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Students Lobby for Student Center

By Westly Hetrick Staff Writer

On Tuesday, February 21, a student delegation consisting of SGA President Dawn Kyle, Michael Simms, and Westly Hetrick set out to lobby for the funding for Southern Tech's new Student Center. The group went armed with a list of representatives they wanted to see, the blessing and assistance of the school's PR Department and the Board of Regents, and a folder full of information to give to the representatives. These folders included a petition with approximately 950 student signatures, information about Southern Tech, and information about the need for a new Student Center here. The main targets of the group's lobbying attempt were the three conferees from the House of Representatives budget committee: Rep. Lauren McDonald, Rep. Terry Coleman, and Rep. Larry Walker. These are the people who will probably decide whether the funds will be included in the budget.

The group was met at the Capitol by their "tour guide," Tom Daniel, Vice Chancellor for External Affairs for the Board of Regents. When the students arrived, they found that the House was in session, so a message was sent in by a page. In accordance with legislative procedure, if the representative was in the Assembly Hall, he would send back a message saying whether he was available for a meeting. The first message was sent to Rep. McDonald. He was not available so the next message was sent to Rep. Coleman, Chairman of the State Ways and Means Committee. This committee is where all taxation legislation begins.

Rep. Coleman was available and did talk to the students. He told the group a story that would soon become familiar to them. The state was trying to pass a 1% sales tax to deal with the extra cost of the

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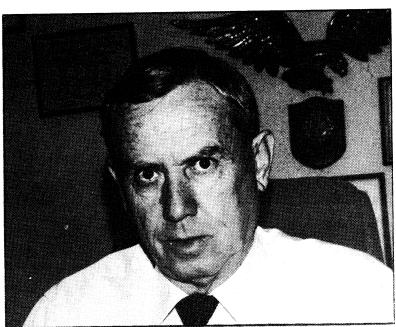
SGA President Dawn Kyle talked with Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Lauren "Bubba" McDonald about getting the Student Center addition funded.
-Photo by Westly Hetrick

#### Students Allege Harassment

**By Rod Hester** Staff Writer

One of Southern Tech's police officers has been accused of abusing his power. The officer in question is Mr. James Hawkins. Since the beginning of this year, there have been several instances of this officer reacting to allegedly non-dangerous situations with undue force.

One incident happened to Mr. John Jenny, a SCoT student. As part of a club's initiation, Mr. Jenny was meeting a fellow student at a SCoT parking lot at 1 a.m. Officer Hawkins spotted him and cornered his car with his police car in the lot. Mr. Jenny was asked if he was a student, and he said he was and handed over his ID. At this point Hawkins began referring to Mr. Jenny as "Miss Jenny." Hawkins would not return the ID and told Mr. Jenny to meet him at Campus Safety Headquarters. Mr. Jenny said the reason given by Hawkins



Campus Safety Chief Howard urges students to report to him any problems with his officers. -Photo by Tom Crowell

for this action was, "You are in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Once at the Headquarters, Officer Hawkins reported to the Marietta Police that he had brought a student in from the parking lot. They came and put Mr. Jenny in a police car

and transported him to the Mayflower Motel, near the rear entrance to the campus, to see if he had been responsible for some vandalism that had occurred there.

Witnesses there failed to

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#### It's Official

Press Release

Southern College of Technology has been approved by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) for accreditation at Level III, offering the Master of Science in Technology Management, effective retroactive to January 1, 1988

SCoT was also notified of reaffirmation accreditation approval at Level II, all baccalaureate programs.

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#### Computer Virus Infects Campus

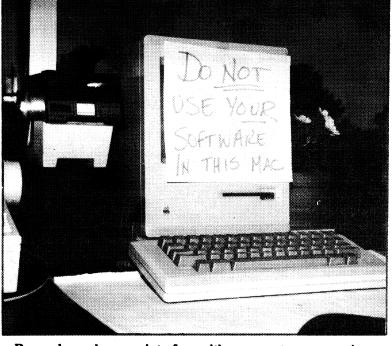
By Joanne Byrd Staff Writer

"What do you mean, my computer diskette has a virus?? It's not alive; it can't catch a virus." Oh, yes it can! As many of us found out, computer viruses are out there and somehow, probably from Georgia Tech or NYNEX, a computer virus accidentally found its way to SCoT.

A computer virus is simply a small computer program that has the "ability" to duplicate itself onto your diskette via applications programs when you use it on a computer that houses the virus. Then, if you take your "infected" diskette to another computer, the virus can duplicate itself onto that computer's applications programs. Then when someone else comes along and uses the computer, yes, you guessed it, their diskette "catches" the virus, and so on, and so on.

Computer viruses, which have been around almost as long as computers themselves, can be benign or malevolent. For example, the Chocolate Chip Cookie virus displays a demand for cookies until the user types in "chocolate chip" at which point the virus self-

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Remember, when you interface with a computer, you are interfacing with every computer that computer has ever interfaced with. - Photo by Tom Crowell

destructs. On the other hand, the "Sexy Ladies" virus which was distributed at a MacWorld Expo in San Francisco, completely erased whatever hard disk or floppy diskette the virus was on when it was activated.

Fortunately, the virus that appeared at SCoT appears to be relatively harmless and was not widespread. The nVIR virus, which affects Macintosh

computers, does not appear to have malicious intentions.

The nVIR virus had its humble beginnings in Hamburg, Germany during the summer of 1987. Because the source code (the program) of the virus was published, this virus has been modified and there are now over two dozen different varieties of this virus

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#### **Thompson Details Student** Center Saga

By Ed Hardy Assistant Editor

Few issues have attracted as much attention on campus recently as the attempt to get an addition to the Student Center. Jim Thompson, Head of the Public Relations Department, has been heavily involved in attempts to secure the funds for the project.

"The funds for our Student Center," he said, "the \$6.5 million, were requested from Southern Tech to the Board of Regents about four or five years ago. That's when we first said we needed a Student Center expansion. The Board of Regents agreed at that time, but it was not on their priority

"Last year the Board of Regents...put it into their budget in the number three place of priorities. Of capital outlays, of everything they were going to build in the University System of Georgia, we were number three. Usually, when the legislature finishes passing their budget. there's enough money in there to fund the first five or six and sometimes ten projects. So we certainly thought last year we were going to have the Student

Center.

"Something unusual happened (that I don't know when it last happened) last year in that the legislature went into that Regent's list and went below number three and picked out some capital outlay funds for a couple of other projects, and spent it for those. That is how we lost it last year.

"This year the Board of Regents, really wanting us to be sure that we had it, and knowing how bad we need it, elevated [the] Student Center to number one. It was in the Regent's request and the Governor's Budget that was sent to the legislature to vote

"Very early on, a House Appropriations subcommittee said, 'We've got to cut this [budget], it's too much money. And so among other things we cut, we're going to take \$15 million out of the capital outlay expense of the Board of Regent's request: just grab it right off the top.' That included the top three projects. And so that subcommittee knocked us out of the budget request at that

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### **NEED CASH**

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#### **Housing Rumors Dispelled**

By Andrew Newton Staff Writer

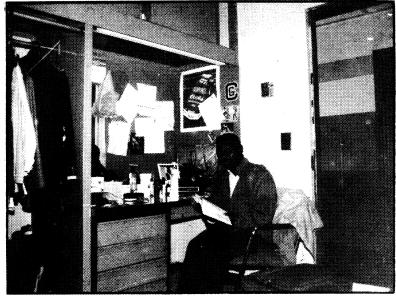
Rumors act like a snowball heading down a hill; they just keep getting bigger and bigger, especially when they happen to deal with the housing situation at Southern Tech. Well, rumors may come and go, but facts are static, and facts concerning the housing problems at Southern Tech come from Jan Taylor, the Director of Housing and Residence Life. In an interview with Jan Taylor, the floating rumors were either confirmed or dispelled.

