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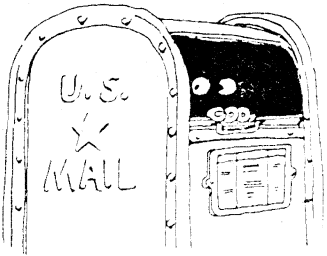
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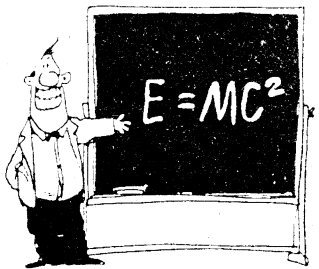
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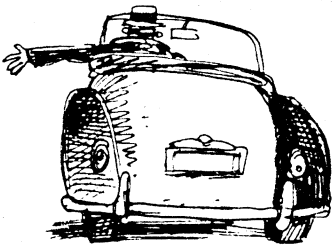
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SCT Holds Commencement Exercises

By Rob Duggan

Southern Tech's forty-fourth graduating class was honored Saturday, December 12, 1987 during ceremonies in the gymnasium. This graduating class was made up of approximately 275 bachelor and associate candidates for degrees in engineering technology.

Dr. Dean Propst, Chancellor of the University System of Georgia, in his address to graduates and friends, praised Southern Tech's position as the nation's leading producer of bachelor degree graduates in engineering technology. Dr. Propst also shared the favorable impressions of the Southern Tech campus that he and other Regents received during their meeting and tour earlier in the quarter.

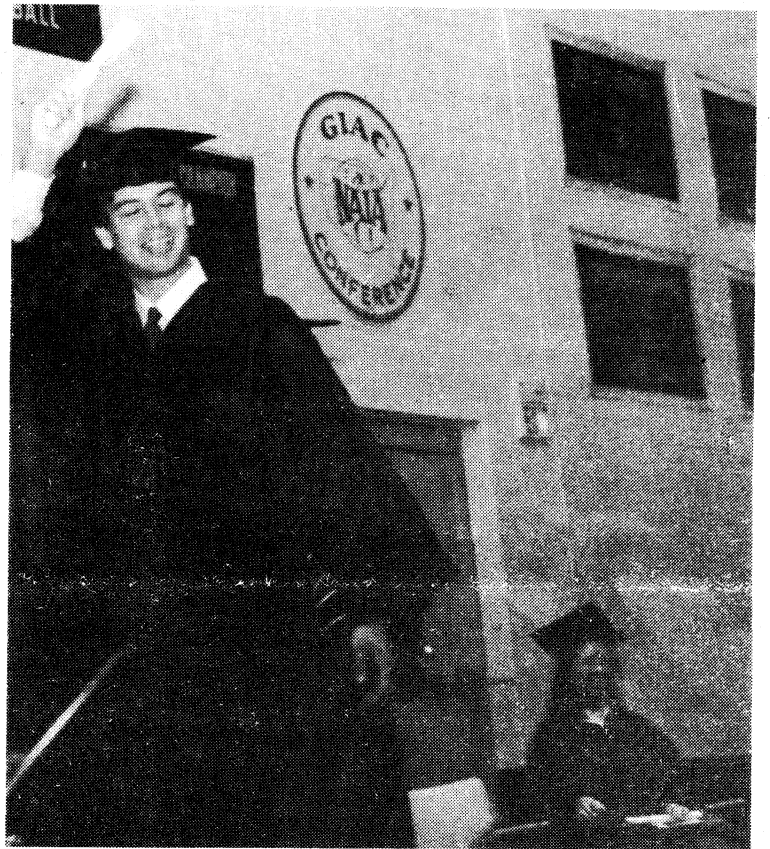
Dr. Stephen Cheshier congratulated the graduates and reminded them that "they can do more than anyone else to enhance even further Southern Tech's well deserved, outstanding reputation."

Stephanie Linz, a major in Applied Computer Science, received the Tau Alpha Pi Scholastic Award for having a perfect 4.0 grade point average, the highest in her graduating class. The award was presented by Dr. Harris T. Travis, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

"Stephanie is the sixth straight valedictorian from the Applied Computer Science degree program," according to department head, Dr. Bob Harbort.

Bob Adams, President of the Southern Tech Alumni Association, asked graduates to remember Southern Tech as they leave school. Adams encouraged graduates to view their post-graduate support of Southern Tech as an investment in their degree.

Other commencement program participants included William Rezak, acting dean of the School of Technology, and the Rev. Albert Turnell, minister of the First United Methodist Church of Smyrna.



END OF THE ROAD: A student holds up his diploma for all to see. Stephanie Linz, seated in the background, was the recipient of the Tau Alpha Pi Scholastic Award for the highest GPA in her graduating class.

-Photo by Jim Connell

Southern Tech - Almost Perfect

By Shawn Tapley

There are a lot of colleges and Universities out there, but for some reason we attend this one. If you're like me, you probably wonder every once in a while how valuable your Southern Tech education will be. How does the quality of education being given at Southern Tech compare to other colleges with similar programs? How difficult is the SCT curriculum? Well, I started thinking about all this and came up with an idea. Who knows what is taught in other colleges and universities better than their graduates? Who really knows the quality of the SCT curriculum? How about SCT professors, the

people who teach it? With all this in mind, I set out to do an informal survey. Keep in mind that most professors have been out of school for some time now, and their comments refer mostly to their respective departments. Also, some professors went to liberal arts colleges.

I asked 18 professors (at least one from each department) the following questions:

1. How would you rate the quality of the education being given at SCT in your department on a scale of 1-10?

-using similar schools and what the work-world expects as a basis for comparison, SCT rated an incredible 9.12 on the average. The mode

(most frequent) score was 10!

2. How would you rate the difficulty of the curriculum at SCT on a scale of 1-10?

-I got a wide variety of answers for this one, the average being 7.8.

3. Is the education being given at SCT

a.) better than

b.) about the same as

c.) not as good as

the education you received when you attended college?

-The graduates of (Georgia Tech, Emory, University of Georgia, University of Florida, Penn. State University, Morehouse College, and many other institutions produced the following results: An impressive 69.2 percent answered (a. better),

30.8 percent answered (b about the same), and none said (c).

Although I was going to ask, most professors brought up the difference between Southern Tech and Georgia Tech before I could. First of all, SCT and GT are totally different types of schools, with totally different learning objectives. You've heard it before. SCT concentrates on application, GT concentrates on theory. One professor I talked with (a GT graduate) said, "Southern Tech creates a unique type of professional capable of applying existing technology with expertise, while GT prepares students to

Library Renovations Progressing

By Jim Connell

Renovations to the old part of the library are nearing completion, but several problems remain. According to John Patillo, Director of the Library, the renovation on the old building should be completed shortly, but the building will not be usable probably until summer quarter. One of the obstacles is that there is no furniture for the old section. All the furniture used in the new building came from the old building, and there is no replacement furniture yet.

Many things have changed during the renovation. The area that used to be the main entrance (with the tree in the middle) has now been converted into a gallery. Exhibits will be displayed in this area, and the opening has been converted into a skylight. In addition, two seminar rooms have been added. Each room seats approximately 20 people.

Other improvements have been made. The microfilm and microfiche viewers have been moved into a room with

subdued lighting to improve visibility. More study rooms have been built in the old section and restrooms are once again available.

A "problem" in the new library are the rules of the study rooms. In the past, several students have complained about only one student using the study rooms. Mr. Patillo stated that these rooms are reserved for groups of students, not students studying alone. He emphasized that there is really no problem. He said, "If a group of students needs to use a study room and there is one student using the room, then the group may ask the student to leave." In addition to study rooms, desks are distributed throughout the stacks. These are provided for people studying alone.

Lighting has also been a problem in the new section. The lighting system combines both artificial and natural light. During the bright time of the day, the lights are turned down and the library is partially lit using sunlight. "The system is controlled by a

solar cell on the roof," Mr. Patillo said. "There are several hours that are problem times. In the morning, the lights turn off one hour before they should, and in the evening they turn on one hour too late." Part of the problem he said was the roof was white around the roof sensor and this was causing reflections and the cell did not measure the correct outside brightness.

The Library hours during winter quarter will be:

Mon-Thr: 8 am - 10 pm
Friday: 8 am - 9 pm
Saturday: 1 pm - 5 pm
Sunday: 1 pm - 9 pm

Until the renovation is complete, students will use the new section for studying purposes. The new section seats about 200 people and once the library is completed, 700 students can be accommodated. Mr. Patillo said that sections of the renovated library will be open as they become finished, with summer quarter being his estimate for completion.



A DUMPSTER HOLDS THE TRASH from the renovation. Inside the Library many changes have taken place.
-Photo by Jim Connell

Perfect (from pg. 1)

do graduate work and design engineering." A CET professor said, "Southern Tech graduates are very hireable; they can go right into the work place and produce with little or no training. GT graduates frequently require considerable training before they begin their careers." An AET professor said, "I was treated indifferently at UGA and GSU, but I was treated less than a worm at GT. Professors actually try to fail a certain amount of students at GT," he claims. "At Southern Tech, the relationship between professor and student is far superior to any college I've attended." "Who's getting a better education?" asked a CS professor, "a person sitting in an auditorium trying to learn from a grad student who does not really want to teach in the first place, or a person in a small classroom? We are teachers, not grad students." Let me stress, however, that all professors seemed to believe that GT theory is very good for top-level design engineering many years after graduation.

After discussing a variety of topics and side tangents with very talkative professors, I asked if there were any other

comments that they would like for me to include concerning the general topic "How good is Southern Tech?" Their comments and opinions are given hereafter.

An English professor maintained, "We're good at what we teach, but we need to broaden our curriculum. To be better, we need to offer courses in speech, philosophy, drama, and current issues." An ECET professor claimed that, "We have a very good department here, but until we raise entry requirements and require more math courses we won't get better." He also warns, "There's a difference between engineering and engineering technology; the latter degree holder may have difficulty obtaining a Professional Engineering Certification, and therefore have difficulty advancing several years after graduation."

