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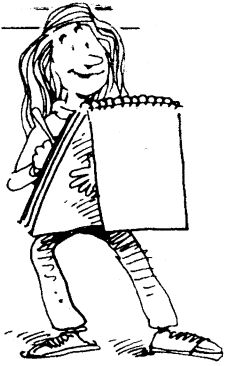
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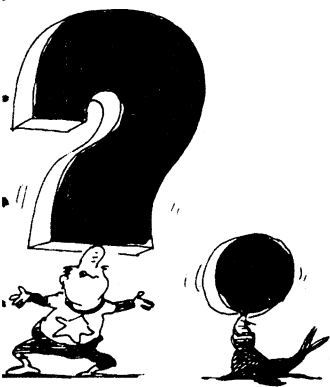
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“Change” in Parking set for Fall

By Jim Terry

Those loose quarters, nickels, and dimes can be put to use beginning fall quarter as new parking meters are installed on campus.

* Thirty-four meters will be placed along the Clay Street side of Campus Drive, which is behind the Student Center.

* Three meters will be located outside the Administration Building in what are now 20 minute spaces.

* An undetermined number of spaces beside the dormitories will become metered parking to accommodate the Placement Office and residents who have visitors.

Chief Billy Howard stated, “The meters have been in Central Receiving for four years. Physical plant found a

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THIRTY—FOUR METERS WILL BE PLACED HERE beginning fall quarter along Campus Drive, behind the Student Center. Meters will also be installed outside the dorms and Administration.
-Photo by Jim Connell

SCOTLAN is Here!

By Joanne Byrd

Most of us have probably seen or heard about the new television in the hallway of the Academic Building and wonder what's going on. Well the Computer Operations Department at Southern Tech is installing a video message display system (VMDS) around the campus. The VMDS is similar to the systems used by most local cable television services and those seen in major hotel lobbies. This information system is a side benefit of a local area network (LAN) that is being designed and implemented by the Computer Operations Department under the direction of Robert LeBlanc, the director of Computer Operations. The VMDS shares the equipment that is already in place for the LAN.

SCOTLAN is the acronym which refers to the LAN. This stands for Southern College

Of Technology Local Area Network. SCOTLAN is a campus-wide data communications medium consisting of computer hardware and software. According to Mr. LeBlanc, the VMDS is “one very small but very visible part of an overall plan [for SCOTLAN].”

Presently there are two televisions in place and using the VMDS. The most visible television is in the main hallway of the Academic Building. The other is in the entrance way of the Administration Building. There are plans to place one or two televisions in the Student Center.

Anyone in the Southern Tech community (students, campus organizations, faculty, and staff) may display a message on the VMDS which runs 24 hours a day. Messages

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New Students “Gear Up” at SCT

By James S. Connell

While students worried about an upcoming test or thought about a date on Saturday night, other people were learning about Southern Tech. On Thursday and Friday, August 4-5, a group of new students were introduced to life at Southern Tech. The students, passing through “Gearing Up”, got a small picture of what their college experience will be. The group of students, 157 in all, arrived Thursday afternoon and checked into the Norton Dormitory. After room assignments, the students were divided into groups of 13, and each group had two Connectors.

The Gearing Up program is run from the Advising Center by Barbara Anderson, along with Phyllis Weatherly and Marsha McCray. Their goal is to provide a program for incoming students which is both educational, as well as

entertaining. To this end, the incoming students learn about pre-registration, as well as extra-curricular activities. The task of working with the students is assigned to the Connectors. The Connectors, as most students will recall, are students who are the incoming student's bridge or connection to Southern Tech. The Connectors supervised their own group and provided information and enthusiasm.

On Thursday, the new students were introduced to Southern Tech. After breaking into their groups, the students had some activities to introduce the group members to each other and to their Connector leaders. The freshmen were then given packets which contained useful information.

After a barbeque dinner, the groups performed. During the day, each group came up with

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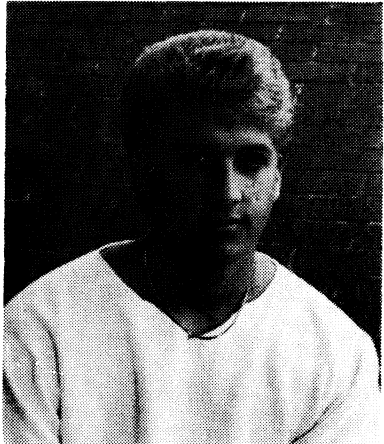
Opinions From Southern Tech Summer Students

By Astrid Howard

Last week, on the Southern Tech campus, three questions were asked to each of the students interviewed.

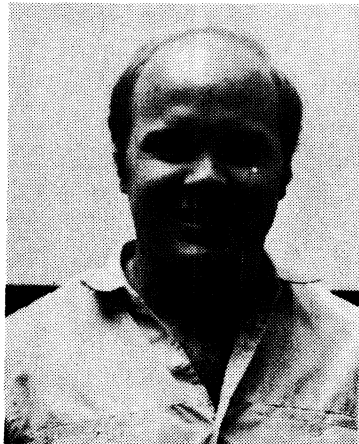
The questions were:

- 1) Who will you vote for president in 1988? Why?
- 2) What activities should be available for SCT students during the summer quarter?
- 3) What do you think about the bells that we have on campus now?



Mark Kubicek

- 1) "George Bush, because I'm Republican and I like what he stands for. I don't like Dukakis. Bentsen I could probably tolerate for a Democrat. I hate Jesse Jackson."
- 2) "CAB could have a party, but it probably wouldn't go over real well."
- 3) "Oh, they're not too bad. The thought was nice. I think they could have made it look a little nicer. It's not the most attractive thing in the world."



H. Warren Arnold

- 1) "Well, it's a lesser of two evils on that. I think that Dukakis won't mess up as much as Bush."
- 2) "A pool."
- 3) "I think it's a ridiculous waste of money without a clock. If it had a clock it'd be a lot different, but without a clock it's an eyesore more than anything."



Deana Jones

- 1) "George Bush because I am anti social program and that's what the democrats stand for."
- 2) "Entertainment in the Student Center."
- 3) "I think they are nice. I think they add sort of a Harvard atmosphere to the school."



