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Bus System Opens Up Cobb County



Buses like the one pictured here are now running throughout Cobb county, providing cheap transportation with minimum hassle. -Photo by Pete Kang

By Westly Hetrick
Assistant Editor

Cobb County is going places. Finally. As of July 10, the new Cobb Community Transit (CCT) bus service (that was promised to be in place in time for the Democratic National Convention) is up and running throughout the county. Until now, Cobb County has been the largest urban area in the country without a mass transit system.

SCT students will be happy to learn that the air-conditioned buses make almost 400 stops, including one in front of Southern Tech. It runs north to Kennesaw and south to the MARTA Arts Center Rail Station in Atlanta in its present form. The lines converge just off the square in

Marietta on Cherokee Street. The bus stops are approximately two blocks apart, and stop roughly every half hour, except for rush hour and evening. (Schedules are available in the student center and on the buses.)

Future plans for CCT have already been made, including five rush hour express routes to Atlanta coming in September, anticipating the success of the current system. According to Rachel Schrauner, Cobb Transit Authority director, additional fixed bus lines could be added within six months to a year. Also, within 15 months, CCT plans to add a county-wide dial-a-ride program. The dial-a-ride program works by having potential passengers call a small bus to collect them from

their homes and drive them to the nearest fixed route bus stop. Finally, temporary park and ride lots are planned until permanent lots can be found and built.

Regular fare for adults using the current local system is 75 cents, 35 cents for senior citizens and handicapped passengers during off-peak hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays). When the express routes to Atlanta open in September the fare for a round trip ticket with a transfer to the MARTA system will be \$2.85 for adults. Transfers for changing buses or getting off and back on the bus within two hours are free. Weekly passes will also be available.

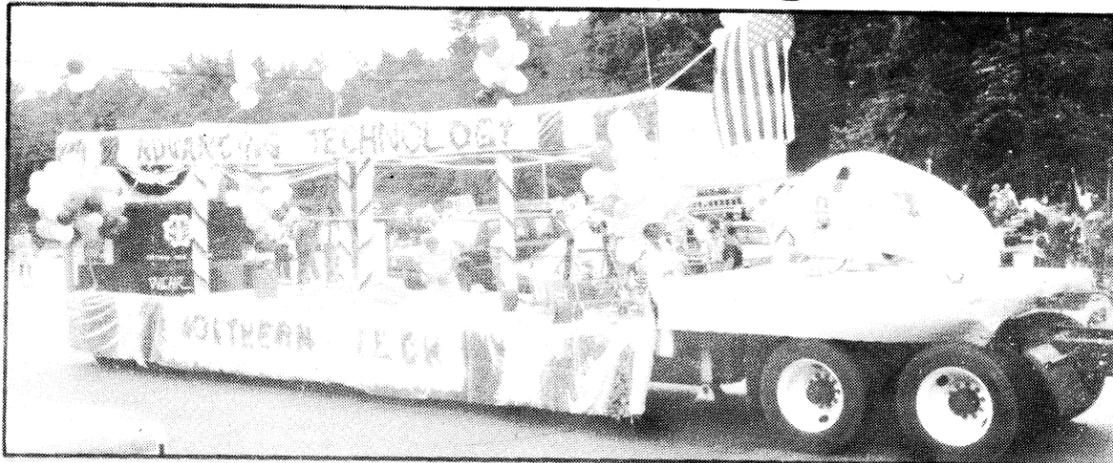
CCT is also the first transit

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SCT Builds Winning Float



The float pictured here won first prize in the annual Marietta July 4 parade, and got Southern Tech invited to the "Salute to America" parade in Atlanta. -Photo by Tom Crowell

By Gary Reuss
Special to The STING

Independence Day, July 4, comes only once a year. It is a day when families get together and celebrate America's birthday. A day of parade watching, in person and on television. Millions of people in the Atlanta area alone did just this type of thing. Gathered together, they oohed and ahhed over the presentations of groups displaying their uniqueness and unity with their floats, banners, and bands. This was their opportunity to not only show off their talents and energies, but to attract interested people in-

to their groups, while displaying their patriotism toward America and what it stands for.

Two such organizations representing the Southern College of Technology organized, engineered, and built a float for the July fourth celebration. Spearheaded by the American Institute of Plant Engineers (A.I.P.E.) and backed financially by the Institute of Industrial Engineers (I.I.E.), the first Southern Tech parade float evolved from a dream into a reality. Because of the energy and determination of these two organizations, they were able to enlist the aid of, and bridge

the gap between professional organizations for the first time. Sigma Phi Epsilon brought in both brothers and non-committed students to donate their labors towards the construction of the float. Their Greek letters were displayed below the American flag at the rear of the float.

