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## Rec. Complex Moving Towards Reality

By Dolores Pece  
Staff Writer

The plans for indoor and outdoor recreation centers at Southern Tech, which have been maturing for the last several years, "may be approaching reality," according to Dean Smith.

The site for the outdoor recreation center is located behind the west main lot (the one nearest the Mechanical Building), on the other side of Rottenwood Creek. Beyond the site for the recreation center lies the site for future fraternity/sorority housing.

The outdoor recreation center plans include three softball fields, one football/soccer field, ten tennis courts, and two parking lots. In the future, SCT hopes to add a building in the center of the playing fields which will house a concession stand, restrooms, storage rooms, and scoring stations for each field.

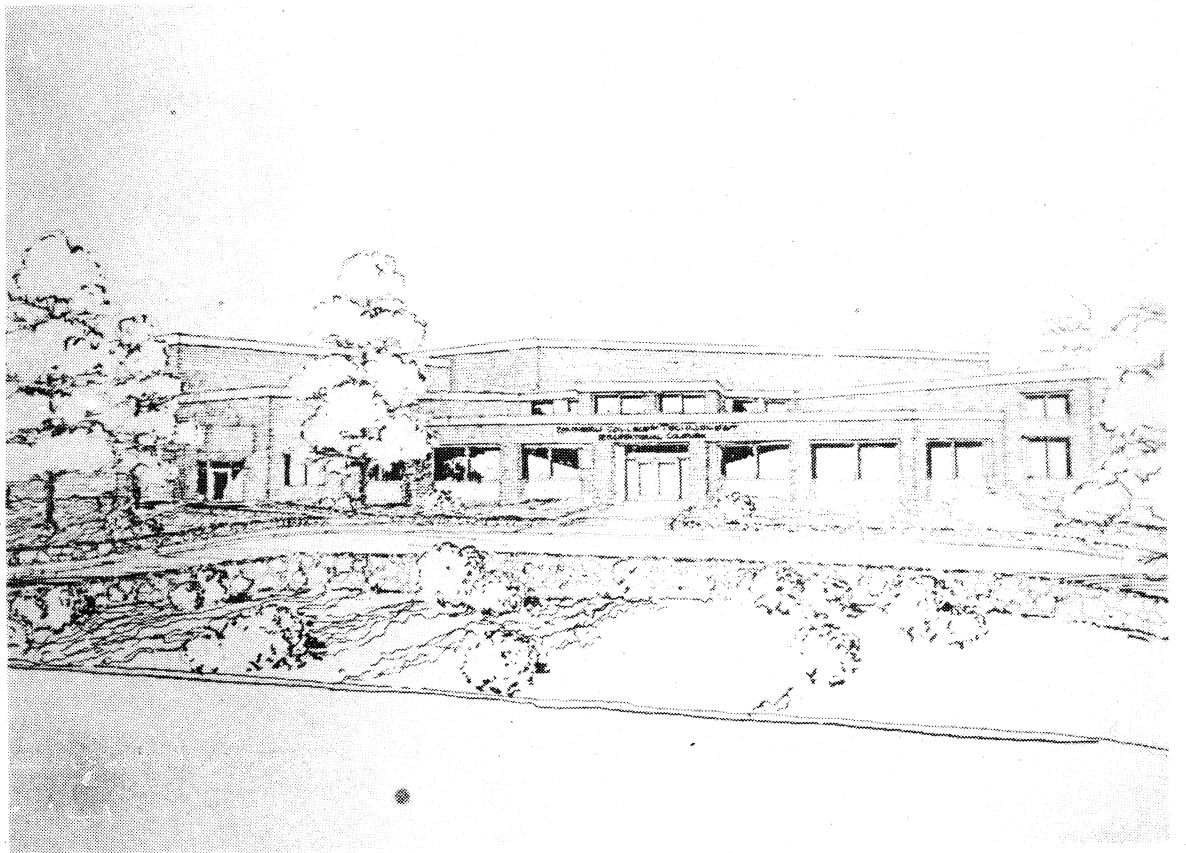
School officials are actively

discussing details of the outdoor recreation center plans with the State Department of Transportation, the State Forestry Commission, the Army National Guard, and Cobb County. With assistance from these agencies, SCT hopes to prepare the land for the outdoor facility at minimum cost to the school.

The State Forestry Commission has recently given SCT officials a substantial timber value estimate, and advised SCT to put up the timber cut for bid. When a company agrees to take the bid, they pay for the timber and clear the trees from the site, leaving the land ready for initial grading. The timber revenues will be put back into the recreation center project.

Although pending authorization, SCT officials hope the Army National Guard will provide assistance by "clearing and grubbing"

**Rec. Center cont. on 11**



This is an artist's rendering of the proposed indoor recreation center. It is expected to be on East Campus, between the dorms and the present gym. - Photo by Tom Crowell

President Cheshier will be in Sidney, Australia until March 3rd. He is one of two Americans on the Steering Committee for the World Conference on Engineering Education for Advancing Technology. He is presenting a paper entitled, "How Engineering Education, Government, Business, and Industry Have Linked Together to Assist in the Economic Development in the State of Georgia."



## Student Center Funds in Peril

By Jim Thompson  
P.R. Department Head

Some Georgia legislators have indicated concern that funds for the Southern Tech Student Center expansion might only benefit Cobb County.

As THE STING reported recently, funds for the Center were taken out of the budget by a House Appropriations committee. There was reason to believe that, after additional income was found, the funds would be reinstated. The new income might come from an increase in the state sales tax.

Last week, as both the House and the Senate were discussing what could be reinstated if additional income was found, some legislators seemed to feel that anything which was put back should benefit the entire state and that funds to Southern Tech would only benefit Cobb County.

The Southern Tech student body actually comes from



throughout the state of Georgia as well as from other states and from more than 20 foreign countries. But, many legislators are not aware of that fact.

According to Beverly Rethmel, director of development and college relations for

Southern Tech, the Cobb County legislative delegation and the state Board of Regents are working very hard to have the Student Center funds put back into the final budget.

"We definitely appreciate

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**Next Deadline: March 1st**

# A&T Center Demonstrates New Machinery

Southern Tech's Center of Excellence in Apparel and Textile Manufacturing held its second major demonstration on February 2nd. The demonstration was attended by representatives from the U.S. Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) and various apparel and textile manufacturers such as Oxford, Milliken, and Dow Textile. The DLA sponsors the Center which is jointly operated by Southern Tech and Georgia Tech.

The Center of Excellence initially is producing military

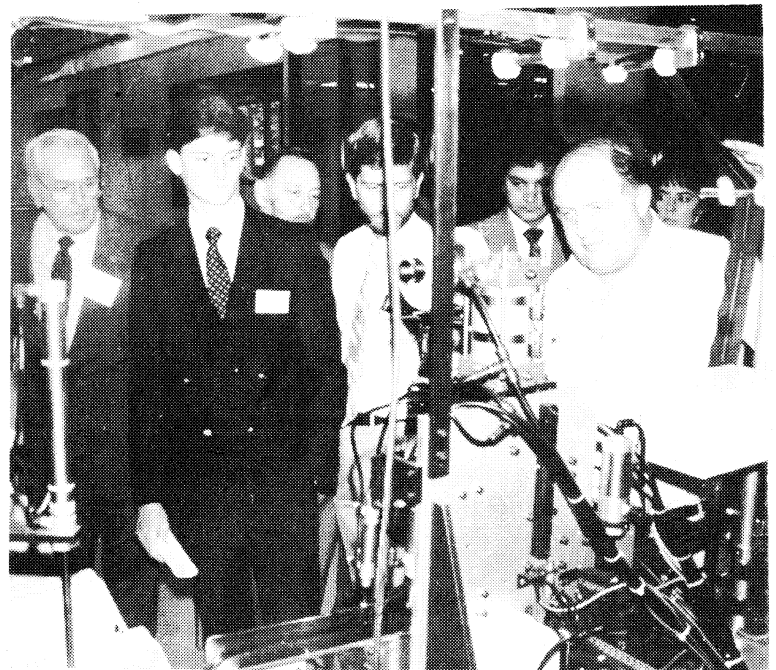
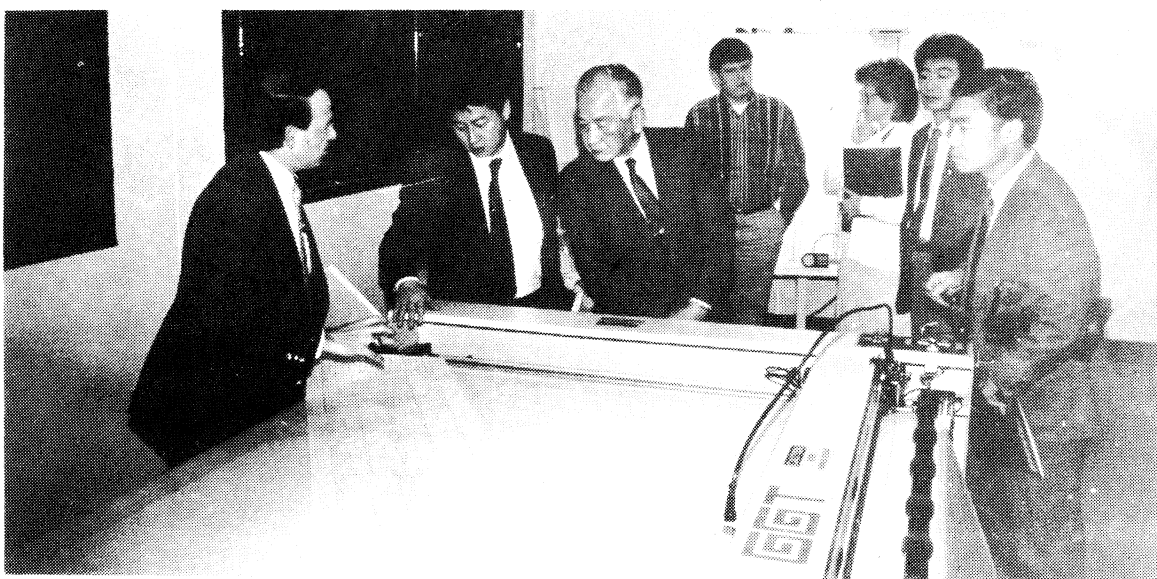
and civilian trousers such as dungarees for the Navy. Research is currently on the agenda for flexible manufacturing systems, machine vision and robotics, product quality control, plant modeling, and many areas of production.

