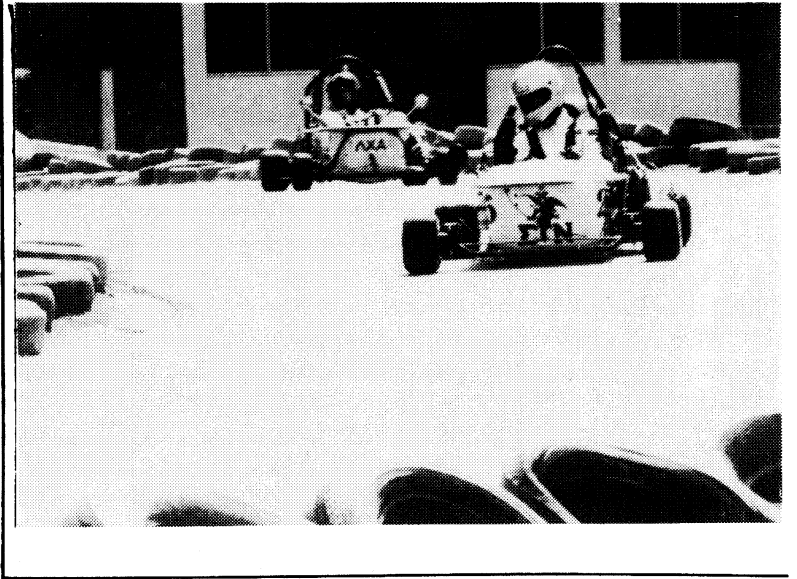
As usual, no accidents occurred, but the normal amount of mechanical heartbreaks cropped up. Bill McCloud, driving the Lambda Chi tub

(No. 11), fried his ignition in practice, replaced it, and fried it again during the pace lap. Greg Caudell in the Sigma Nu/Budweiser tub (No. 25) was leading in lap 32 when a fuel pickup problem caused his Rotax engine to 'cold-seize'. (A cold seize is fairly common, caused when the piston heats up and expands faster than its cylinder.) However, since he completed 32 laps, and the next finisher, Rodgers (No. 43) only completed 32 laps, Greg took fourth place overall. Mike Smoker (No. 17) took the lead for 7 laps, but then broke a water pump pulley, which caused him to finish in third place. Victor Werner (No. 2), Eric King (No. 30), and Ken Boggs (No. 1), suffered numerous mechanical problems. Werner completed 15 laps, King com-

pleted seven laps, and Boggs only finished four laps. Good luck you three, I'm glad you're out there trying. I hope you have better luck in the Spring Race.

The Vintage Race, due to lack of interest/entries, was not held this time. Come on guys, what's happening? This race is set up for those on a low budget. Five entries were listed in the Spring race, only 2 ran! Whatta we gotta do, fill 'em up with beer again? That only makes the tubs harder to push, and anyway, alcohol is banned on campus. Unlike the original racers, at least you're allowed to have wheels.

We missed our out of state tubs from Drexel and Villanova. I assume they didn't come due to rain. Rain has delayed several races, but rarely caused one to be cancelled. The rain did preclude Saturday's activities, but surprisingly, the only change made Sunday was an added



half hour of practice time (from 1:30 to 2:00, when the Vintage Race was supposed to be held). Also, no official top speed was recorded because the time trials were rained out.

A note of thanks to Lawrence Logue, head of the MET department and Bill Lotz, president of BRA, for

information about the race. Also, thanks to Boyd Hinton, from the English Department for help with the mechanics of this story. I wasn't able to attend this race because I'm building my home right now, but I will definitely be here for the Spring Race. Be looking for you!



## An International Interview

Harprit Singh interviews an International student, Abdullah S. Al Kathairi. He is a senior and is majoring in Civil Engineering Technology.

STING — When did you come to U.S.A. and from which country?

Mr. Abdulla - I came to U.S.A. in the year 1981-82 and I have come from United Arab Emirates.

STING — How did you hear about Southern Tech?

Mr. Abdulla - I went to Georgia State for Language school and a couple of my friends there told me about Southern Tech.

STING — What were the general difficulties you faced on reaching U.S.A.?