For some time many people have been under the assumption that Southern Tech might buy the College Commons from their present owners. At one time, this purchase was considered, but the college no longer plans to take on the off-campus housing. The decision was made after

Southern Tech found the College Commons to be below the standards that the state would expect if Southern Tech were to buy the apartments. No specific problems with the College Commons were mentioned, but one specific fact is that Southern Tech will not be acquiring the College Commons.

While Southern Tech was fighting for the funds to build the new addition to the Student Center, some were talking about funds for a new 800-bed residence hall. While many students believe the addition of a new 800-bed residence hall would be more important than additions planned for the Student Center, the college administration has not set up the residence hall as a major priority. In fact, the only confirmable information concerning a new residence hall is President Cheshier's plan to have one built before he retires. Current emphasis is to be put on the Student Center and the new Recreation Complex, and the residence hall takes an unstable third for completion.

The biggest issue concerning students already in the residence halls acals with the rumor of a lottery system to start Fall Ouarter of 1989. Currently, there is no action being taken to change the way rooms are reserved and contracted. However, the Director of Housing and Residence Life does plan to submit a proposal to change the present sign-up system. The concern for a lottery is almost unfounded, though. Jan Taylor insisted that a lottery system would be the last solution to be used to solve the current problem facing incoming freshmen seeking on-campus housing. There is no clear resolution to the problem, but she admits that one of her concerns is not



Karriem Simpson relaxes in his dorm room and reflects on how lucky he was to get it. -Photo by Tom Crowell

to alienate upper classmen already residing in the residence halls. The Housing Department is analyzing current statistics, acquiring new data, and seeking advice from other colleges to hopefully resolve an issue which has plagued so many potential Southern Tech students.

The problems facing

housing at Southern Tech are too complicated to cover in a simple article, but they are not being ignored. Some of the problems faced by Southern Tech are expected, though. Jan Taylor agreed with the statement, "These are growing pains being felt by a growing college."

#### More Students Choose to Minor In Technical Communications

**By Laura Martin** *Graduate Assistant* 

The Minor in Technical Communication, now in its third year of existence, is attracting a growing number of students who realize the need for strong communication skills in developing their careers.

"It is encouraging to see the number of students who see the importance of taking additional courses in communication to improve their career potential," Dr. Carol Barnum, acting director of technical communication, said

The Minor in Technical Communication was the first minor at Southern Tech. It was begun in fall 1986 in conjunction with the Certificate in Technical Communication offered through the Office of Continuing Education. While the certificate program provided non-credit instruction to working technical communication professionals, the minor gave any Southern Tech undergraduate student the opportunity to advance his or her communication skills.

The Certificate in Technical Communication was eliminated with the beginning of the Master of Science in Technical Communication (MSTC) program in fall 1988. But the minor continues as a popular program among undergraduates. "Interest in the minor has increased since it was first offered," Dr. Barnum said.

Approximately 60 students

have enrolled in at least one of the minor courses since the program began. And questionnaires distributed in freshman composition classes reflect that many of these students are interested in the minor. One student, Linda Hamberg, an Industrial Engineering Technology major, completed the minor in December.

According to Dr. Barnum, the difficulty with students completing the Minor in Technical Communication results from undergraduates having few free electives. Students who want to complete the minor must take additional credit hours beyond what is required for graduation.

To be eligible for a Minor in Technical Communication, the student must complete a minimum of 21 credit hours in the minor courses. Courses offerred under the minor include Technical Writing, Technical Manuals I, Proposals, Technical Editing, Technical Oral Presentations and Rhetorical Strategies. Students also have the option of completing three to five credit hours with a final project.

For Bonnie Brophy Harps, a senior Applied Computer Science major, taking the extra courses has been worthwhile. "This definitely sharpened my communication skills," Ms. Harps said about the program.

A desire to produce better computer end-user documentation combined with encouragement from a Southern Tech technical communication professor led Harps to enroll in the Minor in Technical Communication in summer 1987.

"I saw it as giving myself a direction," Ms. Harps said. "As an Applied Computer Science major, you really need to start focusing in on a certain area."

Ms. Harps said she believes the Minor in Technical Communication will give her a greater opportunity for advancement in the work force. She said having the minor listed on her resume already has led to several promising job leads.

All courses in the minor program are double listed with the MSTC courses. This gives undergraduates exposure to technical communication professionals in their classes,

Dr. Barnum said. The course work for all students is the same, except master's students complete extra projects.

The Minor in Technical Communication is open to all undergraduate students at Southern Tech, regardless of their major. Students interested in the program should contact Dr. Barnum at 424-7201 or 424-7202.

#### NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED SPRING QUARTER, 1989

There will NOT be an Advance Registration for Fall Quarter 1989 for Spring enrollees as published in the schedule.

Advance Registration for Fall 1989 for ALL eligible students will be Monday, August 14 through Thursday, August 17. You will be notified by mail of your day/time.

# EDITORIALS

#### Politics are the Cause of S.C. Fiasco

**By Todd Barney** Editor

After all the excuses for lack of funding for the proposed addition to the Student Center have been aired, it still boils down to politics. Partisanism,



Democrat vs. Republican, The Good-Ole-Boy Network of Georgia punishing those uppity Cobb County Republicans who had to audacity to vote against the "Dumb" Stadium, who oppose a tax increase. Led by Speaker-of-the-House Tom Murphy, the Democrats in this state are out to teach a lesson to those who are responsible for a decrease in the Democrat's power-of-old.

Granted, if the tax increase doesn't go through, (and we'll probably know something by the time you read this) nobody's getting anything. The Cobb County Republicans have received letters and phone calls asking for their support of the Student Center. If that means supporting the tax increase. then that's what we're asking for. But here's the kicker: Even if the increase goes through without the support of the Cobb delegation, we still don't get any money.

I have a few problems with this.

One, Southern Tech was denied funding last year. The Board of Regents submits a list of projects, in priority, that need funding. Last year, Southern Tech was in the top three. The legislature decided to fund the top three, but they took it on themselves to rearrange the Board's list.

Southern Tech was moved from the top three. There's a whole other issue here dealing with the Board of Regent's autonomy. There is talk of a lawsuit, but that is not going to help in the near future. This year, we're number one on the Board's list, and the legislature is again fooling with the B.O.R.'s right to oversee the University System. Why have a Board at all?

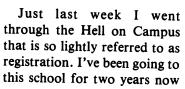
Two, the legislature has this strange idea that Southern Tech is a "Cobb County school." Seventy-five percent of the students here are NOT from Cobb County. The vast majority of that twenty-five percent that are from Cobb probably won't be living here once they graduate. We're the foremost Engineering Technology college in the COUNTRY. If they want to punish Cobb, they should pick something that is Cobb's alone. It's like calling GA Tech a Fulton County school, or UGA a Clarke County school. Speaker Murphy et. al. needs to get a bite-sized grip on reality.

Three, those who are going to be most affected by this whole thing aren't even old enough to vote yet. As Southern Tech continues to grow and attract more students, those people will need the new facilities more than we do now.

I hope, when they get here and find they have a food service that is little more than a hamburger stand, a post office that can't accommodate most of them, and nothing to do on weekends that is oncampus, that somebody tells them it was those damn Democrats in the legislative session of January '89 who were responsible.

#### Got Those Closed Class Blues

By Ed Hardy Assistant Editor





and I've never had a worse registration. But don't get me wrong, it wasn't the Registrar's fault; the process itself was OK, but there just weren't any open classes for me to take.