Olga Mendez

- 1) "Dukakis, I like Dukakis."
- 2) "They should do more outdoors activities, because it's summer so we can enjoy outside. Picnics, bring people over, like bands and comedy acts."
- 3) "They're nice, but no big deal."

This is the first of our opinion polls. The STING will be conducting many more in the future, so look for our reporters in the Student Center, and come forward to express your views.

We welcome your suggestions for opinion poll questions. Please drop these in our box outside the STING office located upstairs in the Student Center beside the wide screen TV.

Co-Op: A Good College Experience

Co-oping provides Engineering experience that is great to fill that blank space on your resume.

Twenty companies have requested co-ops for fall quarter. These companies have a total of 58 job openings. To be eligible to apply for a co-op job for fall quarter, you must be a full-time student this quarter, have accumulated a total of 30 hours by the end of summer quarter, and have a minimum GPA of 2.0. If you are not taking at least 12 hours

this quarter, but are interested in co-oping fall quarter, you can petition in the Co-op office for admission to the Co-op Program. If you are interested in any of the following jobs, visit the Co-op office to pick up the necessary paper work. The Co-op office is located in the basement of Howell Hall. Summer office hours are from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

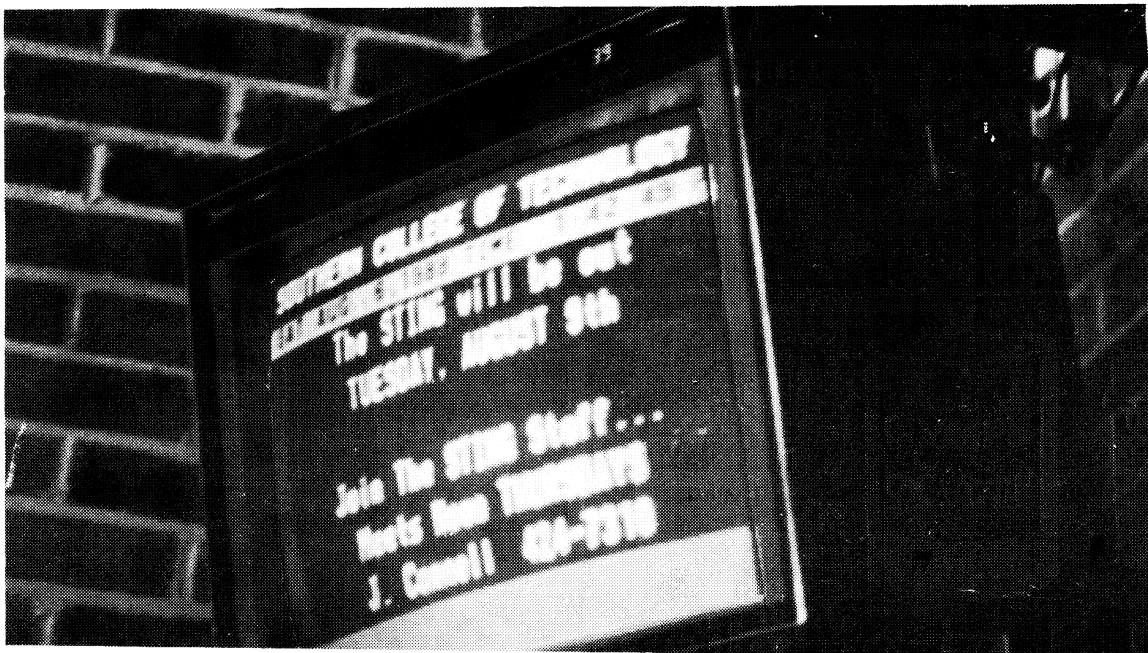
Twenty companies are seeking majors from seven categories:

Company

- Applied Engineering & Science
- Atlanta Gas Light
- Cherokee Heating & Air
- Chicopee
- Forensic Engineering, Inc.
- GA Dept. of Transportation
- Jones, Nall & Dairs
- Kraft
- Photocircuits
- Sales Technologies
- Savannah Electric & Power
- Shaw Industries
- Scientific Atlanta
- Southern Company Services
- Southwire Co.
- Teledyne
- Tribble & Richardson, Inc.
- Ben Turnipseed
- USG Interiors
- Williams Construction Co.

Major

- CET, MET
- CET, MET, EET, IET, ACS
- MET
- IET, EET
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- CET
- MET(HVAC)
- IET
- MET, IET
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- IET
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- CET
- EET, MET
- CNST



MESSAGES CONCERNING THE SOUTHERN TECH COMMUNITY ARE DISPLAYED on the Video Message Display System (VMDS).
-Photo by Jim Connell

SCOTLAN (from page 1)

are meant to announce upcoming events such as deadlines and club meetings. Messages which are only political or religious, or endorse any group's viewpoints will not be displayed. Also, personal ads are excluded from this service.

Since this is a new system, the procedures have not been finalized. So until further notice, Computer Operations

will take telephoned messages at extension 7346 from 8:00-5:00 Monday through Friday. Also, a procedure is being developed for identifying individuals within each campus organization that are authorized to leave messages.

Initially most of the LAN activity will be between remote terminals and personal computers that are connected to host computers located around the campus. "Work is underway to add on-campus electronic mail, electronic

bulletin boards, and connections to off-campus educational networks such as BITNET," said Mr. LeBlanc.

Other side benefits for the LAN under consideration include satellite reception of educational programming, entertainment channels for the dorm rooms, and re-broadcast of taped programs. The STING will keep you up-to-date on the implementation of these and other uses of our new and exciting LAN.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear STING:

Frankly I'm getting very tired of all these greeks justifying their existence. Of course, I believe every word they say. I know and really admire all the good things they supposedly stand for. But the reality seems quite different from what they say. Did [the Greek organizations] say Reagan (the most scandalized administration since Nixon) is a Teke? Well, I guess that explains everything, doesn't it? I wonder which fraternity Ollie North belongs to?

An Extremely Concerned Student

Dear STING:

I think the association of Ronald Reagan with our ridiculous college fraternities here at Southern Tech is completely bogus. I don't think Ronald Reagan's administration can be justly compared to the mindless fraternities on this campus.

Another Concerned Student

Dear STING:

I just saw a copy of the latest issue of The Sting, and I felt that I needed to write this letter.