As the float started to take shape, a feeling of camaraderie and school spirit emerged. The American Society of Manufacturing Engineers, in conjunction with the MET Department, participated by displaying their Human Powered Vehicle

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The residence Halls are Undergoing Improvements

By Gonzalo E. Avila
Staff Writer

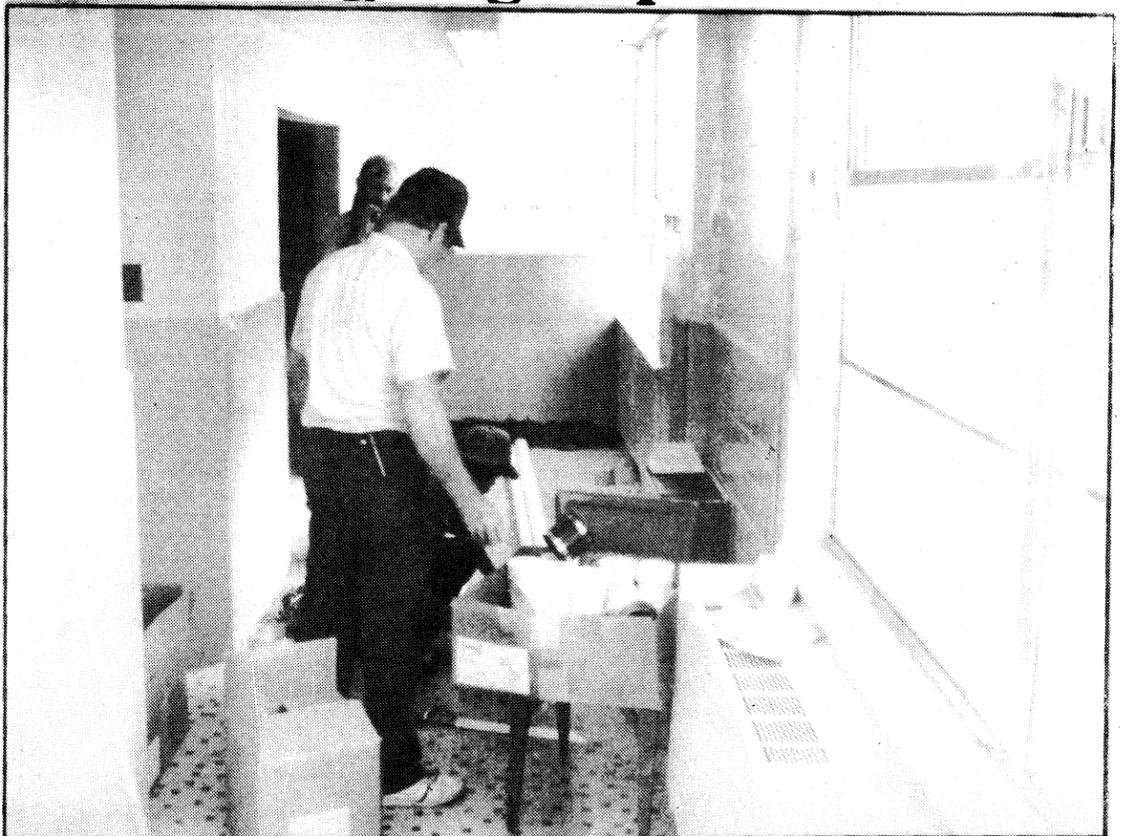
Last quarter many resident students were stricken because of a rise in the price for quarterly housing here at Southern Tech. This measure was adopted due to the increase in costs to maintain the facilities and in order to introduce some improvements and renovations to the Norton and Howell residence halls.

As a result, new ceilings have been installed along with fire alarms in every room. Also, the doors that provide access to the halls have been replaced allowing more control, especially in the hall assigned to women. On this subject, Glenda Shipp, section supervisor of the Housing Office comments: "Their [the women's] hall can be locked off from the rest of the building, and only they can come and leave using their key which prevents other people from coming through." Mrs. Shipp mentions also that in order to improve overall security, new security guards are patrolling the residence halls without the Housing Office having to rely only on Campus Safety. In addition, a

new electronic security system is being installed on the building which will enable all students who are Southern Tech residents to feel more secure, especially after certain hours.

Besides these security measures, the Housing Office is renovating the water supply system in the Howell dormitory. "Some of the renovations are things that you cannot see because it has to do with the water supply," explains Mrs. Shipp. "Now, in an event that the water supply needs to be cut off, the new system will enable operators to cut off the water only in the section that requires work without leaving the whole building out of water service," she added.

Regarding the promised telephone service, Mrs. Shipp manifested that the telephone lines were expected to be in service July 1. "Unfortunately," comments Mrs. Shipp, "this is something that the Housing Office has no control over." It seems that Southern Bell has been delaying the installment of the service, but it is expected to be hooked up by late July or early August.



Students returning to the dorms Fall quarter will be glad to see that many improvements and renovations were made this Summer. Here, a construction crew is discussing the metaphysical nature of PVC pipe. -Photo by Tom Crowell

Among other improvements, the Housing Office is planning to provide more study rooms along with renovations in the appearance of the actual TV rooms. More maintenance people are coming in to install new screens, and to make the

repairing process quicker in small jobs such as changing torn blinds and the like.

In conclusion, the Housing of at Southern Tech," Dr. there are problems going on, "but these problems cannot be

solved quickly," says Mrs. Shipp. Finally, she adds that "If anybody has a problem, please come up and talk to us. Jan [Jan Taylor, Director of the Housing Office] and I will be more than happy to try to work it out."

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Black Enrollment High

Press Release

Southern Tech has been ranked third in the nation in actual numbers of black students enrolled in engineering and engineering technology, according to the National Data Book from the National Association of Minority Engineering Program Administrators.

The only two schools in the U.S. that had more black engineering and/or engineering technology students were the City College of New York (802) and Howard University (696). Howard has a predominately black enrollment. Southern Tech had 476 black students enrolled fall quarter 1988, representing 12.6 percent of the college's total enrollment.