Calculus II was among the several classes I was trying to take and couldn't. By the time I could register (Wednesday afternoon), the only Calculus II classes that were left were offered at 7:00 a.m. and 7:30-9:00 p.m. When I tried to get an override for a closed session, I was told that none were given until Drop/Add, and anyway those early morning and late night classes were still open, and that everyone wants to go to class between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

A 7:00 a.m. class is ridiculous. Of course it's still open, nobody in their right mind is going to take it. And the evening class is just as bad. Evening classes should be for those people who have to work all day. They shouldn't be the only to take.

classes open, they are too inconvenient. As for the comment that everyone wants to be in class between 9 and 1, he was trying to say, 'Well, you'll just have to live with things as they are,' but it made me think. Is it so ridiculous that classes should be held when they are convenient for the students who want to take them?

There should be more than one Calculus II class offered at a time during peak hours. Now, I don't mean to single out the Math Department. Glancing through the Class Schedule for Spring, the only department that I can find that doubles up classes like that is the English Department, and then only for 101 and 102. All Core classes with heavy demand should double up. It isn't necessary to offer doubled up classes in the original class schedule, but when classes fill up, another class should be opened immediately.

Now I know what the Department heads are going to say about this suggestion: There aren't enough teachers, and there isn't enough money to pay any more. My answer is if there isn't enough money to do what is necessary, then somebody isn't doing their job. The number one priority of this school should be teaching, and it is very hard to learn when we can't get into the classes we need

#### onsensus Editorial

The Campus Safety Office appears to have a bad apple. That's regrettable. We only hope that nothing serious happens to tarnish the excellent reputation Chief Howard has built. Right now, however, we have a time-bomb waiting to go off. If the allegations made against Officer Hawkins are true, and we have very, very good reasons to believe that they are, something needs to be done before he hurts someone, or, at the very least gives the Southern Tech Police a stain on their image that may be very hard to cleanse.

This is not Zone 3 in downtown Atlanta. Perhaps Officer Hawkins is just a bit overzealous in his attempt to protect and serve. But he should

remember that he is here to protect and serve the students. Not harass them. Policy says that a student in the wrong will have his ID confiscated, be sent home, and have the incident reported to Chief Howard. Taking a ride with the Marietta Police, handcuffs, and especially guns should never enter into it.

Chief Howard needs to look into this. The fact that he did not know of these incidents, that Hawkins did not feel the need to file a report after playing T.J. Hooker for a night, suggests that Hawkins is acting outside the limits his badge af-

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"HANG ON! WE'LL GIVE YOU A TOW!"

# DEAR STING

Dear STING:

I would like to respond to the editorial Todd Barney wrote in the February 14 STING. In his editorial, Mr. Barney cites a student from another paper. "The guy's name is Michael Cheek. History major. Confessed liberal." If I didn't know any better, I would say that Mr. Barney was trying to make Mr. Cheek sound like a first class idiot.

If you are going to write an editorial, then you must state your beliefs. That is the nature of an editorial. To say, "I'll let you wonder just where I personally stand on the issue," is a very safe way to attack and still avoid criticism.

I have several problems with Mr. Barney's editorial. First, if he is going to discuss Mr. Cheek's article, he can print the article. The editorial staff feels that it is OK to print articles of questionable value such as the TBS ("Tech Bitch Syndrome") article in a past STING issue. To debate Mr. Cheek's article without printing it is unfair journalism.

Next, I object to Mr. Barney's statement that "... these guys want to keep abortions easily accessible so they can keep up their own swinging lifestyle." Mr. Barney, please wake up and see the real world. I saw a woman on TV the other night, looked about 33, and she had 12 kids. To say that abortion is kept legal so that college students can have a good time on Friday night is not reality.

Abortion is not a good thing. But for a woman to bring a child into the world without financial or emotional stability is a greater evil. Mr. Barney, who takes care of

these children after they are born if their parents are unable, but don't give them up for adoption? Mr. Barney, what about the children who are starving in Africa for lack of food? Would you like to be brought into the world if you were going to live a few short painful years? Would you like to be brought into the world if your parents were unable to care for you? Would you like to grow up poor and without hope of bettering yourself?

To say everyone should start acting responsibly and have sex only with proper contraception is absurd. Do you see everyone driving 55 mph on the interstate? No. Does everyone drive their car 100% sober 100% of the time? No. Does everyone wear their seatbelts 100% of the time? No. What should we do, take away their cars? Lecture them about being responsible adults? More to the point Mr. Barney, what should we do with people who have unwanted pregnancies? You seem to do very well criticizing Mr. Cheek, but all you could say is, "It's time some members of our age group quit thinking like 15year-olds and started acting like the adults they like to think they are."

Tell me Mr. Barney, what should we do with women who have unwanted pregnancies? Should we let them carry their child to term? If so, what then? What if the mother and/or father wants to keep the child but is not financially or emotionally able to handle a child? What would you do? What about the problem in Africa where there are simply too many people and not enough food? What is your solution?

By the way, the cartoon below the article ("Kinder & Gentler Back Alley Abortions, Inc") shows exactly what will happen if Roe vs Wade were overturned.

On a different point, I cannot take your editorial decisions seriously. On page 12 of the same issue, some unnamed person lists "The Top-Ten Things for Southern Tech People to Do On St. Valentine's Day." This was a tasteless piece of, and I use the word at its very limits, journalism. I saw people buying roses and balloons in the Student Center. That is what St. Valentine's day is all about. "Watch 'My Bloody Valentine' 32 times" is not even slightly humorous. And to wish someone "Happy VD!" is in extremely bad taste. As a matter of fact, both sound like "15-year-old"

As for the abortion issue, there is no easy answer. But "… having your inside vacuumed," as your fiancee puts it, is a lot better than leading a life of pain and suffering. Again, if abortion were made illegal, that would not stop abortions. As the cartoon says, they would just move into the back alleys.

Finally, this is a college newspaper. If you are going to attempt some humor, at least do it on a college level.

A response to these questions in your next issue would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, James S. Connell

Mr. Connell, if you read my editorial, the whole point is very obvious. The idea of bringing Mr. Cheek's name into it was to show that I didn't

come up with this idea all on my own. His editorial prompted my thoughts, but I was attacking the attitude that I saw there and elsewhere. Read the second paragraph: "What concerned me was the attitude Cheek affected towards sex in general." I stated very early that I wasn't going to argue abortion, but rather attitudes towards sex. Where I personally stand on abortion wasn't the reason for my editorial. I was merely mentioning his (and other's) attitude: "I wouldn't bring it up, but I've seen the same attitude from other schools...and I've seen it here."

The printing of the "TBS" article was done in response to a letter to the editor, and it was very clear that the opinions expressed were the opinions of the letter-writer, and the person who wrote the article for "The Technique." His request was answered, just as yours is being answered now.

Next, you go on to say the same thing I said in my editorial. I hate to admit I agree with you, but you are merely paraphrasing what I said three weeks ago. There are people out there who have very pressing, legitimate concerns for keeping abortion legal. My editorial was addressed to the other faction, those males who see abortion as a simple answer to their over-active hormones.

Mr. Connell, there are no simple answers. All of the questions raised in your letter about abortion are the "legitimate concerns for the welfare and privacy of a woman" that I said in my editorial are the issues that should be looked at. I'm not going to tell you what we should do with women who have unwanted pregnancies. I can't tell you who will take care of unwanted children. If I had these answers, I'd run for president the year I turned 35. My editorial was merely saying that these are the issues to be carefully looked at, questioned, and ultimately decided upon.

Those who are seeking to overturn Roe vs. Wade need to have these questions shoved

under their nose. But as long as there are people out there saying "Keep abortion legal so we don't have to take any responsibility for our sexual conduct," this country is moving rapidly towards outlawing safe, legal abortions; abortions that are needed for legitimate reasons such as the ones you mentioned.

I do wonder, however, why you find the idea that "everyone should start acting responsibly" is absurd. Your automobile analogy is off the track. No, we don't see people driving the speed limit or wearing their seatbelts. But notice that there are also laws against this, and if you're caught, there are penalties. If someone is caught breaking the law, we don't say "Well, we really didn't expect you to obey the law anyway, so

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#### Dear STING:

I'm writing this letter of complaint concerning the lack of help from the user assistants in the Cyber lab. I hope this letter is read by the people in charge of the Cyber lab so this problem can be corrected.