The demonstration of facilities included the operation of five different sewing machines and automatic fabric spreaders and cutters that employ the use of vacuum to hold the fabric.

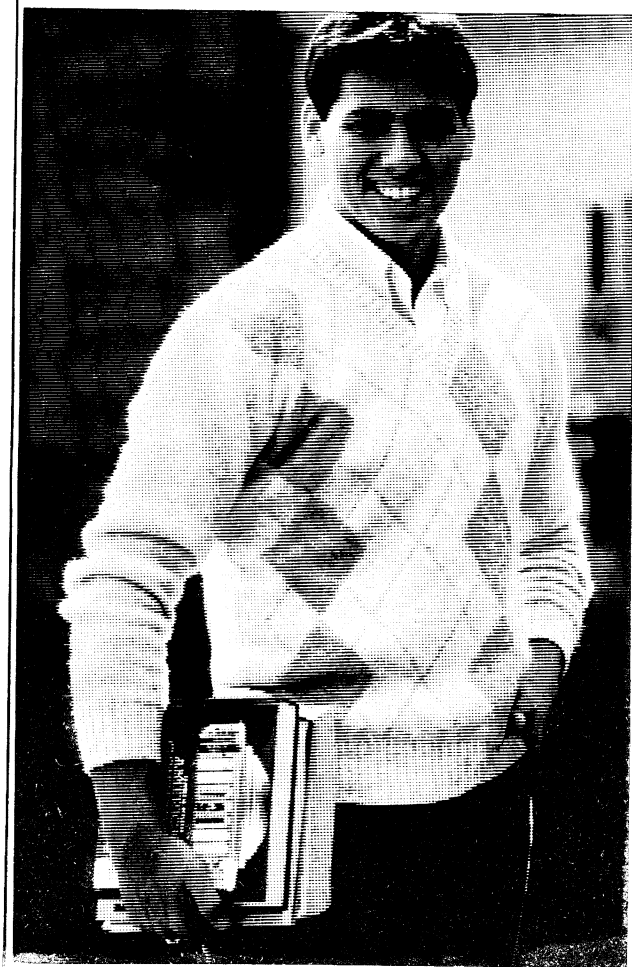
The facility is used by students from Georgia Tech and Southern Tech studying

textile and apparel engineering and engineering technology. The Center can conduct research for any industrial or governmental organization on a proprietary contractual basis.

There were 125 visitors that toured the facility, along with students, faculty and staff from other areas of the school. They seemed impressed with the state-of-the-art facilities. And for good reason. As one technician put it, "The new machines are faster, easier to operate than the old ones, and above all, they improve work quality."



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## Communication Conference to be Held at SCoT

By Joanne Byrd  
Staff Writer

On Saturday, February 18, the Atlanta Chapter of The Society for Technical Communication will hold its annual conference, Currents 1989, at SCoT. The conference which is geared toward technical writers, editors, and other professional communicators will offer valuable guidance in the areas of organizing, composing, and editing information, as well as management and professional development for the technical communicator.

Although the conference is now \$70 for non-Society members, SCoT students can attend the conference for \$30. The conference will convene from 8:30-5:30 with lunch and refreshments provided with the registration fee. You should plan to arrive at 8:15 to register because space will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The conference and registration will be held in the Burruss Complex of the Academic Building.

Workshops and panel discussions will provide the student with guidelines and in-

formation on topics such as proposal writing, the use of graphics, publication of your document, creating and maintaining editorial style sheets, career directions for technical communicators, and collective and collaborative writing.

The Society for Technical Communication is the world's largest professional organization "dedicated to the advancement of the theory and practice of technical communication." For those of you who have had Technical Writing here at SCoT, you are familiar with how vital and important it is for technical information to be communicated clearly to the various levels of readers. This conference promises to provide immeasurable "real-world" contacts and exposure for SCoT students who wish to learn more about the field of technical communication.

Dr. Carol Barnum, Acting Director of Technical Communication here at SCoT, is the Conference Director for Currents 1989. For further information regarding the conference, contact Dr. Barnum at 424-7201.



# Visit Britain and Get College Credit

By Joanne Byrd  
Staff Writer

Now is your chance to attend a technical institution in England. The Applied Computer Science department here at SCoT has made arrangements with Leicester (pronounced Lester) Polytechnic to conduct a six-week study program. The program is scheduled to coincide with our upcoming summer quarter and is open to all SCoT students that fulfill the requirements. Leicester is about a one hour train ride northwest of the bustling city of London. This suburban city is considered to be one of the best shopping centers in the region. An open air market, founded 700 years ago, offers wares ranging from fresh fruit to china and clothing.

The institution itself has about 8,700 students. It is known for its technical programs and specifically, its computer science program. There are 26 diverse Schools offered by Polytechnic. In addition to the technical programs, similar to those offered by SCoT, Polytechnic also maintains course studies in fields such as Education, Business, and Humanities and

Social Sciences.

The six-week program administered by SCoT will be directed by Dr. Rebecca Rutherford, Associate Professor of Applied Computer Science at SCoT. Dr. Rutherford will accompany the anticipated 40 college students from around the state to Leicester and will also be instructing courses there in conjunction with the Leicester teaching faculty.

The program which is sponsored by the University System of Georgia's International Intercultural Studies Program (IISP) is the first computer science program established for study abroad to be offered in the state of Georgia. The program will be offered for two more summers.

Students enrolling in the program can earn 10-15 credit hours that are transferable to SCoT. The two required courses are Issues in Computing, and Ethics and Standards of Good Practice in Computing. These two courses will transfer to SCoT as 300 level ACS courses. In addition, students can enroll in Modula-2, A Structured Programming Language. Each course will grant the student five credit hours.

The course instruction will begin tentatively on July 10, 1989. The sixth week of the program is a "fun" week to be spent in London, the capital and cultural center of England. The program is scheduled to end on August 21.

To be eligible to participate in this program, students should already have taken a general introduction to computing course as well as a structured programming language (such as FORTRAN, PASCAL, or COBOL) and acquired a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5.

The total cost of the program is \$2,995 which includes round-trip air transportation, room, two meals daily, tuition, and local excursions. While in Leicester, students will be housed in the residence halls of the Polytechnic. In London, students will stay at a dormitory at the University of London, and receive two meals daily.

The IISP program is intended to broaden a student's perspective of the world we live in. "The increase in international commerce and the need for understanding among nations make it imperative that Americans gain a working



knowledge of other languages and cultures," states the IISP's "Student Ticket to Credit Abroad" brochure.

Although the cost of this program may seem exorbitant, there is a great deal of culture and perspective to be gleaned from such an experience. As a last resort, students eligible

for financial aid may be able to receive financial aid assistance.

For further information, contact Dr. Rutherford at 424-7400, Room 4323 of the Academic Building. But hurry, the application deadline is March 15!