At least one professor from the CS, Physics, MET, AET, CpET, and TET departments actually said that their department was perhaps the best anywhere. "We, as well as all the other departments here, are listening to industry and preparing our students accordingly, and industry knows it," an IET professor said. An MET professor actually claimed that his "Master's

work at UGA was equivalent to undergraduate work (in the MET Dept.) at Southern Tech."

Finally, in general, every professor I spoke with seemed to feel strongly that SCT was a good college. I will close this article with two final quotes. "Our graduates keep telling me that they are pleased with their success," said a CpET and TET professor. An IET professor said, "Southern Tech offers a first rate education; nowhere can you get a better education for the money."

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Opportunity Is Waiting

By Ralph Silver

There is a great opportunity available to all Southern Tech students. It earns you good money. It sharpens your skills for dealing with other professionals, as well as those skills you will need to begin your career once you graduate.

In fact, this opportunity helps you begin your career so that you can graduate with experience. This means that you will be even more attractive to recruiters and those from whom you seek employment. Directly, this translates into better job offers and higher starting salaries.

The opportunity is the Cooperative Education Program, or Co-op for short. The Co-op program works like this. After you have completed 30 hours of credit, you fill out an application available at the Co-op office -- about 30 minutes of your time.

Then, if you meet all of the requirements, you may sign up for any of the number of jobs found in the Co-op Office. These jobs are offered by companies like IBM, Southern Bell, Scientific Atlanta, Southwire, and many others which are looking for Co-ops in all of the academic majors.

Once you start your new job, you will work on alternating quarters so that your professional job and your schooling are integrated. Frequently, the company will be the first one to offer you a full-time job upon graduation.

But there is no obligation on your part.

There are three important items that you should consider if you are going to become a Co-op. First, you should learn what it is exactly that you want to do. The Counseling Center

offers a self-evaluation test which is very accurate. It is important that you know what you want to do because you may realize that you are not really heading in the right direction in studying for the degree you want. If your career expectations and your career course don't coincide, you could be headed for trouble.

Second, learn effective job interview skills. This is crucial since knowing how to handle an interview is particularly synonymous with getting a job.

The Placement Center has all the information you need to learn proper interviewing skills, and the staff there are able to answer any questions you may have.

Third, learn about the Co-op job being offered during the interview. This is very important because you need a job that will give you the experience that you need for the career that you want.

When students sign up with a company, he or she is obligated to work with the company for four quarters. Students may work more than four quarters, depending on the needs of the student and the company.

You can visit the Co-op Office for more information. The Co-op Office is located in the basement of Howell Dorm and is open from 8 am to 4 pm, Monday thru Friday. Their phone number is 424-7391.



Students Patrol Parking, Police Keep Jobs

By Edwin Vaughn

Those of you that heard there were ST students working for Campus Safety are hearing correctly. For a few weeks now, according to Karen Dearborn, spokesperson for the ST police, the Southern Tech Police Department has had work-study students (students who work part-time as part of

their financial aid package) patrolling the parking lots at night. This patrol effort is concentrated mainly on the isolated "theatre" parking lot.

As for rumors circulating around ST about a proposed downgrading of some of the ST police officers to security guards, according to Ms. Dearborn, nothing is going on with this as yet.

SCT To Get Prestige Tag?

By Todd Barney

The SGA has recently discussed the idea of requesting a commemorative auto license tag to honor Southern Tech. The tag, if approved, would probably signify Southern Tech's 40th anniversary. However, plans are in the very early stages and no design has yet been discussed.

Currently, 12 of the 18 senior colleges and universities in the University System of Georgia have prestige tags. These include Augusta College, the Medical College of Georgia, all of which are comparable in enrollment to Southern Tech. (As well as the University of Georgia, Georgia State, and Georgia Tech.)

In order to get the tag, a bill

must be introduced in the state legislature by one of the legislators representing this district, and then passed in the State House of Representatives and the State Senate. A letter from the SGA will be the first step toward enacting that process. It may not be long before students, alumni, and supporters of Southern Tech can show their colors with style and "prestige."



OTHER SCHOOLS HAVE THEM: Many groups are trying to get prestige tags for Southern Tech.

-Photo by Jim Connell



Julie Albright
Vice President
Student Government
Southern Tech
1112 Clay Street
Marietta, GA. 30060

November 20, 1987

U.S. Senator
Wyche Fowler Jr.
Washington, DC. 20510

Dear Senator Fowler:

I am writing on behalf of the Student Body at Southern College of Technology. We would like to enlist your assistance in acquiring prestige tags for our college.

There has been a recent flood of interest from Southern Tech students, faculty, and alumni concerning prestige tags. We are very proud of our institution and would like to be recognized as such. However, it is my understanding that legislation must first be passed in order for us to acquire these tags.

We would like to present this project to the student body by January 31, 1988. Please contact me if further action on our part is required. I can be reached at the Student Government Office on campus at (404) 424-7250. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Julie Albright
Julie Albright
S.G.A. Vice President

EDITORIALS

How Important Is School?

By "Father Time" Glover

First off, the child I referred to a couple of weeks ago is now an 8 lb., 11.5 oz., 21.5 in. long baby girl. Her name is Amy Katherine Glover and she was born Tuesday, November 17, 1987 at 8:10 pm.. (This was after my school hours: Hey, we're talking priorities here!)

The fun started in the doctor's office the morning of the 17th. Wanda, my wife, was already 5 days overdue, and just plain miserable. The fetal stress test was OK, but not great, so her doctor, Dr. Gail Gross, said she could induce labor Friday the 20th. After a groan from Wanda, Wednesday the 18th was suggested. This time the groan came from me. "I have 3 classes and an exam! What about today?" (The only things I would miss were a dynamics class, where they reviewed a test taken the day before, and a Lockheed tour.) Meanwhile, Wanda sat quietly, unable to believe we

were bargaining for our child's birthday!

Following a moment of thought, Dr. Gross told us to go home and get our things. We replied; "Um, well, they're already out in the car." After laughing about our eagerness, Dr. Gross agreed to meet us in an hour at Northside Hospital, just across the street.

After we settled in for a long afternoon in the labor room, I started studying for the Wednesday Metrology exam. Dr. Gross and the labor room nurses thought I was crazy to be calmly studying for a test while my wife was in labor. (Maybe I am, but hey, I've been juggling family and school for 6 years now. Also, I breezed the Metrology test.)

So how important is school? Well, I'm not allowed to say it is top priority, but any nut who studies schoolwork while his wife is having a baby should be either committed to an institution or graduated from an institution. (I prefer the latter.)

Changing Of The Guard

By Jim Connell

Please permit me to introduce myself. I am Jim Connell, a senior Electrical Engineering Technology student and the new STING Editor. At the end of last quarter, our past Editor, David Hirschler, went where not many students have gone before. In other words, he graduated. During Dave's term, the staff put out some fine newspapers and I hope that I can keep up the tradition.

If you have any comments about the paper, we welcome your suggestions. Or if you want to share your opinion about something going on around campus, you can write a letter to the STING. We are going to put out five issues this quarter (including this one) and the deadline for each issue is posted outside the STING office. Bring your comments and letters to our office which is located by the big TV in the Student Center. If no one is in the office, just drop your message in the "mail box" outside the office.

Now that I've introduced myself, let me introduce the rest of the staff. Our faculty advisor is Dr. Wiseman, and that name is fitting. This is his second quarter as faculty ad-

visor and he brings a wealth of experience to the paper. Our Assistant Editor is Ed Vaughan. Ed used to be the Editor, and is now teaching me the ropes. Our Features Editor is Ed Hardy. This is his third quarter on staff and is a real asset to the paper. He assigns students to movie reviews (sometimes he is very thorough and assigns three students to review one movie), picks the Bloom County strips and does many other things on the paper. He has gone above and beyond the call of duty many times in the past and is a true friend. Our News Editor is Todd Barney and he is the pavement pounder on our staff. News stories need research, and either Todd or one of his staff interviews people involved in a story. Mark Chastain is our new Sports Editor this quarter. Last quarter Mark was a sports reporter and this quarter he wants to expand his duties.

How about you? If you want to do something interesting and the "E" word (you know, educational), the STING is the ticket. If you are a good writer looking for a new angle or a writer who needs some improvement, the STING can provide you with the opportunities. Our stories cover a wide spectrum, from

light writing such as movie reviews to serious stories on such topics as our new insurance or covering a guest speaker such as Mr. Lovell at Techfest. We are also looking for photographers. Again, experience is welcome, or we could teach you. We do all the film processing, from taking the pictures to developing the prints used in the paper.

To put out a quality newspaper every two weeks requires something that we don't have enough of: students. I have asked many students to join the paper only to hear the response: "I don't have enough time." To be perfectly honest, working on the paper does not require a major time commitment (except when you are an editor or the Editor). There is a one hour meeting once a week and the time spent researching and writing the articles. You can even get credit for working on the paper. English 304, 305 and 306 are all one hour classes that students may sign up to get credit for working on the newspaper.

Ok, so I have talked you into it. You say you want to join up? How do I do it? Well, our weekly meetings are on Thursdays from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm or you can call at 424-7310. If no one is in the office, you can leave a message on our answering machine and I will get back to you shortly.

Letters to the Editors

Dear STING,

There has been much talk recently about the tie for Homecoming Queen. Many people feel that the Campus Activities Board set the tie for one reason or another. Amelia Echols and Evelyn Pascual actually tied for the coveted position. There was no fix! Tena Mullinax, Special Events Chairperson, and Susan Duds, Program Advisor, counted the votes numerous times. The result was the same each time-- a tie.

A two-queen situation is unprecedented on this campus. Indeed, the possibility of a tie is rare, yet it happened. If the word of a trusted member of our campus community and a hired professional don't satisfy your doubt, nothing will. Tena Mullinax and Susan Duds counted the tie again and again. CAB could not have fairly broken the tie so we didn't.