Mr. Abdulla - Language problems, lack of proper communication, different culture, different ways of doing the same thing, food problem, etc.. I still remember when I came to U.S.A. - I spent the whole week eating eggs. I couldn't understand the menu card at any restaurant, for I had never eaten similar food before. But I guess, these are the difficulties any student faces when he goes to a foreign country.

STING — How do you feel about the studies at Southern Tech?

Mr. Abdulla - They have a good program, good instructors. I am satisfied with the studies at Southern Tech. I think it's a good school.

STING — How do you com-

pare the system of education here with that in your own country?

Mr. Abdulla - They have the same system like we have down here. We have the same quarter system there, quarterly evaluation of courses, but this system has been started only about 5 or 6 years back. It's a little harder here for a foreign student, but I mean the value of education is probably the same.

STING — What do you have to say about the staff and students at Southern Tech?

Mr. Abdulla - I know only the Civil Department instructors and I feel they are pretty good.

The students are very helpful and are working together for most of the time. In general, it's a good combination of staff and students.

STING — Do you think that being an international student, you are being discriminated in any sort?

Mr. Abdulla - No, there is no discrimination as such, but there is a feeling of isolation.

American students join the fraternities and are busy in their own groups.

International students, however, require a group where they can discuss and solve their problems.

There was a time when the International Student Organization was being set up - the elections were held and the school was backing us with full financial and moral support.

But at the last moment, the school authorities backed out and refused all support without

furnishing any reason. We are trying to re-organize now and I hope the school pays more attention to it now. I think they are interested now for they have introduced a new position at Southern Tech, namely 'Coordinator of Special Students.'

STING — Do you think that the International students at Southern Tech are organized?

Mr. Abdulla - No, they are not organized at present.

Last spring quarter, I came to know that there were about 150-200 foreign students, and I am sure that the number is the same for this quarter.

The reason they are not organized is probably because the school did not prepare them to get together, to meet and understand each other.

They were not wholly committed in organizing the foreign students.

However, this quarter brings new hope for the re-establishment of International Student Organization.

STING — Can you suggest any steps that should be taken to portray the International Culture at Southern Tech?

Mr. Abdulla - Setting up of the International Student Organization will take care of that.

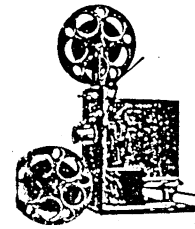
We can have slide shows and can spread information about other countries around campus.

We can have some kind of one day celebration and invite the American Students to participate in them.

STING — Thank you for sharing your views with us.

Mr. Abdulla - Thank you!

## It's The Flicks



It's the Flicks

By Ric Hall

In *Tough Guys*, Burt Lancaster and Kirk Douglas play Frank Doyle and Archie Long, the two last living train robbers. After they get out of prison for a 30-year stretch, they discover that things have changed. Seventy-two year old Frank is put in a retirement home and discovers one of his favorite old haunts has been converted into a gay bar. Sixty-seven year old Archie goes through two jobs in a week, finds an athletic (if you know what I mean and I think

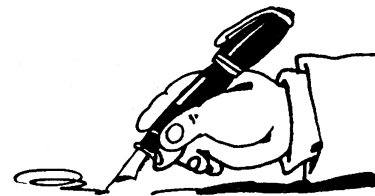
you do) girlfriend at a co-ed gym. Doyle's and Long's shenanigans in free society are quite amusing. *Tough Guys* has a nice story line and two great actors. In addition, the Red Hot Chili Peppers make a cameo appearance. What more could you want?

It's a shame that I couldn't have seen this film in a better theatre. The chairs squeaked very badly in the Town Center theatre and the sound was primitive. In addition, the manager on duty was rude and stated it was not company policy to support student papers by providing a complimentary seat in a near-empty room for a Monday afternoon show. So see *Tough Guys*; it rates an 8. But stay away from the Town Center Theatre; it rates a 3.

