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Initial SGA Budget Approval Declared Void

By Ed Hardy
Assistant Editor

Special Thanks to Gary Reuss

On Tuesday, May 2, the SGA approved the 1990 Student Activities Budget without the minimum number of members required to conduct business, known as a quorum. After a protest was raised about this, Dawn Kyle, the SGA President, declared the vote null and void and the Budget will have to be re-voted on during today's SGA meeting.

The Student Activities Budget controls how all of the money collected from the Student Activity Fees is spent, in this case \$245 thousand. It funds, among

other things, running the Student Center, CAB, the STING and the Log.

When the budget was first approved, Traci Cowart, the Chairman/Vice President, and Frank Davis, the Secretary/Treasurer (Ex-Officio member of the Finance Committee), were absent. When role was taken, it was discovered that more than 2/3 of the voting members were absent. So the meeting did not have a Chairman or a quorum during one of the most important votes of the whole year.

The SGA is governed by Robert's Rules of Order, which states, "In the absence of a quorum, any business transacted is Null and Void. The prohibition against business in the absence of a

quorum cannot be waived even by unanimous consent." Despite this, Barry Birkhead, the SGA advisor, suggested that they go ahead and approve the budget.

Dawn Kyle, in explanation of this decision, said, "There is nothing in our Constitution that states exactly what a quorum is. There is a line that tries to, but after a long discussion with Dean Smith, we translated it three different ways." She went on to say that when Mr. Birkhead asked them to go ahead and approve the budget without a quorum, no one raised a protest.

She also said that the end of the fiscal year is coming up, and they felt they needed to



SGA PRESIDENT Dawn Kyle declares voting null after protest. -Photo by Tom Crowell

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SCoT Improves Campus Appearance

By Joanne Byrd
Staff Writer

Lately the Southern Tech Plant Operations and Maintenance Department has been busy improving the appearance of our campus. There are the extensive landscaping improvements that can be seen all around campus. Recently, the stairwells of Buildings 2 and 4 were painted, with Buildings 3 and 5 to follow suit. In the future new exterior signs for the perimeter of the campus and office signs will be made.

The Library Circle is now open for pedestrian traffic. Through the concerted efforts of the SGA and Plant Operations, this area is no longer an eyesore of dirt paths. Plans are to add a picnic table and several backless benches. These structures will be installed in such a way that during graduation and other special events, the structures can be removed.

The painting that is taking place in the older classroom buildings is not, as rumor would have it, an attempt to "color code" the campus buildings. Bert Matthews, Assistant Director of Plant Operations, said the stairwell



CONTRARY TO RUMOR, the painting of the stairwells is not an effort to color code the buildings. -Photo by Tom Crowell

railings in these buildings were in need of painting anyway. So rather than using the institutional beige color that the campus is washed in, it was decided to add some much needed color to the campus buildings. The bright colors will not show dirt and grime as much as the beige which will help to cut down on maintenance. Also, it is thought that the colors will help to

"brighten" up these buildings.

In addition to the completed painting of Buildings 2 and 4, plans are in place to paint the stairwells in Classroom Building 3 yellow and those of Classroom Building 5 orange. The latter painting project should begin shortly. But the construction in Building 3 must be completed before the

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STUDENTS WERE GREETED by this startling sight on Monday, May 8th, at noon. The event was staged by Lambda Chi Alpha to kick off their Alcohol Awareness Week. -Photo by Paul Grady

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Next Deadline: May 24

BRA Prepares 23rd Race



THE WORLD'S ONLY motorized land bathtub race returns to Southern Tech Sunday, May 21. -File Photo

By Scott Kelley
Staff Writer

The upcoming Spring Bathtub Race will be held at Southern Tech on Sunday, May 21. This race will be the 23rd spring race and will have 14 tubs racing. The spring race usually draws about 7,000 people due to the fact that this is the race most of the families come out to see.

Fourteen drivers have registered to participate in this year's race, which pits drivers of cast-iron bathtubs powered by 175 cc motorcycle engines in an 82.5-mile competition. Contestants will race their specially-designed and

decorated bathtubs 75 laps around the 1.1-mile asphalt track which encircles the campus. Most of the drivers are Southern Tech students and alumni from metro-Atlanta.

Tubs have reached speeds as high as 90 mph and can cost up to \$3,000 to build. They must adhere to rigid specifications and pass inspections, and drivers must pass driving school before competition. Referred to as "Rookie School," the driving program is under the direction of Dr. Laurence Logue, head of the MET Department and advisor to the Bathtub Racing Association (BRA).

At race's end, first, second

and third-place trophies will be awarded as well as awards for the best engineered tub, rookie driver and sportsmanship. Members of the Atlanta Region Sports Car Club of America will provide professional assistance and serve as times and scorers. Southern Tech students and faculty volunteers will serve as track marshals and timekeepers. In keeping with the University System of Georgia's policy, no alcoholic beverages will be allowed on campus during the event.

As far as the safety of the tubs go, the BRA has been for-

Race cont. on 12

SGA Elections Found Legit

By Westly Hetrick
Staff Writer

On May 4, the Southern Tech SGA Judiciary Committee met to discuss if there was any wrong-doing in the recent SGA elections. In a memo distributed by the SGA, it was announced that "there were a few minor irregularities in the election procedure." The memo went on to say that the committee felt, "that in no way did these irregularities affect the outcome of the elections."

As to the controversy over write-in candidates, the SGA is guided by Robert's Rules of Order, the same rules that guide most SGAs. Michael Sims, Chief Justice of the Judiciary Committee was quoted as saying, "according to Robert's Rules of Order, unless [the constitution] states that there cannot be a write-in candidate, there can be one."

There were a few letters of complaint addressed to the SGA; however, none of them reached the SGA before the 48 hour complaint deadline, so

they could not be filed as formal complaints. In spite of this, the letters were still considered, and were even the cause of the Judiciary Committee's review.

As far as solutions to prevent future discontent over elections, and indeed, future complaints, the SGA has begun sponsoring what an anonymous source described as "a secret campaign of school funded terrorism and murder to weed out those weaklings who do not share our enlightened views." The STING's anonymous source went on to say that they "personally will lead the attack to crush this cancer of whining that is slowly poisoning our otherwise quietly complacent campus. They shall feel the iron boot of the oppressor. Die you verminous scum, die, die. I shall feast upon your entrails, and thoroughly enjoy it. Hahahahahagabgablbnasikenik. Is it just me, or do you hear my dead mother talking to you as well?"

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CAREER CENTER BULLETIN
MAY 9, 1989

All graduates using placement office must be registered. Winter graduates who are interviewing again spring quarter must update registration. See Katie Burr in the placement center.

The following companies will interview on campus:
(*indicates pre-screening)

- Tuesday, May 16 - Georgia Dept. of Transportation - CET
- Tuesday, May 16 - Rite Hite - (to be announced)
- *Wednesday, May 17 - Shaw Industries - A&TET,IET,MET,ACS
- *Thursday, May 18 - Oxford Industries - APET,IET
- Monday, May 22 - Vanity Fair - IET, APET
- *Tuesday, May 23 - Knox-Rivers Constr. Co. - CET

NOTE: Planning Design Group - CANCELLED - Job filled

PRE-SCREENING NOTEBOOKS are re-posted ONE WEEK BEFORE THE INTERVIEW DATE---you can check at that time to see if you were selected to sign up for an interview.

NOTEBOOKS FOR COMPANIES NOT PRE-SCREENING ARE POSTED ONE WEEK BEFORE THE INTERVIEW DATE.

GRADUATES---PLEASE NOTIFY OUR OFFICE WHEN YOU HAVE ACCEPTED EMPLOYMENT.