Sincerely,
Allen Smith

Dear STING:

This letter is directed at the current student center food service management. I have waited now almost two quarters before complaining. I had hoped that once they settled in, the food would improve, but instead it has gotten worse. There were many complaints about the quality of the food under the previous management. The current management is providing even lower quality, which I had not thought possible.

I had been quietly protesting the food in the Student Center by not eating there, but today I did not have the time to go off campus. So I purchased a corn dog. I waited gladly as my purchase was prepared fresh. After paying for it, I returned to my table and took a bite. What I tasted was a very hot corn shell and an ICE COLD DOG. I can understand that mistakes can happen, so I returned to the line. I informed the lady working behind the counter of the problem. She then took

my corn dog and replaced it with one that had been placed back in to cook a little longer. While I was waiting again, another student returned his corn dog for the same reason. He was told by the lady behind the counter to take it to the microwave. Upon returning to my table, I discovered that I again had an ICE COLD DOG. I then just took mine to the microwave.

The point of all this is that I am a customer, and I expect to be treated with respect. I also expect to receive a fully cooked product when I pay for something. I don't expect to have to finish the sewing on a dress I pay for, nor do I think I should have to finish cooking the lunch I just purchased.

I call on all the students that are fed up with the lousy food and rotten service in the student center to join in the boycott of the food service. They will not listen to our words. They will hear us when they have no customers.

Sincerely;

Rita M. Schornak

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Dear STING

Dear STING:

My name is (I'm afraid to give my name). I am a student at Southern Tech. I would like to speak out against the behavior of SCT's fraternities at the recent Homecoming. I was struck by a flying roll of toilet paper! You and others may laugh, but I did not find it funny. I do not find it funny now. I never thought toilet paper could hurt so, but it can. Also, it felt like the "so good" brand used by Southern Tech. This incident left my face red, it gave me a terrible headache, and knocked my glasses under the bleachers. I can't begin to explain the embarrassment I felt.

I feel that Sigma Nu or Lambda Chi is responsible, but I can't prove it. I can only express my anger against all fraternities that wish to act like "ghetto gangs" instead of

brotherly institutions. It is enough that parents and children have to be exposed to the vulgar cheers they chant at games, but to have to worry about them being violent is too much. It is totally alright (sic) if they wish to write on their cars, their windows, their walls. Who gives a damn about their existence. We should care though about saving our school from their meaningless graffiti. We should worry about them destroying property in the name of their gangs. And we definitely should worry about ourselves if they insist on harming others.

If I had it my way, I would ban and penalize all fraternities who wish to exhibit such immature and dangerous practices. "They" banned them from our precious Rock. Why not ban them from our school totally?

Dear Mr. Hall:

I am writing this letter to you for two reasons; first, because you have maligned two of the hardest working groups of men on the campus, and second, because you have broken a cardinal rule of Journalism, to always check your facts thoroughly before putting your story in the paper.

The Physical Plant Dept. had orders from the "top" that the beautification of the campus for the Regent's visit was top priority. Despite drought conditions, little time, and an understaffed Grounds Dept., the grounds were put into tip-top order, even though most of the grounds crew, including Eddie McCracken, our Horticulturist, worked 60 hour weeks for almost three weeks prior to the Regents' visit. The grounds crew also knew that it was an E.I.F. to try to keep walkways and drives clear when the wind was blowing 30 mph, but when you are told that this will be done, you do the best you can.

The flowers planted were chrysanthemums, pansies, and snapdragons, hardy annuals and perennials which are used on a lot of campuses for color during the fall months. In regard to the pine bark ground cover, the area covered is to be a seating area and has been sown with grass; however, again due to the drought and time factors the area was covered in bark purely for aesthetic purposes, since the Regents would be passing

there on tour of the new Library and Academic Buildings. In order to fulfill the old saying, "Waste Not, Want Not", the bark was removed and used at other sites on campus.

The other group of hard working men maligned in your article are our craftsmen, or maintenance staff. Although we are short by five positions; one electrician, two plumbers, two painters, one locksmith and three supervisors, who also work in all areas as needed, maintain and keep running 16 buildings on this campus, a tremendous task for a staff twice as large as we have. There are very few requests, from anyone on this campus that are not handled as efficiently and quickly as the above staff can manage. As to the fact that toilets and sinks go on working properly, I am afraid that a lot of this is due to guess what-vandalism-and yet your fellow editor, Tim Glover, in the article which borders yours, states "College students are adults, not a bunch of fourth graders in need of constant attention." Who is right?

To sum up, please don't take pot shots at people who don't deserve it, and who only try their very best to make this campus a better place for you, and the other students, to live and to go to school.

Sincerely,
Eloise Fowler
Staff Assistant
Plant Operations & Maintenance

Dear STING:

This is a response to the letter from JSJ and all interested parties. It is very awkward having to defend due process.

As with all protests, a committee is formed to review the facts. The committee was selected from staff and students who had an unbiased outlook on the game, and who also had no prior knowledge of the incidents of the protest. The committee consisted of two students who have had major leadership roles at Southern Tech and three staff members, of which two have intercollegiate athletic coaching experience.

In preparation for the hearing, I clarified information on rules with Mr. Kevin Propst, member of the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association Football Rules Committee and Mr. Bill Fordham, Executive Director of the Georgia High School Interscholastic Athletics. When a rule is not covered by NIRSA rules, High School Federation rules apply. This information was presented to

the Protest Committee at the time of the hearing.

The following is a statement received from the Protest Committee:

"Based upon the interpretation of Southern Tech's Department of Intramural Sports and Recreation Appeals Procedures and the evidence presented in the appeals hearing, the committee refused the protest and let stand the final outcome of the football game.

It was the unanimous decision of the committee that, although the protest was made at the time the error was discovered, the actual error occurred several plays earlier. According to the rules of the National Federation, errors must be corrected at the time they occur and prior to the next down. In this situation, the timing error was not brought to the attention of the officials until after two additional downs had been played. The rules also clearly state that officials are not permitted to grant additional time outs for any reason.

In light of these rules, the

committee believed that the protest was not valid because a protest was not lodged at the time the timing mistake took place. Therefore, by running the second and third downs, the timing error could not be corrected not additional time outs be granted."

Southern Tech intramural officials try to do the best job possible and I stand by all of these officials. Intramural officials have never claimed to be experts and can not always meet everyone's expectations. They are your peers and are trying to do the best they can. It is my practice not to jump into the middle of a game, second guess the officials and make changes. That is the reason we have a protest procedure where all parties involved have a chance to state their case, where rules are clarified, and decisions made on outcomes of contests.

Sincerely,

Karl Staber
Director Intramural
Sports and Recreation

Dear STING,

In an editorial in the Nov. 17th issue of *The STING*, David Hirschler stated that "the selection of our two Homecoming Queens smelled like a fix." His closing comment was "this may deserve some looking into..."

This editorial comment appeared to question the honesty of the ballot counters and also suggested that each Queen had not rightfully won her crown. The editorial also asked, "What are the chances of a tie vote?" That is a statistical question which needs to be addressed to the Math Dept.! That question, asked by Mr. Hirschler, seems to be an attempt to have the readers question the validity of the tie rather than the odds or chances. The validity issue is the one I am qualified to address.

At 10:00 on Friday, Nov. 13th, Tena Mullinax and I opened the ballot box and sorted the ballots. We the double-checked each candidate's stack of ballots to assure ourselves that each ballot was in the correct stack. The next step in the process was to determine the number of votes each candidate had received. Upon our initial recognition that there was a tie, we again counted the votes for all five candidates.

Still, a tie existed! We then recounted the ballots for the two women who had attained the tie. Each had the exact number of votes. Needless to say, a problem existed. We had only one crown and only one sash and it was apparent that the student body had selected *two queens!* At this point, a tie-breaker hardly seemed a fair option. There was not enough time to inform all the students that another vote would be taken. By announcing a tie-breaker, we also would have placed the two women in a competitive situation when each had *already* fairly won.

In order to solve the problem of having just one crown, Tena spent several hours that afternoon in search of two identical crowns. Due to her hard work that day, we were able to present a crown to Amelia Echols and Evelyn Pascual at the dance on Saturday night.

I hope that this explanation of how the tie occurred will satisfy Mr. Hirschler and any others who question our honesty. Amelia and Evelyn should each proudly bear the title of Homecoming Queen, knowing they are actually *co-winners*.

As for Mr. Hirschler's comment that "this (tie) may

deserve some looking into...", I have one suggestion. If something deserves "looking into", then run an article on the subject. I would have gladly answered any questions regarding the tie. In the future, if any of you (STING staff member or any student!) questions a decision or course of action which comes from my office or the Campus Activities Board, please see me to get the answers or my comments. Snide, cynical remarks are not appreciated and generally are not productive. The proper procedure would be to go to the source and report the facts.

Sue Dudt
Program Advisor



FEATURES

Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Pfeiffer

By Rob Duggan

When not in his office at his word processor or at home with his family in Marietta, Professor Sandy Pfeiffer might be found hiking or backpacking in the North Carolina mountains or on Cumberland Island. This native of Hudson, Ohio and his wife, Evelyn, have two children, Zachary (5 years) and Katie (3 years).

Pfeiffer earned his B.A. in English from Amherst College in Massachusetts. One year later, after writing for a newspaper and driving an ambulance, he began his graduate work at Kent State University where he earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in English specializing in American Literature. Afterwards, Pfeiffer taught at Southwest Texas State University for one year and at the University of Houston for four years.

He joined the faculty of the Southern Tech English Department in the fall of 1980. In 1984, he became Director of Technical Communications. In this capacity, Pfeiffer has been responsible for the expansion of the English curriculum, targeting specific areas of technical writing such as proposals and reports. These additional course offerings are part of the depart-

ment's minor/certificate program in Technical Communication. Last quarter, the way was paved for further expansion of this curriculum when the Board of Regents approved Pfeiffer's proposal for a Master of Science program in Technical Communication (M.S.T.C.). Due to start next fall, this new program is the first of its kind in the state of Georgia.