## Graphic

## Arts

## Contest



The STING is sponsoring a Graphic Arts contest for everyone proficient with a pen. If you think you can draw better than anyone on campus, then prove it! The top prize is \$50.00 and publication in the STING. All other entries will also be considered for publication. En-

tries should be black and white only (dark enough to reproduce), and deposited in the lockbox outside the STING office. An artist may enter more than once, but each entry must be drawn on an 8½ x 11 sheet of unruled paper, and a card with the artist's name, address, phone number, class standing, and major (name and department, if faculty) must be clipped to the entry. The entry deadline is 12:00 p.m., November 20.

# GREEKS AND CLUBS



## Soccer Club

### Organizational Meeting

Looking for something to do? Get involved in the Southern Tech Soccer Club.

Everyone is welcome; students, faculty, and staff, regardless of skill level, to an open discussion on organization. This meeting will occur on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 7:00 p.m. in Ballroom A at the Student Center.

For additional information contact:

Joel Rieger 424-9480  
Intramural Sports Office  
424-7349.

### By Teresa Robertson

The sisters of Gamma Phi Beta have two new pledges. They are Audra Galiano and Lenna Roland. Congratulations to both of them.

We would like to thank the TKE's for inviting us to their annual Halloween Party. We all had a great time! We are also looking forward to our social with the Sigma Pi's.



### By Elizabeth Faucher

Great news! The new shipment of Southern Tech Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE) T-shirts has arrived. If you haven't gotten your t-shirt yet, go by the IET office and look at the shirts on display. The shirts are white with blue letters and the IIE logo. Get one and wear it - show that you're part of an excellent organization. The shirts are \$7.00 each or two for \$13.00. For members who have joined since August 22nd, the shirts are only \$6.00 each. You can get one from Professor Atkins (Room 257) or any IIE officer.

November 18th is the most important date for IIE this quarter. We are hosting the

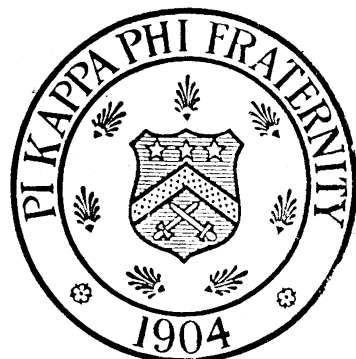
Atlanta IIE chapter meeting here at Southern Tech at 6:30 p.m. in Ballroom A of the Student Center. All IET students and Faculty are invited to attend. The program topic is 'Atlanta Job Outlook for IE's'. Professional IE's from the Atlanta area will be there. This is a great opportunity to learn about job prospects.

The tour of Georgia Power's McDonough Electric Generating Plant on October 28th was an exciting and educational experience. Plant McDonough is a fossil-fueled electric generating plant. The plant tour was very thorough

and the explanations of plant operations were explicit. I was definitely a great tour.

The Entertainer, a book of 'Buy one - Get one free coupons for Atlanta are restaurants and other activities, is now on sale. The book costs \$7.00 and is available from IIE chapter members. It's a great value but you have to see one to understand what a great deal really is. Get yours now!

REMEMBER: IIE Atlanta Chapter meeting, Tuesday November 18th, 6:30 p.m. Ballroom A. Be there.



## PI KAPPA PHI

### By Ken Williams

The brothers of PI KAPPA PHI have been very active so far this quarter. On halloween night we had a Halloween party at the PI KAPP house. A great time was had by everyone who attended. The following day, Saturday, the brothers played a game of football against our associate members. Since boasting is not favorable for the image of a group, we will not mention who won the game. The most important thing is that we all had a great time. There were a few minor casualties, but basically everyone came out of the game in good shape.

We are leaving for Moccasin Creek Friday afternoon for a weekend in the wild. Hopefully the only thing wild and wooly at Moccasin Creek will be the people at our party.

If you would like to come along, you should see Jose' Morales before Friday. The Omicron Pledge Class of PI KAPPA PHI is holding its first annual SEXY LEGS contest down stairs in the student center. Some of the girls were very revealing, so be sure to go by and cast your vote for the best looking pair of legs on the Southern Tech campus.

November 19 is PI KAPPA PHI's 82nd birthday. There will be a brothers only Founders banquet that night at the Brick Works at the square in Marietta. Brothers should see Tim Jackson for further details. Epsilon Kappa chapter elections will be held on November 18. All brothers should be in attendance.