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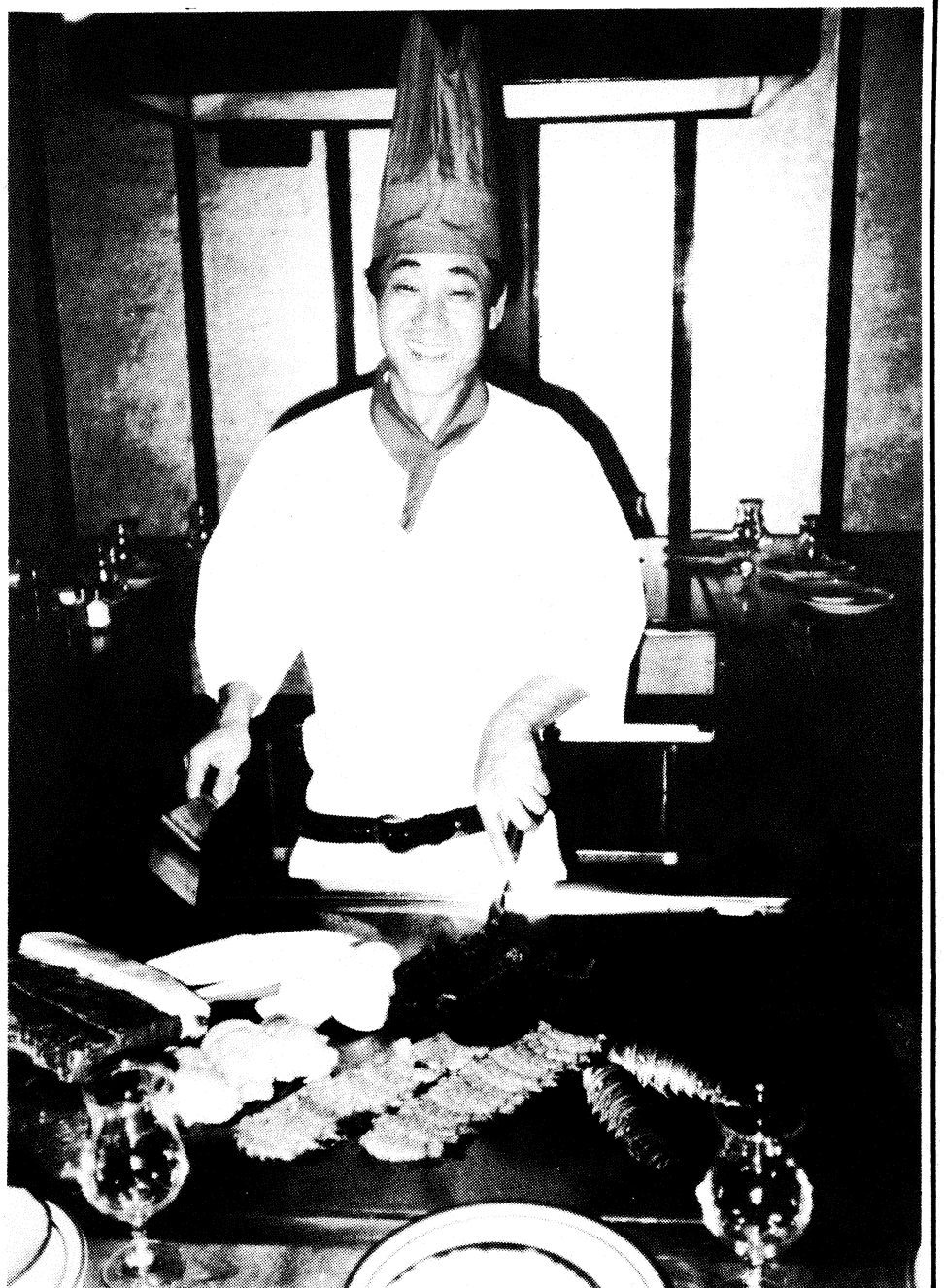
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# EDITORIALS

## Responsibility is the Key to Abortion Issue

By Todd Barney  
Editor

Was reading an editorial the other day. Written by the editor of another student newspaper, "The Eagle." It's an independent paper at Georgia Southern. The guy's name is Michael Cheek. History major. Confessed liberal. Anyway, his editorial was dealing with abortion, specifically, a woman's right to have a legal choice. The point has been argued by people more intelligent and more affected by the issue than both he and I. I'm not going to argue it now, and I'll let you wonder just where I personally stand on the issue.

What concerned me was the attitude Cheek affected towards sex in general. He basically said that college students are a hot and horny crowd, and they should be free to "correct" their "mistakes" (my quotes) since you KNOW they're going to have sex no matter what. Completely absent was any sense of real responsibility for anyone's actions when it comes to sex. We can't help it, right? His view seems to be that birth control is fine and good when it's available, but when it's not, well then, whatever happens, happens.

I wouldn't bring it up, but I've seen the same attitude from other schools (Florida Community College in Jacksonville, for instance), and I've seen it here. Do people really, honestly feel this way? Why is it that when it comes to sex, people turn off their brains?

People in this state are criminals if they drive their cars without insurance. Most intelligent people wouldn't drive their cars with the attitude

that "Hey, if I wreck it, I wreck it. I can always scrap this one and get a new car. Try again and see how far I get this time."

Yet that seems to be the reasoning that too many people have for fighting to keep abortion legal and safe. (This is not directed at those who have a legitimate concern for the welfare and privacy of a woman). Most of these people seem to be male. As my fiancée put it, having your insides vacuumed seems like it would be unpleasant enough to not make it your birth-control method-of-choice. The impression I get is that these guys want to keep abortions easily accessible so they can keep up their own swinging lifestyles.

Grow up, guys. There are far greater concerns than whether your sex life lives up to its supposed peak during your college years. And as much as you'd like to think otherwise, MOST women still place more emphasis on relationships and emotional ties than pure physical satisfaction.

Michael Cheek, (and anyone else arguing his position) you're taking the wrong tack if you're trying to convince the other side to not overturn Roe vs. Wade. The last thing those people want to hear is that they're keeping abortion legal so you can have your fun. Until people in our age group start acting responsibly (or at least professing to) we're not going to be taken seriously by our elders, or even our peers.

A casual attitude towards sex has never been extremely popular with the majority in this country, and these days it's looked on with scorn and disbelief. Were you aware that about 3 in every 1,000 college students in infected with AIDS? That's about 12 on this campus alone, statistically. It's time some members of our age group quit thinking like 15-year-olds and started acting like the adults they like to think they are.

## WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO DO SOMETHING

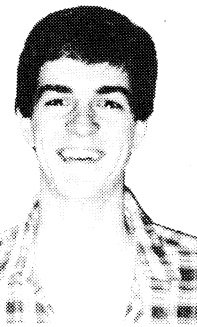
Student apathy has long been a problem on this campus. Technical schools seem to just be that way. Our curriculum doesn't leave us much time to get worked up about much. But now we're in danger of losing something this school needs very much. The on-again, off-again funding for the new student center is off again. This time, legislators say that they don't believe that a new student center for Southern Tech will benefit the state anywhere but Cobb County. Somebody has got to let them know that the students here come from all over the state. That this school's graduates benefit every part of Georgia. More so than say, Georgia Tech, we stay in this state to live and work, contributing quite well to the economy. The near-sighted lawmakers in our state need to realize

that what's good for Southern Tech is good for Georgia, and not just Cobb.

That's where you (and your parents) come in. WRITE, CALL, OR MEET WITH YOUR REPRESENTATIVES, AND TELL THEM ALL THIS. "Write your congressman" is a much over-used phrase, but in this case it should be heeded. The only way Southern Tech is going to get new facilities is if the legislature appropriates the money. It's up to us to convince them that Georgia will benefit by helping Southern Tech. If we can get this through, a lot of you underclassmen will still be around to enjoy the new student center. Don't you think it's worth the price of a stamp to help push this through. We do.

### PLEASE NOTE!

The next deadline for The STING has been moved forward a week to accommodate most of the staff who will be out-of-town for our normal layout weekend. Next issue will be the last one for Winter quarter.



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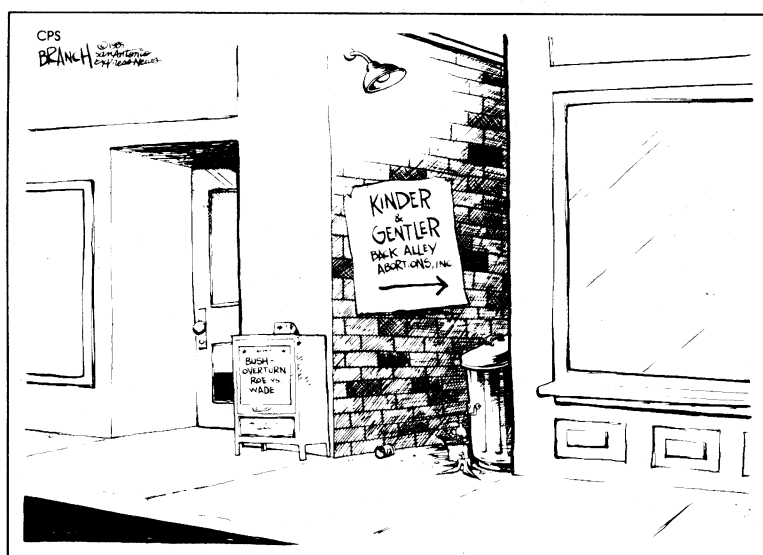
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## Hells Bells Now Just Hecks Bells

By Dawn Kyle  
SGA President

In early December, 1988, the SGA submitted a letter to John W. Patillo, Library Director, regarding the scheduling of the chimes and the musical selections. As a result, on January 10, 1989 the following people met to discuss the situation: Sam J. Baker, Executive Assistant to the President; Dean Smith, V.P. of Student Affairs; Barry Birkhead, Director of Student Activities; and the Student Government Executive Staff.

The following schedule was agreed on:

### Chimes

M-F 8 a.m.-10 p.m.  
wknds 12 p.m.-9 p.m.