FULL-TIME SUMMER JOBS

GEORGIA DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION - CET - Sophomore or above-Atlanta and North Georgia job locations. Apply in placement.

COLLINS & AIKMAN, Dalton, GA - IET, MET, EET - Product Engineering department (carpet industry). Apply in placement.

Assistance with RESUME PREPARATION is available in the Career Center---several helpful video tapes can be viewed in our office.

Video tapes are available on some of the companies interviewing this quarter. Check the list in placement to see which tapes you need to review prior to the company interview date.

CAREER CENTER HOURS FOR SPRING QUARTER:
Monday - Thursday 7:30am - 6:30pm
Friday 7:30am - 4:30pm

Student Life Committee Helps Improve College

By Gary Reed
Staff Writer

And whose life is it, anyway? For students, it's their life; or rather, it's their **Student Life Committee**. This low-profile group on campus is very interested in students' needs. "A lot of concern is given to students," indicates Professor David Caudill, chairman of the Student Life Committee. When there is an issue of particular concern to SCoT students, "We will invite in...whomever is the key decision-maker [in order] to give the student government direct access," he says.

The Student Life Committee is a collection of faculty, staff, and students who respond to student concerns by making recommendations to effect changes in school policy. "We're not a governing body...we influence by recommendation and persuasion," states Professor Caudill. The committee's power of persuasion is significant as indicated by their impact on class registration changes.

Because of student complaints in the registration process, Herman Bradshaw, Registrar, was invited to a committee meeting. He "worked very closely...for improvements to the process," says Professor Caudill. A major impact evident to students is a change in the way registration times are assigned.

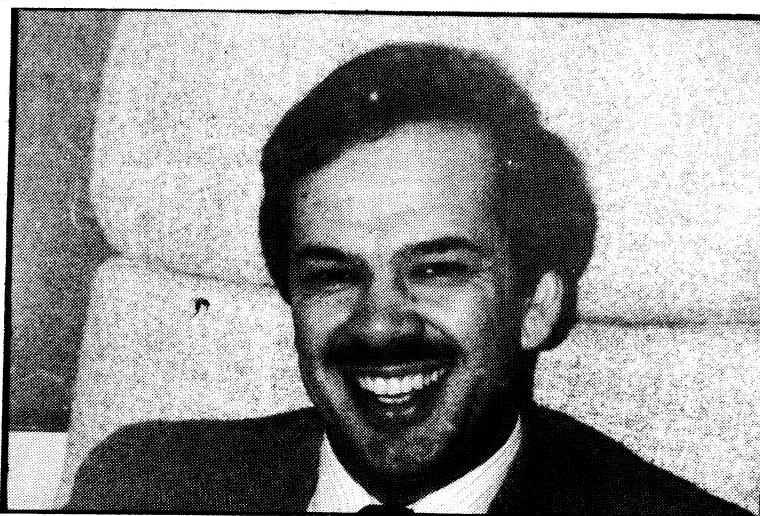
This appears to be an effective procedure for streamlining the waiting crowds that had been growing each quarter.

The Student Life Committee maintains a special composition of members. According to college regulation, there are "four faculty members elected by the Faculty, the Director of Student Activities, and five members of the student body." Dawn Kyle, SGA President, heads the student delegation.

A student concern could be addressed in the following way. First, the student would contact his or her student representative. A letter could be written or a personal visit could be made to the SGA offices (upper level of the student center.) The issue would be reviewed and may be presented at the next Student Life Committee meeting.

Once the issue is presented, they would "come to a consensus in the committee," says Professor Caudill. They could also invite the affected college representative to attend this monthly meeting. Professor Caudill indicates that from this meeting, all members would "attempt to find a resolution."

Diplomacy seems to be a valuable tool in making this group an effective policy-changing organization. Through this committee, students have an opportunity to make a powerful impact on campus issues affecting them.



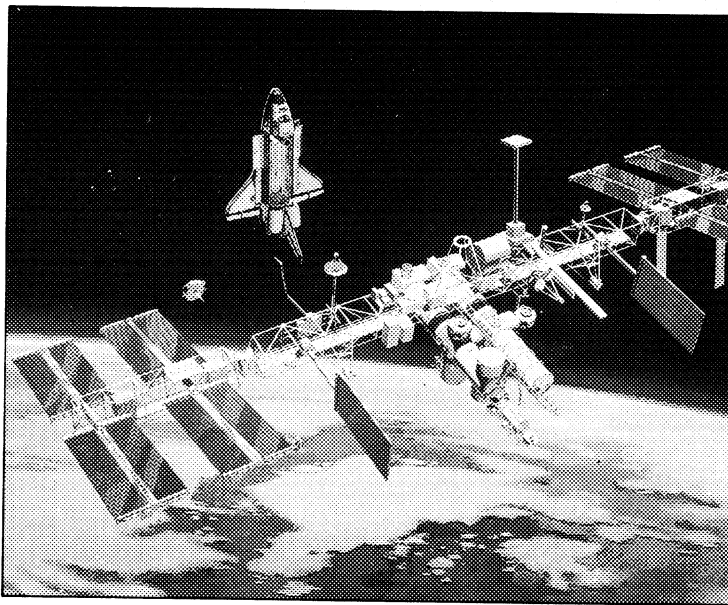
DAVID CAUDILL is the chairman of the Student Life Committee. The committee's purpose is to help with campus issues of concern to the students -Photo by Tom Crowell

Current and Committee Members Elect are:

- David Caudill, Chairman IET
- Susan Morrow, Faculty HUM
- Jose Vinelli, Faculty Math
- Dory Ingram, Library
- Charles Smith, V.P. Student Affairs
- Barry Birckhead, Director of Student Activities
- Dawn Kyle, SGA President
- Traci Cowart, SGA V.P.
- Jeff Crocker, SGA V.P. Elect
- Lamar Bevil, SGA Representative
- Frank Davis, SGA Secretary/Treasurer
- Michael Sims, SGA Judiciary Chair