Since the City College of

New York has more than 13,000 students, Southern Tech actually ranks *second* nationally, only to Howard University, in the *percentage* of black students in these fields.

"I believe this is something of which we can be proud of at Southern Tech," Dr. Cheshier said. He added that progress has continued in the area of black enrollment. Spring quarter 1989 figures showed 485 black student (13.9% of enrollment), and applications for fall quarter 1989 indicate continued growth.

"When compared to national figures of less than 5 percent black enrollment in engineering and engineering technology, our figures are impressive," Dr. Cheshier said.

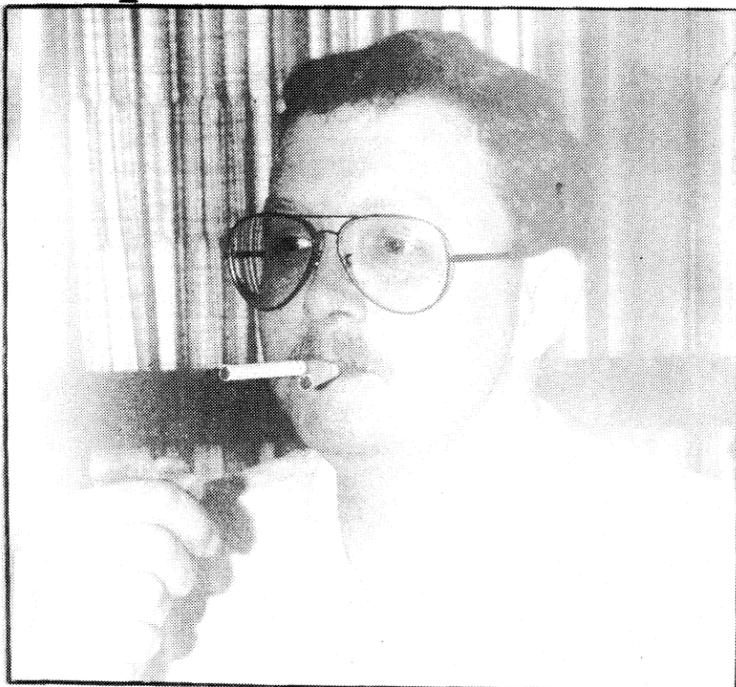
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Opinions on Smoking Polled



universities in the [Georgia] system." Since many other schools in the system are examining their smoking policies, this Southern Tech governing body decided it was time to review our smoking policy.

"[It was] not a scientific survey by any means," declared Ms. Sage. The purpose of the survey was to obtain an overall feeling from the community about smoking on campus. Each person completing a survey was asked for his/her status (student, staff, or faculty), whether he/she smokes, and which smoking policy statements he/she agrees with most. These possible smoking policy statements were: 1) No smoking except outdoors, 2) No smoking except in designated areas and outdoors, 3) Smoking should not be banned anywhere, and 4) No smoking in classrooms and labs.

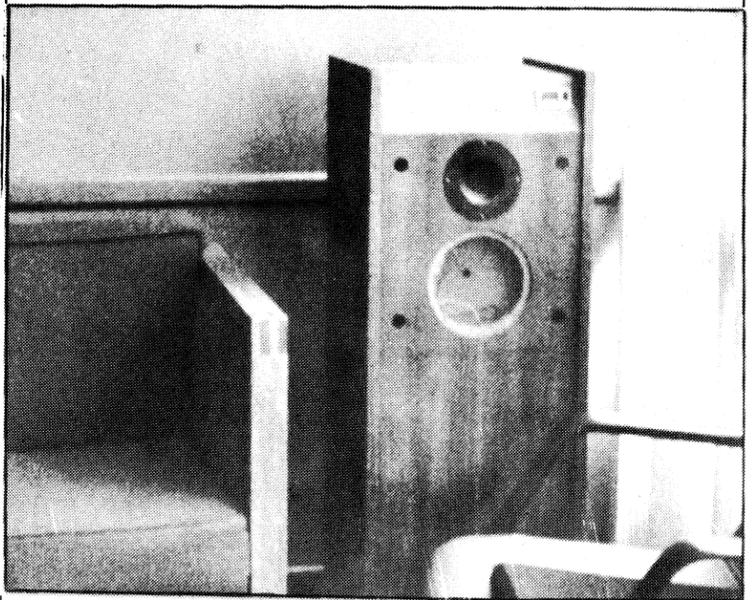
The surveys were circulated to the President's Office where they were, in turn, distributed to the faculty and staff members. To obtain student input, the surveys were distributed to all the student organizations by the Student Activities Of-

classrooms and labs. Professor Sally Sage of the Applied Computer Science Department was appointed Chairperson of a Senate Faculty subcommittee to investigate the possible implementation of a new smoking policy. According to Ms. Sage, smoking is currently a "big issue with all the

The student shown here is expressing his opinion on smoking quite graphically. While The STING staff honors his right to light up, we would like to point out that this particular gentleman is in the "Express Lane to Lung Cancer." -Photo by Tom Crowell

By Joanne Byrd
Staff Writer

During the Spring Quarter an informal survey of the Southern Tech community was performed to obtain input for changes to the current smoking policy on campus. This policy states that no smoking is permitted in the



According to Barry Birkhead, Director of Student Activities, the cones were stolen from the speakers in the Music Listening Room the Monday or Tuesday before Finals Week last quarter. He said they were \$800 speakers seven or eight years ago. There currently aren't any definite plans to replace the speakers, because there isn't any money in the Student Center Budget to pay for them, and the Music Listening Room is closed for the Summer, anyway. -Photo by Tom Crowell

ice and surveys were made available in the Student Center.