There was a mistake in the last issue of the STING on our Fall Quarter calendar. The ski trip dated December 16-19 should be dated January 16-19. Have a great quarter - just four more weeks!

To the Sigma Nu's: Abner is back - this time sixty-one strong!



### ABNER LIVES

### Frankly Speaking

by Phil Frank



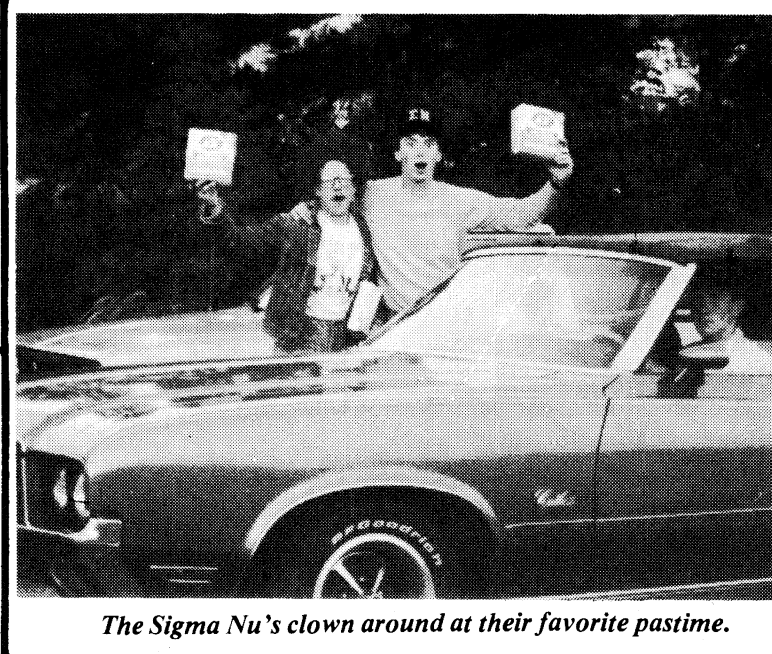
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## The Executive Roundtable

Hear ye...Hear Ye... This quarter's ERT dinner and discussion is almost here. The evening has been conveniently arranged for Monday, November 17, 1986. Dining begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

Members will be receiving their invitations in the mail soon. Anyone with a friend who is curious about the ERT is encouraged to bring that friend along as a guest to see what we're all about.

Our speaker joins us from the ranks of that energy giant, Georgia Power. He is Mr. John Varner, and his topic of discussion, following our meal, will deal with mutual obligations between technology and society. Plan to be there.



The Sigma Nu's clown around at their favorite pastime.



## SIGMA NU

### By John Miller

So ends another bathtub race and guess who ended up on top? Congratulations John Whitmire for your victory - it was very well deserved. All in all, Sigma Nu had 4 drivers in the race.

Greg Caudell was our alumnus driver while John Whitmire, John Rodgers, and Victor Werner were our active brother drivers. Other awards went to John Rodgers and Victor Werner for finishing numbers 1 and 2 in the Rookie-Novice class. Congratulations guys! A special thanks goes to our 28 track marshalls who helped to make this race a success.

And not to go unmentioned, are the hard efforts of all the tubs' pit crews, in particular

Victor's. During the race, Victor's engine seized and the race was apparently over for him. However, Tim Barrett, Victor's crew chief, and two Sigma Nu Alumni, who came to watch the race, rebuilt the engine and got Victor back out into the race. This indeed was an inspiring example of dedication, hard work, and most importantly brotherhood - You can't beat it.

Also with the conclusion of the bathtub race comes the conclusion of the tire throw. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of all the brothers and pledges, this Fall's tire throw was a success. Now, we can all rest until next spring - right John Starnes?

In other news, we had a wine cooler party that was very successful until a few uninvited guests showed up and asked us to leave. His name was Sgt. something, really don't remember, to tell you the truth. Also, don't forget that pictures for our composite will be November 17th and 18th.

Well, when great tubs get together, only one beer will do - Bud Light. That's it for sports rap so see ya next time.