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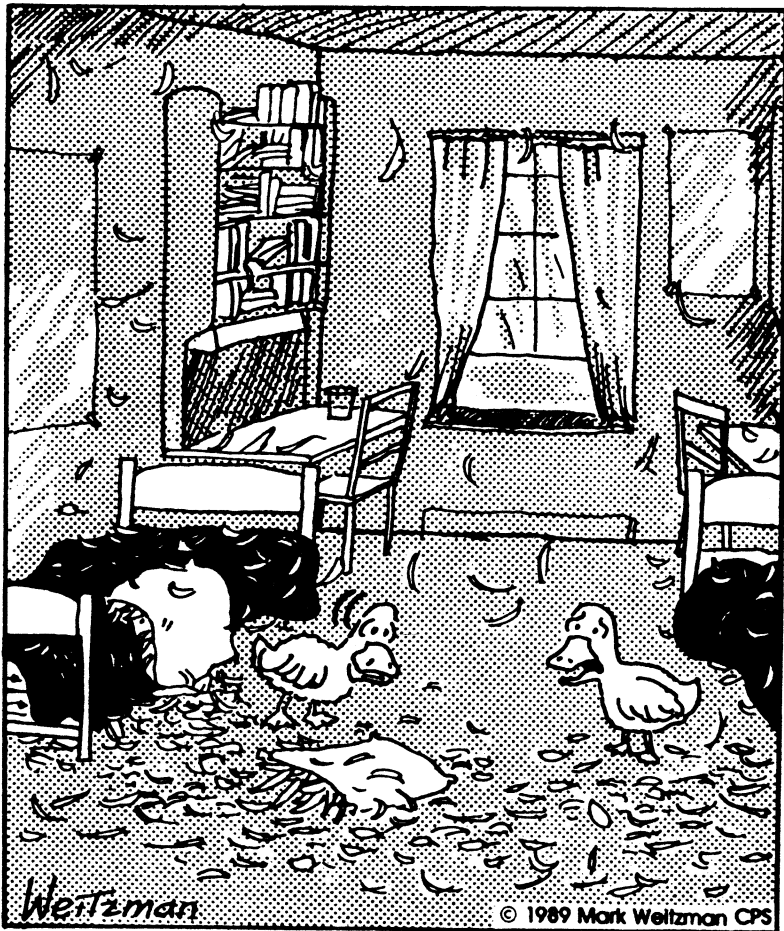
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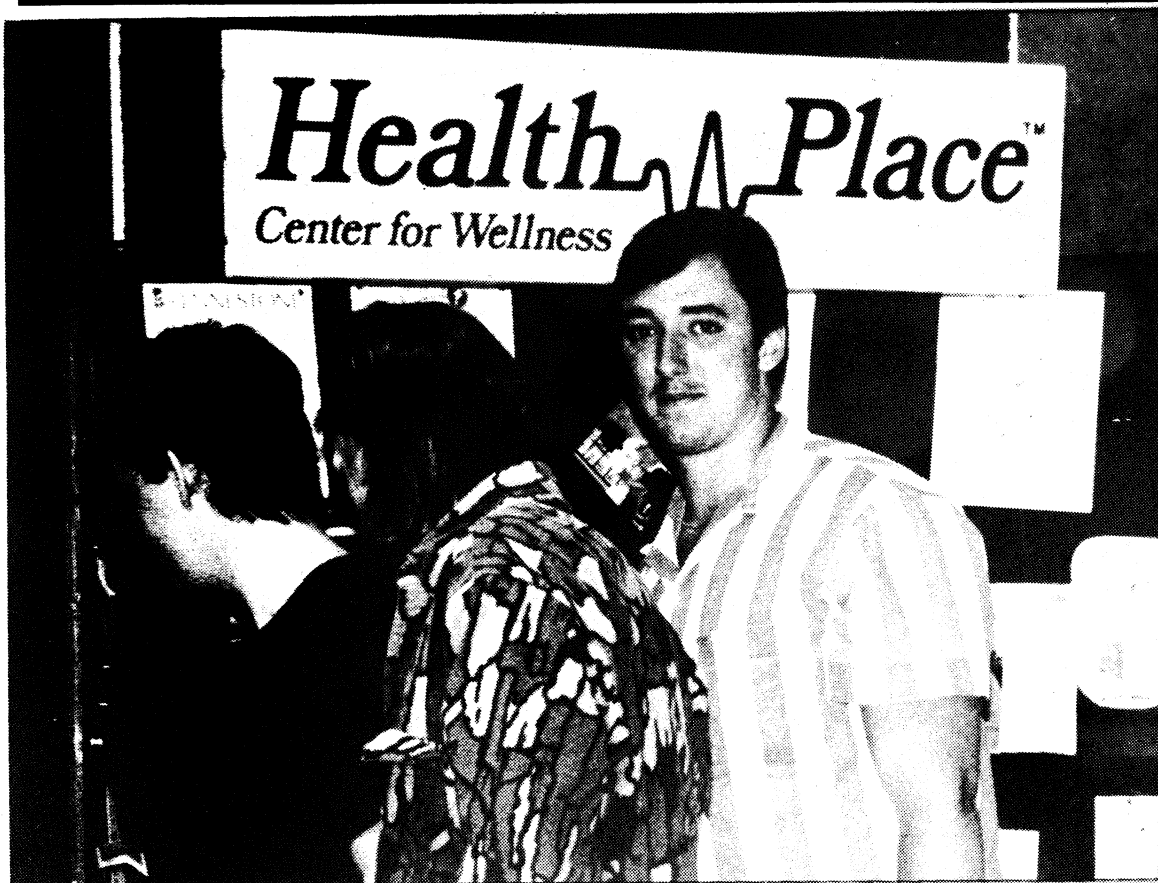
by Mark Weitzman



"Uh oh. Where's Rob?"

Weitzman

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THE STUDENT HEALTH DEPARTMENT sponsored a campus fair in the Student Center ballroom. There was a good turnout. Many people were tested and it was discovered that almost all of the people tested were, in fact, alive. -Photo by Tom Crowell

WGHR Holds Music Marathon

By Dolores Pece
Staff Writer

On Thursday, May 11 at 7 a.m., the STING's own Tom Crowell spun the first record to begin a 38-hour non-stop broadcast on SCOT's WGHR. The broadcast ran until Friday, May 12 at 10 p.m., and involved several members of WGHR, including Marc

Pruitt, Andrew Newton, Vee Harwell, David Miles, and THI. The broadcast last week broke the standing record of 8 continuous hours.

The radio station currently broadcasts 10 watts for about 4 or 5 hours sporadically during the day. WGHR members hope to gain more student interest and boost up to 100

watts and broadcast from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m. daily.

Many positions are now available on the radio station staff. For more information, stop by the office (next to the ping-pong tables in the student center) or call 424-7354. For music requests, call 424-7300. So turn on and tune in to 102.5 FM, WGHR.

God Obviously Hates Bell Tower Too

By Ed Hardy
Assistant Editor

The Bell Tower on the north end of the library began malfunctioning on Tuesday of last week. Specifically, one of the bells was not chiming. This did not effect the songs that are played several times per day, as those are recordings.

The Library received many

complaints about this, and a repairman came on Thursday to fix it. He determined that a power surge during an electrical storm Monday night caused one of the circuit breakers for the bells to trip. So he simply had to open the circuit breaker again, and the problem was fixed by 2:00 p.m.

Jobs are Waiting

By J.M. Rubin
College Press Service

Predictions that the Class of '89 would find a welcoming, strong job market for itself this spring are coming true, campus placement officers say.

Seniors interviewing for jobs through Michigan State University's placement office, for example, have amassed "a massive recruitment schedule," reported MSU's Tom Luten, who estimated visiting companies are offering 10-15 percent more jobs than they did last spring.

At Pepperdine University in Southern California, career counselor Jerry McBee said, "recruiting is a little better than in previous years."

Nationwide, "companies are offering higher average starting salaries than last year," said Dawn Oberman of the College Placement Council (CPC) in Bethlehem, Penn.

In general, most observers attribute the boom to big corporations being in a prosperous part of the business cycle.

"Business is very good," said Jim Townsend, recruiting manager for Dow Chemical USA, which plans to hire about 600 new grads this year.

Boull Worldwide Information Systems plans to hire about 10 percent more new people this year than last, reported Gordon Hampden, a consultant in employee and college relations.

The Marriott Corporation expects "a slow, sure growth rate of about 20 percent for the next five years," said Trudy Marotta, Marriott's college relations representative. The growth translates into 2,000 to 3,000 new employees.

This spring, virtually every kind of major seems to be in demand.

"Unemployment is down to 5 percent nationally, and all boats rise with an incoming

tide," said Victor Lindquist, Northwestern University's director of placement services.

"The market for engineers is the best since 1981-82," he added, noting the Midwest's heavy manufacturing companies have returned to campus to recruit. "Downsizing and reorganization are complete."

Engineering majors are also the most popular new grads at Memphis State University, placement director Walter Warren said. Marketing and accounting majors are getting a lot of job offers at MSU as well.

Technical majors not only are getting the most job offers, they're getting the highest starting salaries, the CPC's Oberman said.

Chemical engineering seniors are getting the fattest average starting salary offers, \$32,812, up 5.9 percent from 1988, Oberman found.

Accounting graduates can expect an average starting salary of \$25,261, 5.3 percent higher than last year's \$24,000.

Pay for graduates in "softer" fields like Management Information went up moderately to \$27,090 from \$24,864 last year, a 9 percent increase.