When Kennesaw State College implemented a smoking policy without input from its community, several smoking members were outraged by this lack of involvement with the decisions. Therefore, Ms. Sage felt it prudent to seek our input

before any decisions are made by the Senate Faculty committee.

The statistics from the surveys will be compiled and presented at the next Senate Faculty meeting. At this time the results were not available for print. These results and any planned action(s) will be reported in The STING when they are made available.

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Pfeiffer Appointed Humanities Head

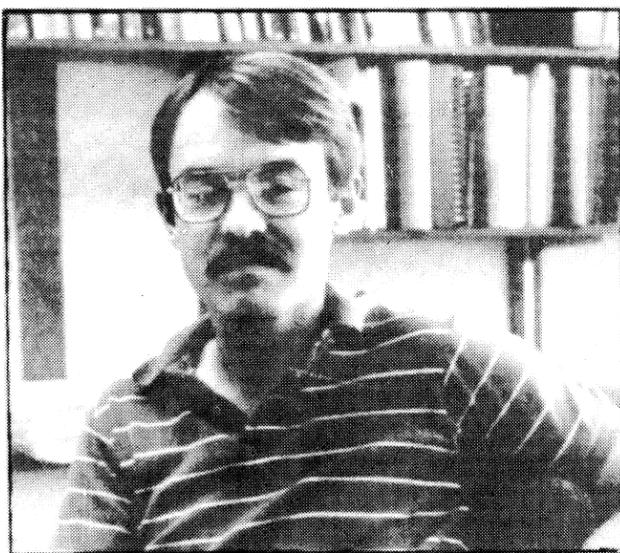
By Ed Hardy
Editor

After a nation-wide search, Dr. Sandy Pfeiffer has been made the head of the Humanities and Social Sciences Department. Candidates, both from across the country and from right here on campus, were interviewed, until Dr. Pfeiffer's name was picked to be sent to the Georgia Board of Regents, who approved him for the position.

Dr. Pfeiffer was quick to point out that they were no longer the old English and History Department. "We've broadened now that we offer political science, geography, anthropology, and master's courses with our graduate program in writing. We're more than just English, comp., literature, and history.

"The big challenge for the Fall is the new core curriculum. We are instituting a lot of new courses, several new ones each quarter. We have to get people prepared to teach them, and get students informed about them.

"The second major challenge is the second year of the Master's program. It was



Here is a nostalgic look back at the Dr. Pfeiffer of old. He is no longer a mustachioed professor but is now a clean-shaven dept. head. We at The STING have a great sense of history, and besides, we screwed up the roll of film that had his current picture on it. -Photo by Tom Crowell

very successful the first year." He went on to say that double the expected number of students joined the program last Fall.

"Thirdly, we're putting new energy into our minor in Technical Communication. We're making sure students have plenty of courses to take in that."

He also said they were making one or two additions to their faculty. In addition to a new composition teacher from Florida State and a new technical writing teacher from Memphis State, they've got a local artist to teach the Art Appreciation course. "There's a psychology position open, so we'll start a search process for that."

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(shown in the front of the float). Edward Jordon, MET professor, Lockheed employee, and driver for the Miller Tub Racing Team, displayed his bathtub and rode on the float in his full driving suit (shown immediately behind the HPV). In addition, Professor Jordon devoted over 15 hours of his time toward the construction of the float decorations. Professor Jordon also acted as alumni representative since Southern Tech is his Alma Mater.

The next display shown was donated for use by Tom Crowell, A.I.P.E. Vice President, who also is seen riding the float. Crowell was also acting as the official representative for The STING. His display, rather hard to see in this photo, was a high tech radio controlled airplane with an 8 foot wing span which he built from scratch.

WGHR, the Southern Tech radio station, supplied the float with several speakers and equipment that were used to play spirited music from the float during the parade.

The three top television stations in the Atlanta area (Channels 2,5, and 11) carried

the parade live as it moved from the Roswell Street Baptist Church all the way to the Marietta Square, some 1.5 miles of parade coverage. Don Whiteley, from WSB Channel 2, has extended an invitation to the future float builders of the Southern College of Technology to participate in the "Salute to America" parade next year because of our tremendous effort in producing this year's float.

Special thanks go to all those that participated and contributed toward the success of the first Southern Tech Float.

Students: Miles Murray, J. Lamar Bevil, Jr., Diane Brown, Robert Kullmann, Robert Poe, Jr., Paul E. Volle, Tom Crowell, James Butler, and Gary Reuss.

Faculty and Staff: Gerald DeLoach, Edward Jordon, Orren Williams, Lyndon Pitman, Roy Ford, Clyde Tanner, Charles E. Smith, Barry Birkhead, Beverly Rethmel, James Brown, the Civil Engineering Dept., the Applied Computer Science Dept., the Public Relations Dept., the Enrollment Management Dept., Liz Devaney, and Cheryl Bogan.