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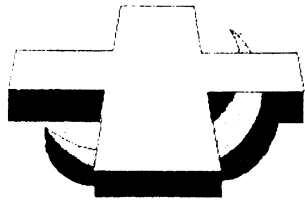
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LAMBDA CHI ALPHA



by John A. Fisher

Remember when you were in elementary school? Well, I remember sitting in the classroom, not being able to wait for summer vacation. Once summer vacation was about half through, I couldn't wait to get back in school. Well, needless to say, the brothers of Lambda Chi are wishing summer vacation was here at this stage in time. Not to say we aren't having a little fun this quarter.

For starters, the ADPI's and ourselves had a blast scaring the \$&\*~?! out of the elementary kids at our annual Halloween Carnival. Approximately 100 screaming kids passed through the spook house before the night was done.

After the party with the kids, we decided to have a party Lambda Chi style. With lots of beer and foxy ladies (still in those skimpy costumes) we proceeded to dance (and fall down) until the midnight hour.

Way to go Mike Smoker and Billy McCloud. Mike came in third place in the Fall Bathub Race. Mike had a lit-

tle competition this year (congratulations Sigma Nu), but I'm sure this will only make Mike more competitive next year- watch out! Thanks to Billy McCloud for donating his tub to the active chapter. He put a lot of time, effort, and money into it, and we will not let him down on his expectations of us. Billy's tub is still the best looking machine out on the track.

As a final note, Lambda Chi is upholding its winning tradition in sports. As in past years, we are (at press time) undefeated. Show 'em guys.

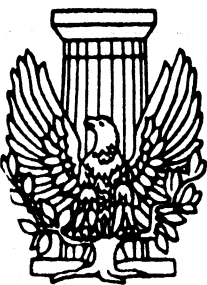
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Veteran's Corner

WONDERFUL NEWS!

The nice ten percent pay increase on the old GI Bill rates is back in our pockets. All veterans eligible under the old Bill will recall the raise in rates we recieved last Fall. they took it away earlier this year in February, only to return it to us now. The effective date is October 1, so expect the increase in this month's check.

The Veteran Affairs office reminds all vets once again that we must have a status sheet on you every quarter. Failure to turn one in will discontinue your payments.



AIAS

by Robyn Patton

Forum '86 is dead ahead. Funding for the trip to Phoenix is already underway. Mechanical pencils reading "AIAS Southern Tech goes to Forum '86" are now being sold. These pencils are going for only \$1.50 and come in assorted colors. For every pencil you buy, you get a free raffle ticket to win a clock radio. By buying a pencil you will be helping Southern Tech send students to Forum '86. If anyone is interested in going to Forum '86, there is still room, but you will be charged a fee for late registration..

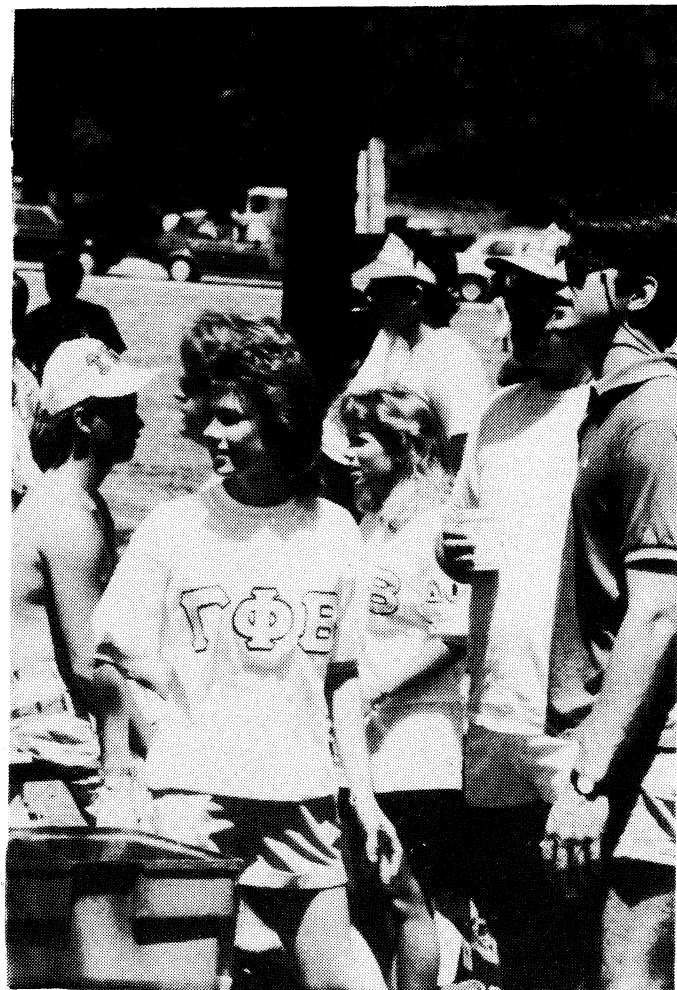
AIAS will be having a guest speaker on Nov. 12 at noon. The subject will be construction consulting and litigation. For more information contact the AET office or an AIAS board member. There was a very good turnout for our last speaker, Bob Balke, who spoke about Buckhead Plaza. We would like to thank everyone for showing interest. Speaking of Buckhead Plaza, there will be a tour on Wednesday, Nov. 19, of Buckhead Plaza at 1:00. We are now trying to arrange car pooling to and from the project. Anyone interested please let us know.