I completely agree with the editorial regarding the Greyhound Bus use of the main parking lot. That was a completely ridiculous thing for SCT's Administration to agree to. I am currently a night student, and I had a very difficult time finding a parking space that night. If a

night student can't find a place to park, you know the situation is bad!

I have been attending Southern Tech for four years now, and I have seen numerous instances when the administration thought only of themselves and not at all about the students. The administration seems to conveniently forget that if there were no students, they would have no jobs.

One point regarding the parking situation: The school could start by not allowing the

campus police to park in student lots, and especially not when they are parked in one student parking space so that

they don't have to walk so far to put a parking ticket on a car. That really irritates me when I see that happening.

Teri Lucyshyn



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Parking in the Real World

By Ed Hardy

There have been a great many complaints over the years about the state of parking here on campus. Most of these complaints have centered around its price and availability. I would like to put these complaints in perspective by comparing parking on this campus to that of my high school, Georgia Tech, and Georgia State.

My high school had one parking lot. They only sold a limited number of permits, and if you did not get a permit you did not park there. These permits sold out very quickly, cost \$15 per quarter, and getting one involved standing in line for up to an hour. The lot was also on the other side of a major thoroughfare; getting to class involved risking your life crossing the street.

There are two areas you can live on the GA Tech campus: East and West Campus. If you live on East Campus, you are relatively close to your classes, but there is nowhere to park within about three-quarters of a mile of eight dorms. These eight dorms house about 3000 students; there are less than 100 parking spaces. This is not an exaggeration. Or you can live on West Campus which has a relatively large number of parking spaces (about one for every two students), but you are at least a mile from any possible classroom. There are no parking spaces near the classrooms. As for cost, a parking permit is \$75 per quarter. Not per year--per quarter.

As for parking at GA State--forget it. There is one small parking deck for 20,000

students, and if by some miracle you do get a space, it costs \$1.50 a day. That comes out to roughly \$75 per quarter. The parking is so bad, a friend of mine used to park on the GA Tech campus and walk the three miles to GA State.

In contrast to these three, here at Southern Tech parking permits cost only ten dollars per quarter and are readily available to everyone who wants to buy one. You do not even have to go all the way out to Campus Safety; they set up a table in the Student Center at the beginning of each quarter.

As for parking spaces, there is always one when you want one. If you are trying to park at an especially busy time, you may have to park in one of the far parking lots, but there is nowhere you can park on this campus that is more than half a mile away from the classrooms of any department.

So people, you do not have anything to complain about. In comparison to most places, you are doing great. So, I hope this is the end of this discussion, and you find something *real* to complain about, like why we do not have two more dorms.

NOTICE
DUE TO STATE AUDITOR REGULATIONS, DISCOUNT TICKETS WILL ONLY BE SOLD IN THE STUDENT CENTER FROM 8 AM - 12 NOON AND 2 PM - 5 PM MONDAY - FRIDAY



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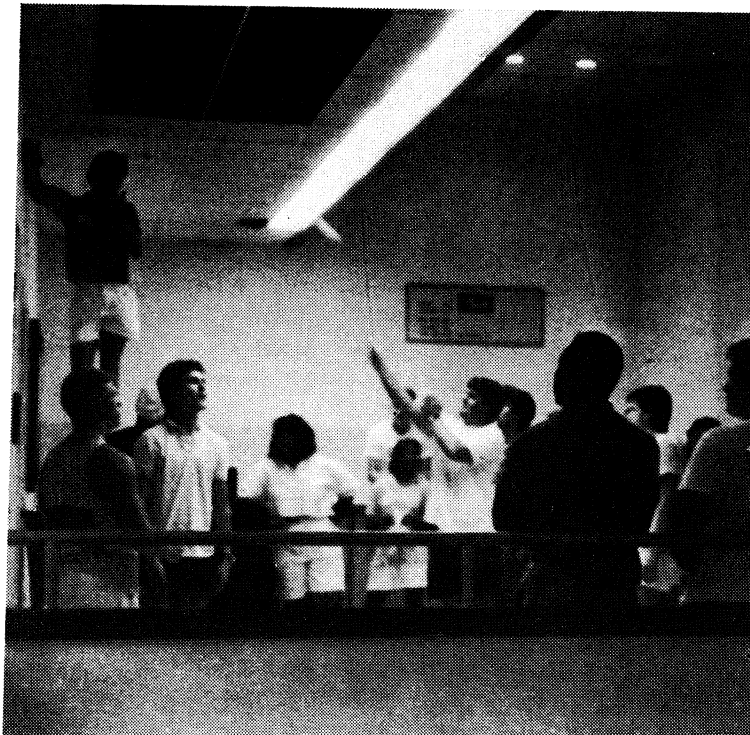
a skit and a chant. One group's skit involved a person who was a little slow trying to sell pencils outside the Southern Tech Bookstore. The humorous aspect of the skit was the guy was selling the pencils two for a nickel or three for a dime. Another skit was a look at human sexuality, with a humorous twist. A student, in a "serious" monologue, stating the dangers of sexuality. A "dead" student lay on a table clutching some flowers. One female student looked pregnant. Another female student up a card which said

cancelled this. After a rain delay, the groups walked down to the gym for more activities. Small games were culminated in a relay race. During the race, the students had to first jump rope, then place the small end of bat on his forehead and the large end on the floor and twirl around the bat five times. The students, a little dizzy, had then to dribble a basketball around four chairs and hit the rim. The greatest challenge was next: take a piece of bubble gum and blow a bubble.

Some of the students had their own ideas on how to run the race. One student was quite dizzy after doing the bat

major, liked the Gearing Up program. He liked the campus and thought the games were fun. When asked about spending a night in Norton, he said it was "an experience." He was not crazy about the bunk beds that were "10 or 15 feet in the air." He also liked the bells, but, "They caught me off guard." They reminded him of being in church.

James Burnes from Snellville, GA had mixed emotions about the program. He said that Gearing Up "had good information about the school, but the entertainment was Romper Room style." James liked his group leaders, Brian Witton and Sonja



A FREE THROW competition was part of the Gearing Up activities.
-Photo by Jim Connell



"BOY, THIS IS TOUGH!" Here a student tries her best to blow a bubble.
-Photo by Jim Connell

"herpes". The narrator said that these problems could have been prevented. The rest of the group then walked in with plastic bags over their heads. The group then demonstrated how the problems could have been prevented: they unrolled their bags over their bodies.