During the day, help is very easy to get and very helpful. However, after 4 p.m. or so, things turn completely around. The main problem with user assistants in the evening and at night is their lack of presence. You can never find one if you get in trouble or need help. I've seen user assistants leave the Cyber lab unattended for several hours, only to come back from a "quick trip to the bathroom." Is this some new approach to a flexible-hours schedule?

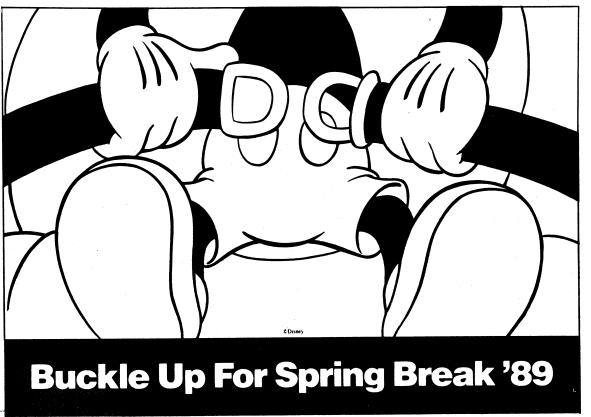
And when you do get a user assistant to help you, the information is wrong half of the time. I realize that these people are students, but they should at least be able to look up the answers they don't know. I had one user assistant insist that I should use underscores instead of dashes in

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# FEATURES

#### Principal Leans on High School

**Bv Andrew Newton** Staff Writer

Lean On Me-Starring Morgan Freeman, Robert Guillaume, Alan North, and Lynne Thigpen. Directed by John G. Avildsen, Warner Bros.

As a movie viewer, it isn't. often that I'm impressed or even moved by a movie, but the recent Warner Bros. release, "Lean On Me," is one of those exceptions that stands out above the norm. This drama, a Norman Twain production of a John G. Avildsen film, may not be the best movie to come along in some time, but it is a definite "must-see."

Written by Michael Schiffer, "Lean On Me" is based on the true life story of Joe Clark, principal of Eastside High in Paterson, New Jersey. Nicknamed "Crazy Joe" for his controversial methods, Joe Clark (Morgan Freeman) is given the task of turning around Eastside High from

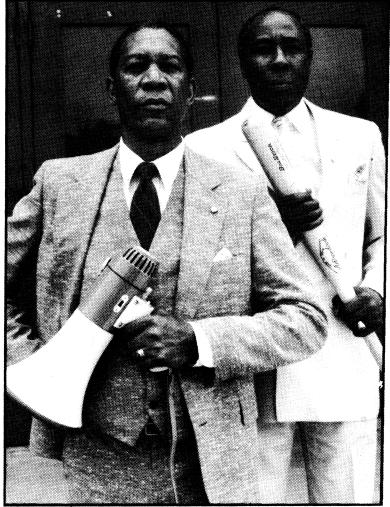
decadence to decency by the superintendent, Dr. Frank Napier (Robert Guillaume). As if his job wouldn't be hard enough for him, he is challenged bу Leona Barrett (Lynne Thigpen), a power-hungry member of the community, and Mayor Don Bottman (Alan North), an unpopular public official trying to save his own neck. The entire conflict explodes when the antagonists have "Crazy Joe" arrested.

The movie moves along at a good pace, starting with the expulsion of 300 students from Eastside High as Joe Clark's first official decision. The power in Joe Clark's character is amazing. If it weren't for his good intentions, one would have to hate the man. The movie also has several comic releases through such characters as Thomas Sams (Jermaine Hopkins), a student foul-up trying to correct his ways. Supporting the movie, a

good musical soundtrack helps build the tension and release anxiety with many songs that are already popular.

From a less emotional and more realistic standpoint, the drama did over-exaggerate the condition of Eastside High before Joe Clark turned it around. The movie portrays the high school as an overrun prison where rape and attempted-murder are everyday occurrence instead of the "high school gone astray." The movie also tended to drag its heels when it unnecessarily delved into the life of student Kaneesha Carter (Karen Malina White). This sympathy sell wouldn't have been so bad if it hadn't tainted the climax of the movie.

Overall, "Lean On Me" is an excellent movie. It is spotted with a few flaws, but there aren't many movies that can do better. On a scale of 1 to 10, "Lean On Me" deserves an 8.



The real and the reel: Morgan Freeman (left) portrays controversial high school principal Joe Clark (right) in "Lean on Me."

#### **ADPi Presents Mocktails**

By Jonathan Grant Staff Writer

Ever been to a bar where you get free drinks, awards, and door prizes? Well, think of the ADPi's "Mocktail" party just like this except that the drinks are really free...free of alcohol that is. The ADPi's held their annual "Mocktail" on Wednesday, February 21, and it was a lot of fun. For the "Mocktail" party the groups that signed up had to create a nonalcoholic drink and bring it to the party. There everyone tastes your drink and judges it on the basis of the most original, most appealing, and best tasting. The groups tht participated this year included the Pi Kapp's, Gamma Phi's, Lambda Chi's and, of course,

the ADPi's. Though the AD-Pi's couldn't enter a drink and win, they had a drink for tasting and had some great refreshments for all who came.

For the awards, those who won them were: Pi Kapp's- for most original, Gamma Phi'sfor Best Tasting, and the Lambda Chi's won Most Appealing - (though I liked the drink the ADPi's made better!) The awards were really just candy in wine-like glasses but they were still appreciated by those who received them.

After the awards were given out they had David Morton from AA come by and talk to everybody. I had a good time and look forward to next year's "Mocktail"!

Thanks Alpha Delta Pi!

#### **Ex-Activist Re-activates**



Eddie Dodd (James Woods), Roger Baron (Robert Downey, Jr.) and Shu Kai Kim (Yuji Okumoto) wait for the prison gate to open on the day Kim finally wins his freedom.

By Jeffrey Taylor Staff Writer

True Believer-Starring James Woods and Robert Downey, Jr. Directed by Wesley Strick. Columbia Pictures.

At first glance, "True Believer" appears to be just another in a series of murdermystery/courtroom drama movies that have come out in recent years. What sets it apart is its presentation of a basic truth to the viewer that goes far beyond the "crime doesn't pay" lessons of other movies such as "Jagged Edge" and "The Verdict," and exceeds even the victim-as-perpetrator theme of "The Accused." "True Believer" is about conviction and the desire to fight

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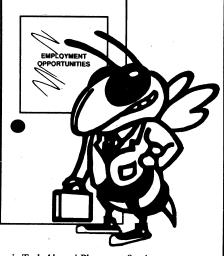
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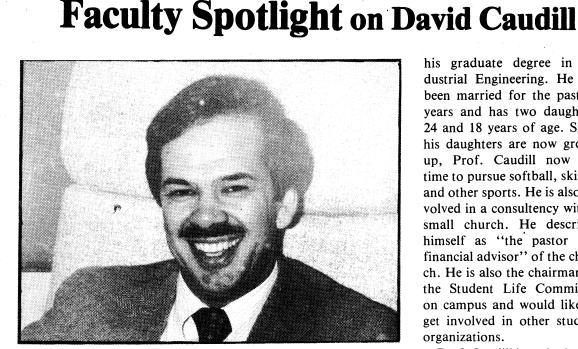
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#### Vegas Comes to So. Tech



David Caudill fulfills his childhood dream of being a teacher by working in the IET Department. -Photo by Tom Crowell

By Rajashri Banerjee Staff Writer

Professor David Caudill has been a part of the IET Department for the past three years. The STING went to find out more about him as a person and teacher.