Finally, the AIAS is sponsoring a Tee-shirt Design Contest. First place wins a cash prize and the honor of having your own design on our official Tee-shirts. Because of popular demand, the deadline has been extended to Jan. 6, 1987. If you are interested, please get an information sheet from the AET office.

One last note: We only need three or four more members to top Ga. Tech's AIAS membership!

OA

Anyone interested in organizing an OA meeting on Southern Tech campus please contact someone at this number: 399-5847 from 8:00 - 5:00 weekdays.



The Gamma Phis came alive during last year's Greek Week!

E.I.T. Information

The following change has gone into effect for students who plan to take the E.I.T. exam during their senior year.

In the past, students who graduated at the end of Winter Quarter were allowed to apply for the April exam through Southern Tech, and students who graduated at the end of Summer Quarter were allowed to apply for the October exam through Southern Tech. Effective immediately, Dr. Travis' office will process applications only for those students still enrolled in school

at the time of the examination.

Students should plan to take the exam early in the senior year or apply directly to the State Board.

If you are graduating Winter Quarter 1987, and want to take the April 1987 exam, you should contact the Board as soon as possible and request an application. Your deadline for submitting an application will be January 1, 1987.

For more information, contact Mrs. Statham in Dr. Travis' office, Room 4203, ext. 238.

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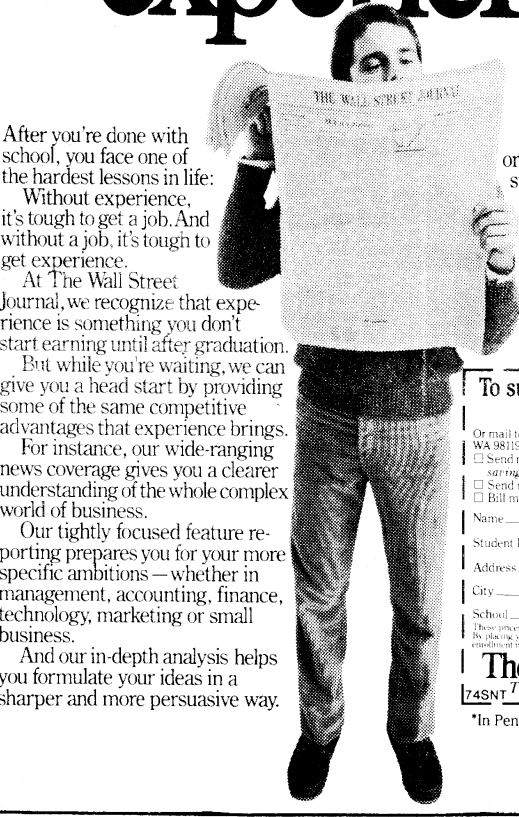
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# SPORTS

## Southern Tech Chosen as the Special Olympics Game Site

by Jerrie Johnson

The Southern Tech Gymnasium has been chosen as the site for the 1986 Cobb County Winter Special Olympics. The opening and closing ceremonies, as well as all basketball events will be held in the Gym on Saturday, Nov. 22 beginning at 12:00 noon. WXIA TV sports news personality Joé Washington will emcee this event for the retarded athletes of the county.