Others: Bruce Lanchard, Kimberly Norton, Joni Butler, and Connie Reuss.

Special thanks also go to the following individuals:

Laurence Huber, President of the Institute of Industrial Engineers, Atlanta Chapter. Mr. Huber raised the finances that made this float possible.

Walter Kelley, Jr., Director of State Relations for the Southern College of Technology, without whose help none of this would have been possible.

Leo Parker, MET professor and employee of Lockheed, who managed to obtain the 50 foot flat-bed trailer from Lockheed for the use of the float in the Marietta parade.

Hertz Penske, who donated the use of a full size 10 wheel tractor to pull the Lockheed trailer.

The Lockheed Corporation. The Mayor's office of the city of Marietta.

The Marietta Merchants whose generous contributions made this float possible.

The Southern Tech float was chosen as the winning entry in Marietta's July 4 parade. On Thursday, July 13, representatives from Southern Tech were awarded a \$200 check by Vicki Chastain, mayor of Marietta. -Ed.

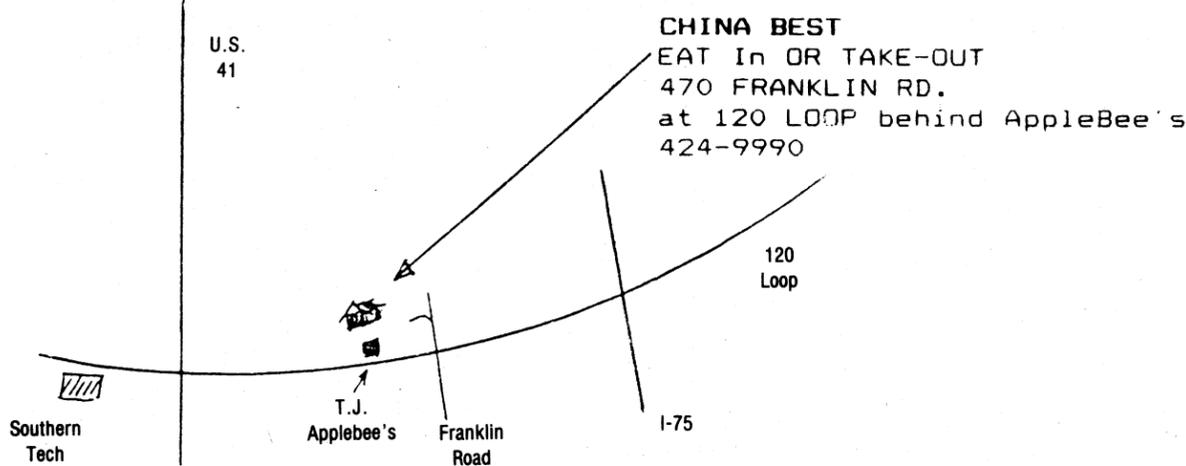
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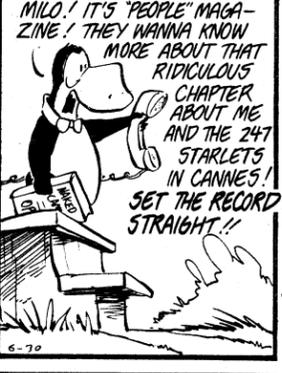
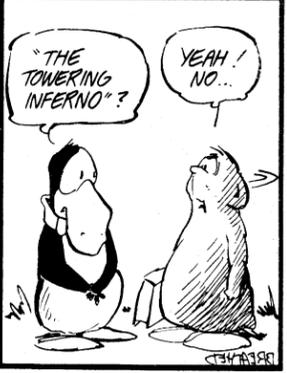
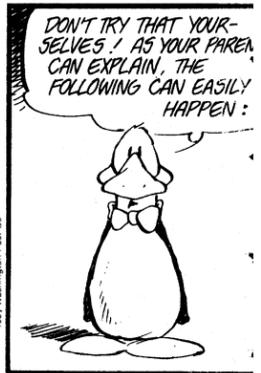
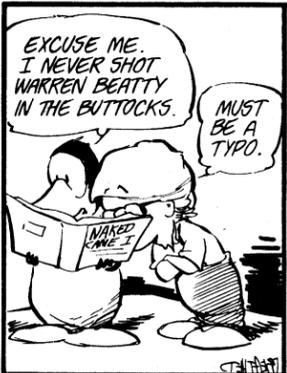
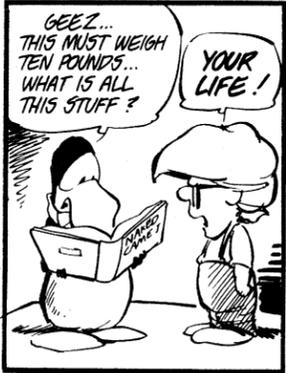
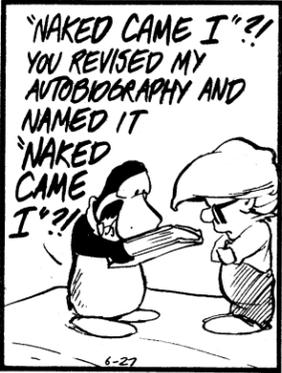
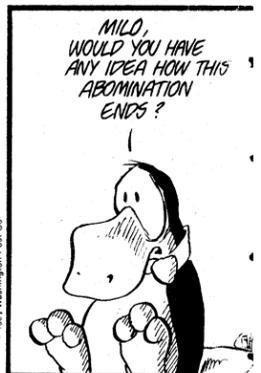
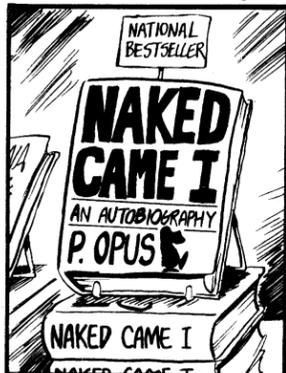