### Tape:

M-Th 11:50 a.m.,  
4:50 p.m. and 6:25 p.m.  
Friday 11:50 a.m. and  
4:50 p.m.  
weekends no tape music

Note that the weekend schedule will also be implemented during the quarter breaks and long holidays, i.e. Thanksgiving, etc.

It was also agreed that

President Cheshier, at his discretion, may change the weekend schedule to accommodate special events on the campus.

Finally the SGA is going to review the catalog of music and make recommendations concerning the addition or discontinuance of current selections.

If there are any problems with the schedule, in effect since January 16, the SGA would like to hear from you. The only thing they cannot do is remove the bells or the chimes.

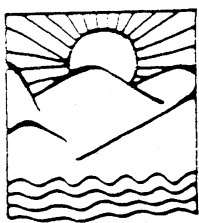


In response to students' suggestions, the bell schedule was modified recently. Now, about that tower... - Photo by Tom Crowell

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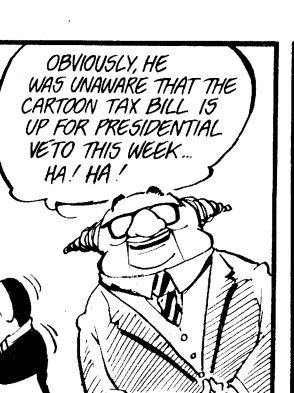
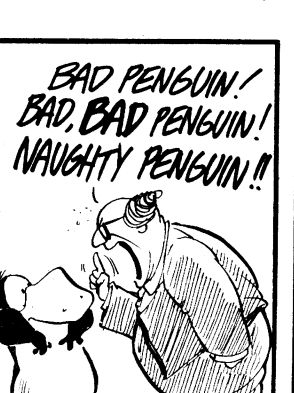
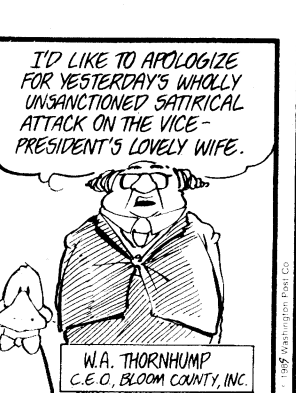
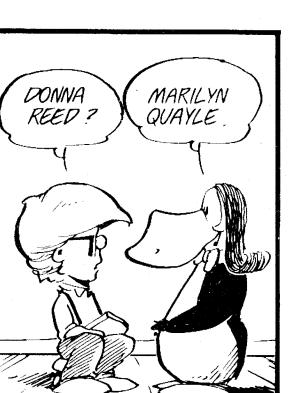
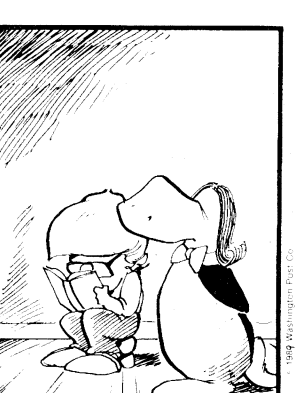
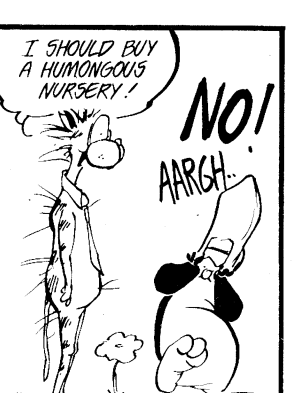
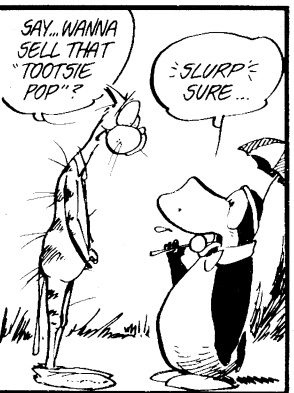
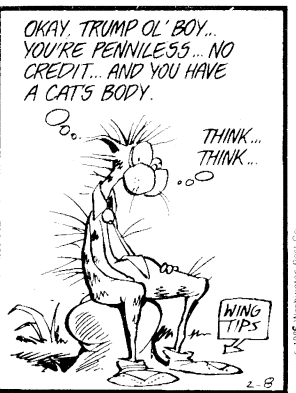
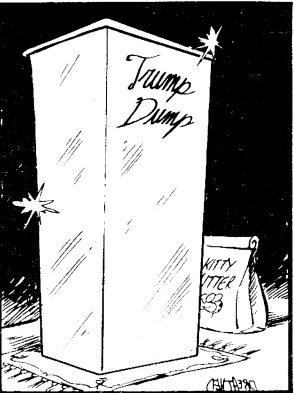
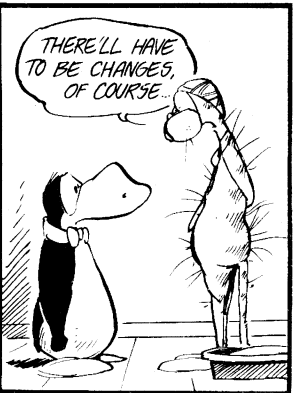
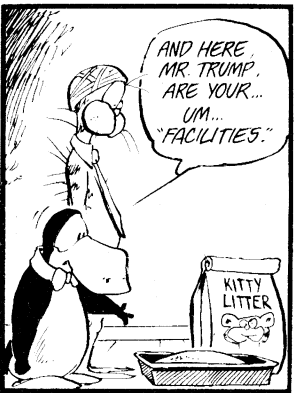
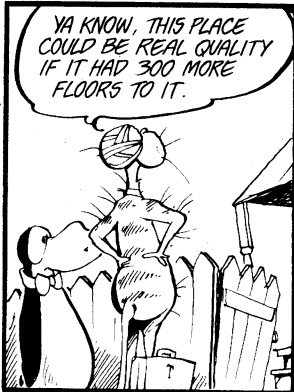
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FEATURES

Spirit of France Invades the Fox

By Ed Hardy  
Assistant Editor

Live theatre, even when it is bad, is usually worth seeing. "Les Miserables" is more than worth seeing, it practically demands to be seen. It is an entertainment experience to be treasured for a lifetime. The emotions it evokes will not soon be forgotten. "Les Miserables" resurrects a very old tradition in entertainment: the opera. There is no spoken dialogue, the entire story is sung. Also, the writers assume that the audience is familiar with the story, so anyone who is not should read the summary provided in the program.

His rigid ideas of justice compromised, Javert kills himself. Soon after Cosette and Marius' wedding, Valjean dies of old age, and is reunited with all those killed during the failed revolution. "Les Miz" is the brainchild of two Frenchmen: Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg. The book, written by Victor Hugo, is a classic in French literature, and at first the two were daunted by the task of translating the epic onto the stage. One of their largest problems was that live theatre isn't well liked in France. The original version ran for only three months at a Paris sports arena. But the music was heard by the British



These miserable people got together recently for a group dental check-up. There were 4 cavities, 1 case of gum disease, and rampant bad breath.

"Les Miz" is the story of Jean Valjean, who is released after spending twenty years on a chain gang for stealing a loaf of bread. He changes his name to escape the harsh ex-convict laws, and eventually rises to become the mayor of a small town. He promises a dying prostitute (Fantine) that he will care for her small daughter, Cosette, and together they flee from Inspector Javert, who has dedicated his life to finding Valjean.

After nine years of running, Cosette falls in love with Marius, a young revolutionary. Soon after, Marius is involved in an attempt to overthrow the French Monarchy. Javert is captured as a government spy, but Valjean releases him. The revolution fails, and Eponine, a young beggar girl who is also in love with Marius, is killed along with all of Marius' friends. Marius himself is wounded and Javert captures and then releases Valjean so he can get Marius to a hospital.

producer Cameron Mackintosh, and it was enough to start the process of getting the show performed in Britain.

The musical is the winner of eight Tony awards, including Best Musical. By 1991 the show will have been performed in almost twenty countries, including Britain, the United States, Canada, and Australia.

The production presently showing at the Fox Theatre is a very good one. The entire stage spins like a giant record allowing the players to walk while remaining in the same place. The sets for a street and a barricade are excellent.

Gary Barker (Jean Valjean) and Peter Samuel (Inspector Javert) are both good actors and singers, but Michele Maika (Eponine) does the best acting job, and Hollis Resnik (Fantine) is far and away the best singer.

"Les Miserables" is now playing at the Fox Theatre, and will continue through Sunday, February 26.



## Richard Meier Collages

By Rod Hester  
Staff Writer

The Swan House Gallery in Buckhead is featuring a large collection of Richard Meier's collages. For those not familiar with Richard Meier, he is most widely known in Atlanta as the architect of the High Museum of Art. In a more worldly view, he is known for winning National Honor Awards from the American Institute of Architects. Meier has been a guest speaker at Yale, Harvard, and UCLA. Presently he is working on a City Hall and Central Library in The Hague, Netherlands.

Meier is considered to be a modernist by his critics. This is apparent in the High Museum. In fact, I have seen some of Meier's residential works that resemble the High. Imagine living in a house that functioned similar to the High! Meier's collages are a departure from modernist architecture to modernist art.