New journalism grads, by contrast, can expect to start at \$18,513, the CPC's latest salary survey revealed.

"Everyone wants to be Dan Rather," said Michigan State's Luten, "but they can't be."

"The location of a first job is difficult in the arts, humanities and social sciences," added Northwestern's Lindquist, "but that's improved."

Memphis State's Warren thinks the only new grads having inordinate trouble finding jobs are those "who have trouble defining their career goals and communicating them to employers."

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T. Gilliam Returns with *Baron*



THE COLORFUL BARON MUNCHAUSEN'S stories contained all the veracity of a "Joe Isuzu" commercial. -Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures

By Westly Hetrick
Obviously Weird Staff Writer

THE ADVENTURES OF BARON MUNCHAUSEN. Starring John Neville. Directed by Terry Gilliam. Columbia Pictures.

First, I'll give you the good news. Former Monty Python Terry Gilliam, the man who co-wrote and directed "Time Bandits" and "Brazil" has a new movie out. It's name is "The Adventures of Baron Munchausen" and I will say that it is completely funny, for lack of better adjectives. It even has a happy ending, a first for Mr. Gilliam.

The movie concerns itself, obviously, with the adventures of Karl Freidrich Heironymus, the Baron von Munchausen. The Baron was a real cavalry officer in the army of the Austrian Empire who had a penchant for tall tales about himself. It is from these tales that Mr. Gilliam based his movie. However, the Baron obviously felt there was no need to base these tales on anything close to reality, so in his stories, he would land on islands of cheese in seas of wine, and so on.

The story revolves around the Baron's efforts to stop a war he started with the Ot-

toman Empire twenty years before when he won a bet with the Ottoman Sultan. The Sultan, a remarkably poor loser, is determined to find the Baron and cut off his head, even if he has to invade most of Europe to do it.

But anyway, to defeat the Sultan, the Baron (John Neville) must gather his old friends and companions: Albrecht (Winston Dennis), the strongest man on Earth; Berthold (Eric Idle), the fastest man alive; Adolphus (Charles McKeown), who can see far-

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Take a Trip Back in Time

By Joanne Byrd
Staff Writer

For those of you who think chivalry is dead, you obviously haven't been to this year's Georgia Renaissance Festival. Experience a trip back in time to the days of knights in shining armor, damsels in distress, and court jesters. There is plenty of stuff to keep you entertained throughout the day at the Festival.

If you enjoy testing your strength and want to impress your friends or that special someone, there are plenty of booths that will gladly take your money and let you test your "knightly skills." You can test your finesse via a fencing booth in which you get to go head-to-head with a pro. Or if that doesn't tickle your

fancy, try the archery booth or the star/axe/knife tossing booth. For some reason it seemed like only the skinheads liked the star tossing event. Scary, huh?

If you like to spend lots and lots of money (hopefully your parents' money) then there are plenty of opportunities to do so at the Festival. It's sort of like a Little Five Points area yet the prices were cheaper. You can buy a full set of armor (the very heavy stuff) for a mere \$2,000.

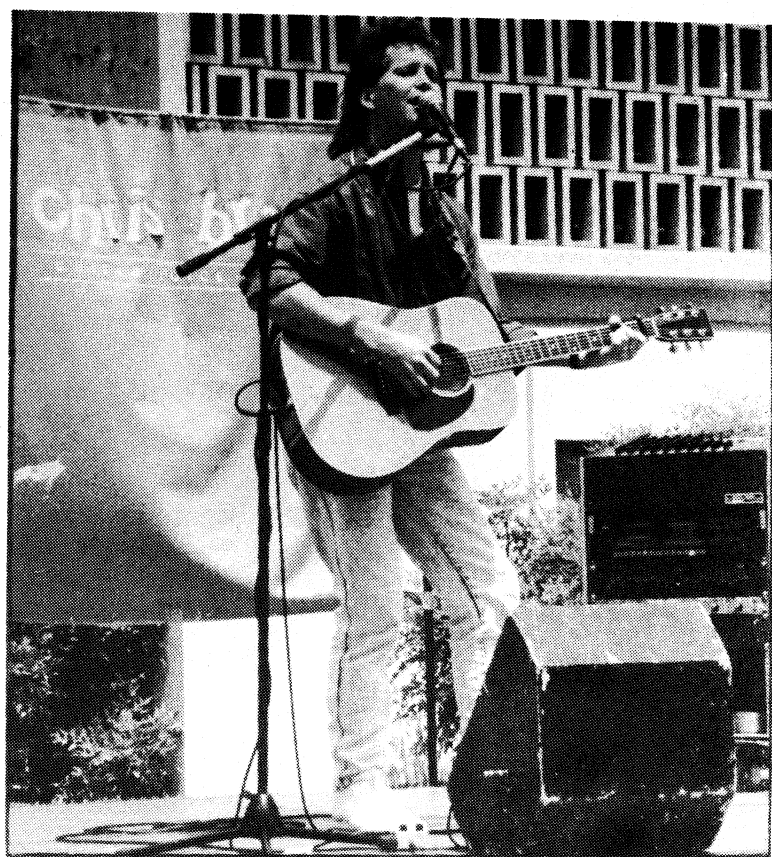
For entertainment, there's actual jousting, dueling, mud wrestling (sorry men, this event did not include women; I don't think they let women wrestle back then), and stage performances.

The dueling exhibitions were really impressive. You

know these performers have had a lot of extensive practice. In one episode, a Kissing Bandit was attempting to steal a kiss from the Queen. I know it sounds hokey but the sword fighting was great. The other dueling episode involved a man and woman (yes men, a female opponent and a damn good one I might add) who continued to yell insults at each other throughout the duel.

For stage entertainment there was the Atlanta Shakespeare Company (ASC), the Village Idiots, and storytellers. The ASC performed two skits which weren't the traditional Shakespearean versions of "Macbeth" and "Julius Caesar." They were

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Anyone who attended NC native Chris Brady's performance in the library circle at noon on May 2 will agree with his slogan "guitar-voice-energy." In his performance at Southern Tech, Brady played a little James Taylor, Jimmy Buffet, the Eagles, a very good "Piano Man" (with harmonica and guitar), and several songs of his own. His music had the audience clapping and singing. Whether oldies or originals, the harmony of Brady's voice entwining with the acoustic guitar surrounded the listeners completely and moved through the audience like an emotion. Available now is his album *Risk It All* including ten originals. I definitely recommend this energetic album for summer. Check local record stores or write to Lauris Records, P.O. Box 35232, Charlotte, NC 28235. Sponsored by CAB. -Photo by Dolores Pece

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BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



Dreams a Winner

By Lyn Peacock Staff Writer

FIELD OF DREAMS. Starring Kevin Costner, Amy Madigan, and James Earl Jones. Directed by Phil Alden Robinson. Universal release.

Few movies today even approach greatness. "Field of Dreams" surpasses greatness—it is downright inspiring. This film reminded me how good it is to be a baseball loving American.

Kevin Costner, who makes a 180 degree turn from his over-sexed character in "Bull Durham," is excellent as Ray Kinsella. He is an Iowa farmer who listens to a mysterious voice which tells him to plow under part of his corn crop to build a baseball field. Costner is wonderful in this James Stewartesque role.

Give Donna Reed a shot of spunk and a dose of wit and you will have Kinsella's ever-supportive wife well played by Amy Madigan.

James Earl Jones plays an activist/author turned computer software developer. He has become old and quite indifferent to the causes of his reform until Kinsella comes in contact with him. As always, Jones' performance is excellent.

Also, Burt Lancaster has a small but key role as a small town doctor that Ray visits.

The "Black Sox" team of the 1920's—especially "Shoeless Joe Jackson—are vindicated by this picture.