Prof. Caudill worked 14 years for AT&T as a Distribution Manager before he made the transition from teacher. executive to Describing the change he says, "I love teaching a lot better than the environment I was in." His love for teaching made him forego a lot of financial benefits but for Prof. Caudill the rewards of teaching have more than compensated for it. His goal is to be a fair teacher and help students to learn and to also enjoy the learning experience.

Prof. Caudill cherished the idea of becoming a teacher from childhood. He got his undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering from North Carolina State. He then joined AT&T. The company helped him financially to get

his graduate degree in Industrial Engineering. He has been married for the past 25 years and has two daughters 24 and 18 years of age. Since his daughters are now grown up, Prof. Caudill now has time to pursue softball, skiing, and other sports. He is also involved in a consultency with a small church. He describes himself as "the pastor and financial advisor" of the church. He is also the chairman of the Student Life Committee on campus and would like to get involved in other student organizations.

Prof. Caudill is excited to be a part of the constantly changing, dynamic environment of Southern Tech. He feels all the changes are for the better. He is contributing to the change by developing a new course called Logistics or IET 450. His future plans include getting his professional engineer's license and completing his Ph.D. program in a management or educationrelated field. However, he always has time for Southern Tech students. He said he is thoroughly impressed by the caliber of Southern Tech students and their ability to



Director of Student Activities, Barry Birckhead, deals blackjack during Casino Night. -Crummy Photo by Ed Hardy

By Rajashri Banerjee Staff Writer

C.A.B. sponsored Casino Night on Friday, March 3 in the Student Center Ballroom complex. The ballroom was transformed into a small casino with the help of roulette tables and other accessories. The program started at 7 p.m. At first the turnout was medium but around 8 p.m. the crowds came pouring in until each table was crowded with players.

Each player started with \$25,000 in chips. There were a variety of card games and roulette wheels to choose from to increase on the beginning amount. There was great excitement among the students as the betting got higher and higher, and the competition get stiffer. Some students raked in the chips while otherwent bankrupt. Snacks and drinks were provided to admore flavor to the evening.

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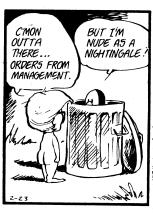
































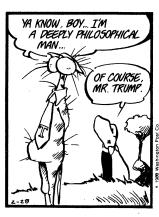


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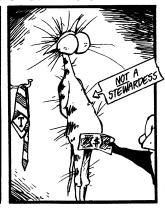


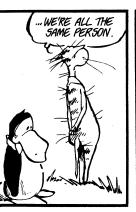


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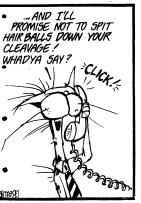














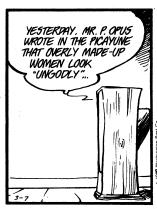
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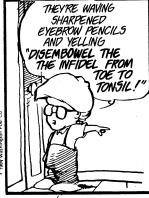
















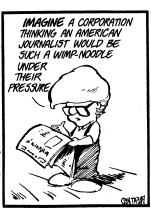






















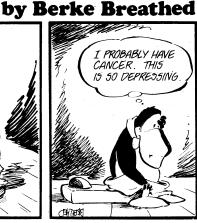


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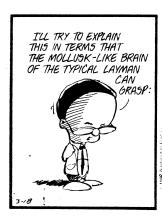
















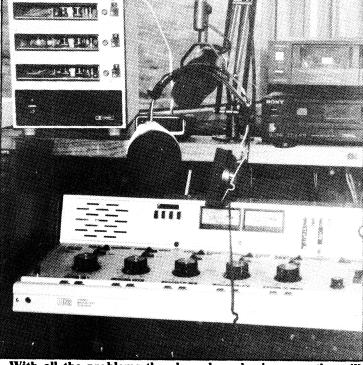


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against overwhelming forces for something you believe in. In the beginning of the film we find wide-eyed Roger Baron (Robert Downey, Jr.), a recent graduate of law school, turning down the opportunity to work in big name firms to follow his ideals and work with the legendary sixties activistlawyer Eddie Dodd (James Woods). Baron's naivete is evident when he first meets the pony-tailed Dodd in court and mistakes him for a drug offender on trial. Instead of finding a rogue liberal lawyer defending the rights of the oppressed, Baron finds a lawyer who now spends his time getting midlevel drug dealers off on technicalities, accepting his pay in brown paper bags filled with money and samples of his clients' goods. The fire of belief that once drove him is gone. He no longer believes in the system, his clients, or least of all, himself. As he says in reply to Baron's criticism of defending obviously guilty drug dealers, "Everyone's guilty."

After being prodded by Baron, Dodd accepts the case of a poor Korean woman who comes to Dodd for help after her son kills a fellow inmate in prison. He is innocent, she claims, of the murder charge which put her son behind bars and now she fears someone wants him dead. After meeting the young man Dodd is convinced of his innocence, and regains some of his old passion for justice. With Baron's help, Dodd sets out to prove the young man's case. The movie delivers its message in the testing of Dodd's regained faith; the message that harmony and faith in one's self come from a belief in something outside yourself and a willingness to pay any price for that belief. With today's widespread problems of drugs and crime attributed to people's lack of belief and commitment to anything greater than themselves, "True Believer" will hit home with a twist ending and a lesson that applies today. It will make a true believer out of you.

The Plight of WGHR



With all the problems they have been having recently, will WGHR have to hang up their headphones permanently? -Photo by Tom Crowel

**By Andrew Newton**Staff Writer

Though many Southern Tech students are not involved in the campus radio station, many do believe it is important for Southern Tech to have a radio station. During Fall Quarter of 1987, news was delivered to the radio station that WGHR would have to go off the air when a neighboring radio station in Mableton went on the air. This was due to WGHR's FCC license. WGHR is not allowed to interfere with the broadcast of any commercial radio station. Fortunately, WGHR never left the air for that reason, but other problems have plagued the radio station since then.

For most of this quarter, the campus radio station has been off the air due to equipment failure. Early in the quarter, a transformer in front of the campus blew up. While everything in the studios and lobby of WGHR survived the power surge from the transformer, the transmitter was overloaded and consequently failed. After the incident, the radio station kept going on and off the air at irregular intervals while the

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# GREEKS & CLUBS





#### Alpha Delta Pi

By Heather Quinn

Where do I begin? I have so much to talk about and not enough space to write it in. We've all been so busy planning socials, conducting campus alcohol awareness activities, participating in the intramurals, and most importantly, installing new officers.

Well, we've had much luck and a lot of fun at our past socials. These include our "Boxers-n-Bows" with the Sig Eps and our "Western Ball" with the Lambda Chis. We look forward to our upcoming social with the Pi Kaps. (Thanks Pam & Leigh and all the guys!) ADPi was proud to host the annual Mocktails party. The party was successful and each recipe entry was a winner. Thanks to the Gamma



By Joanne Byrd Secretary

Well members, another quarter is coming to a close. Good luck on your finals!

Next quarter our annual election for officers will be held. All four positions -President, Vice President,

Phis, the Lambda Chis, and

the Pi Kaps for their ap-

petizing entries. Our bowling

team is holding their ground

against their all male com-

petitors and remains to be tied

for third place (Knock 'em

down, gals--and David!). In

addition to the socials, the

ADPi Crush party was a great

success. Special thanks to Ken

Lunsford for his tunes. Lastly,

new officers were installed.

Congratulations to everyone

and best of luck in your new

offices. So as Dennis Miller of

Treasurer, and Secretary need qualified individuals to fill them. Most of us current officers (Steve Berger, Rob Duggan, and myself) are graduating within the year (yeah!! Shawn, you'll get there eventually). Therefore, we need a "few good people" to take over the reins at the start of Summer quarter. This is an excellent opportunity for you to improve your leadership skills and make lots of friends (plus, if nothing else motivates you, it will look great on your resume).