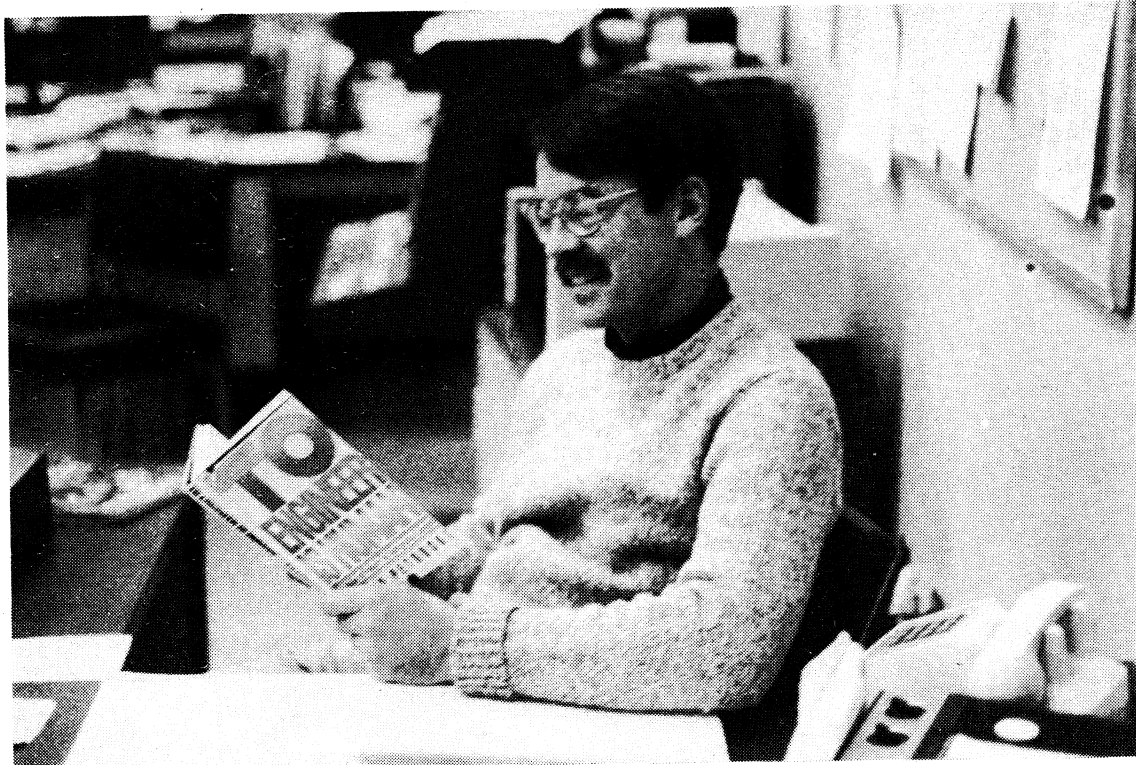
As a full professor since fall of 1986, Pfeiffer has taught Business Communications, Technical Writing, Proposals, American Literature, and Management Communications. What courses does he most enjoy teaching? "Proposal writing and American Literature are probably my favorites," he says.

This quarter, Pfeiffer will take a short break from teaching to lay the groundwork and finalize the curriculum for the new master's program. In addition, he will be preparing to spend spring quarter at the North China University of Technology in Beijing, People's Republic of China, where he will be teaching some of the same students taught by Professor Carol Barnum during this past fall quarter.

Pfeiffer is involved in many outside professional activities.

The plot of *Nuts* revolves around Barbra Streisand's role as a high-class call-girl. On one of her nocturnal tours of duty, her "customers" decides to have a little kinky fun by beating up his lady of the night. She responds by killing him. This, and her penchant for very frank speech, gets her committed to a nuthouse, pending trial. Richard Dreyfuss plays the court-appointed lawyer that sets out to prove her client is not crazy, but is only continually being declared crazy by doctors who want to keep her around as a plaything.

Look, that's all I'm going to tell you about this awesome movie. By not going to see it yourself, you will not only be cheating yourself out of a good time, but also out of a most-likely rare chance to see Streisand in a role that makes her parts in other movies such as *Yentl* and *What's Up Doc* pale in comparison.



DR. PFEIFFER ENJOYS A QUIET MOMENT: Between improving and adding new courses (and degrees) to the English Department and a busy family life, Dr. Pfeiffer does some reading.

-Photo by Jim Connell

Over the past few years, he has conducted report/proposal writing workshops for various engineering companies. Last September, his article dealing with negotiating skills entitled *Persuasion Power* appeared in *SKY* magazine, the inflight magazine of Delta Airlines. In addition, his book entitled *Friendly Persuasion: Making Proposals Work For You* is expected to be published this next fall.

The *STING* asked Pfeiffer to share some of his observations of the changes that

have taken place at Southern Tech since his arrival here.

"The important shift I have noticed is in the broadening emphasis which has enhanced the college's mission to teach engineering technology. The Arts and Sciences have come into their own as a way of balancing the curriculum of engineering technology. The addition of the Dean of Arts and Sciences, the library expansion, and the overall broadening of the technical programs at Southern Tech are encouraging trends,"

says Pfeiffer.

What are his thoughts on Southern Tech for the future? "It's encouraging to see the college broaden its curriculum in order to address the peripheral needs of the technical professions. Someone will always have to do the writing, [and that is why] a key goal of the Humanities and Social Sciences Department will be to keep the curriculum geared to the needs of the undergraduate students."

By Shawn Tapley

The Running Man is Arnold Schwarzenegger's latest ultra-violent film. Originally written by Stephen King under the pen name Richard Bachman, it contains enough action and destructiveness to fill the Schwarzenegger quota, and manages to keep your interest in the process.

The stage is set in the year 2019. During this chaotic time, the most popular show on TV is a game show called "The Running Man". Richard Dawson as Killian (who is still kissing the ladies) is your host in the game where the audience can win fabulous prizes by guessing which stalker (hero?) will track down and kill a criminal (*The Running Man*) in a deserted part of the city. Needless to say, Schwarzenegger gets involved.

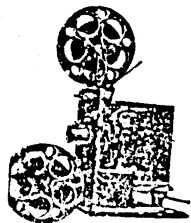
Schwarzenegger has said, "I'll be back," in every movie he has made since the phrase made its popular debut in "The Terminator". *The Running Man* is no exception. Schwarzenegger also started making puns in all his movies since *Commando*. These puns are so numerous in *The Running Man*, they lose their efficacy. These flash-back phrases are best left alone from now on.

The characters in *The Running Man* were hard to identify with. At times during the movie when the audience was supposed to feel emotion for the character on the screen, they actually didn't. Frequently the acting wasn't very believable either.

Despite the overused lines and ideas from earlier Schwarzenegger movies, undeveloped characters, and some dull acting, *The Running Man* has its

good points. It was filled with great action scenes, the background scenery was impressive, and Schwarzenegger, as always, plays to the wants of the audience.

The Running Man is a good action film but don't expect anything else. It rates a 6.



It's The Flicks

By Edwin Vaughn

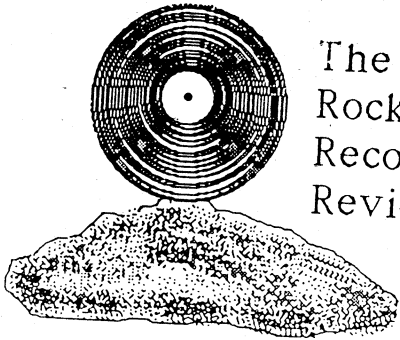
Nuts- Starring Barbara Streisand and Richard Dreyfuss

In most of my reviews, before critiquing a movie, I try to sum it up in one word. The word for *Nuts* is "intense." Intense is exactly what *Nuts* was. Intense, yet still funny and entertaining. The script was free of time-filling fluff. The actor's parts were real and very believable.



BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



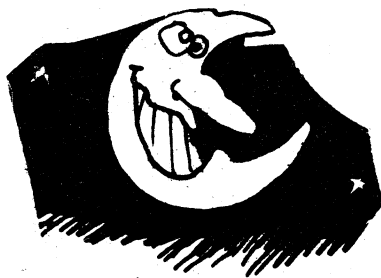
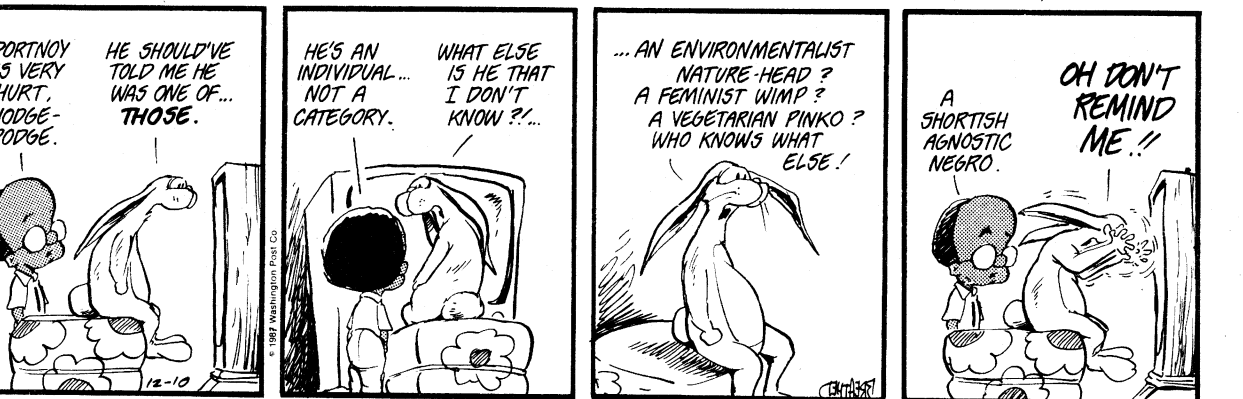
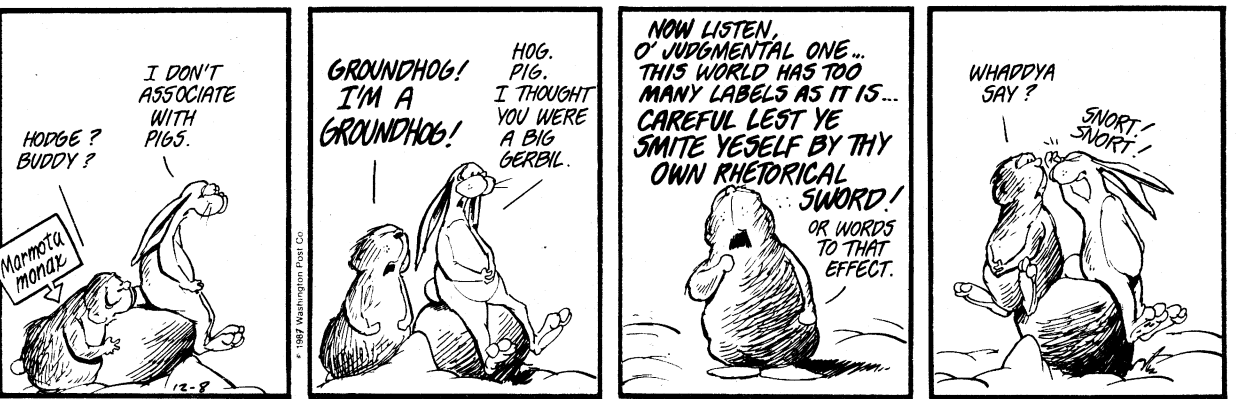
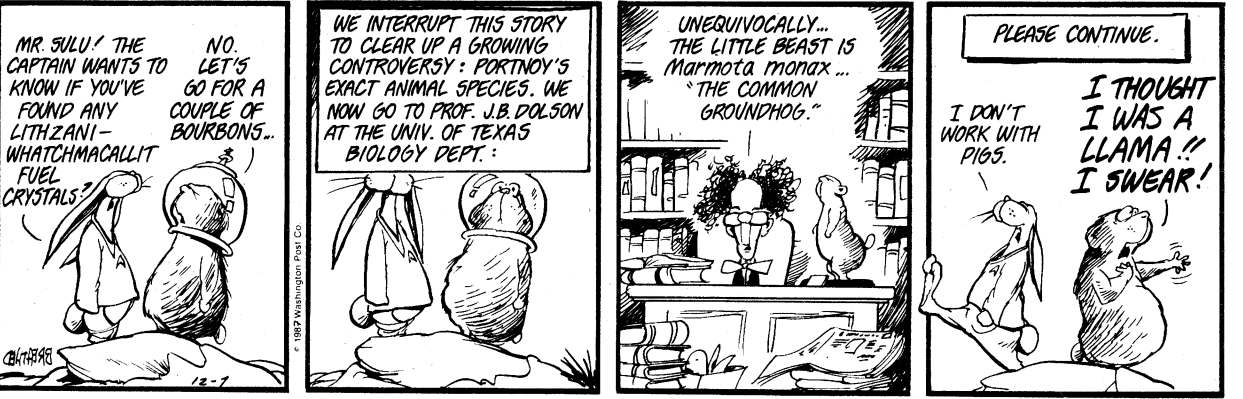
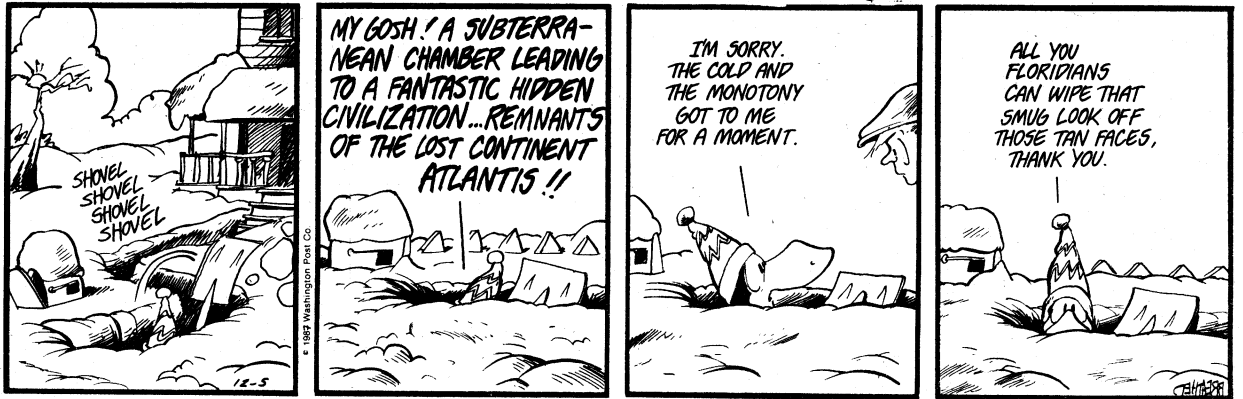
The Rock's Record Review

By Jeff Carroll

previously recorded cuts from her albums, each song has been remixed or redubbed by Jellybean Benitez, Nile Rodgers, and Sephen Bray for an unusually better sound. Madonna takes "HOLIDAY", "Everybody", and "PHYSICAL ATTRACTION" from her 1983 debut album and "OVER AND OVER" from her "Like A Virgin" album of 1984. "INTO THE GROOVE" taken from Madonna's 1985 hit cult movie "Desperately Seeking Susan" is the overall favorite song on the record. If you haven't heard these songs before, then you probably haven't listened to the radio or seen a video in the past couple of years. On tour, in the movies, and at the record stores, Madonna has proved it time and again in 1987 she's the biggest recording star we've got ... well maybe.

Madonna - "YOU CAN DANCE"

C'mon, for inspiration, I'm waiting ... In just five years, Madonna has racked up some 15 to 10 hits from four albums making her the most popular female singer on the charts in the 80's. With all the parties and events planned for this holiday season, it seems only appropriate for the Material Woman to issue her first 'retrospective' album of her most popular dance tracks. Madonna's featured new single on this album is the "LUCKY STARish" song "SPOTLIGHT" on which she preaches "Everybody wants to shine/Don't stand in the sidelines/step into the light". Although the rest of this album contains only

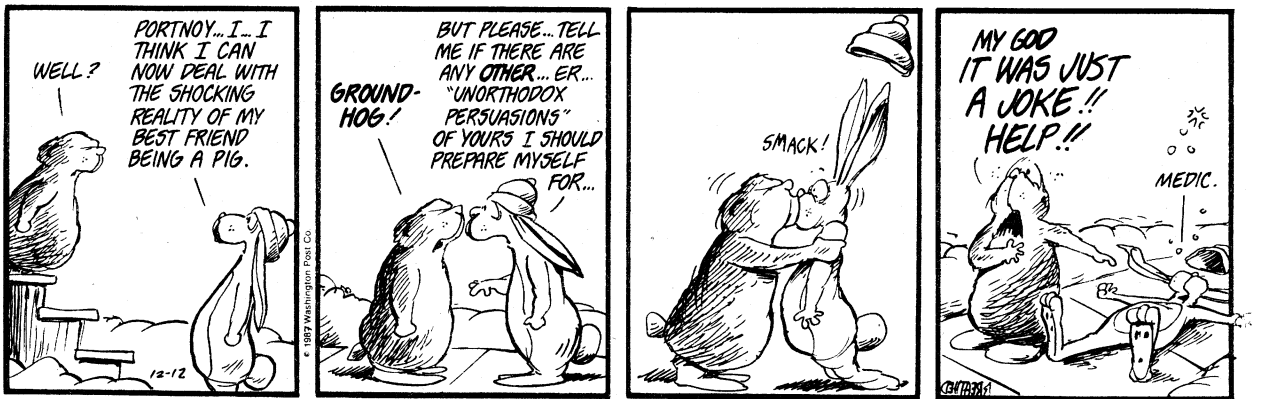
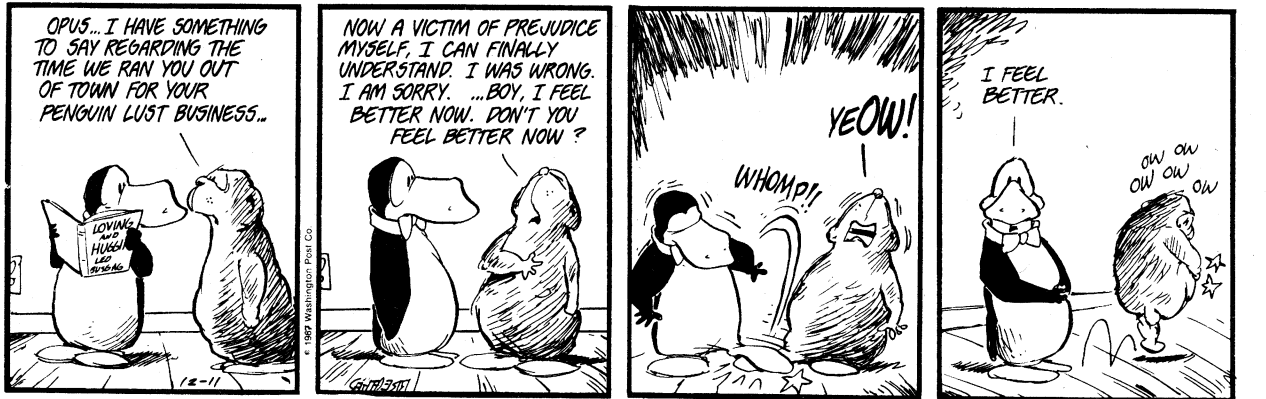


Nightlife

By Edwin Vaughn

knowledge of country music, I intrepidly entered Miss Kitty's. Believe it or not, I was rather impressed. The decor, inside and outside, was rustic and authentic, none of that syrupy urban-cowboy stuff. The sound system sounded great; making everyone want to get down and do-si-do. The drinks were tasty and well-priced; the Long Island Tea being of sufficient potency to break a horse without even riding her, dadgum it. If you're looking for a real change of pace and if you are one of those unique sorts that is into country music, I'll bet you'd enjoy Miss Kitty's.