The students also displayed their creativity with a group chant. The chants ran from a military beat to rappin' style to a little reggae. Some group's chants were a little hard to define.

After the skits, the groups were supposed to tour the campus, but a driving rain

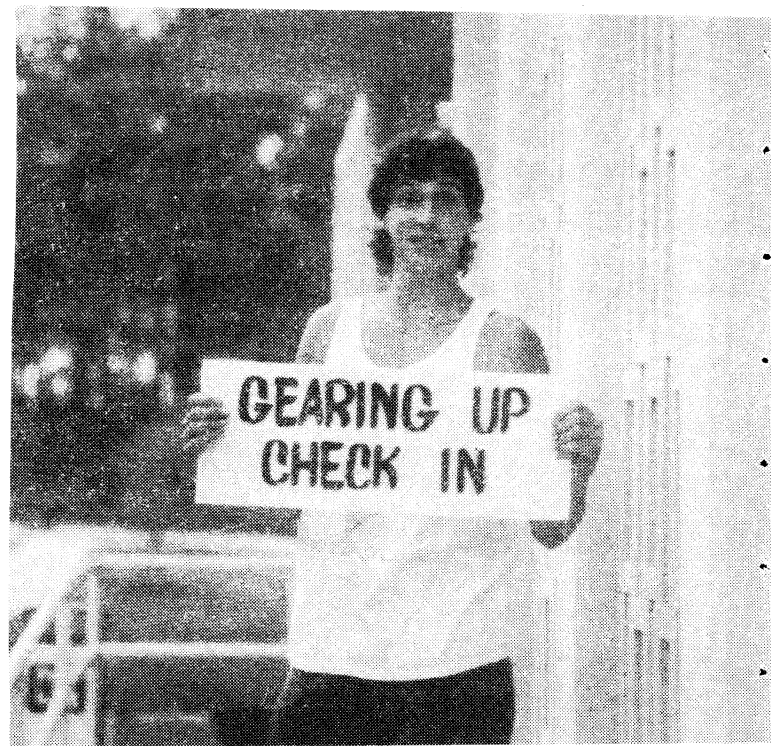
twirl, got the basketball but could not get going forward; he started staggering backward while dribbling. One student topped all the rest by trying for a long shot. He missed the rim. He missed the backboard. In fact, the ball did not even land in the gym. The outside doors were open, and the ball sailed out the door with the student in hot pursuit.

On Friday afternoon, the groups had to wait in the Academic Building for another rain storm to end. During the time, the students had a chance to reflect on their time at Southern Tech. Mark Bonner, an incoming CS

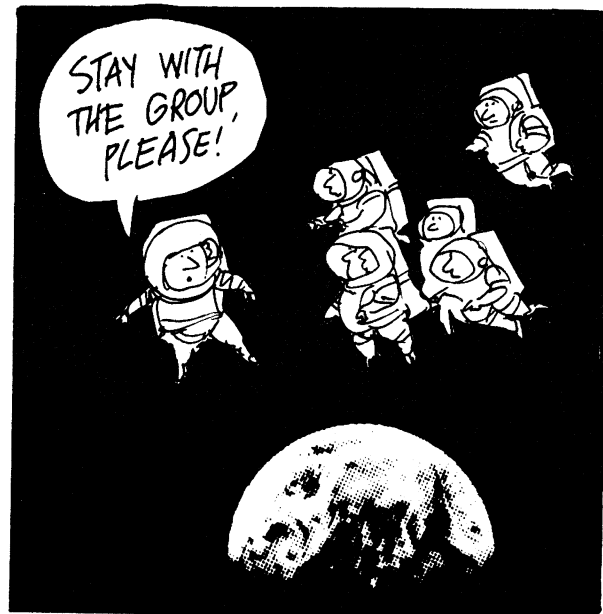
Scoggins who was nicknamed "Officer Hooks."

James McBurrows, a Connector, also had some thoughts on the program. "I enjoy helping the other students," and has found it to be a positive experience. He feels that the students enjoyed the small group discussions most. The students were interested in learning about college life both social and academic.

After the rain, the groups departed. The Connectors could relax but not too much. This Thursday, they will don their green Connector shirts and khaki pants and do it all again.



"I FOUND THE SIGN, now where is everybody else?"
-Photo by Jim Connell



Starting College: a Look Back

By Andrew Newton

When doling out this assignment, our editor, Jim Connell, was first going to tackle it himself, but because he is so close to graduation and so far from his first days of college, the job fell upon my shoulders. It seems like only a year ago I was going through "Gearing Up". Why, for me, it was only a year ago! So, the intent of this article is to show you a view of Southern Tech from a student who knows his way around but still remembers those days when he asked all sorts of questions.

Right now, you are probably wondering why you are going through "Gearing Up". Why are they putting you through this overnight game session? Well, I remember hating those silly little games, especially when the water balloon throwing got out of hand, but the games are important. It was during this time that I met several people and learned not to be afraid of college. "Gearing Up" will also show you the campus and offices on campus. This is important. At the time it might sound meaningless, but you should know that there are seniors walking around on campus who do not know where the computer labs are, have never seen a drop slip or know where to get one,

and could not tell you where the SGA offices are located. Finally, "Gearing Up" will get you registered for fall quarter.