For those of you who are not presently ACM members, we welcome you to join us at

our meetings. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11 at noon (the location will be announced later). We are planning several Spring activities for next quarter. This quarter, as usual, was rather slow as far as activities were concerned because of typically cold weather.

Oh yeah, don't forget the quarterly Attitude Adjustment Seminar is scheduled for Friday, March 17 at Copperfield's on South Cobb Drive. Join us, along with alumni, faculty, and "assorted others" for "green beer" starting at 8:00 p.m. See ya next quarter. Have a safe spring break!



more seconds left in the game. Go, GO! Dribble that ball

down the court. Shoot for the

basket. All Right!! Touch-

That was great Jim, all right man, we won! And...oh, hey! How have you been? Me and Jim were just playin' some scrimage. Yeah, I haven't seen you in weeks. What've we been doin? Oh, not much. Two weeks ago we won our basketball game against the Lambda Chi's. Oh, you knew that we'd win. Heh, heh! And we won our game against the TKE's three weeks ago with the score being 83-40.

Outside of sports, what have we been doin? Let's see, we had a party at Jim Prater's apartment two weeks ago. It was a lot of fun! A few of us socialized on the couch while

Sig Ep's cont. on 13



By Dale Millican

Let's hear it for Lesa Garza who was initiated as one of our lovely little sisters! We are all very proud of her and we are all sure that she will make a great addition to our little sisters.

was elected as our new Vice-President and to Brad Lurie who was elected as our new 1st Counselor. These two brothers have proved themselves time and time again and we're sure that they will continue to do great things for the fraternity as officers.

Congratulations is also to be

given to Sam Chastain who

By the way, if ya'll should happen to see Dr. Pat DeJarnette around campus, be sure to wish her a happy birthday! I wonder how old she is?



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#### Constructor's Guild

By Ross Bogan Secretary

As the quarter winds down, the life of a student can be filled with much anxiety and stress. Sometimes a break is needed and can be very beneficial.

With this in mind. I remind everyone that the Annual Nat'l Convention of the AGC (Associated General Contractor's of America) will be held in downtown Atlanta during finals week. Although the coincidental timing is unfortunate, we encourage anyone interested in the construction industry to attend and take advantage of the opportunities offered. Also, we would like to thank the eighteen student

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**Club News** 

By Rey Vilar, Jr.

Treasurer

members of the Constructor's Guild who have volunteered their valuable time to assist the AGC as seminar monitors at the convention.

Our first meeting of Spring Quarter will be at 12 noon and 5 pm on Tuesday, April 4, and then every other week thereafter. Keep an eye on the CNST bulletin board for further updates and notices of upcoming events. Much is happening and your participation is welcomed and encouraged.

The CNST 425 Project Management class is entertaining a series of guest speakers during their regularly scheduled meeting time and anyone interested is encouraged to attend. Speakers, topics, and times are posted on the bulletin boards around the CNST Department.

If we can be of any assistance, please contact us through the CNST Department or Prof. Bob Carter.

#### and improvement of the HPV's, it's time again for the quarterly ASME Book Raffle in conjunction with the Southern

Don't think that we're all bunch of people exists nowhere; all you have to do is come to one of our meetings. A couple of weeks ago, we had one of our meetings at Pizza evening entertainment).

If it doesn't work out, it's

#### to represent and bring recognition to our beloved school. On April 6-8, Jason

We have been working hard

Parker and Ray Chanell will make presentations at the Regional Student Conference in Nashville, Tenn. Take no prisoners guys. On April 21-23, we are taking our HPVs to the Rocket City Challenge in Huntsville, Ala. We're going to smoke the pavement and bring the world speed record

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work and no play. A crazier Hut. A good time was had by all, especially Lois (the

**PEACE** 

<u>LAMBDA CHI ALPHA</u>



By Robert Kurtzer

Countdown to spring break; only three more weeks. Congratulations to Brother of the Month, David Weaver, and Bu of the Month, Scott Barrett. Looks like a close race for Bubba. Congratulations also goes out to our new brothers. They are:

David Weaver	218
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Keep up the good work and the best of luck throughout college. Upcoming events include little sister initiation, and the usually quarterly little sister dinner. We also have the soon to be famous Georgia Southwestern road trip. (Blade will be there, for once.)

In intramurals, basketball has been rather depressing. Our bowling team has definitely picked up their slack. So when's the beer frame? Soccer starts this week and our hopes are pretty high. thanx to all the alumni and actives that showed up for the alumni-active basketball game. Well, that's all for now. Todd Green 221 Talk to yanext quarter.

#### Sig Ep's

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we watched MTV and some others played cards. Some drank a few beers while they played cards. I personally got wasted on iced tea. Last Saturday we had a field day with the Alpha Omega Pi's at Ga. State...I think. I wasn't paying too much attention, you can tell.

So what's up next? Well, we have Prater's Mill comin up in May and we also have a social with the Gamma Phi Beta's that same month. We've got a social planned with the Sig Eps Ga Tech in the Spring...Hell, yes! We are gonna party our asses off! And we've got golf game planned with the Alumni on March 12th.

Do you remember Scott Vereen? You do? He's a brother now! Yeah! It's great having him as a brother. (He's always got money.) Just kidding. No, really, it's great having him in brotherhood, but hey! I've gotta get going. Sharky and I are going down to the tennis courts and he's gonna show me how to score a home run! I'll see ya later!

#### The STING Article

**By Joanne Byrd** 

"Dude, man!" After a night of partying in New Orleans, this was Westly Hetrick's attempt to form a new word in the English language.

Yes folks, The STING is now initiating its own club news article.

On Friday, February 24, five of The STING's loyal reporting, layout, and photography staff departed from the campus to attend an investigative reporting conference in Baton Rouge, LA. With the help of Westly's radar detector we made a "cannon ball run" to LA.

In order to "save the school money," the five of us (Ed Hardy, Rod Hester, Westly, Dolores Pece, and myself) bunked in one hotel room. Cozy, eh?

The conference was sponsored by the Investigative Reporters & Editors and there were more that a dozen Pulitzer Prize winners on the program. We all gained some valuable information from this all-day conference. We'll see if it does any good back here at the ranch. After a full day of discussions we packed up the cars and headed for

New Orleans. Yeah!

We made a stop at the LSU campus where Wes proceeded to climb trees and coerce Dolores to join him. It confirmed our original consensus opinion about Wes: "You can't take him anywhere!"

Upon reaching New Orleans we hit Bourbon Street (it was already night by this time -we're not teetotolers).

Upon reaching Bourbon Street we had to partake in the tradition of consuming Hurricanes. So we headed straight for Pat O'Brian's -- a well-known pub down there. I don't know what all they put in those drinks but I tell you what, I was completely snockered after one drink. I was told I had a great time.

The next morning we took a tour of the French Quarter. I guess it goes without saying that some of us had hangovers, but I won't say who!

Once again, Wes' radar detector got us quickly back to the campus just after midnight Sunday night. A good time was had by all! Oh, and if you're wondering about Rod, he was of course his usual laidback self. He obviously wasn't corrupted by Wes' antics.

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identify him as the guilty party and he was returned to campus and released around 4 a.m. Mr. Jenny then asked that his ID and automobile be returned. Officer Hawkins, still referring to Mr. Jenny as "Miss Jenny," refused to return either to the obviously innocent Mr. Jenny.

Another incident happened to six students who live on campus. They were walking between the dorms and were interrogated by Officer Hawkins for no apparent reason. Hawkins demanded their student IDs. Only two of the students had their IDs with them, but the other four said they could get their IDs from their rooms. This response caused Hawkins to overreact with threats of taking the students to jail. The situation was resolved when another Campus Safety Officer arrived and excused the students.

According to Campus Safety, students who live in the Dorms are not, in fact, required to keep their IDs with them at all times, but they must have them in their rooms, where they can get them if they need to.