The collages on exhibit express Meier's worldly influences. Many of these are obviously European influences. There are numerous pieces of German, French, and Italian language in the collages. The collages reflect politics as well. One of my favorite collages had a large Soviet Union hammer and sickle symbol, which dominated the work. The rest of the space was utilized by things probably representing freedom, such as railway tickets and visas. "Communism is oppression" was the message I got. Another of my favorites featured a very small black and white photograph of Richard Meier himself. The photo was in the bottom left corner of the work. The rest of the space was taken up by symbols of things important to him. These were symbols of his European influence. I think Meier humbles himself.

Meier says that most of the collages were made up over a period of time. He added to them slowly to complete what are now intriguing works of art. The collages reflect Meier's artistic ability with minimal hints of architecture. I find Meier to be an architect's artist.

The collages can be viewed at the Swan Coach House Art Gallery at 3130 Slaton Drive in Buckhead through March 4. The exhibit is a "must see!"



THIS COLLAGE, along with many other examples of Richard Meier's work, is appearing at the Susan Coach House Art Gallery.

## Close's Cleavage Explodes On The Big Screen

By Rod Hester  
Staff Writer

**Dangerous Liaisons-Starring**  
Glenn Close, John Malkovich,  
and Michelle Pfeiffer. Directed  
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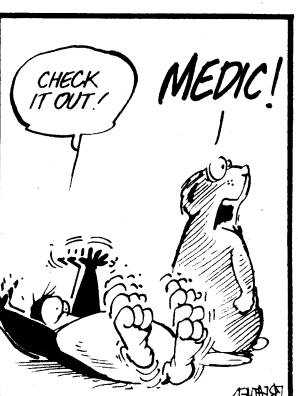
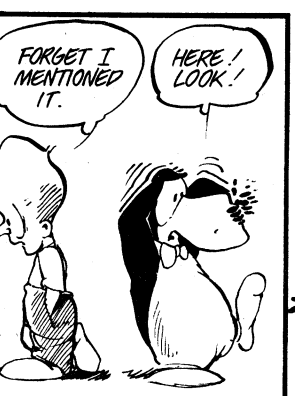
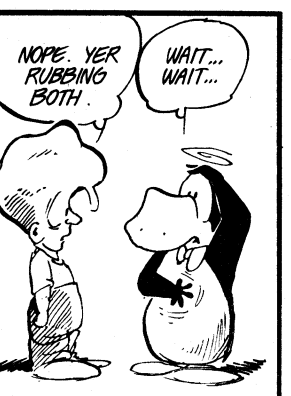
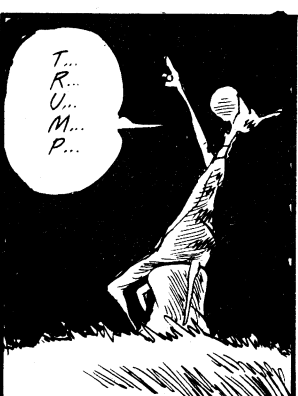
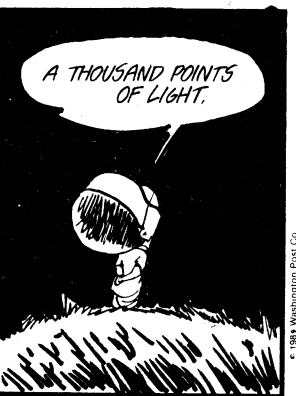
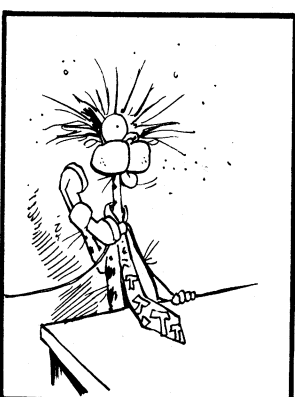
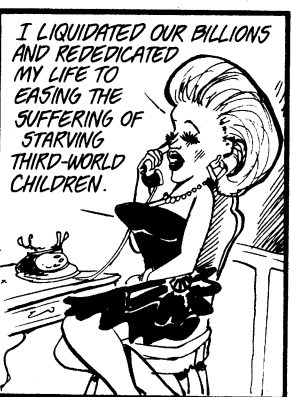
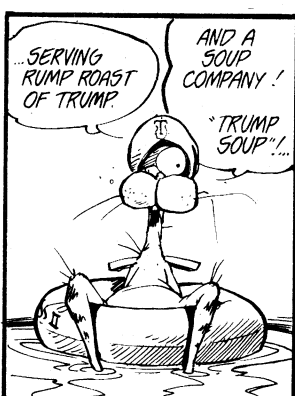
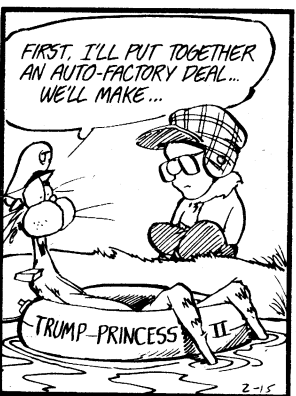
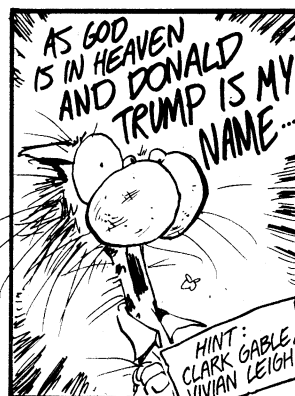
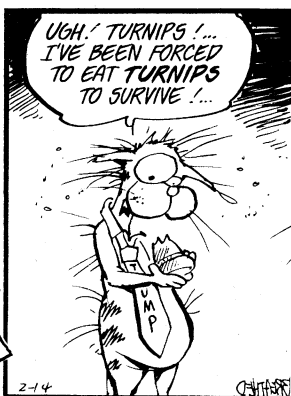
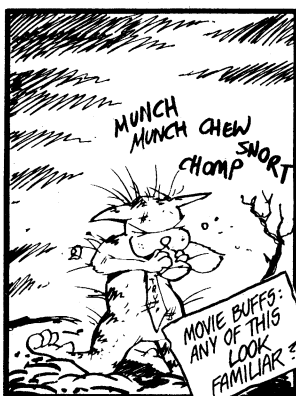
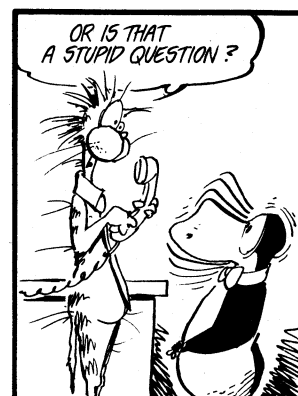
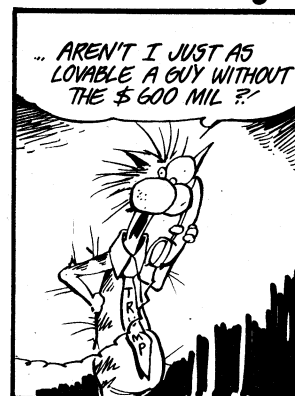
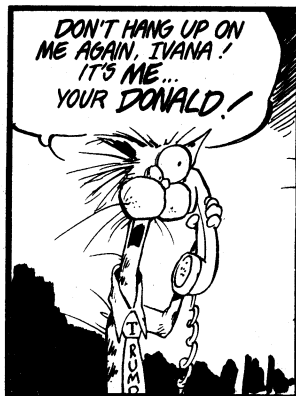
Dangerous Liaisons is the best movie I have seen in years. This movie is nothing short of a masterpiece. Nothing could have been done better.

Glenn Close, the scheming Madame de Merteuil, spends her time planning the seduction of innocent young madames by her former lover Vicomte de Valmont (John Malkovich). Valmont turns Merteuil's schemes into offensive sexual gamesmanship. In their wake they leave numbers of broken hearts, but their main victim is the virtuous,

**Dangerous cont. on 12**

## BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



## THE DEVELOPMENTAL STUDIES LAB

The Department of Developmental Studies operates a Computer Assisted Instruction Laboratory to aid students in the successful completion of their course requirements. The following are some commonly asked questions and their answers.

## I. What is the Developmental Studies Lab?

The Developmental Studies Lab is a center designed to assist students taking Developmental Studies courses (Reading 090, 083, English 095, 093, Math 099, Physics 097). These students are given priority, however, any student is welcome to utilize the services on a space available basis.

## II. What is available to me in the Lab?

The Developmental Studies Lab contains study carrels, tables for work and study, and an area for free reading which is stocked with magazines, newspapers, and general interest books. In addition, there are IBM personal computers, and Apple computers with a range of software chosen specifically to supplement the curriculum. Resource books which may be used in the Lab or checked out are another feature as are sample tests provided by the math and physics instructors for study purposes. A word processing program is available and help is provided in this area. In addition, the Lab employs student tutors who have scored highly in the areas of English, Math, and Physics.

## III. Where is the Developmental Studies Lab located?

The Developmental Studies Lab is located in the Academic Building on the ground floor in room 4110.

## IV. What hours is the Developmental Studies Lab open?

The Developmental Studies Lab is open every day from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and several nights until 9:00 P.M. A schedule is posted and announced in classes each quarter.