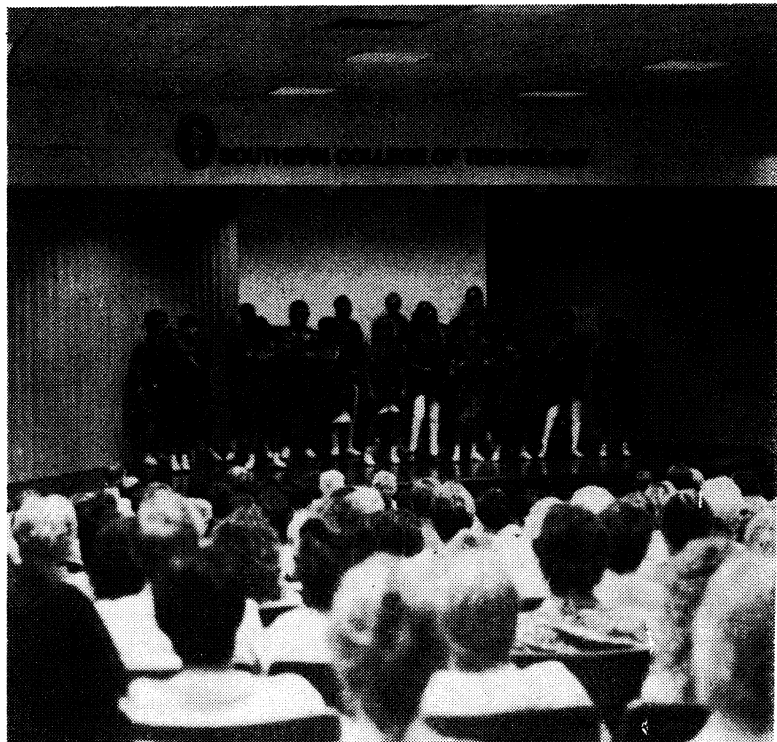
Of course, if you are not from this area, then you are most likely looking for a place to stay. Perhaps you applied for a dorm room, but you were put on the waiting list. Well, you might not get a room fall quarter, but you are more than likely to get one in the winter. In the meantime, there are other places. You could try the College Commons which are within walking distance. You could also find a regular apartment and roommate(s). Notices for this are posted all over campus, and if you take a trip down Franklin Road here in Marietta, you will find a lot of apartment complexes.

When you get to Southern Tech in the fall, one of your first questions will be, "What is there to do on campus?" Well, you will get out of Southern Tech what you put into it. You should immediately start looking into campus organizations. I was immediately sucked into the radio station, and by the first day of classes I was sitting behind a table representing WGHR during Rush week. During the first days of class, all of the campus organizations will have a booth or station of some sort

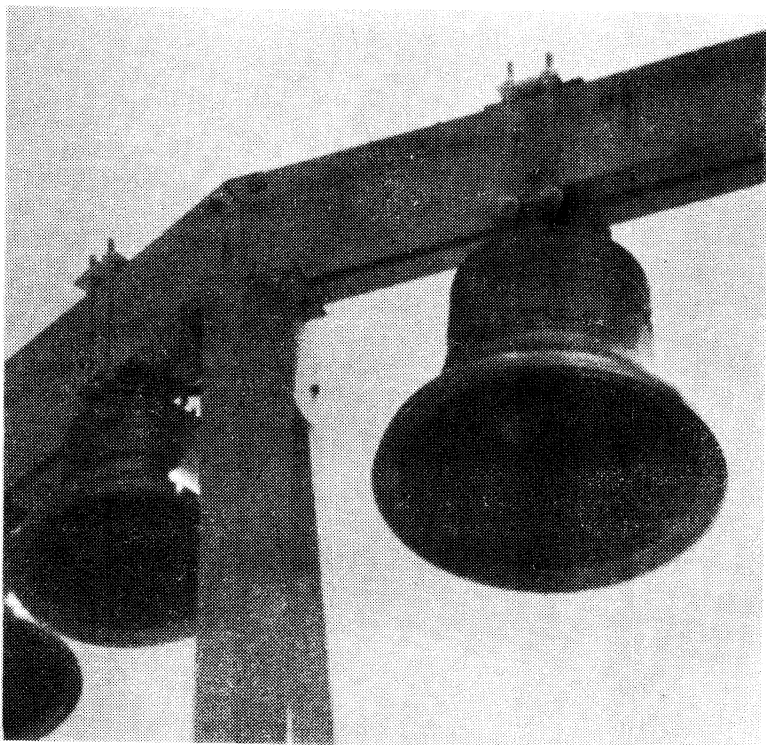
set up outside between the Library and the classroom building. This will be the perfect time for you to check out every organization. Do not be afraid. Just walk up to the people and start asking questions. There is bound to be something that interests you.

I remember wondering how much different classes would be from high school. The classes here at Southern Tech are usually around 30 students in size; they are not that much different from my high school back in Brunswick, Georgia. However, the work is much harder. Do not expect to get away with just doing the minimum. You are doomed to fail that way. I used to hardly work at all in high school, and I still made it by with decent grades. I tried the same thing here my first quarter. It did not work. So, while you are out having a good time with a professional or greek organization, remember that the primary reason you are here is to study.

You will also be enrolling in a class called SCT 101. This class might seem like a waste of time, but remember that it is designed to help you. With all this in mind, and the future teaching from SCT 101, you should fare well here at Southern Tech.



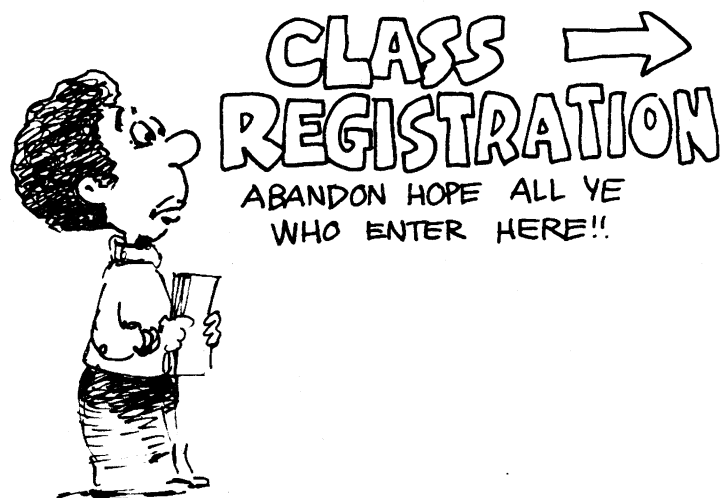
"I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE": Connectors did a take off on the popular song. -Photo by Jim Connell



THE NEW WITH THE NEW: new students got the chance to hear the new bells. The bells reminded Mark Bonner of being in church. -Photo by Jim Connell