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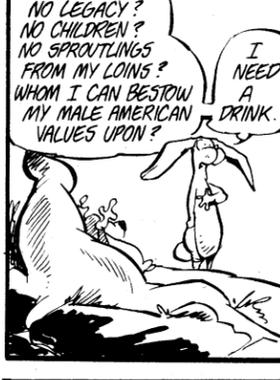
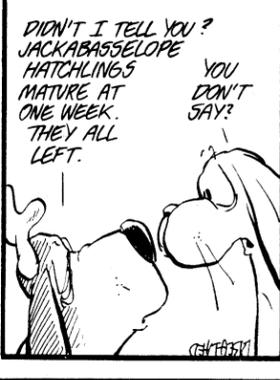
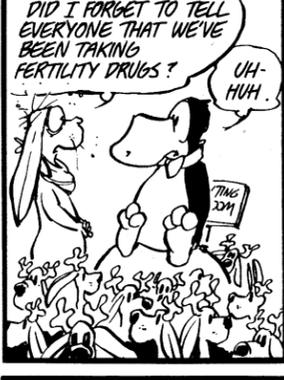
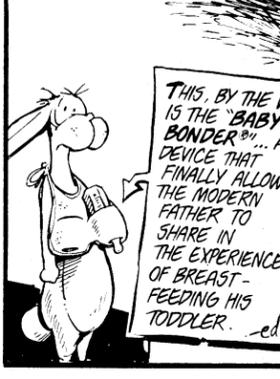
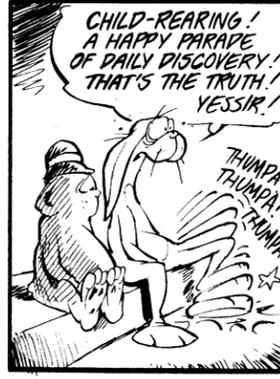
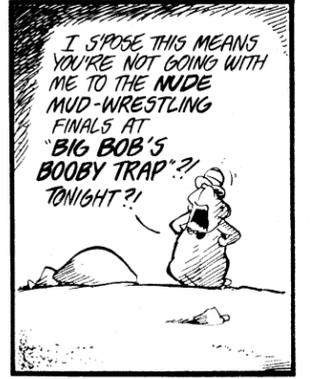
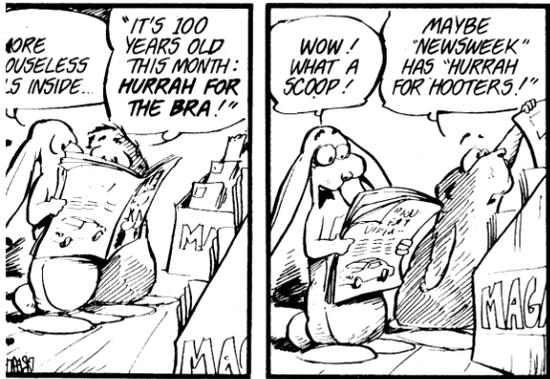