Well, yee-hah and boy owdy, all you country fans out there! For this issue, I took a right turn at the corner of Franklin Road and the 120 loop (or at the corner of normal" and "unusual"; I'm not sure) and ended up at Miss Kitty's, a country saloon that many ST students encouraged me to visit for nightlife. Let's face facts here. I'm not the world's most devoted fan of country music. Earl Thomas Conley, Charley Pride, Billy Bob and the Backshear Bumpkins... they all sound the same to me. Equipped with this enormous



Dear Study Lady,

Dear Study Lady,

There's no point in studying until just before tests because I'm going to forget it anyway. Why bother?

-Sievebrain

Dear Brain,

Let's talk about Ferraris. Say, for instance, your favorite uncle gives you a brand new shiny one for your birthday. It's a machine rich with splendors as well as some built-in constraints. There's a terrific responsiveness and flexibility on the road; there are also certain things that you just don't do. You don't run it on dirty oil; you don't take it to a mechanic who doesn't have metric tools; you don't change gears without putting in the clutch. You respect the way the instrument was built, and you're rewarded by the performance it gives you.

We have sitting right on top of our necks the most responsive and flexible piece of equipment on earth -- our minds. Again, there are both splendors and a few simple limitations.

Speaking specifically of memory, the basic limitations are two: we don't deal well with large quantities of material that's jammed all together, and we tend not to retain information that has passed our way only once.

If you'll keep those limitations in mind, you can start studying as early as you please. Just make

sure that you're really working with the material, organizing it, shaping it in a way that means something to you. Then after you've studied it, give it another once-over-lightly before it all slips away.

Sure, you can get by the old way -- choking the course down whole in a single grizzly night -- but why settle for just getting by?

Would you settle for a motor scooter if you had a Ferrari in the garage?

What you have is the best. Give it some oil, tune it up, and really let it hum.

Confidential to Galloping Anxiety: Telling yourself to stop thinking negative thoughts about your bio test is like saying "Don't think about pink elephants." You end up worrying about worrying...

The only way to chase away a negative and habitual thought is to replace it with something different. Every time you think biology, picture yourself vibrating with confidence, pouring information onto the page.

Taking tests, like karate and tightrope walking, requires balance and poise. So your creative energy needs to go into practicing something other than panic and despair.

However, let it not even be dreamed that a positive attitude is any substitute for careful preparation. The two go very nicely together.



Dear Study Lady,

I highlight so much that I end up having to reread everything in the chapter. Am I wasting my time?

-Highlighter

Dear High,

Yes. Your text-marking need to be a thought provoking process, and such a process requires words -- your words. Put down the marker and pick up a pen. Then restrain yourself. Wait til you finish a section to start marking. You don't want to be writing away before you even know what the passage is about.

Then it's time for you to make the material yours. What concepts hold the reading together? Can you condense them into a few words in the margin? What are the little facts that you'll need to

memorize? Circle them in the text. You want to end up with the page looking the it means, so you can tell at a quick glance what's the conceptual glue and what's the little stuff.

A sea of glowing yellow on the page can hypnotize you into believing that coloring and learning are somehow the same. Give your marker to your favorite kindergartener, and do your reading in a way that makes the page yours for keeps.

Dear Study Lady,

Last year I made a whole list of New Years resolutions about school. I did great for about a week and a half, but I just couldn't seem to get around to it after that. I'd like to try again, but how do I make myself do it?

-1988

Dear 1988,

Grand intentions, if they're too grand, can be a trap. Trying to revolutionize your whole study life at once sets you up to fall flat on your face. Failure, of course, gives you the perfect excuse to give up. Forget about sweeping reforms and aim for one good resolution well kept.

Be specific. "Have more will power" won't do. Choose one course in which to have more will power. At what time of day will you review your notes from that class? How will you pace those particular reading assignments to make your study time worth while?

Find ways to make yourself accountable. Choose a corner in your calendar to give yourself a daily evaluation. Get someone to promise you a chocolate mousse if you persist for two weeks.

This one course will serve as kind of a laboratory experiment. By isolating it, you give yourself a chance to get your habits secure in that one course. Then you'll be ready to expand your horizons to include one more class.

I wish you good luck with your one resolution. Please wish me the same with mine.

Nancy-Laurel Petterson, the Study Lady, directs the study skills program at Emory University. You can send your Study Lady questions to her at Emory College Office, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30307.

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New Physics Labs

By Tim Glover

Two double wide trailers are set up next to the mechanical (600) buildings. These will serve as temporary quarters for the Physics labs during Phase I and as temporary quarters for the Physics and Chemistry labs during Phase II.

Phase I remodeling of building 300 includes installation of air conditioning, and Phase II will complete the remodeling. The Chemistry lab will be completely renovated and the Physics labs will receive a major remodel. Dr. Lahiri commented "I'm looking forward to better labs with proper storage space." Also, she noted the labs will be much more comfortable to work in.

(see Labs, pg. 10)

TCM Draws Eminent Guest Lecturers

By Rob Duggan

Want to succeed? The you had better sharpen those communications tools. Southern Tech students in the Technical Communications Minor Program (TCM) heard this theme last quarter from three very successful writers: Tom Hallman, features writer for the *Atlanta Constitution*; Ray Moore, anchorman for WSB TV's *News at Noon*; and Michael Skinner, freelance writer who has authored books on military hardware, including *Red Flag* and *U.S.A.F.E.*

Each of these successful journalists guest-lectured for the TCM course, "Technical Journalism" (English 455). Their willingness to participate underscores the growing

(see Lecturers, pg. 10)

ACROSS

- 1 Quarrel
- 5 War god
- 9 Farm animal
- 12 Nimbus
- 13 Country of South America
- 14 Before
- 15 Spanish article
- 16 Time gone by
- 18 Mire
- 20 Exists
- 22 Repast
- 24 South American rodent
- 27 — Penh, Cambodia
- 29 Old name for Thailand
- 31 Fabulous bird
- 32 More unusual
- 34 Falsehoods
- 36 Roman Catholic: abbr.
- 37 Expunged
- 39 Retreat
- 41 As compared with
- 42 Fasten

- 44 Domesticated
- 45 Mischievous child
- 47 Caused by
- 49 Bundle
- 50 Prison compartment
- 52 Short jacket
- 54 Goddess of justice
- 55 River island
- 57 Toward and within
- 59 Symbol for tantalum
- 61 Grain
- 63 Century plant
- 65 Walk unsteadily
- 67 Expire
- 68 Indefinite number
- 69 Direction

DOWN

- 1 That woman
- 2 Word that reads backward and forward
- 3 Indian mulberry
- 4 Cover
- 5 Part of church: pl.
- 6 Sell to consumer
- 7 Teutonic deity

The Weekly Crossword Puzzle

(Solution on Pg. 10)

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- 10 Either
- 11 Pronoun
- 17 Forenoon
- 19 Above
- 21 Soft drink
- 23 Den
- 25 Connects systematically
- 26 Give one's adherence
- 27 Written in verse
- 28 Army meal
- 30 Encounter
- 33 Sand bar
- 35 Pierce
- 38 Challenge
- 40 Mohammedan priest
- 43 Medicinal preparation
- 46 Piece of dinnerware
- 48 Medium of exchange
- 51 Roman 51
- 53 Symbol for niton
- 56 Scottish cap
- 58 Native metal
- 60 In music, high
- 61 Hypothetical force
- 62 Three-toed sloth
- 64 Note of scale
- 66 Babylonian deity

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GREEKS AND CLUBS



Tau Kappa Epsilon

By Zack Amacher

On Friday, November 13, TKE had their Annual Toga Party held at Spanish Trace Apartments. The party was a lot of fun as usual; a little too nippy to be running around in a toga, but people didn't seem to mind. We hope all our guests had a good time because something is wrong with you if you didn't.

TKE's most recent party was the Wild Turkey Party on November 24. The party was held at the apartment of the Honorable President Freddie Harris and Steve "Puff" Bennett. It was an incredible party for Tuesday night. All of Freddie and Steve's neighbors will be voting them tenants of

the month. They party got even more interesting afterwards when a group went to eat. After getting kicked out of one Waffle House, a couple guys ran up and down 41, and landscaped an automatic teller. They finally got something to eat at 3:00 am. All in all, a wild Wednesday night, right "Stake 'n' Shake".

On January 9th, TKE will be having their 7th annual "Run For Breath." Run For Breath "Fun Run" is one of TKE's contributions to charity. The money that people pledge to us goes to Cystic Fibrosis. We will start the morning of the 9th at 5:30 and run 70 miles to North Georgia College. That night, Coach Perides and his Runnin' Hornets will play the North Georgia "Jar Heads." So, support Systic Fibrosis and the Hornets in what is the most exciting game on the Hornets schedule.



Alpha Delta Pi

By Keri Pearce

Welcome back, everyone! Hope the gang's all here. Well, after a long, leisurely Christmas break, we got to come back and face the hassle of going through drop/add. A Dee Pi hopes everyone did well on their grades Fall Quarter and were able to get plenty of rest after a hectic finals week.

Good luck to all fraternities who are gearing up for Winter Rush. The A Dee Pi's are also looking forward to a super rush this quarter. Winter quarter looks like it will be an exciting one for us. Before you know it, our famous Crush Party will be here.