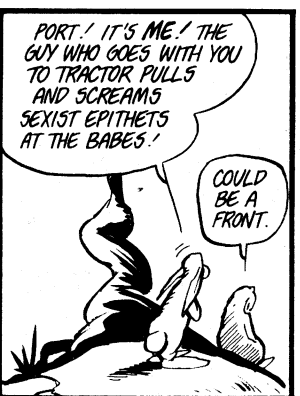
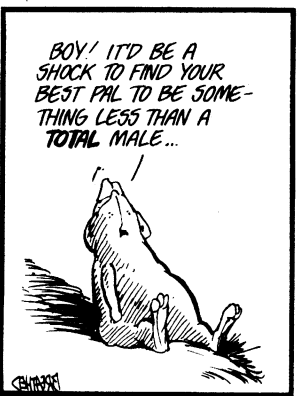
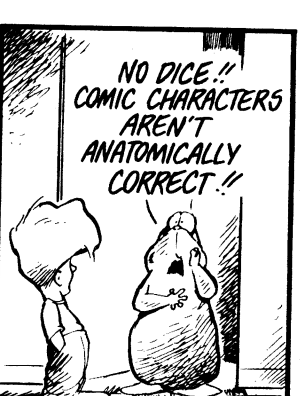
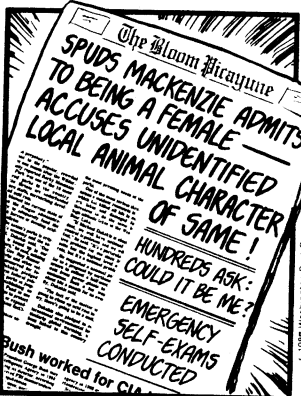
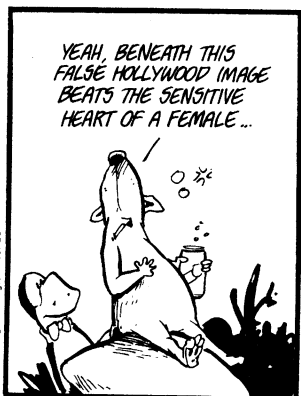
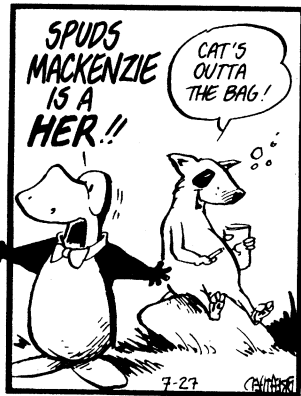
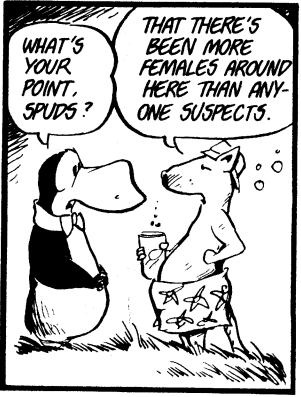
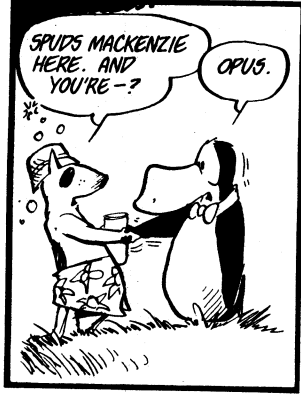


BOTH DEEP IN THOUGHT, a student works to assemble a puzzle. The Connector is amused by the new students but later warns them, "DON'T CHEAT!" -Photo by Jim Connell



BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



Dear Study Lady



Dear Study Lady,

You keep talking about skimming. I've never quite understood how to do it. I don't feel like I'm really reading if I don't read it all.

-Every Word

Dear Word,

Remember first grade? "See Dick. See Jane. See Spot. Silly silly Spot."

We had to go one word at a time then because we didn't know the words yet.

We know the words now, so we can deal with larger units.

Your mind is a meaning-maker by nature. That's what it does. Every day you're taking in new data about the world--sorting it out, organizing it, casting your interpretation on what you see.

Getting beyond the word-for-word approach to reading allows you to unleash that grasping, creative ability of the mind. As your eye runs down the page, you're looking for clues, you're digging for connections, you're scouting out the territory before bringing in all the wagons.

There are lots of techniques for skimming, but probably the simplest is just to zigzag your finger down the page, looking avidly for repeated words, related ideas, anything that smells like conceptual glue.

At the same time, you're wondering, hypothesizing, asking questions about how all of this fits together. You're making your interaction with the page an aggressive exchange between the author's words and your thoughts.

After you've done the big zigzag through the chapter, you'll

want to give each section a slightly more thorough preview before reading it. This time, read beginning sentences of paragraphs. You're identifying questions that your reading will need to answer for you.

Skimming is a skill that's learned only through practice, just as you learned about Dick and Jane and Spot by reading every day.

It's a skill that gives you a quick and efficient view of the things that matter in the chapter and--because it is so quick--gives you the luxury of checking out the chapter essentially more than once.

Confidential to Rushed:

If you tape record that fast-talking professor for an hour of lecture, then you have to invest a whole additional hour in listening to the same lecture over again. It's time consuming, and you're remaining in the role of passive listener. Let me give you a few alternatives.

Get together with a study buddy after class and talk through your notes. Between the two of you, you'll be able to fill in most of the gaps. Those that you can't figure out will make good questions for you to take to the next class. (the professor will be impressed that you've given it some thought)

But if you must tape, let me suggest using a recorder with a counting device and jotting the numbers throughout your notes. That way you can make choices about what you need to hear again and what you already understand. The activeness of that decision-making process will let you claim the material as your own.

Super Hero

By Andrew Newton

It was 6:00 in the morning, and Harold Duper's t.v. blasted on by itself waking Harold up. Lo and behold, it was the mayor of the city. "Harold, we have a problem. Max Turgin is on the loose again. He's kidnapped three children and a dog and robbed 4 stores." Harold shook his head in disgust. "Wait, the worst is yet to come. He is holding the formula for Original Coke as a hostage."

"Well, I can't do anything for you this time. My super-suit is in the washing machine," said Harold.

"Hogwash!" responded the mayor. "You don't wash your clothes." So Harold Duper got out his super-suit and became Super Duper. He quickly ran out the door and caught the 7:45 bus because he misplaced his cape. After transferring over to two other buses, Super Duper finally arrived at a building he instinctively knew was the building that Max Turgin was hiding in. Super Duper busted down the front door and yelled, "FREEZE!" But the minister, choir, and congregation just looked at him with confusion.