According to Perides, Southern Tech's Athletic Director, "Southern Tech is

extremely pleased to have been chosen as the Game site. We have a commitment to Cobb County and its citizens, and we are happy to support this community event."

After opening ceremonies, two groups of athletes will proceed to other events at Parkaire Mall and Marietta Lanes. Ice Skating events are being sponsored by Parkaire Ice, and will feature an exhibition by Cindy White, Georgia's International Special Olympics Competitor. Events begin at 1:00 pm.

Bowling events will begin at 1:00 pm at Marietta Lanes.

**SOUTHERN TECH STUDENTS AND ATHLETES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE GAMES AND ARE BADLY NEEDED AS VOLUNTEERS.** If you would like to serve as a Cobb County Special Olympics Volunteer; helping to unload and load wheelchairs, direct traffic, or otherwise be of assistance, please report to the Gym at 11:00 am on Saturday, Nov. 22.

Over two hundred athletes are expected to compete. There is no admission fee to the Games. Visitors and fans are invited to attend all three events. For more information, call 427-7275.

# Career Information:

The following companies will interview on campus Fall Quarter:

Wednesday, November 12th  
Milliken - EET, IET, MET, A&TET  
H. D. Lee Co. - IET, TET, ApET

Thursday November 13th  
The Wheland Foundry - MET  
Friday November 14th

Northern Telecom - ECET, IET, CST

Monday November 17th  
National Security Agency  
EET, CpET

Lowe Engineers - CET, CST  
Americal Buildings Co. - IET, MET

Tuesday November 18th  
General Telephone Co. - EET

Wednesday November 19th  
General Telephone Co. - EET

## Southern Tech to Host Irish National Team Nov. 25 in Nest

Southern Tech's basketball team will get a taste of the international when it takes on a team of Irish all-stars on Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m., in the Hornet's Nest. The visitors will be in the metro Atlanta area on the final leg of an eight-game tour of Georgia and the Carolinas under the auspices of the Amateur Basketball Association-U.S.A.

The game is a relatively late addition to Tech's schedule and will be an exhibition, not to be counted on the Hornet's record. Nield Gordon, former head basketball coach at Winthrop College in South Carolina and now a representative of ABA-U.S.A., called Hornet coach George Perides about the possibility of setting up a game with Southern Tech, whose tradition of winning basketball over the past decade presented the kind of challenge the Irish were seeking.

Perides liked the idea, both for basketball and social reasons. "I thought it would be a good opportunity for us to get to know some people from another country," he said, "and at the same time get in some good work for our team."

According to Gordon, who took one of his Winthrop College teams to Ireland for several games three years ago, the Irish all-star squad that will play at Southern Tech is just a cut below the caliber of the Irish Olympic Squad.

"There'll be some good players, I assure you," he said. "Irish basketball is developing. Right now, the best teams in Europe are the Yugoslavians, Italians and Russians, with the English just a little below them. The Irish aren't quite up to the English yet, but they're getting there."

The Irish touring team is allowed to have three

American players on its roster. One of them will be Georgian Danny Howe, who was an all-district player at South Carolina's Presbyterian College. The Americans are paid for their basketball talents while the Irish players, who work at jobs for Irish companies, represent those firms as amateur players in national and international competition.

Prior to playing Southern Tech, the Irish team will play at Mercer-Macon, College of Charleston, Armstrong State Winthrop, Pfeiffer College Presbyterian College and Campbell University.

The game at Southern Tech will be played under Georgia college rules, rather than the international rules often used in such exhibitions and Olympic play. Southern Tech last hosted an international team in the summer of 1979, when a Mexican all-star squad defeated the Georgia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference senior all-stars on a last second shot.

## Southern Tech Hopes Rest on Cast of Newcomers, Veterans

With a strong returning nucleus and several talented newcomers, the Southern Tech Runnin' Hornets will be going for the NAIA District 25 title that's barely eluded them the past two seasons.