We hope everyone had a safe and Happy New Year's. Maybe everyone's scholastic resolutions will stick during the New Year. Good luck to all of you this quarter!



Sigma Nu

By Bob Bemister

Fall Quarter 87 is at a close and Sigma Nu has had another great quarter. We dominated the Bathtub Race, won the Volleyball Title, and took the Football team to State. Not ot mention the outstanding pledge class. Congratulations guys on a great Fall Quarter.

And now the Sports Page. It's a battle for the headlines. Volleyball champs and state playoffs for football. Starting with... volleyball! The team just keeps getting better each Fall. Only one loss, and it was after a tire throw.

In football we barely lost the first game in overtime. The second loss was quick but just as painful as a slow one. Congratulations to all Sigma Nu athletes for a great Fall line-up of sports!

Lastly don't forget the anniversary party at Motel-6. It looks to be better than last year's.

Thanks to all the Brothers and my little brother for making this a memorable Fall!

SGA

By David A. Johnson

The last SGA meeting was held on November 24 and was very productive. Many of the topics we are working on were given the necessary attention. These topics include but are not limited to:

Prestige license plates. We are currently trying to obtain permission from the appropriate state legislators to have Southern Tech prestige license plates. These plates would be similar to the ones of other schools which can be seen affixed to many automobiles in the Atlanta area. These would be available to students, faculty, staff and alumni.

Beautification of the "student circle." "The student circle" can be defined

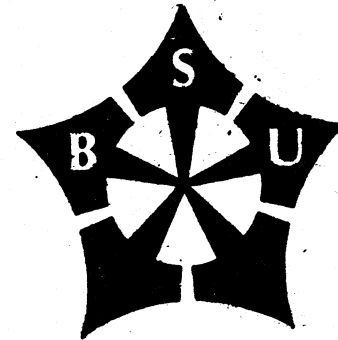
as the large circular "park" between the Classroom Building and the old section of the Library. Much to the dismay of the student body, this area is sewn with grass seed every year only to return to its previous barren state shortly thereafter. Anyone who has not seen this ritual should be sure to watch for it this spring. It could probably be comcluded that this waste is a major contributor to the rising tuition at Southern Tech.

The SGA is proposing to have walkways built in place of the high traffice areas which are indicated by sand pathways. This project is in its infancy and is by no means definite.

The Judiciary Committee is caught up and is awaiting another wave of cases to hear.

The SGA jerseys are in and awaiting to be picked up by their prospective owners. The next SGA meeting will be held at the beginning of this quarter.

A belated Happy New Year to everyone. I hope everyone had a great Christmas. Now that we have stood in long lines to register, we get the chance once again during drop/add. Have fun! Winter Rush is upon us and we have a spectacular array of events planned. Remember, "Go Greek!" Good luck to all with the new quarter. And also, keep those grades up!



By Chris Dillard

The Baptist Student Union meets every Monday night in Room 119 in the Student Center at 7:30 pm. This is a time in which the BSU gets together for some fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth. Anyone is welcome to come to the Monday night meeting. Come see what the BSU is all about on Monday nights!

Everyone is looking forward to the BSU Winter Retreat in Gatlinburg. We will be leaving on Saturday morning, January 16, and will be returning Monday afternoon, January 18. Travel will be arranged by carpools with riders sharing gas expenses and the meals will be "on your own". We will be staying in the Glenstone Lodge which is the same place we stayed last year.

The BSU Impact Team has been busy so far this year. The Impact Team is a group of students from Southern Tech and Kennesaw College who lead church services, youth retreats, and other similiar activities. The team leads these activities by using drama and music. If you are interested in joining the Impact Team, contact Tim Johnson and he will tell you more about it.

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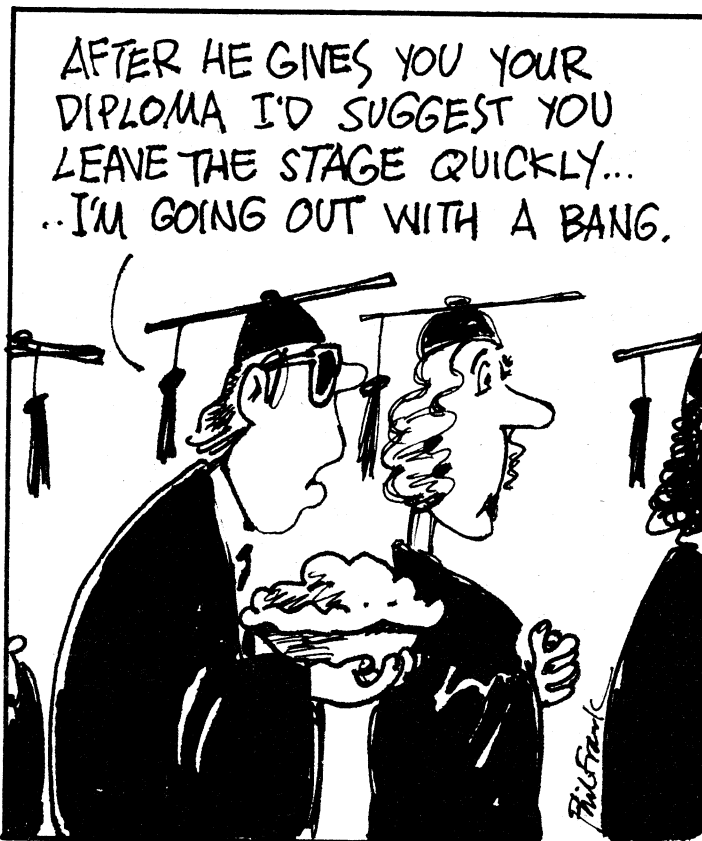
By Ken Matheson

Congratulations to the 1988 High Zeta. They are as follows: High Alpha, Juff Muirhead; High Beta, Russ Walter; High Gamma, Scott Barrett; High Tau, Thad Truett; High Kappa, Scott Martin; High Delta, Jimbo Hall; High Epsilon, Ken Ussey; High Phi, Jeff Crocker; High Sigma, Russel Dempsey; High Rho, Robert Kurtzerd. Way to go guys!

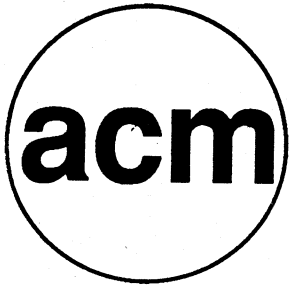
The Thanksgiving Dinner was a tremendous success. A big round of applause to all the parents; without them the dinner would not have been what it was. Also, thanks to all our little sisters who added to the success of this dinner. Congratulations to our awesome flag football team on winning the Greek Championship again. Lambda Chi Alpha has three new associate members; David Silvey, Tim Eason and Bart Stone. Sorry for last week's error, "Birdman" is spelled "Byrdman", and Duster is Dusten.

Frankly Speaking

by Phil Frank



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By Rob Duggan

The beginning of another quarter is here, and the ACM would like to welcome everyone to yet another winter here at Southern Tech. The ACM (Association for Computing Machinery) is still relatively new here at Southern Tech, so many of you may not know what we are about. The ACM is a professional organization for computer scientists (similar to the IEEE for electrical engineers.) Our activities are geared toward just about anyone interested in what's happening with computers and computing. The ACM is always up on the latest developments in all areas of computing, and there are many publications for those of you who have special interests in the computer field. Several times each quarter, the ACM sponsors guest speakers to come and speak on topics of interest to members, and periodically sponsors trips to computer facilities of interest. ACM is a great opportunity for anyone interested in computers to learn more about the field of computer science.

Fall quarter, our ACM chapter sent its first team to the annual ACM programming contest. Our four member team didn't place, but we learned how tough the problems are and what we need to do to prepare for next year. Last quarter also ushered in a new set of ACM officers. (Congratulations, new officers!!) We are looking forward to a very busy winter quarter in ACM as we attend and participate in the annual ACM National Conference that will be held in Atlanta in February. This conference should prove to be very interesting, and will include seminars, exhibitors and guest speakers from all over the world. Several of our own Southern Tech faculty will be active in key committee positions at the convention, including Professor Sally Sage, who will be in charge of the National ACM Employment Register. This highly visible position in which Sally will be active will increase Southern Tech's visibility nationwide. Also, many of the companies that use this employment register will be available to talk with interested applicants at the conference sight (free of charge.)

Overall, it appears that we are going to have a great quarter and we invite anyone interested in ACM to attend our first meeting on Tuesday, January 12, in room 4310 at 12:00 noon.

Fall quarter would not be complete without a party to relieve the anxiety of finals. This quarter's party was held at Chris William's house and it proved to be a huge success. Approximately 50 people attended and none were disappointed. Special thanks go to Dan Ussery (video games and refreshments); Jerry Young (visual effects); David Johnson (audio); and especially to Chris Williams who donated the perfect party spot.

Look for posters with information on the first meeting of the quarter. For more information or membership applications, come by Room 405A.



By Tim Washington

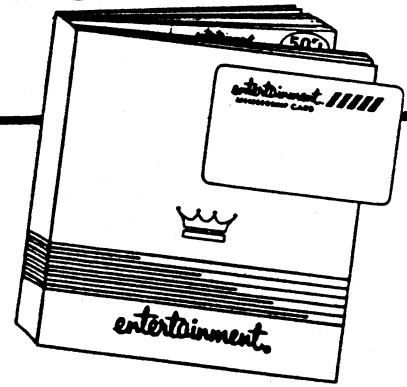
The members of the IEEE topped off the fall quarter with a bang. Professor David Summers was the guest speaker at our End-of-the-Quarter-Forum. All attendees were treated to pizza and soft drinks while Professor Summers answered questions on upcoming changes in the Electrical Department. Greg and Lisa did a great job catering the luncheon and Professor Summers gave, as usual, an informative and enjoyable presentation.



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Lecturers

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interest and need for effective writing, speaking, and listening skills among technologists in industry.