Embarrassed, Super Duper left the church and walked down the street, and skipped and ran until he got tired and walked some more and

The following poem was written by Brenda Handley. She is a Freshman AET major at Southern Tech. Spring quarter she began undergoing chemotherapy treatments for cancer. Throughtout her ordeal, she has maintained a

skipped a little and hopped and walked and stuck out his tongue and walked.

Super Duper ended up in the downtown area. He was walking on the sidewalk when he noticed Max Turgin across the street in a small, closed-off parking lot. He walked over across the street and found Max making his hostages do push-ups. Super Duper quickly dove behind a garbage can. No, really he sort of ran behind it. No, he moved quickly behind it. O.K., actually, he walked over to the trash can and ducked down, but "quickly dove" sounds better.

Realizing that he left his special bullet deflecting suit at home, Super Duper came up with another plan. "This is the police! We have you surrounded! Drop your weapon!". Super Duper shouted from behind the trash can. Max dropped his machine gun and put his hands in the air. Super Duper raced out from hiding in order to seize the gun. But Max pulled out his .357 Magnum and blew Super Duper into a million pieces.

Just kidding... Super Duper grabbed the machine gun and captured Max Turgin. When the police arrived, they arrested Max for kidnapping, robbery, and chronic halitosis, and Super Duper for impersonating a police officer.

The moral of this story: Leave your t.v. unplugged when you aren't watching it

fantastic positive attitude that amazes and uplifts everyone who comes in contact with her. Brenda is an example for all of us to follow.

Brenda's friends in the Co-Op office

THE OPTIMIST

God has given me time to coincide
With an illness which cannot be denied.
He has given me the ability to see
The love and support that everyone needs.

Cancer is not a chosen present
And it is never very pleasant.
But feeling pity will not do
The attitude is up to you.

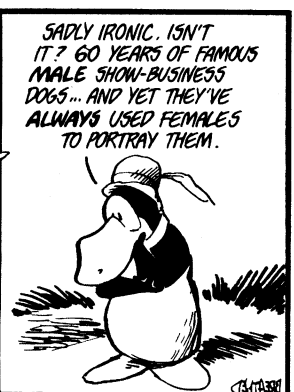
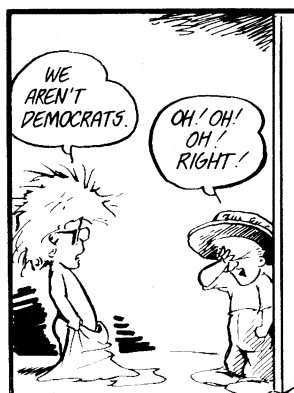
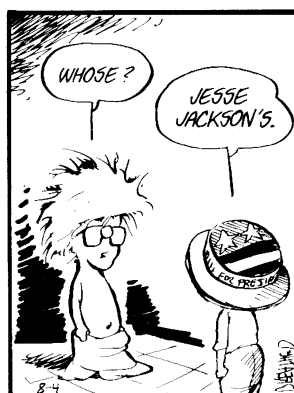
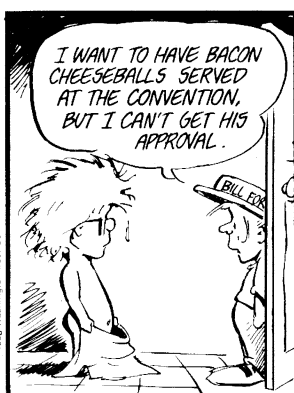
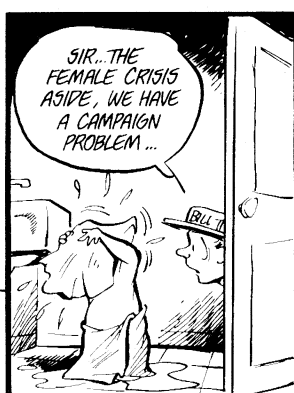
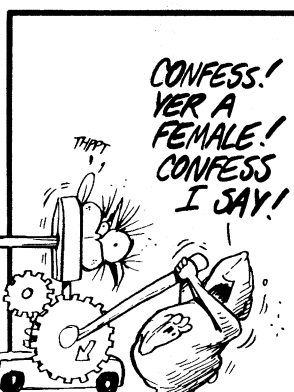
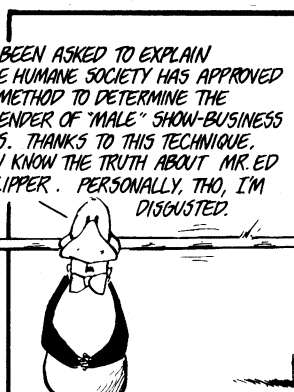
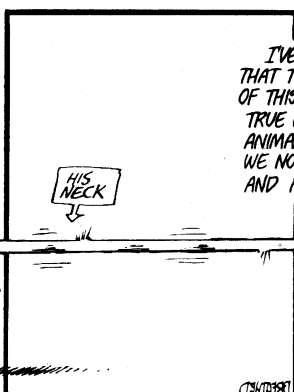
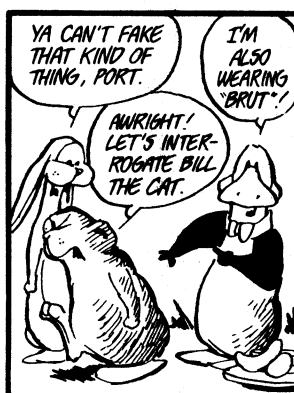
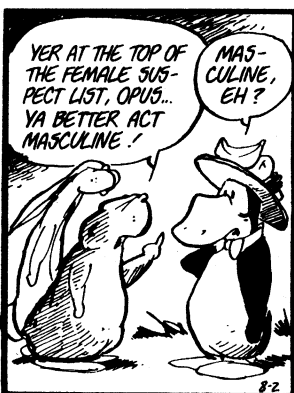
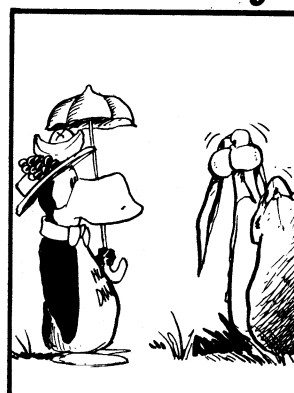
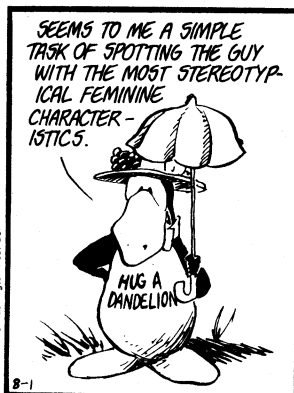
The optimist will always win the race
Even if only to see God's face.
And if I should see that you are down
I shall do my best to uplift your frown.