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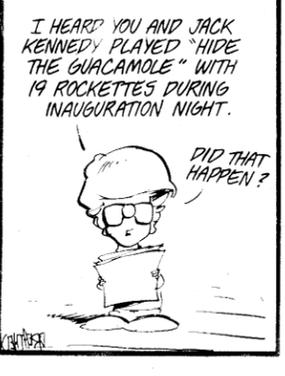
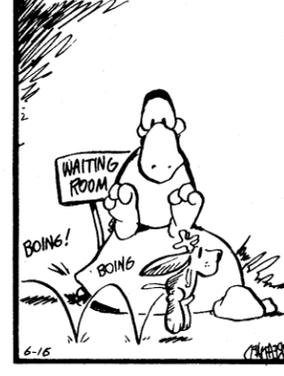
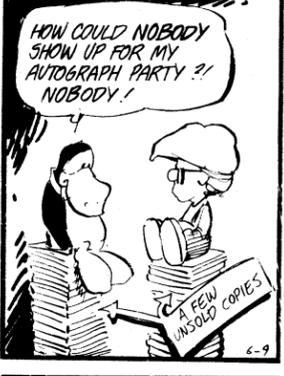
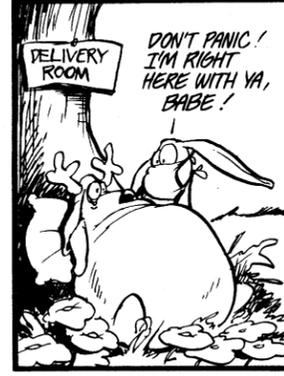
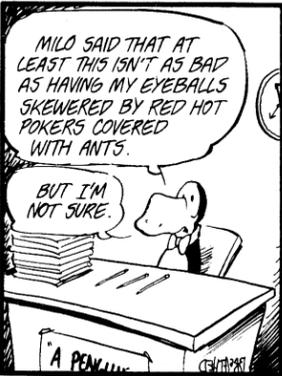
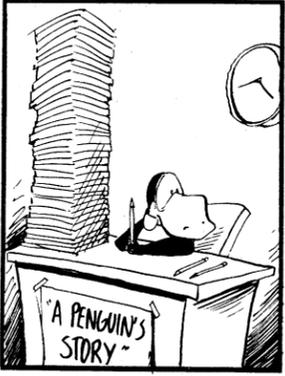
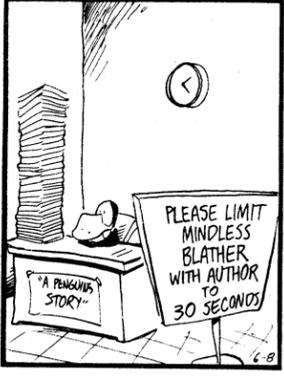
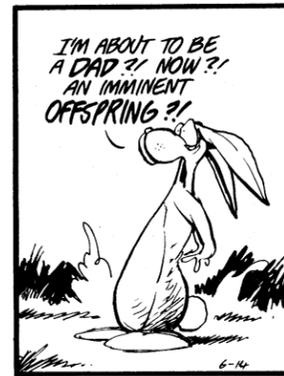
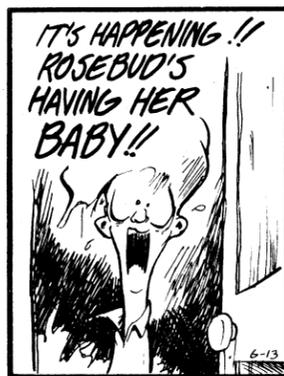
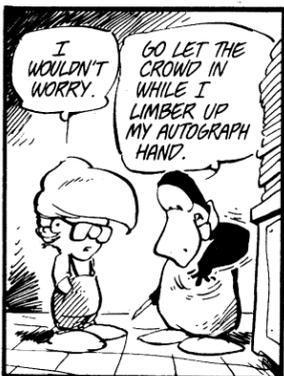
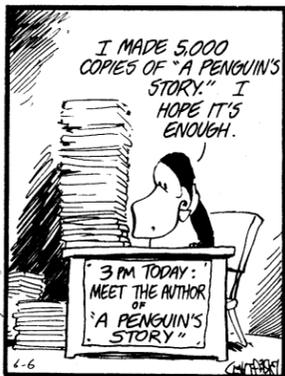
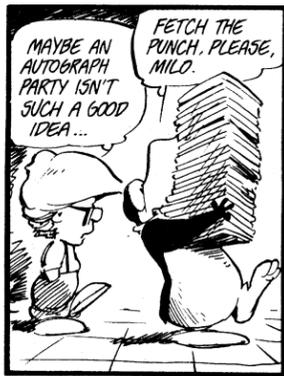
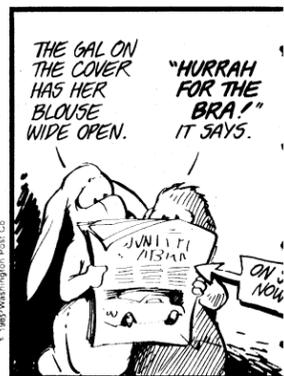
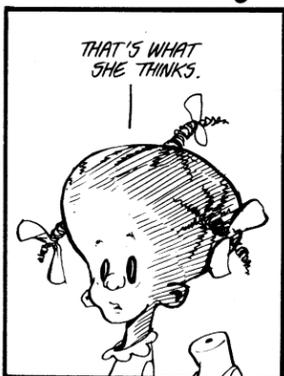


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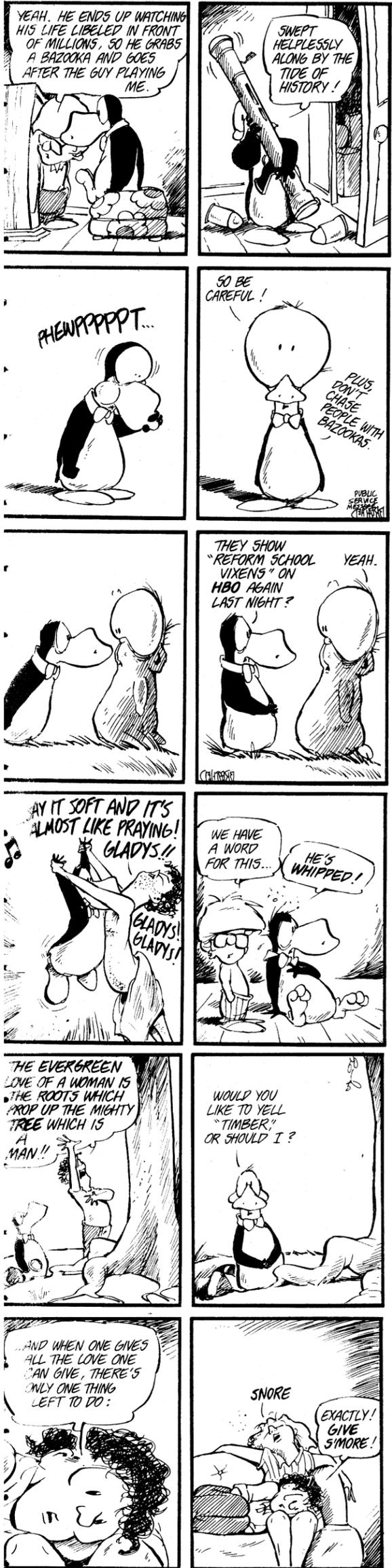
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David Miles is shown here with his Escort of questionable standing. It was rear-ended by a little old lady who was not paying attention because she was contemplating the metaphysical nature of PVC pipe. -Photo by Tom Crowell

New Bond Has Licence to Thrill

By Westly Hetrick
Assistant Editor

Licence to Kill. Starring Timothy Dalton and Carey Lowell. Directed by John Glen. Produced by Albert R. Broccoli. A United Artist release.