## V. Do I need to know a lot about computers to use the Developmental Studies Lab?

No knowledge of computers is necessary in order to use the Developmental Studies Lab. Tutors are trained to assist in the use of the computers. Use of the software requires no special knowledge. Word processing may be learned through workshops scheduled periodically and tutors are trained in this also.

## VI. Is there a charge for any of the Developmental Studies Lab services?

There is no charge for any of the services including tutorial.

## STUDENTS MAKE BUSINESS CONTACTS

By LeRome Flowers  
Staff Writer

On January 21, 1989, Dr. Jim McKee of the IET Department took thirty-four IET students from his IET 492 Special Topics class this quarter to the 87th Southern Convention of the Industrial Distribution Association in Nashville, TN.

The purpose of the trip was to make business contacts in various industries. The students learned what these businesses are looking for in a graduate. Tips on completing their resumes were offered, and the students were shown

what was expected of professionals in their field.

When asked what he got out of the convention, Joseph Stuart replied, "The IDA convention was a great learning tool. The students were treated as professional salesmen. (It) gave me fine-tuned points of exactly what a salesman's responsibilities are."

To those students who will attend the convention next year, Teresa Boatman gives this advice: "Relax and have fun. Talk to the business people and be yourself. You can make some great contacts."



Dr. McKee (standing, right) led an expedition of IET students to Tennessee for the 87th Southern Convention of the Industrial Distribution Association. A good time was had by all.

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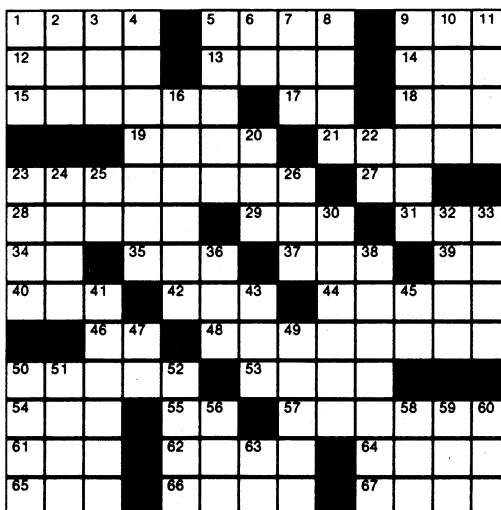
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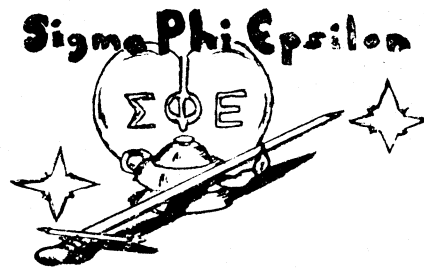
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# Greeks and Organizations



By Jonathan Grant

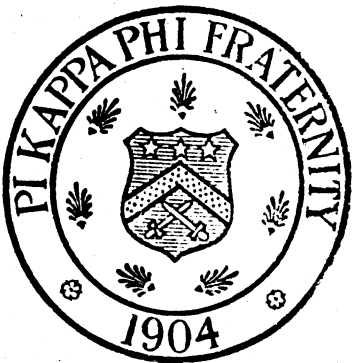
Sure baby, I've got protection...whoops! Oh, Hey!

How've you all been? Couldn't wait to hear about the Sig-Eps again, huh? Well, last week the Sig-Eps had their annual Founder's Day Banquet and everyone had a major blast! Awards were given out and we all had chicken cordon bleu for the dinner. Afterwards, we all danced the night away and posed for brotherhood pictures. In case no one knows exactly what day our chapter was founded on, it's February 14th - Valentine's Day. So when you see a brother wish him a happy Valentine's - Founder's Day.

Oh, yes. RLA was a lot of fun and I'm sorry that a few of us couldn't go. For all of us that did go it'll be a lasting memory.

Another thing on the agenda is the T-shirts and sweat-shirts with the Sig-Ep country club on the back that a brother can order. It's \$9.95 for a T-shirt, and \$14.95 for a sweat-shirt. If you want to know more about them contact Al Holstein.

So, baby do you want red or blue?



By Don Carlucci

Well fellow Pi Kapp's it's time to get settled into Winter Quarter and get those GPAs up. On January 20 in Blackshear, GA., we had our winter retreat and initiation for Fall Pledges. We would like to express our congratulatoins to our 11 new brothers. They are Kevin Norton, Mike Turner, Ralph Kern, Luke Rock, Bill Conley, Rusty Williamson, Dan Fox, Darryl Sawyer, Chris Woods, Rodney Walden, and Craig Schaefer. We hope that every one of you will get involved. On January 28 Epsilon Kappa held its annual Awards Banquet. Some of the awards given were Brother of the Year: Park Davis; Highest GPA: Scott E. Carter. The little sisters also gave out some special awards. Our first initiate Gilber Hill inspired us all by his speech. A good time was had by all. Pi Kappa Phi has a very busy social calendar planned including socials with Gamma Phi Beta, Alpha Delta Pi, and other numerous parties. Even though we're busy, keep studying.



By Dale Millican

The brothers of Sigma Pi would like to congratulate our three newly initiated brothers Rusty Waldron, Mike Creech, and Brad Lurie. These three young men have already had a profound influence on our fraternity and we wish them continued luck.

We would also like to extend our congratulations to Keith Conley, Jason Street, and Boyd Henry who recently pledged our fraternity. We're certain that these three men will make an outstanding addition to our fraternity.

Furthermore, we will be holding our second annual Basketball Bounce. Last year we raised \$2,000 for multiple sclerosis. This year we hope to raise \$5,000 for this worthy cause. Keep your eyes open for posters up around campus for further information.

So until next time...Ya'll be cool!



By Robert Kurtzer

Let's see what we can talk about this week. We had a social with some Phi Mu's, and I do mean **some**. Brother of the Month - Walt Baxley; Bu of the Month - yours truly. We had a trip to Mt. Yonah for some rappelling but sleet forced an early return. We also had an excellent deer cookout up in the theatre lot. Thanks to you all you Bambi killers. Road kills count, too.

Some upcoming events include an ADPi social. Our annual Conclave is coming up and will be in Jacksonville, Florida.

In intramurals, we beat the Pi Kaps and the Thursday Night Club but lost a heart-breaker to Mr. Clean and Company by one point. Our bowling team is doing killer this year. Oh yeah, five weeks to spring break.



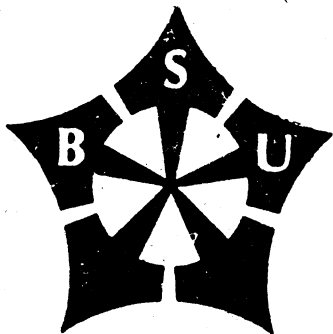
Sigma Nu

Well, the quarter is half over and Sigma Nu is having a fantastic quarter. We had a strong Rush organized by Eric Sproat. Iota Pi is leading the greeks in athletics. And, we have several events planned for the last half of winter quarter.

Eric Sproat did a terrific job with Rush! Iota Pi received five quality pledges: Kieth Smith, Mark Forster, Marshal McMinds, Darren Sayer, and Edwin Sloan. Work hard this quarter and soon you will be b'rothers in the Legion of Honor.

Sigma Nu is number one in intermurals. In basketball, we are 3-0. Abner was our latest victim, 58-50! Tim Barrett had most points and rebounds! The way we've been playing, we will get an NCAA bid! Iota