Yes, at times the movie just does cross the border into sappiness, but somehow it doesn't matter. Though there have been many baseball films recently, none have reached the pinnacle of "Field of Dreams."



THIS IS KIM BASINGER. She's not in this movie at all. However, we couldn't find a picture of Kevin Costner, and Kim Basinger appealed more to the predominately male STING staff anyway.

The Platters Are Coming to Southern Tech

Press Release

The world-famous Platters musical group will perform at the Southern College of Technology on Friday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the college gymnasium. Tickets are \$5 and the event is open to the public.

Since the beginning of the Rock and Roll era in the early '50's, Paul Robi and The Platters have been a super hit-making group, having attained worldwide status as one of the world's greatest singing groups. Million-selling records such as "The Great Pretender," "Only You," "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" and "Harbor Lights" have made the Platters a favorite group around the world.

Paul Robi also choreographed the group into one of the world's most entertaining musical groups in show business, taking time in between songs to be himself, the most appealing and articulate M.C. of all times.

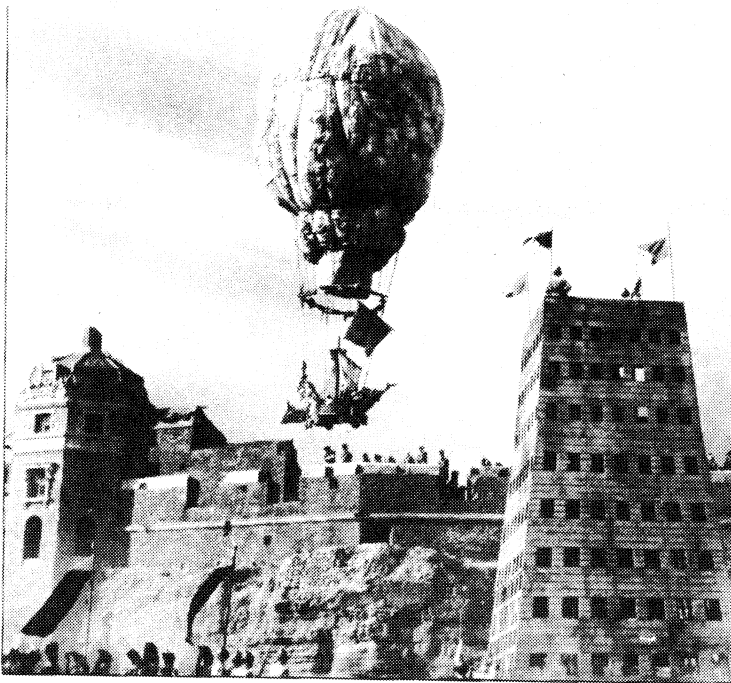
The Platters will take you through a musical adventure from the glorious days of the Rock and Roll era in an unforgettable night of melody and music.

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ther than a telescope; and Gustavus (Jack Purvis), who can blow harder than any hurricane and hear a man snore 900 miles away. On his way to find his friends, the Baron has a host of hard to believe adventures, including taking a balloon to meet the King of the moon (played by Robin Williams), falling back to Earth and into Mt. Etna, where he meets Vulcan, the god of war, and his bride Venus, the goddess of love, and dodging the angel of death a couple of times. This movie is filled with enough obvious scientific errors to make a Bugs Bunny cartoon look like a documentary on the laws of nature and science, so check your finely tuned engineering mind at the door if you want to have any fun. But it all adds up to make a hysterical movie, one of the few worth regular admission price, not to mention the drive to the theatre, which leads me to my next point.

One has to wonder who Terry Gilliam pissed off so badly. "The Adventures of Baron Munchausen" was released some time before spring break, but only recently has made its way to Atlanta. And it has received almost no advertising to announce its presence at just one theatre, the Lefont Tara on Cheshire Bridge Road. This movie has spectacular special effects and obviously cost a bundle to make, so you would think that they would be trying to make some of it back. They did the same thing with "Brazil," a movie that was only released in this country after it had received a dozen awards and looked like it had a good shot at some Oscars too. This movie deserves better treatment. Much better. It is just plain good fun and easy laughs. Even if you don't think it's quite as funny as I do, you will undoubtedly enjoy the masterful costumes and special effects. Go see it soon. I doubt it will play long since hardly anyone knows it exists.



A BALLOON made of ladies' silken lingerie carries Baron Munchausen aloft on his quest for allies to fight the Sultan's army. -Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures

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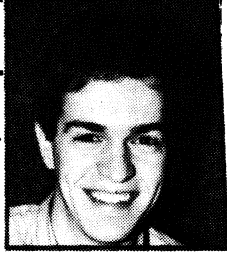
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Ravaging Illness Strikes Seniors

**By Todd Barney
Editor**



You're going to get it eventually in your college career, if you last long enough to finish. I'm talking about Short-Timer's Disease (STD). Combat veterans get it when they know they've only got a few more days in the field. Older people get it when they know there are only a few more months to retirement. And college seniors get it when graduation is only one quarter away.

The most notable symptom is an acute apathetic reaction to almost anything that doesn't deal with your immediate prospects of passing your final classes and getting a job. Other indications are a peculiar restlessness, particularly noticeable in required classes you should have taken as a freshman, and a pressing need to join all of the professional societies you've been putting off for four years.

There is no known cure for this crippling disease, but some of the symptoms can be treated, if caught early enough.

One of the easiest ways to treat the disease is to take freshman- and sophomore-level classes when you're a freshman or sophomore. I know, I know, it kind of defeats the purpose of being a happy-go-lucky underclassman if you have to take 17 to 19 hours every once in a while. But it sure as hell beats taking two Englishes, a History, and four senior-level design courses in your last quarter. Worse yet is having to put off graduation one quarter in order to take Western Civ and SCT 101.

Another way to nip this in the bud is to join a professional society before your senior year. If you're a Double-E, join IEEE. If you're an Imaginary Engineer, join IIE. If you're a Computer Science type, join the ACM. There are such groups of letters for every major on this campus, and some, like the AIPE, are for everyone. The benefits of joining one of these will astound you,

and they go a long way toward relieving the symptoms of STD.

Unfortunately, like a lot of smokers, people who eat too much salt, and Gary Busey, knowing what is good for you does absolutely no good until it's too late. My Western Civ class this quarter has a good percentage of short-timers in it. My Business Communications class has at least three seniors who will graduate within two quarters. I finally joined the IEEE, so I'll get to reap the benefits for a whopping two quarters. I could've made it easier on myself, but I put it off, and now I'm caught fully in the grips of this ravaging illness.

As for apathetic reactions, I haven't washed my car since last fall, the only clothes I'm ever sure will be clean is my interview suit, and I am more than ready to hand-over the newspaper to someone else. Most of my conversations run something like this:

"Got any job offers yet?"
 "No, you?"
 "Nah, me neither. When's our next test?"
 "Next Friday. You wanna go rafting this weekend?"
 "No, I'm gonna stay home and work on my resume."

If you have Short-Timer's Disease, about the only thing you can do is ride it out. It will pass. The symptoms will recede after your last final exam of your final quarter. You can speed this along by getting completely blotto after the test. Just take a cab or a designated driver so you can stick around to get Short-Timer's again when you're 65.

If you know someone with STD, the best thing you can do is put up with them. They won't be like this forever. Chances are very good that they will revert to the sweet, lovable person they used to be before their senior year. Unfortunately, until they graduate, they're probably going to be real close to unbearable. Maybe you can take them out and get them blotto'd after their last final.



DRUG CZAR BENNETT IN THE GARDEN

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Consensus Editorial

The Administration has decided on a plan to re-number all the rooms on campus (see story on page 1). While this is intended to be a more logical system than the one we have now, we don't see any real problems with the old one.