These lectures highlighted the increasing prominence of Southern Tech's Technical Writing Program which was bolstered earlier in the term when the Regents approved SCT's Master of Science program in Technical Communication.

Tom Hallman spoke to TCM students about writing newspaper articles and features covering technology and science. A journalism graduate with work towards a Master's degree at Clemson University, he also wrote for many years on technology-related assignments. He also wrote for the Georgia Extension Service with experience in everything from "forestry to peanuts."

Ray Moore served ten years as news director for WSB TV and has worked for many years as a science writer for the Georgia Tech Research Institute (formerly the Engineering Experiment Station). He urged students to write "with clarity, with brevity, and with accuracy." As an example of good

reporting, he read an understated, but poignant section from Ernie Pyle's (World War II front-line correspondent) description of a platoon which fought furiously for three days with only 15 minutes of rest.

Michael Skinner told the class about the perils and rewards of free-lancing technical books and articles. Skinner has written books on Air Force fighters, the Navy's more advanced hardware, and several other works "written for the general reader." He showed the class copies of his books and explained the entire process of finding ideas, gathering information, and getting the books into print.

The Technical Journalism students praised the lectures as extremely valuable. The views of successful communicators like Hallman, Moore, and Skinner offered valuable insight into the need for science and technology to be reported to the general public in an understandable and accurate manner.

Thanks go out to Dr. Tom Wiseman, professor of the class, for helping to bring in these guest lecturers who helped provide a broad and current view of business and industry that extends beyond the realm of the classroom.

Labs

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An elevator will be installed to allow handicap access, and a hallway will connect the physics and chemistry sections, thus allowing handicapped students total access to building 300 for the first time. (Previously, handicapped students had to take their labs in the physics office, a strain to them and the physics department.)

Phase I renovation begins next quarter, so physics labs will be down at the trailers for a few months beginning next quarter.

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The STING staff would like to wish Tim Glover and his wife Wanda the best on the arrival of their second child, Amy Katherine Glover. She was born Tuesday, November 17, 1987. Tim joined the newspaper shortly after the school was founded (only joking, but he is the veteranest veteran we have).

A belated congratulations go to Kim Villagomez. She gave birth to Gregory Torre Villagomez in October. Again, best wishes to Tim and Kim.

This is what the newspaper would look like without a staff. Please join the paper today. Come to our weekly meetings on Thursday at noon or call us at 424-7310.

SPORTS

Basketball Line-Up

JOHN MOLDEN-- Jr., 6-2, 175 lbs., G; Ocala, Fla., resident who played jr. college basketball at Central Fla. Community College in Ocala. Another of the many "Florida Connection" players who've come to Southern Tech during Perides' years at the Marietta school. Described by Central Fla. coach Benny Gabbard as an "NCAA Division I type player. John is the type athlete who'll come in and make a contribution right away.. and excellent ballhandler and good deep shooter who can make the three-pointer. Molden was courted by NCAA schools Alabama, Jacksonville (Fla.) and Georgia Southern. Played high school ball at Miami Lakes as soph and junior, at powerhouse Vanguard High in Miami as a senior. Interested in architectural drawing.

PERIDES' COMMENT: "John has the potential to be one of the best guards in our district. He's a great leaper and a great shooter and could be a complete basketball player if he keeps working. He's a genuine athlete, one of the best on the team just in terms of athletic skills."

MAURICE GRIER -- Fr., 6-2, 186 lbs., G/F; walk-on from Jackson (GA) High School, where he was a three year starter and averaged 13 points, 6 rebounds and 3 assists his senior year, when the team went 13-11. High school coach was Tracey Curtis. Solid student, member of the 1,000 Club at Jackson for scoring more than 1,000 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test; a Presidential Scholar.

PERIDES COMMENT: "Maurice has definite potential as a guard for us. He was really doing well in pre-season workouts until he had a painful muscle pull in his neck, and he's coming back slowly. He's got quickness, and he's a great shooter. He's also a very good student."

MAURICE CHARLTON -- Fr., 6-4, 210 lbs., F; Transferred to Southern Tech with 4 years of college eligibility remaining after spending a year at Tenn. Military Institute in Knoxville, playing against junior colleges and the JV squads of such schools as Virginia Tech, U-Va. and VMI. Top all-around player on a team that went 24-3 judges TMI coach Mike Chivalete who said that Charlton was courted heavily by several NCAA Div. I colleges. A native of Columbus, Ohio, where he led his East More High School team to a 19-3 record his senior year and was named a McDonald's All-American player. Charlton arrives with a reputation as an excellent passer and jump-shooter. Has been hampered in early-season workouts by a slow-to-heal foot injury.

PERIDES' COMMENT: "Maurice is a freshman who I feel can start for us if he works hard. He's an Adrian Dantley-type player ... strong and quick and with that explosive first step. He's got the ability to be a four-year starter. His attitude since he's been hurt has been great. In fact, he's a little stubborn about wanting to do too much. He can play the two guard if needed, and he can rebound. He's a scorer, and he could be an all-around player, because he's got the potential to score, rebound and play defense.

RICKY WEST -- Jr., 6-6, 195 lbs., P/F; after four years of starting for Fairmont High in Fairmount, GA., and a stellar senior season. West played two years at nearby Reinhardt Jr. College in Waleska, GA. Also played baseball at Fairmont (shortstop), where he won Academic All-American honors and prizes for academic performance in math and science. Won Reinhardt's Best Free Throw Shooter award as freshman and was named team's MVP as a sophomore. Picture-book jump shooter who could see plenty of time this season as he learns Tech system.

PERIDES' COMMENT: "Ricky is a great shooter, and 6-6 could be another legitimate forward in our offense. He's got to improve his aggressiveness, but he could definitely help us this year."

BOBBY HINES --Sr., 6-2, 186 lbs., P; experienced post player who comes to Southern Tech with one year of eligibility remaining. A native of Wilson, N.C., Hines sat out last year after playing one year at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and two at Merced Jr. College. Averaged 10 points, 5 rebounds and 18 minutes a game as a top reserve at UTC during his junior year. Played on Merced squads that went 22-8 and 23-6 to win Central Valley Conference titles each year. Averaged 17 points/8 rebounds as a freshman, 23 points/10 rebounds as a sophomore. A three-year starter at Wilson-Hunt High School in Wilson, N.C.; team won Class AAAA state title his sophomore year.

PERIDES' COMMENT: "Bobby has been hurt, and if we could get him in shape, he's another one who has tremendous potential. He could average 9 to 12 rebounds in our league. Whether he reaches that potential for us after being hurt and out of basketball for a year is another question, but he could be a big, big plus."

RODNEY ARMSTRONG Jr., 6-6, 180 lbs., P/F; Transfer from North Fla. Jr. College in Madison, Fla., where he started for two years at forward and occasionally manned the pivot. Was a four-year starter at MD Collins High in College Park, Ga.; averaged 14 points, 10 rebounds and 2 assists as a senior and helped team to region and subregion titles. Was a long-jumper on the Collins track team.

PERIDES' COMMENT: "Rodney is thin, but he's a good leaper and good defensive player. It doesn't look like he'll be a scorer right now, but does the kind of things like defense and rebounding that you've got to have to win. That's why he's going to be so valuable to this team."



LMU Gives Hornets a "Splitting" Headache

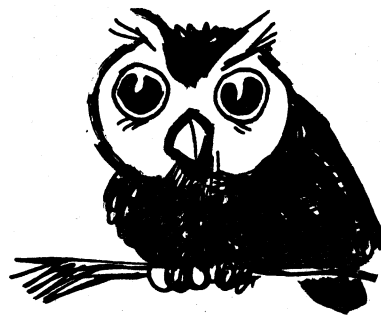
By Todd Barney

On Saturday, November 21, Southern Tech hosted the Rail Splitters of Lincoln Memorial University, and lost in a heart-breaking 67-63 defeat. Southern Tech led through three-fourths of the game, only to drop behind with seven minutes to play. They never recovered.

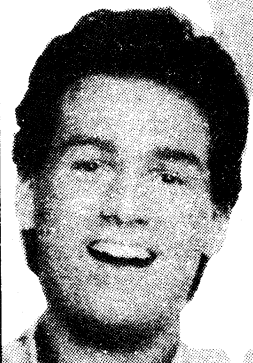
The Hornets took the opening tip-off, scoring their first field goal before 13 seconds had elapsed. LMU, playing a man-to-man defense, was unable to stop the Hornets, who had 8-2 at 17:30 to go in the first half. But a series of field goals and some missed shots by the Hornets allowed LMU to tie the score at 10 with 14 minutes left in the half. That was as close as they would come for the next 21 minutes of play.

Aggressive defense and fast-breaks made for some exciting basketball as ST's John Molden (11) and LMU's Number 34 Lawrence Buell collided under LMU's goal, going up for an ill-timed alley-oop. With about a minute to go, Mr. Buell (LMU 34) again collided with a Hornet, this time Darren Holley, in a blatant charging foul. The crowd really came alive. With the score ST 25-21, LMU tried to run out the clock and go for a 3-pointer, but the shot failed with about 20 seconds to play. ST's Craig Collard (20) pushed the halftime score to 27-21 just before the buzzer. The Rail-Splitters came out a little more aggressively for the second half and quickly closed to 26-25. Number 10, Thomas Harrison for LMU played very aggressive ball, making several steals, but was unable to convert most.

Then, at 7:00 to go, Mr. Buell hit a 3 pointer to tie at 49. ST opened to 51-49, but LMU answered with 3 more to push ahead. They never looked back. The Hornets had a chance with 25 seconds to play and the score of 63-61. LMU had the lead and the possession. ST blocked the inbound pass, but it was knocked out again in a questionable call that ruled it LMU's ball. They got it in this time, and number 44 for LMU, Nich Stanford was promptly fouled. He made both free throws. A Southern Tech score with six seconds made it 63-65, but two more successful free throws by LMU widened the gap for a final of 67-63.



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