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By Brenda Handley

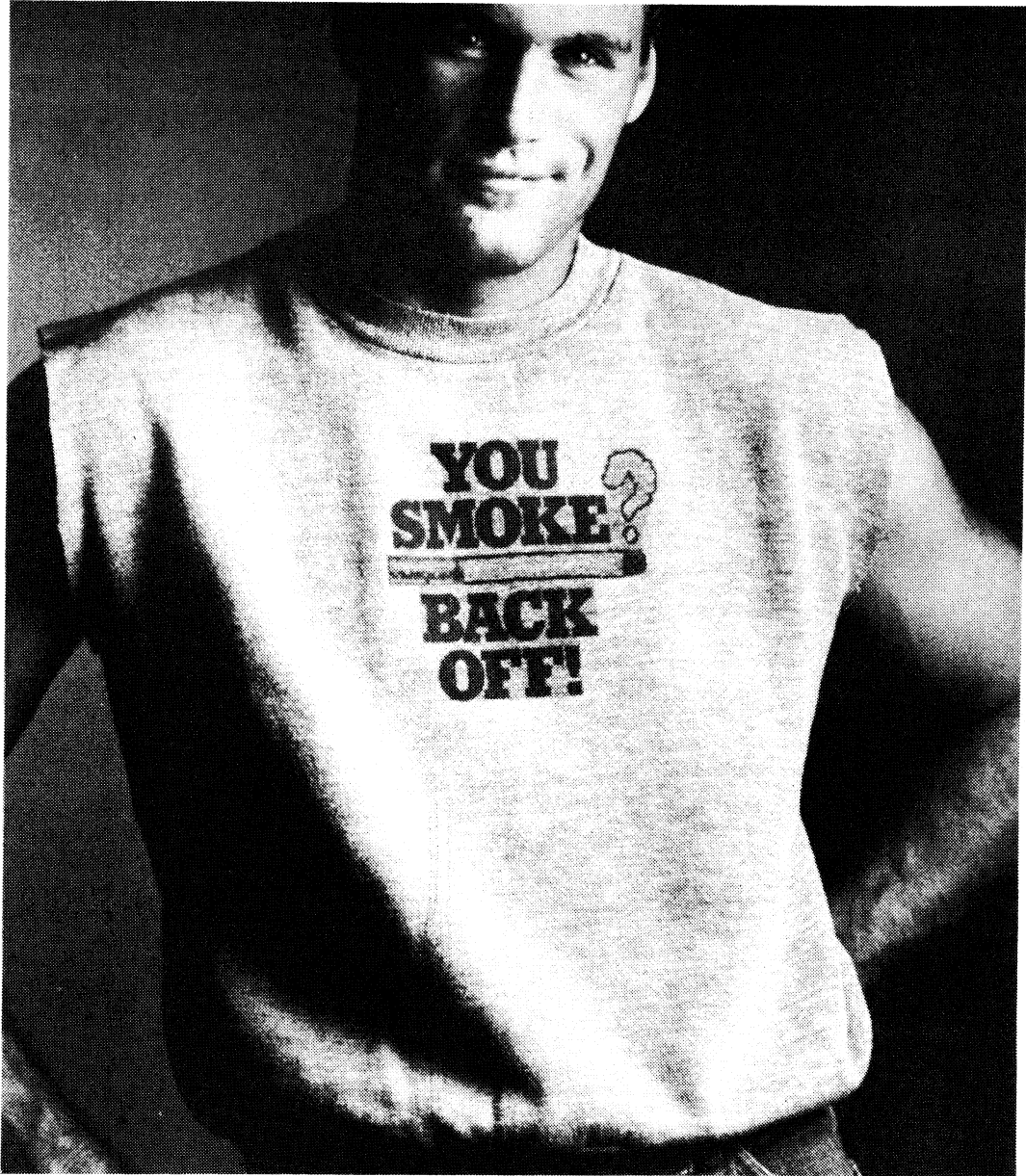
ATTENTION!! How would you like to go on a white-water rafting trip at absolutely no cost? All you have to do is raise \$120.00 or more, by participating in the Marathon for Missions on February 24,

from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. So pick up your forms in the BSU office as soon as possible!

We will also be leaving for a mission trip with Habitat for Humanity from March 26-30. There is no cost to participate in this event, but the application deadline is February 24. No experience is required.

On Thursday, February 23, we will host the international students luncheon; to be held at 12:00 in Ballroom A of the Student Center. We welcome and encourage everyone and anyone to attend. REMEMBER IT'S FREE.

...And until we meet again, may God be with you.



## The student body has spoken.

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## The STING:

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Motorcycle Racing More than Just a Hobby for SCoT Student

By Todd Barney  
Editor

"Life in the Fast Lane" is not just an expression for Jeff Shropshire. Jeff owns the drag-racing motorcycle "Blue Thunder" and is very competitive in this area. This will be his third year racing drag bikes, and his second year with his own bike. Although he has only been driving for two years, he has been involved with the sport for about seven years.

Now twenty-three, Jeff got his first bike when he was sixteen. He started hanging around "Rick's Motorcycle Shop" in Rome, GA. Rick Rowland, the owner, was involved with performance bikes, and Jeff learned the ropes and gradually worked his way into the pit crew. Rowland, affectionately known as "Z-Bear" because "he looks like a bear," says Jeff, sponsors the Z-Bear's Drag Racing Team which Jeff now rides for.

Last year was both good and bad for Jeff. His best time to date is 6.40 seconds in the eighth-mile at 102.47 mph. He placed third in points at the Southeastern International Dragway in Dallas, GA. He should have raced in the

Regional Finals, a competition of the top-ten racers from the area. However, he hurt his back while riding a trail bike and was unable to compete.

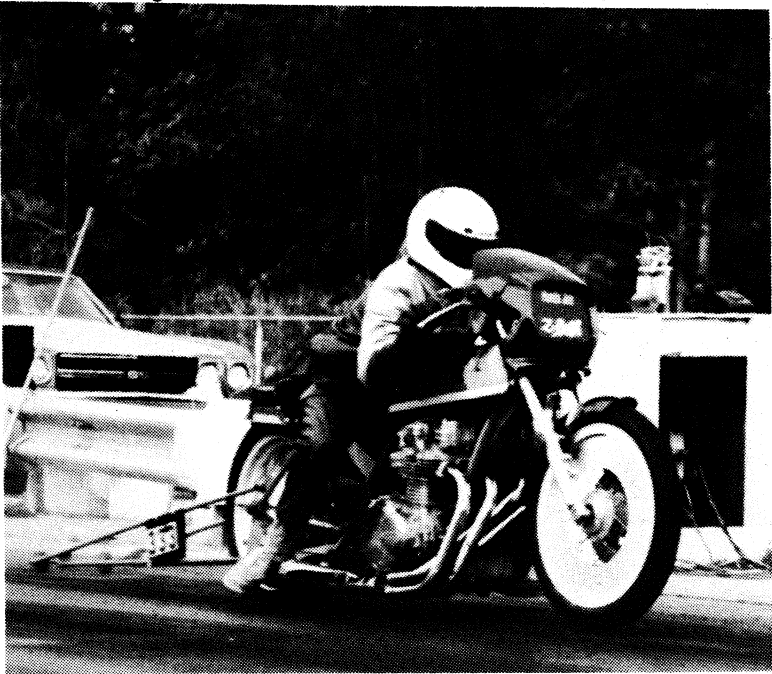
Now back to normal, Jeff is ready to take on the competition this year. Racing starts the first of March at the Brainard International Dragway near Chattanooga, TN, and a month later at Southeastern in Dallas.

Motorcycle drag racing is not the traditional contest of speed tht is seen in top-fuel drag racing or similar races. Called "Estimated-Time Racing," or E.T. Racing for short, it is actually a contest of the drivers' skill and response time. The drivers have a "dial-in time," in Jeff's case 6.40 seconds, that they enter as the estimated time for them to finish the track. If there are two drivers with different times, the slower gets a head start equal to the difference of the two times. This equalizes the difference in the power of the bikes. Theoretically then, it's as if the riders are on bikes of equal power and speed, so the one who is quickest off the line, shifts through his gears for the maximum speed, and keeps his bike under control

wins the contest.

Jeff's current bike, "Blue Thunder," started life as a Kawasaki Z1R, but it bears little resemblance to the stock bike. In fact, says Jeff, there's not a stock part left on the frame. The bike has been lengthened and lowered to two inches from the ground. Wheelies bars, a necessity for motorbike drag racing, have also been added. The gas tank is only large enough to hold the fuel for one race, and is covered by a fiberglass mock-up. Modified gas supplies the enlarged engine (1135 cc). A pneumatic shifter, controlled by a button on the left hand-grip, frees the rider from having to clutch and shift, reducing the possibility of missed gears and a slower time. Aluminum wheels fitted with a low-profile drag slick in the rear carry the bike down the track. Such a machine requires a lot of maintenance. As Jeff puts it, "Up-keep is the most work" to racing the bike.

Jeff is a Civil Engineering Technology major, a member of the Tau Alpha Pi honor society, and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. He co-ops during Spring and Fall quarters, which helps him make



JEFF SHROPSHIRE RIDES "Blue Thunder" at the Southeastern International Dragway. This will be his third year racing dragbikes for Z-Bear's Drag Racing Team.

time for his racing during the spring. He is currently not making any money racing, and says it is just a hobby for now. But he would like to compete nationally as a professional, and is currently looking for sponsors to enable him to compete at meets farther away such as in Florida.

In the meantime, Jeff is doing well in school. His inspiration comes from having worked on a pile-driving crew in Florida. It was there he

developed an interest in Civil Engineering, and it was also that job which convinced him to get a degree.

Jeff is anxious to start this year's season. A modification to the ignition system on his bike late in the season last year increased the speed, but he only was able to race the bike twice since then. Look for Jeff in the finals this year. He and "Blue Thunder" are ready to race.

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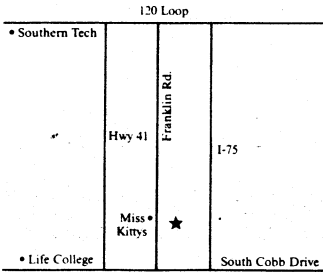
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# Math Competition to be Held on Campus

## Press Release

The nationwide problem of declining math skills among pre-college students will be addressed in a fun and positive way on Saturday, Feb. 18 as the Southern College of Technology in Marietta hosts the local MATHCOUNTS competition.

About 16 teams of "matheletes" from Cobb, Paulding, Cherokee and Douglas County middle schools will juggle geometry, hurdle equations, and rebound logic problems. The 11 a.m. competition will be held in the Student Center and will follow a "college bowl" format that is free and open to the public. The written portion of the competition is closed to the public. The Cobb and Southern Tech chapters of the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers (GSPE) are sponsoring the Feb. 18 competition.