The final incident is the most serious of all. The students involved asked that their names remain

anonymous. Four students who live in the College Commons Apartments were rolling tires down the lower parking lot the night after the Bathtub Race. They were not doing anything that could have endangered anyone. The four hid from an approaching car on the path between the AET Building and the Elks Lodge (which leads eventually to the Commons). The car contained Officer Hawkins. The students maneuvered to see if the officer would realize that someone had been rolling tires. At this point Hawkins began running rapidly towards the students. Startled, the students began to run towards the Commons. This caused Hawkins to draw his gun and chase the students down the dark path towards the Elk Lodge parking lot. There the four students split up. The student nearest Hawkins heard officer scream, "Freeze...I'll shoot!" The student stopped, announced that he was a student, and that he had not done anything wrong. The officer told him, "Shut up! Lay on the ground spread-eagle!" All this time Hawkins was pointing his gun

The student described Hawkins as "so irrational and

at the student.

scared that his voice was incoherent, not to mention that his gun was shaking up and down in his hands. I have never been that afraid of dying. I really laid there thinking that I hoped the gun would not go off and kill me." The student recalled, "I remember Hawkins threatened me with death if I slightly budged. All I could do was say I was a student and pray for m life. I consider myself lucky to be alive!"

Officer Hawkins jammed his knee in the student's back and handcuffed him. "He picked me up and slung me against the brick facade of the Elks Lodge." The student was then taken to the Campus Safety Headquarters where he called the other three students who quickly reported to the Headquarters. There they were repeatedly threatened with jail. They were held by Hawkins until 4 a.m. The students have yet to hear another word about the incident.

When the Chief of Campus Safety, Billy Howard, was questioned about Officer Hawkins, he urged students to submit a written complaint to Campus Safety if they feel that any of his officers may be guilty of misconduct. He had

not been aware of most of the information reported here. At press time, it was unclear what action, if any, would be taken in regards to these incidents.

The students involved in the tire rolling incident have said they will file a formal complaint.

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projects such as the Student Center. However, he pointed out that "only one of the Cobb County delegation where Southern Tech sits voted for any new revenue." He went on to say that if the Cobb County delegates didn't care enough about the Student Center to vote for a tax to pay for it, then why should the other representatives bother?

Next, the student delegates went to meet Rep. Lauren "Bubba" McDonald, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. He surprised the students by giving them more time to state their problem than was to be expected, since many other people wanted to see him because their projects had been cut as well. Southern Tech's student lobbyists were told the same thing again, that without new taxes the money just wasn't there to spend, and that most Cobb County delegates had voted against the new sales tax. However, he was reassuring, saying that as far as he was concerned, "the Student Center at Southern Tech would be the first penny of capital outlay that will be spent, if we have the money to

do it with." The talk soon became less optimistic, though, when Rep. McDonald admitted that the budget he was submitting at that time, "does not have one penny of capital outlay for any of the Regents' programs."

The talk became even less hopeful when Rep. McDonald admitted that if the Student Center got cut again this year, it would probably be about three more years before it came up again, because next year is an election year. Economic indicators are saying that the economy is entering a slump, so people will be even less receptive to new taxes.

The student delegation then tried to see the Speaker of the House, Tom Murphy. Speaker Murphy was unavailable at that time, (as was expected, since the House was in session) so the students talked to his assistant, Steve Anthony. Mr. Anthony was not uncooperative, he just wasn't overly friendly.

Finally, the delegates went to see the third conferee, Rep. Walker, the Majority Leader for the House of Representatives. He was brief, but was sympathetic to the cause and seemed as though he wanted to help.

Although the students did not leave the state capitol with any promises for definite funding, their trip was a success. By making a good impression on the people to whom they spoke, they kept the issue of the Southern Tech Student Center at the front of the representatives' minds. Their effort could make all the difference when it comes time for the funding to be decided.

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#### Sex cont. from 4

you're free to go." We fine them, jail them, and most times there are lectures about being a responsible citizen.

Yes, I did do very well criticizing Mr. Cheek. That was my point. I did not intend to argue the abortion issue. I was attacking a particular attitude, one I've seen too much. I don't feel qualified to say whether abortion is right or wrong. There are religious, moral, and ethical questions, and more importantly, I'll never have to make the decision to get an abortion. But I do feel that men don't have the right to keep abortion legal in order to act irresponsibly. Their concerns should go far beyond their own orgasms.

As for the last point in your letter, I can only say that I wish you had a better sense of

humor. The inspiration for the "Top-Ten List" came from Late-Nite! with David Letterman, a show consistently ranked number-one among college students. I can show you newspapers from other schools that carry this kind of silliness to a much greater degree than The STING, and people fight for a copy of those papers when they release. Several members of the staff were jointly responsible for the list. I'm sorry you found it unfunny, but humor is a subtle thing sometimes, and since you missed the blatantly obvious points of my editorial, it doesn't suprise me that you didn't get the joke. Our humor is on a college level. Where is yours?

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#### Student Center cont. from 2

point. We were no longer a part of the budget.

"It's been since that time that we have not been reinstated, and we have to be reinstated [to get the funds]. Of course, about that same time they found that they couldn't pass the gas tax, then they couldn't pass the sales tax, and so they were not going to have enough money. That's when the cutting occurred.

"So, it proceeded from there to the point that the House Appropriations Committee, and finally the House as a whole, passed a budget that cut all of these things out of the Governor's budget. They assumed no new revenue, so they passed what they call a "bare-bones" budget.

"As far as activities here [at Southern Tech], when we first heard that the Student Center had been cut from the budget, there was not a lot of concern, because that was very early in

the process. That was four months ago, and they had all that time to put it back in, and it looked like it was going to be put back when they got additional revenue.

"When we did learn that it hadn't been put back and it was now getting close and it also looked like a bare-bones budget was going to pass...that's when the story came to us from the legislature that some legislators had said, 'Look, even if we get some money and start to put some money back in the budget, we won't put it back in the Student Center at Southern Tech because that really just benefits Cobb County students. We can't justify putting that much money into just Cobb County; this is a state budget.'

"It was at that point that we encouraged students to let their legislator know that we have students from all over the

state. And so there was a letter campaign from alumni, and there was a telephone campaign from students, and there was a letter and phone campaign from administrators. Students literally went to the legislature and visited with the legislators and carried a petition with 951 names on it showing that of those 951 names, some 60% or more were outside of Cobb County. All of that information was provided to the legislators, so that if they did reinstate some funds, they could feel comfortable that they were funding a state-wide project.

"Unfortunately so far, neither the funds have been reinstated nor has the Student Center been reinstated. Both of those things have to occur for us to get [the addition]. They'd have to have some dollars, and then they'd have to say, 'Oh, by the way, one of things we're going to do with these dollars is put that Student Center back in,'

because it's already been cut out."

At the time this paper went to press, both the House and Senate had passed different bare-bones budgets and a committee was attempting to come up with a compromise budget. There was still no new revenue, but the possibility existed that there might be some. If they do get some, the possibility still exists that SCoT might get the new Student Center addition.

#### Radio Blues cont. from 10

engineering staff tried to fix the problem. As of this writing, WGHR is still off the air due to this problem.

The transmitter presented only one of the major problems faced by WGHR this quarter. In December, 1988, the station management submitted the forms for the license renewal which is due in April. These forms are supposed to be in the hands of the FCC three months before the license is renewed. However, by mid-February, it was confirmed that the FCC had not received any forms. After some delayed action on the part of the WGHR management, B.J. Garland

and Shilpi Chaudary, Music Director and Operations Manager respectively, finally tracked down the problem. The FCC did not receive the forms until February 8th, and what forms they did receive were incomplete. Currently, WGHR is waiting on the FCC to remail the forms so they can be resubmitted correctly. At this time, it is unclear if the station will get its license renewed or not.