The new plan will assign a letter to each building on campus while the old system assigns a number to each. We think buildings should continue to have numbers assigned to them, even if these numbers start running up into the teens. There is nothing wrong with Building "1400."

All that this change will accomplish is that everyone will be totally lost while trying to find their classes the first day, not just the new freshmen.

This is just another example of the Administration trying to fix things that don't need fixing, while ignoring real problems like the library hours.

Woman's Outrage

Dear STING:

I am writing in response to Tau Kappa Epsilon's article in the May 2 issue of The STING. As a woman of Southern Tech, I was offended by the article's statement that the only real women the campus has ever seen were the Hooter girls, who were invited on campus to waitress a fraternity event. My question to the author of this article is, "Where are the real men?" I have met many boys while I have been at Southern Tech, but the men are few and far between. In order to recognize a real woman, it takes a real man. Unfortunately, it seems few real men exist, particularly among certain selected fraternities on campus. Maybe the root of the problem is that the boys of the campus resent the possibility that one of the Southern Tech women may be their boss one day. If so, I suggest they get used to the fact that women are excelling in the field of technology. As for the statement in the article that TKE "blessed" the campus with Hooter girls, I think the blessing should be left up to the Maker.

Sincerely,
A real SCoT woman

I think any "real man" would question the definition of a "real woman" as someone who wears tiny orange shorts, a microscopic T-shirt, and has an appalling lack of brains.

Good Job on 'Fest

Dear STING:

Great job!!!! Techfest '89 was a huge success and we owe much of the credit to you students who inflated balloons, poured Pepsi's, cooked chicken and hot dogs, performed on stage, conducted lab demonstrations and tours, etc., etc., etc. A special note of thanks should go to those groups who helped, including the American Institute of Architecture students, Campus Activities Board, Lambda Chi Alpha, International Student Association, Black Student Association, Alpha Phi Alpha, Connectors, Diplomats, American Institute of Plant Engineers, and the Student Government Association.

We estimate that over 2,500 people were on our campus for Techfest. We received many

positive compliments about the Techfest displays and the wonderful International Festival food, displays, and entertainment. On behalf of the Techfest Committee, thanks for making it a great day for Southern Tech.

Barry Birkhead
Director of Student Activities

Career Day a Success

Dear STING:

Thanks to the outstanding turn-out of about 700 students and the 44 companies, the Placement/Career Center rates CAREER DAY '89 a success and the best ever. We do hope that all the students gained from this student affairs program.

The Placement staff thanks the Southern Tech National Alumni Association (again) for hosting the buffet lunch for our industry representatives and the 1989 graduating seniors; some 250 plus attended. The effort of Tom Hughes and staff made the luncheon a success for all of us.

We heard some fine remarks from the industry representatives; many said this was the best attended career day they had experienced at any college or university. Most companies left with 50-100 resumes.

Thanks again to all.

Paul Smith
Director of Placement

No Title For This One

Dear STING:

We're writing this letter to accuse The STING of making up things to fill up space in the newspaper. This is a heinous practice (just to use the word heinous) and should be stopped immediately. Real newspapers like Pravda and the National Enquirer would never do this. A true newspaper lives for journalistic integrity and doesn't look on this as just two big words. In our opinion, The STING is fit only for fish-wrap.

Yours truly,
The American Association of Scrod Fishermen

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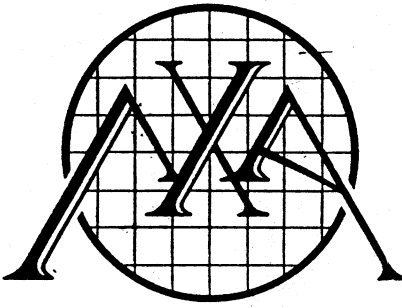
Tau Kappa Epsilon

By Brad Kennedy

Well TKE just got back from one heck of a beach trip. For those of you that didn't go, you missed out on a lot of fun, food, and freedom from the academic shackles of Southern Tech. Teke visited the volleyball scene on the beach, the Deep South Dangle, and witnessed the LIZZARD'S ever so daintiful impression of the BELLY FLOP in continuing his never ending pursuit of Jagermeister. We also met up with a few Pi Kapps from Troy State who were confused about where the dance floor was. They *tried* to do a little dan-

cing on our faces, but we were shielded by the spectacular efforts of our most congenial boxer, Frater Sid Upchurch. In spite of this minor scuffle, TKE enjoyed one of the sunniest, funniest, and most Party-Hardest beach BLASTs we've ever had. We're looking forward to finishing off the rest of Panama City next spring.

TKE is also gearing down for Greek Week. Nobody, but nobody totes a bed mattress and tosses eggs better than TKE. Heck, just ask the people that come to our parties. We practice every weekend. So for those of you that think you can toss an egg better than us, the yolk will be on you. We don't want any hard feelings though. All that matters is that everyone get out and have a good time. "It doesn't matter who wins or loses"...until you lose! We're keeping one thought in mind though...**There are no points for second place!** See you there.



By Dusten "Pick" Godfrey

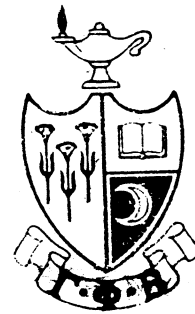
First of all, I would like to thank everybody for our tremendous success with our Alcohol Awareness Week. I hope everybody that came out enjoyed our seminars and learned some things about alcohol. It would not have gone over so well if we did not have the help from all the brothers and associate members. Great work guys!

I would like to congratulate Randy Thorton. He is our newest associate member. This brings our total to three A.M.s this quarter. Good job on rush guys!

Lambda Chi Alpha's softball team has a record of 4-2 in the regular season. We are currently 1-0 in the state qualifying tournament. We beat the Hellcats 13-5 in our first game. Of our two sand volleyball teams, Lambda Chi No. 1 is hangin' tough at 2-3. Lambda Chi No. 2 is doing better at 3-2.

We had an awesome time at our 14th annual White Rose formal. We rocked the Peachtree Plaza into the wee hours of the night. It was a party that we all deserved and will always be remembered as one of the best.

Lambda Chi Alpha is ready to battle with the Greeks in the week "Zeus cuts loose." I hope everybody will show up for the big-Greek party Friday night. It will be a throw down, including a live band. Good luck to the rest of you Greeks, because you are going to NEED IT!

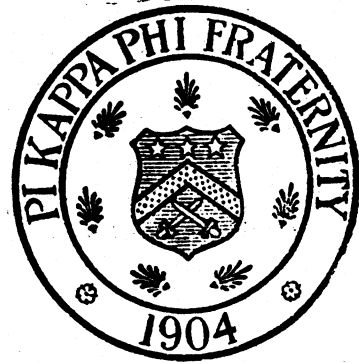


Gamma Phi Beta

By Christina Scarborough

Well, since this is a first for me it's a little exciting. We've been pretty busy lately. We had our tuck-in a few weeks ago and did really great. Thanks to all you guys who bought one. Our Collegiate Consultant, Michelle Korger, was here for a visit. She had some really great ideas for us and was a lot of fun. We had a car wash a little while ago. Gamma Phi Beta would like to say a special thank you to Alan Hayes, Mark Kheir, and Randy Westfall for helping us out. You all are the greatest and we appreciate it greatly. We have our formal coming up which should be a lot of fun. Beware! You're probably going to be seeing a lot more of Gamma Phi Beta so be on the lookout for us.

Well, I missed last week so I'm just going to add this. We just had our formal last weekend and it was a blast, lots of fun and awards. Congrats to Vicki Broom for Sister of the Year; Kitty Kheir, the Delta Award; and Heidi Brown, the Omicron Award. Congratulations to everyone else. Lisa, you did a great job. I'm outta here.