"This is a perfect opportunity for Southern Tech to show the community how important math is to today's students," said Don Horton assistant professor in the Mechanical Engineering

Technology department at Southern Tech and coordinator of the event. "The engineering profession has a great need for students with math and science backgrounds to increase the population of the profession and to meet the growing technological needs of the country."

Horton noted that the MATHCOUNTS competition gives mathematics an edge of excitement, adding, "we have a lot of fun." Now in its sixth year, MATHCOUNTS works much like a school sports program, combining year-long skills with competitions aimed at increasing the students' interest and ability in math and math-related careers. Nationally, as many as 7.4 million students can enter the program and be coached in probability, statistics, linear algebra, and polynomials.

The program is sponsored nationally by the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), the CNA Insurance Companies, the Cray Research Foundation, the General Motors Foundation, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and NASA.

## Sigma Nu cont. from 9

Pi's two bowling teams, the Snakes and the Knights, are hanging tough at 7-5 each. We know Karl and company will do us proud.

The Sigma Nu ski team will be hitting the slopes this weekend at Beech Mountain. Our ski trips are always a blast and this year it should be even more spectacular, full of fun and brotherhood. Everything

is ready. The hot tubs are hot; the slopes are fast, and the beer is cold.

After the ski trip, we will have several parties and mixers to round out the end of the quarter.

The quarter is going great for Sigma Nu. And it will just be getting better. Work hard, study hard, always letting honor lead the way. Sigma Nu, On top to stay!!

## Funds cont. from 1

the efforts of the Regents and of our local delegation," Rethmel said. "The problem seems to be simply that not enough legislators from outside Cobb County are aware that the school has students and alumni from across the state of Georgia."

It is expected that both the House and the Senate will begin extended debate this

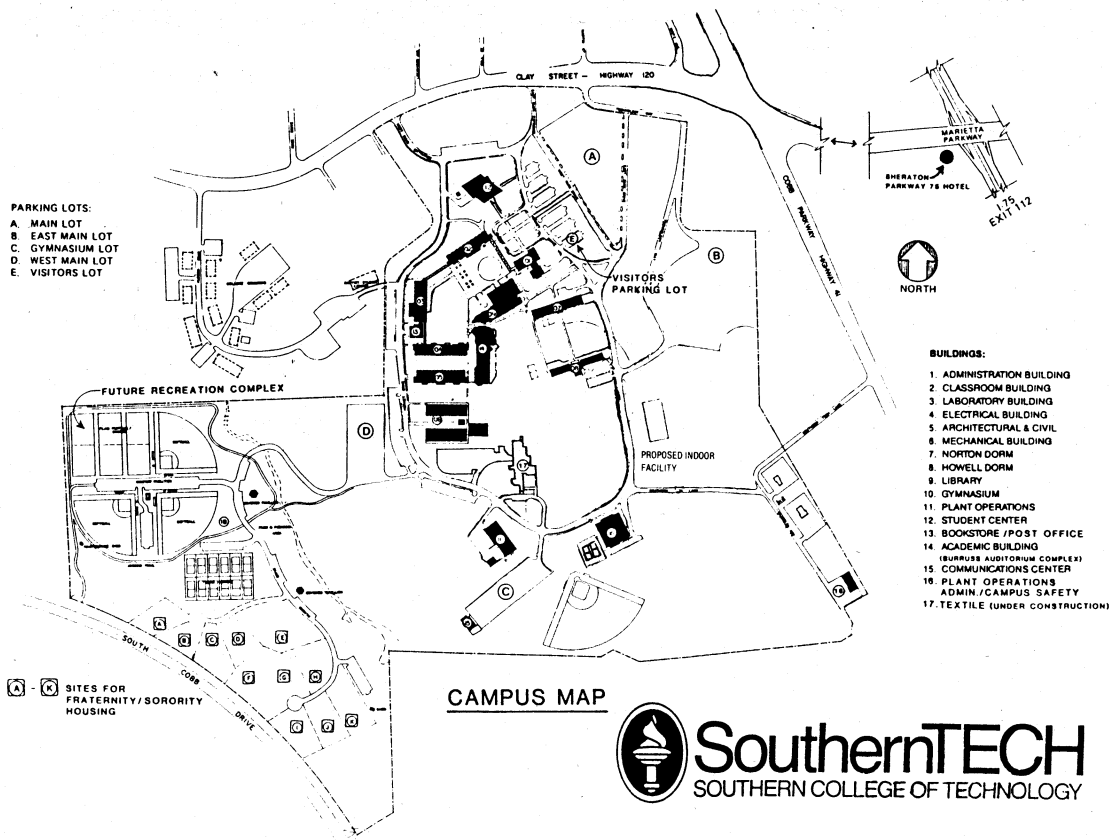
week on what can be reinstated in the budget.

(Editor's note: *Students who are interested in seeing the Student Center funds reinstated should contact their Representatives and Senators as soon as possible. Names and phone numbers of the legislators are available at the Student Center office.*)

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This map of the campus shows the location of the new outdoor recreation center, the indoor facility, and the area that will be used for Greek housing. But right now it's still just mostly a bunch of trees.

## Rec Center cont. from 1

(removing stumps, rocks, etc.) and beginning initial grading of the hilly land. Not only would the National Guard's participation provide a community service, but also give troops hands-on training experience with heavy earth moving machinery.

Possible assistance with final grading and road installation work done by Cobb County is also under discussion.

Building a bridge over Rottenwood Creek stands as a costly part of the recreation center project. Although the State Department of Transportation may provide necessary materials from disassembled state bridges to build the Rottenwood Creek bridge, the cost for the actual site preparation will come from school funds, possibly timber revenues. Other out-of-pocket costs will include gravel and paving, curb and gutter installation, topsoil, sod, fer-

tilizer, and fencing. Financing for these additional items will be covered by a small portion of the athletic fee, which is charged to all SCT students quarterly.

Funds for building the indoor recreation center at SCT will come from the Capitol Campaign Fund. The site for the indoor recreation center lies on the tract of land between Horner Drive and Southern Tech Lane, across the street from Howell dorm.

The indoor facility plans to include a gym with a jogging track suspended above it, two raquetball courts, men's and women's locker rooms, an aerobic/multi-purpose room, a weight room with Nautilus equipment and possible free weights, a jacuzzi, and a heated indoor pool. Other various offices, storage rooms, equipment rooms, a lounge with vending machines, and a laundry to provide towels to the students are in-

cluded in the proposed facility. Also, the health clinic will relocate to the new building.

The gym will include a stage which may be used for various special occasions. Chairs will be kept in storage and set up in the gym as necessary.

The pool will be a lap pool only, with a depth of approximately five feet. There will be no diving boards due to cost and liability factors; however, the possibility of a swim team will not be discouraged. Outside the pool area will be a terrace which will have tables and lawn chairs for congregating and sunbathing.

Although many factors will determine when these projects will begin, hopes are running high that construction on the indoor and outdoor recreation centers will begin within the next academic year.

## Harpist Harvi Griffin Rocks Campus

By Rod Hester  
Staff Writer

Harpist Harvi Griffin played a solo concert for SCT on the 30th of January. Griffin is a world renowned harpist who has played over 900 concerts including appearances in the White House. He is currently touring for the National Association of Campus Activities. His reputation was not well reflected in his SCT appearance.

Although Griffin's talent was immeasurable, his music

selection was overly broad. He played a Bach piece, an ancient Greco piece, and even some "new age" pieces. His concert was something like going to an INXS show expecting to hear familiar tunes and receiving a concert that encompasses everything from gospel to heavy metal to classical music. The point is that a harp should be used to play music written for harps, not music forced onto a harp. The harp abused the Bach piece he "played."

Along with a plagued song

selection, Griffin's presentation was unprofessional and elementary. Instead of explaining to the audience what pedals and strings are, Griffin needs to explain his musical influences, or something of similar relevance. Griffin needs to remember he is playing for college students and not fourth-graders.

Griffin is obviously a very talented musician. He needs help with his music selection and presentation. His show at SCT was "the show that could have been..."

## Winter Forum Focuses On Evolution

The club is led by Doug Metzger, who is very experienced in the arts of outdoor sports. The main goals of the club are to be safe and to have fun. Metzger says, "you just need a desire to have some fun, you need not be an ex-

Yet another on-campus source of entertainment is the SCoT track and field club.

These ideas are by no means a cure to SCoT's entertainment problem, but they are a start. Be sure to look again here for more ideas. If you have an idea yourself, contact Rod Hester via The STING.

There were three different evolution discussions presented. First was "Creationism vs. Evolution," presented by Dr. Fred Parrish, Professor of Biology at Georgia State University. The following week the topic was "The Evolution Debate," a view on

According to Dr. Fischer, "There were no fireworks," and the speakers weren't really trying to sell their points of view. The intent was to give an overview of the various stands on the issue and let people decide for themselves what to believe.

*And the number one thing to do on Valentine's Day, direct from the Home Office in Intercourse, PA: Wish someone "Happy VD!"*



companying feeling of amazement. Some love kills, but then again, some love is strong enough to die for. See it!

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