For the first time since coach George Perides' initial season at the Marietta College (1976-77), the Hornets failed to win 20 games, but they qualified for the NAIA District 25 tournament for the ninth straight year. And by season's end, they were in a familiar position, challenging for the district title. They headed into the 8-team district tourney as the number seven seed and went on the road to upset second-seeded LaGrange College 81-78 and third seeded Georgia Southwestern 94-91 in overtime before running out of gas and falling 105-84 to Florida's Webber College, ranked No. 3 nationally in the NAIA at the time. Tech finished at 18-13.

Five players return from last year's district-tourney runners-up, but the losses were significant, and Perides is hoping a cast of junior College transfers will pick up his system quickly as Tech heads into what he calls "the toughest schedule we've had since I've been here."

Gone are talented seniors Sam Smith (F, 11.3 ppg), top scorer John Henderson (f, 13 ppg) and floor leader Jimmy Payton (G, 10 ppg, 3 asst.). Point guard Payton was named to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution's Georgia small-college all-state team.

Returnees Anthony Daniel (G/F, 6-4, sr.), Fred Watson (G, 5-11, sr.), Eric Jones (F/C, 6-4, sr.), Dennis

Williams (C, 6-6, sr.) and Preston Gates (F, 6-3, sr.) will be expected to shoulder much of the load early as Tech prepares for its district schedule.

Southern Tech will use a familiar formula in 1986-87, the same that's been a trademark of previous Perides squads: pressure man-to-man defense and the disciplined "wheel" offense designed to create high percentage shots. As usual, the Tech coach will substitute freely in the early season to assess personnel and build depth for the District 25 run. "I don't think many teams will have to scout us," he said with a smile. "They'll be wasting their money if they do. They know what we're going to do- we just have to do it well."

"Basically, I think we have a good chance to have a competitive team," says Perides. "A lot of people are picking us to win the district (including Street & Smith Basketball Yearbook). The talk around the (Georgia Intercollegiate Athletic) Conference is that we're the team to beat. I can't understand that, not with the people we lost and with what some of the other teams have coming back."

Still, the Hornet coach approaches this season with cautious optimism: "I'm very, very pleased with the attitude of our new people. They've surprised me, and I think they possess a higher level of basketball sense than we've had here in a while. They're not bad fundamentally either, but the thing I like about them is that by the time we reach district, we could be a very smart basketball team."

The Hornets will be small,

as usual, but Perides is used to that. "If everything works out and we stay away from major injuries, we could possibly have a strong inside game," he says. "We're not going to be very big, but we're going to have those 6-4 to 6-5 athletes who can play the game, guys like (returnees) Eric Jones, Dennis Williams, and transfer Terry Givens."

"Rebounding is definitely going to be a problem with our size, though I think we have the people capable. Rebounding is the dirty work of basketball, and right now we haven't come up with enough people who want to get in and do the job."

The 1986-87 schedule is a challenging one and includes appearances in two of the country's most competitive tournaments. On Nov. 21-22, the Hornets will take part in the Auburn-Montgomery Classic featuring NAIA powers Xavier, Southern University, and host Auburn-Montgomery. And to close out the pre-Christmas schedule, Tech will play Dec. 18-20 in the Washburn University Classic in Washburn, Kansas, with traditional NAIA stand-outs Washburn, Marycrest, Southeastern Oklahoma, Southern Nazarene, Wayland Baptist and William Carey. In addition, Tech will host its own tournament on Dec 5-6, featuring Auburn-Montgomery, Tennessee Temple and Limestone College from South Carolina. District 25 competition begins Jan. 7 with a road game at Piedmont College. A late addition is Tech's Nov. 25 home date with the Irish National Team.

### HOMECOMING WEEK FESTIVITIES SCHEDULE

1st Round Homecoming Voting - November 4th & 5th

2nd Round Homecoming Voting - November 10th & 11th

Skit Night - November 12th - 8:00 p.m.

Homecoming Basketball Game  
STC VS. ALLEN UNIVERSITY

NOVEMBER 15th - 7:30 p.m.  
Banner Contest and Crowning of the Queen

Homecoming Dance - November 15 - 9:00 - 1:00 a.m. at Radisson Inn on I-75 and Howell Mill Road