Never let anything stand in the way
Of setting new goals every day.
I have dreams I know I shall see
Because even cancer cannot take them from me.

Brenda K. Handley
Summer 1988

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



Question Corner

By Joanne Byrd

Have you ever had a question about a situation or happening at Southern Tech and didn't know where or who to ask? Then read on.

The Question Corner is a new feature article in which you, the reader, decide what appears here. If you have a query, don't hesitate to write "The STING". Your question might be used for an extended story if it is considered newsworthy by The STING staff.

All questions should be typed or printed. Anonymous questions will not be answered but your name will be withheld automatically unless you request otherwise. Newspaper deadlines apply and questions

may be placed in the lock box which is located outside the Student Publications Office in the Student Center (by the big screen television).

Now for the first question... **What is the meaning behind the college newspaper's name?**

The school mascot is the hornet. Therefore, it seems that "The STING" is referring to the hornet. But, have you ever wondered why "STING" is always capitalized? Because it is an acronym.

Prior to 1986 Southern Tech was known as Southern Technical Institute. Are you beginning to see the acronym? The newspaper's name stands for "The Southern Technical Institute News Gazette". I bet you'll rest easier now that I've quelled that query!

Parking (from page 1)

point in time to install the mounting posts just recently."

Anticipating criticism from the installation, he offered assurances that the meters will serve the students--not what some may judge as an attempt to pull another dollar out of their pocket. "We did not establish the new meter policy, but we are responsible for its enforcement. One situation we have occurring involves the chiropractic college. Four of five drivers will park their cars in one of our lots and go into the Student Center for breakfast. After eating they get into one car and go over to their campus. For lunch, they come back over to our Student Center. Their cars stay here all day--without paying any permit fees." Upon receiving three parking violations, a

warning is issued that states the next violation will result in the vehicle being towed. "We have had instances where we ticketed a group of cars in the main lot on three consecutive days. On the third violation we routinely have an officer watch the vehicle; this group of drivers parked and got into one car, then they drove off towards Atlanta," Chief Howard added. In effect--free park and ride.

The meters will now generate revenue from parking fees, or impoundment fines, which has otherwise been lost. According to Chief Howard, "No longer will the violator be allowed the grace period of three tickets and a warning. Wheel locks will be used when a parking space is occupied without paying. At the present, a release fee has not been set."

Michael Simms of the SGA Parking Committee felt that, "The change to metered spaces beside the dorms will benefit students needing short-term parking," and as Dawn Kyle, SGA's president, pointed out, "Students who have business in the Placement Office can get a convenient parking space during inclement weather."

"Anyone can use the metered parking spaces--provided they pay the meter fee. Decal bearing vehicles are still required to pay for metered parking. The student who only comes on campus for an hour or two a week will not have to buy a decal. Dorm

visitors and persons with business in the Placement Office can avoid getting a ticket," Chief Howard said.

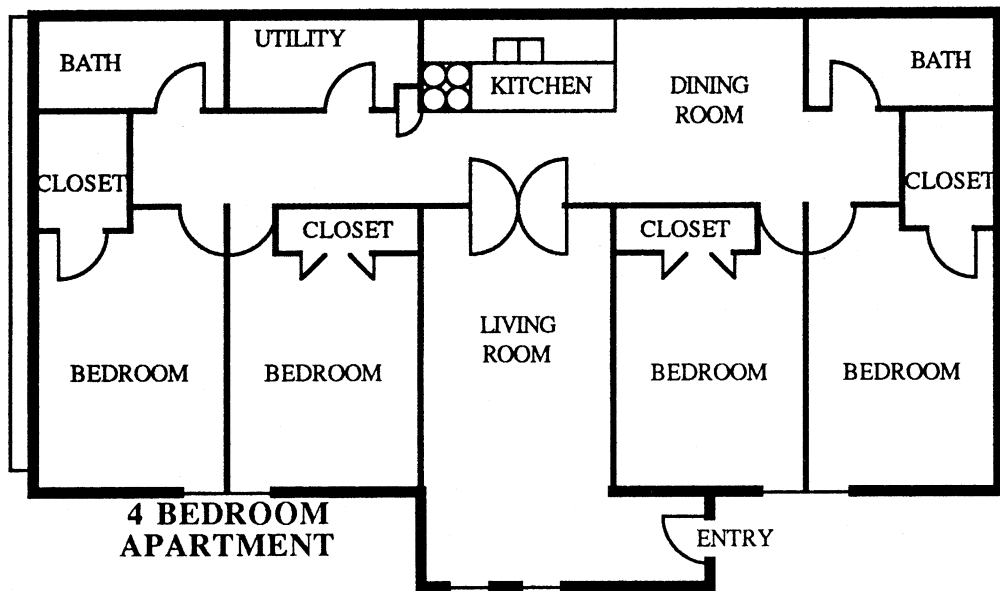
Per hour meter charges will be 25 and 50 cents depending upon the location. Chief Howard was not sure which meters would have what charge. He pointed out that the money gained from the metered spaces could go towards additional lighting in the parking lots, subsidize the cost of repaving the main lot, and enable the cost of multiple quarter decals to be lower than the present fixed \$10.00 per quarter.

Reflecting back on a past conference for parking held at the national level, Chief Howard noted that, "Southern Tech is one of very few schools nationwide which currently does not use metered parking." From the Campus Safety standpoint, administrative problems with handling unpaid tickets should decrease. Opening a drawer with several hundred unpaid tickets from one-time violations, Chief Howard emphasized, "These drivers could have a small parking fee and completely avoided a ticket."

The meters will not be enforced within three days of the end of the quarter for dorm residents who are moving out. Parking spaces will be unmetered on weekends, and during special events on campus such as Orientation, Gearing Up, etc. The visitor's lot will remain unmetered.

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