By Don Carlucci

I want to start off by congratulating our newest brother Mike Millalo and our newest pledges Matt Bluenthal, Kraig Count, Brad Harris, David Leckie, Bud Myers, and David Warden. Good luck guys.

Now to the business at hand - Pi Kapp Softball. As of Monday the 9th we are 6 and 1 and 1 and 0 in the state tournament. And with the support of our fraternity there is no stopping us.

Pi Kappa Phi is holding our 8th Annual Roseball on May 20th at the Marriott at the Perimeter. And the following day we play our ancient alumni in softball for some root beer. Now for the big Event! The week Zeus cuts loose will be controlled by the Pi Kapps. We are looking to finish first or second so as for the rest of the Greeks, look out! Until next time.



By Dale Millican

I hope everyone's quarter is going great. Sigma Pi has been very busy so far and we are not about to slow down. When Greek Week begins Sigma Pi will re-establish ourselves as the number one fraternity on campus.

Immediately following Greek Week we will be having our big formal, Orchid Ball. And thanks to Tom Stewart, this year's Orchid Ball should be one of our best.

Thanks also go to Dr. De-Jarnette for doing such a great job with our little sisters.

And last but not least, the brothers are saddened to see our long time chapter advisor, Jerry Wingate, move far away from us. Jerry is an alumni of Southern Tech and former chapter president of Sigma Pi. Thanks Jerry for all you have done for us over the years.

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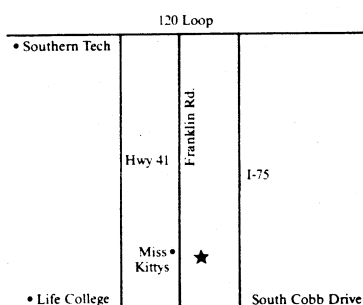
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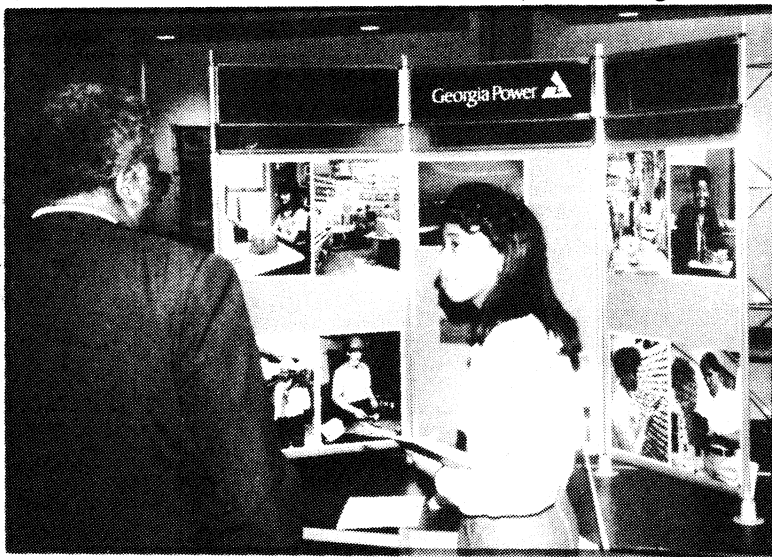
Contacts Made at Career Day

By Todd Barney
Editor

On Thursday, May 4, the Southern Tech Placement Center sponsored a career day for SCoT students. The event was well attended by industry representatives looking for hot prospects, and by students looking for promising positions. All of the companies set up booths in the Student Center ballroom in order to meet with the students.

Forty-four companies were represented. They were looking for students of every major. Southern Tech's graduate program in Technical Management also had a booth, as did The Club, a firm specializing in professional clothing. Several Southern Tech alumni who recently went to work for some of the companies attending came back to recruit their former classmates and show just how successful SCoT graduates can be.

Most companies collected resumes from hopeful near-graduates. This was an excellent time to make that first



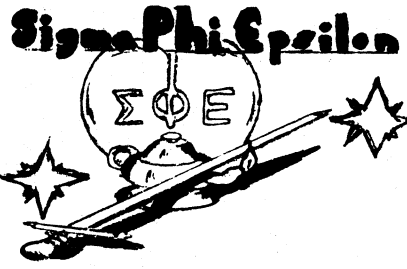
THIS STUDENT TALKS with the recruiter about her chances of working for Georgia Power. More than 40 companies were represented at Career Day this quarter.-Photo by Tom Crowell

contact with a company in a more relaxed atmosphere than an interview or initial phone call. It also gave the companies the opportunity to meet with a wide variety of students, giving them a good indication of this year's crop.

The Alumni Association provided an excellent lunch buffet for the industry reps and the 1989 graduating students. The buffet was held in the "round room" in the library. The cold cuts and potato salad were absolutely

wonderful, and everyone seemed to eat their fill. The lunch was a nice break from the quick-paced action in the student center.

Paul Smith, Placement Center Director, and his staff are to be commended for coordinating the Career Day. Events like this are invaluable in the job search because they allow students to contact several companies in a short amount of time, companies they might not have been able to contact otherwise.



By Lamar Bevil

I hope everyone is enjoying "The Week Zeus Cuts Loose." If you saw our banner last Monday and were wondering what happened on Tuesday, let's just say we are now negotiating with Ted Turner to colorize the banner.

We had a great time engineering traffic and parking cars at Prater's Mill Country Fair, and we would like to thank all the A D Pis who came and helped.

Don't forget the Bathtub Race on Sunday. After the race, all the Atlanta Area Sig Ep Alumni will be gathering for a cook-out co-sponsored by our chapter and the Georgia Tech and Georgia State chapters. See you at the Beach Party!