The true problems of the radio station were not seriously addressed until several members thought it would be important to call a station meeting on Wednesday, March 1. The meeting

didn't resolve any problems, but it did cause the station to confront the problems, and renewed sense of urgency was spilled upon the station members. Among the problems discussed, such as a power raise, recruiting new students, a defined music format, an involvement of new faculty, the consensus of the station stated that the single biggest problem was lack of proper organization and management Over the next few weeks, the members of WGHR are going to be holding meetings to help solve as many problems as possible. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, in Conference Room A.

#### VIRUS cont. from 2

alone.

It appears that SCoT contracted this virus around January, 1989. Since that time the virus ran amok among unwary Mac users. Finally, as several computers began to shut down automatically about three weeks ago with suspicious circumstances, Sandra Lloyd, the Director of Computer User Services, uncovered the culprit--the nVIR virus. Almost immediately an antiviral program, Interferon, became available around campus for users to detect the virus and eradicate it from their diskettes and hard disks.

The nVIR virus spreads by replicating itself through applications programs such as MacWrite, Microsoft Word, etc. that are activated by the user. Say, for example, you are using your floppy diskette on an infected hard disk. If you activate an applications program residing on your floppy diskette, i.e. Mac-Write, the nVIR virus on the hard disk is alerted and the virus copies itself onto the MacWrite application. Keep in mind that the applications are considered the living entities here and the data files you create with the application are inanimate. Therefore, any documents you have created with the infected application are immune to the virus. But the infected application, unfortunately, cannot be saved. In order to eradicate the virus you must trash the applications program.

If an original diskette was

infected the manufacturer may be willing to provide you with a new diskette. Some may charge a handling fee for this service. If nothing else, this experience should be a lesson in keeping backup copies of original applications diskettes.

One of the major sources of viral infections is the use of public domain software (software that is distributed at no cost to the user). Hackers (warped-minded computer nuts who get off on seeing how far they can get with the use of a computer) have been known to put viruses on these diskettes which create havoc once the unsuspecting user activates the "free" software. Like they say, "There ain't no such thing as a free lunch."

Ms. Lloyd has eradicated the virus in the Mac Labs. The main problem with eradicating a virus is avoiding reinfection. The eradication of a virus is similar to putting out a forest fire. Unless you stamp out every single flame, the fire will continue to start up again and will continue to spread. Therefore, caution should be exercised when using other people's computers and software with your own diskettes. As Ms. Lloyd so aptly phrased it, "It's time we started practicing 'safe computing'."

If you are concerned that your diskette(s) may be harboring the nVIR virus, you can contact one of the user assistants in the Mac Labs. They will be able to assist you in having "virus-free" diskettes.

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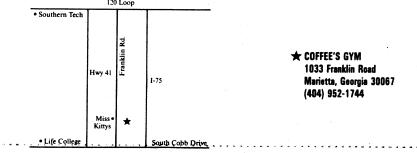
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# PORTS

#### rnets Win First Round of Tourney

By Todd Barney Editor

The Southern Tech Runnin' Hornets advanced to the second round of the District 25 Playoffs Saturday night with a 62-57 win over North Georgia College. Southern Tech, who entered the tournament with a 20-11 record, 12-6 in district play, was seeded third in the tournament. North Georgia came in seeded sixth with a 12-7 district record, 15-17 overall.

The Runnin' Hornets, who led 28-25 at the half, finished up shooting 67.7% of attempted field goals. They were led by No. 35 Chuck Johnson who had 19 points. Also in double figures was John Boulware, No. 10, with 15 points and 4

John Boulware

45 Maurice Charlton

35 Chuck Johnson

Rufus Kay

52 Earl Johnson

11 John Molden

No. Player

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assists. Johnson and Boulware were also responsible for Southern Tech's 2 of 3 threepoint shots.

The Saints of North Georgia shot only 54.5%, and only made it interesting in the last few minutes. Then, they played tenacious defense, holding the Hornets to free throws for about the last fourand-a-half minutes. Some questionable calls near the end added to the excitement. When the referees had North Georgia's No. 40 Jerry Jones shoot free throws, instead of the true offendee No. 30 Walter Thomas, the crowd was on its feet, protesting loudly.

Maurice Charlton put the game firmly out of reach with

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one second left when he hit two free throws.

The Saints were obviously disappointed to be eliminated in the first round. Some of them walked off the court when the final buzzer sounded, refusing to shake hands with the victors.

At press time, The STING was unable to learn the victor of the Georgia Southwestern -Kennesaw State game. The winner there played Southern Tech Monday night, March 6, for the right to advance to the finals. If the Runnin' Hornets can win in District 25, they will play in the NAIA National Tournament in Kansas City, Missouri March 14-March 20.

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A common sight during the last five minutes, free throws kept the Hornets ahead of North Georgia to give them a firstround win. -Photo by Dolores Pece

#### Casino cont. from 7

Finally at 10 p.m. an auction was held where prizes ranging from a VCR to a laundry basket were "sold" to the highest bidders. At first the bidding was low. A school kit was "sold" to Sharon Davis for \$26,000 but later identical school kits increased to \$250,000 as the students became desperate to win something as a memento of Casino Night. Derrick Howard "bought" the VCR while Eussula Medlin carried away a stereo system. A lot of students pooled their money together to get a prize, thus disappointing others that tried to win by themselves. So the chance of purchasing a prize was directly proportional to the number of friends a player had. Despite these minor incidents casino night was a huge success and everyone present thoroughly enjoyed themselves. C.A.B. organized the event very efficiently.

#### User Ass. cont. from 4

identifier names in my COBOL program. This was very wrong. Then he stood there and told me how he used to do things on a VAX. That's fine and dandy, but we have to work on a Cyber. He should have known about the Cyber, not a VAX.

I hope the problem with the user assistants is fixed soon. The end of the quarter is coming up and there will be more people in the Cyber lab than ever.

> Sincerely, **Howard Sams**

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SOUTHERN TECH

**BASEBALL SCHEDULE 1989** 

Feb.	18	Sat.	Augusta College	Augusta, GA	1:00	DH
	21	Tue.	Erskine College	ST	2:30	
	24	Fri.	*Brewton-Parker College	ST	1:00	DH.
	27	Mon.	West Georgia College	ST	3:00	Ì
Mar.	1	Wed.	*Kennesaw State College	ST	1:00	DH
	4	Sat.	*LaGrange College	LaGrange, GA	1:00	DH
·	. 7	Tue.	*Piedmont College	Demorest, GA	1:00	DH
ı	9	Thur.	Saginaw Valley (Mich)	ST	1:30	DH
F	11	Sat.	*Georgia College	Milledgeville	1:00	DH
	14	Tue.	St. Thomas Aquinas (NY)	ST	1:30	DH
	15	Wed.	*Shorter College	ST	1:00	DH
	22	Wed.	Tennessee Wesleyan (TN)	Athens, TN	1:00	DH
	25	Sat.	*Georgia Southwestern	Americus	1:00	DH
	28	Tue.	Jacksonvillle State (AL)	Jacksonville, AL	3:00	
-	29	Wed.	Newberry College (SC)	Newberry, SC	1:30	DH
	30	Thur.	Erskine College (SC)	Due West, SC	3:00	
April	5	Wed.	*Piedmont College	ST	1:00	DH
	8	Sat.	*Brewton-Parker College	Mt. Vernon	2:00	DH
	12	Wed.	*Georgia Southwestern	ST	1:00	DH
	15	Sat.	*Georgia College	ST	1:00	DH.
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	19	Wed.	*Berry College	ST	1:30	DH
	22	Sat.	*LaGrange College	ST	1:00	DH
	26	Wed.	*Kennesaw State College	Kennesaw	1:00	DH
	29	Sat.	*Shorter College	Rome	1:00	DH
May	1	Mon.	West Georgia College	Carrollton	6:30	
1	2	Tue.	Jacksonville State (AL)	ST	2:30	
	6	Sat.	*Berry College	Rome	1:00	DH
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