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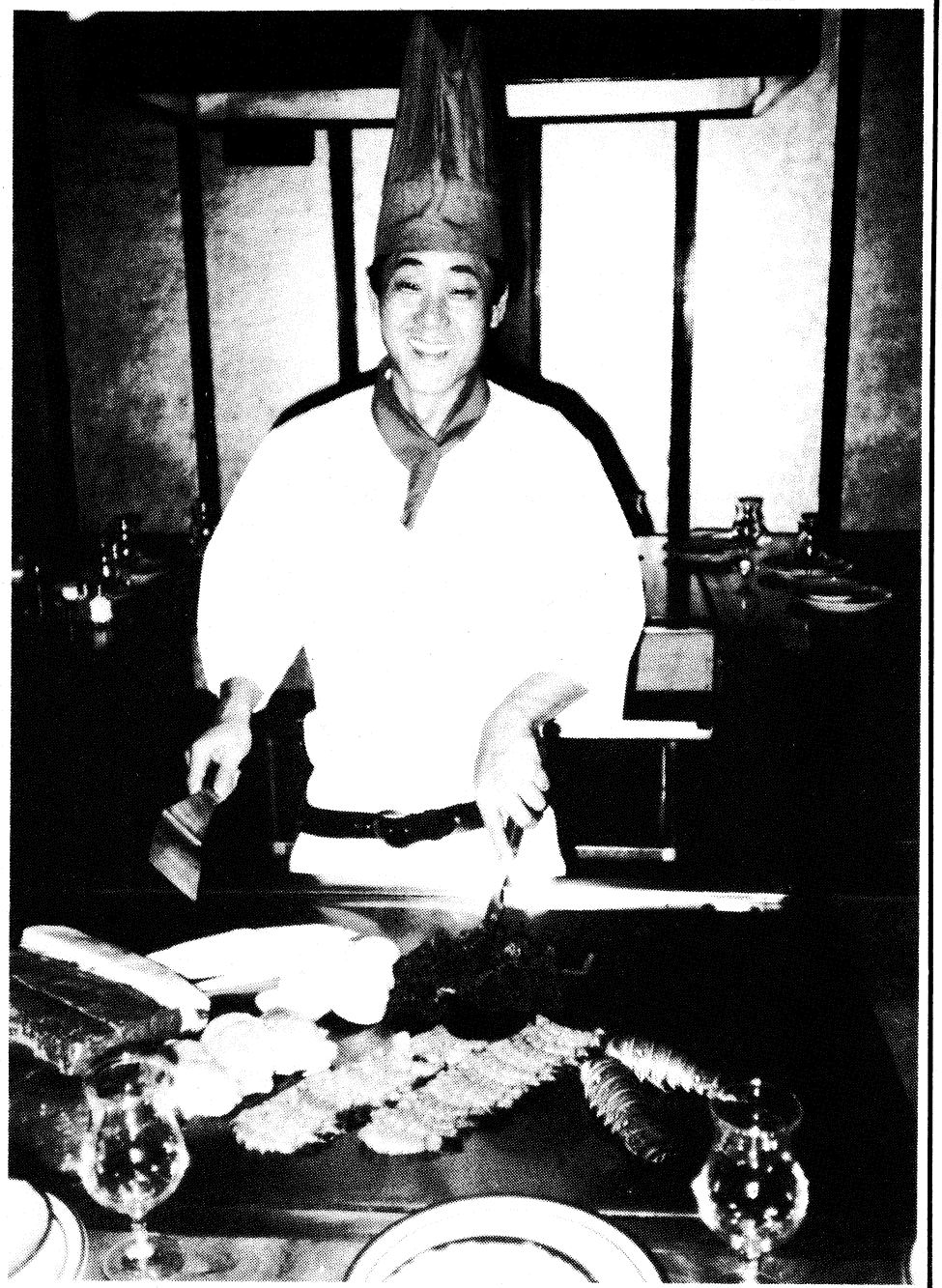
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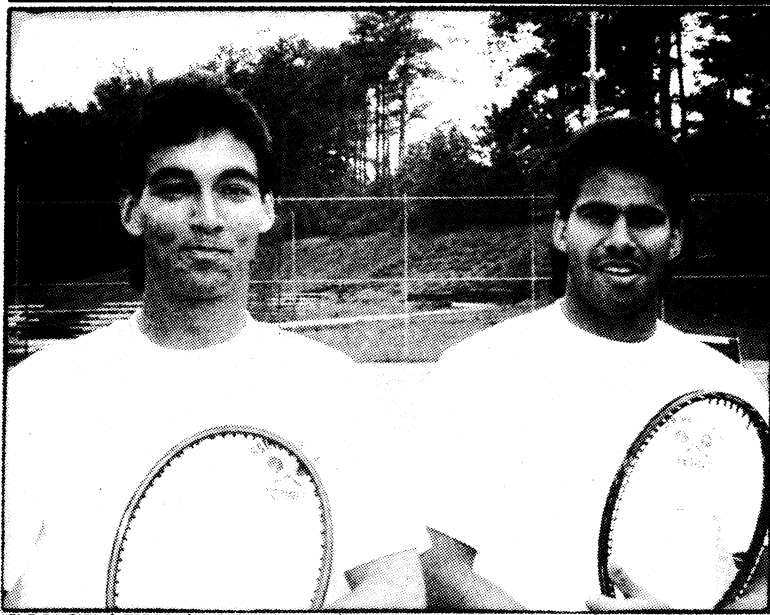
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Facelift continued from 1

painting there is undertaken.

In addition to painting, Building 3 has been undergoing an air conditioning and heating installation. This would alleviate those "hot summer nights" in the Cyber Lab. The lobby in the women's restroom will be sacrificed for an elevator. Once all the construction is completed, the physics labs will be relocated to the upper level of this building.

Plant Operations has plans to update the worn out wooden exterior campus signs that surround the campus. Many of these existing signs are too dark and faded to read anymore. Mr. Matthews hopes

his department will obtain a machine within the next year that will allow post and panel signs to be created here on campus rather than bidding the work out to an outside party.

In addition to this sign project, the office signs outside professors' doors will be standardized around campus. Rather than the individual letters and numbers mounted to the wall, new signs with jade green backgrounds and beige lettering will be installed.

In conjunction with the new office signs, each building around the campus will be assigned an alphabetic letter. For example, rather than

having a class held in room 422, it may become room F122. The exact assignment schedule was not available but it is known that each existing building, and the sites of future buildings, have already been assigned a letter. For instance, the new Apparel and Textile Building has already been assigned the letter M, but several letters preceding M are going to be assigned to the sites of future buildings.

All in all, the campus has been in much need of a face lift. Most of the buildings being improved were built around 1960. It's about time for a 30 year 'Spring Cleaning.'

Budget continued from 1

get the budget approved soon so the organizations will know how much money they have to spend next year.

Vice-President-Elect Jeff Crocker made a motion that the budget be approved as it was, and it passed with no discussion.

Several days later Kyle was informed that Gary Reuss was intending to print an article in the STING protesting this decision. She and Reuss had

several discussions and she decided to declare that meeting null and void. The budget will have to be re-approved at today's meeting, providing there is a quorum.

The budget must be approved at one meeting, then passed at another. Kyle is going to propose a motion at today's meeting that they waive this process and go ahead and give the budget a final approval.

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tunate to have had only a few minor accidents in the past. According to Lee Miller of the BRA, "We have a very high standard of safety as far as the inspection of the [tubs]. The [tubs] have to pass the specific standards outlined in the manual before they are allowed on the track. Also, everyone out there is of sound mind and is very safety conscious."

There are currently two colleges from Pennsylvania (Spring Garden and Villa Nova) who come down and participate in the race.

The Southern Tech BRA is a recognized organization of the college which is the sanctioning body for the bi-annual bathtub race held on campus. The BRA also makes all the rules and regulations and takes care of putting on the race itself.

People who are allowed to participate in or help with the races are students, alumni, and invited guests of the BRA.

Any student or alumni can join the BRA as a general member for \$2 per year or a racing member for \$10 per year. All people who race and work on the crews must be a member of the BRA. Anyone interested in joining the BRA or becoming a racer can contact Professor Logue.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES FISCAL BUDGET 1989-1990

ORGANIZATION	REQUESTED	ALLOCATED
Student Center	\$ 61,850	\$ 58,000
CAB		
Lectures	10,000	10,000
Movies	12,300	8,000
Concerts	15,000	14,000
Entertainment	31,400	25,000
CAB Total		\$ 57,000
Intramurals	49,740	47,000
Sting	16,755	16,500
Log	16,100	16,000
Special Lectures	10,000	10,000
WGHR Radio	14,591	8,675
S.G.A. Office	7,800	6,800
Bathtub Race	5,600	5,600
Cultural Series	5,000	5,000
General Support	8,000	4,000
International Students	3,700	1,500
A.S.M.E.	2,359	1,000
N.S.B.E.	2,770	850
Tau Alpha Pi	1,500	850
I.E.E.E.	875	850
A.I.A.S.	940	800
Storc	2,000	750
Awards	700	700
B.S.A.	1,400	500
Voices	5,595	400
A.S.Q.C.	635	400
I.F.C.	500	400
Panhellenic	800	400
Campus Crusade	325	325
S.A.M.S.O.G.	418	300
Diplomats	1,200	200
Student Judiciary	200	200
Connectors	2,100	0
Jazz Band	1,200	0
Total	299,434	245,000

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titled "How MacBeth Murdered All His Friends" and "The Gory, Bloody, Disgusting Death of Julius Caesar." Both are a definite "must-see" if you attend the Festival.

All in all, the Georgia Renaissance Festival is an en-

tertaining way to spend the day (provided someone else foots the bill, unless you have the money to burn). The Festival runs every weekend through June 4 and admission is \$8.95 per person (see what I mean?). Take I-85 south to exit 12 and turn left. Have fun!

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