To coin a phrase, Bond is back, and better than ever. Or at least, much better than he's been in a long time.

Making Timothy Dalton play James Bond was one of the best decisions the powers that be ever made. He easily beats Roger Moore, especially Moore's more recent work, and may even surpass Sean Connery in time. His Bond is the most action oriented yet, depending less on gadgets and gags and more on seat of the pants excitement.

The movie begins with the traditional incredible opening sequence. This opening sequence sacrifices nonstop action for one incredibly cool stunt, but that one stunt carries it.

But anyway, the movie opens in Key West with Bond attending the wedding of his old friend and CIA contact Felix Leiter (David Hedison). However, the honeymoon is interrupted by a vengeful drug lord, and whoever said revenge was sweet didn't have

to look at it from Felix and his new bride's point of view.

After finding his best friend's honeymoon interrupted in a permanent way, Bond gets mad. Real mad. Madder than I've ever seen him, and not only have I seen all the movies, I've read the books. But as bad as we feel for Bond, we feel excited about this movie. Bond is pissed and he intends to kick some righteous butt until he feels better. In the last several

movies, the producers have played down exactly what James Bond's job in the British Secret Service is. He is not kept around to spunk beautiful foreign women. What he is, among other things, is an assassin. What did you think "Licence to Kill" meant? I feel the need to warn you that since Bond is on a vendetta of a personal nature, he feels no need to

Bond cont. on 8

Heap of the Week

By Andrew Newton
Staff Writer

continental tour of Seven-Elevens and the purchase of one four-head VCR for more studious activities.

Whatever the cause, there is one unmistakable fact--the car is an eyesore. If not for the fact that it is still mobile, a salvage company would have declared it as public domain junk and hauled it off for scrap metal. The Professional Society of Twerps and Nuisance-Makers has nominated it for Eyesore of the Month. Despite all that has been said concerning this car, the statement from an onlooker, "It's not quite as bad as the Bell Tower," seems to ring true.

During Spring Quarter, the car of Norton resident David Miles was rear-ended in Sandy Springs while waiting to turn left. While there were no bodily injuries sustained and the vehicle is still in operating condition, the vehicle has been declared a total loss. What makes this car so unusual is that the owner refuses to part with it despite its appearance. Of course, there is some speculation for this. It has been said that Mr. Miles spent all his money from the claim in one furious night of heavy drinking that ended up with a

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The STING's top ten list of things to do during Summer.

- 10) Go to malls and get frustrations out by beating up on high-school students.
- 9) Talk to Liz.
- 8) Follow Campus Safety around for a change.
- 7) Talk to Liz.
- 6) Experience the thrill of riding CCT buses.
Talk to Liz.
- 4) Make best effort to attend all classes in spite of good weather.
- 3) Practice driving Plant Operations vehicles on sidewalks.
- 2) Tell horror stories to orientation freshmen.

And the number one thing to do Summer quarter, from the Home Office in Accident, MD: Arrive at class 15 minutes early and post sign telling other students that class has been cancelled for the day.

CAREER CENTER BULLETIN
JULY 12, 1989

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR USING
PLACEMENT SERVICES SUMMER QUARTER: FRIDAY, JULY 14, 1989

All graduates must be registered with the Career Center to sign up for interviews or submit resumes for pre-screening. If you are not registered, your name will be removed from sign-up sheets.

3 THINGS REQUIRED TO REGISTER: Registration Card
(see Katie Burr) Class Schedule
Copy of your Resume

SPRING GRADUATES who are interviewing again summer quarter must UPDATE REGISTRATION. See Katie.

The following companies will interview on campus this quarter:
(* indicates company is pre-screening resumes)

Monday, July 17 - Hyster Company - EET, IET, MET
Tuesday, July 25 - Tribble & Richardson - CET
*Friday, July 28 - Southwire Company - (announced later)
Tuesday, August 1 - Spring Industries - EET, IET, MET, TET
*Tuesday, August 1 - Lee Company - A&TET, IET
*Tuesday, August 1 - YKK Zipper Company - EET, IET, MET
Wednesday, August 2 - Liberty Mutual Ins. Co. - CET, IET, MET
Wednesday, August 2 - Great Dane Trailers - MET
Thursday, August 3 - Harbison-Walker Refractories - MET
*Friday, August 4 - Alcoa Aluminum Co. - (announced later)
*Monday, August 7 - Eastern Utility Constr. Co. - EET
*Tuesday, August 8 - Murata Erie - EET, MET
*Wednesday, August 9 - Milliken & Company - A&TET, EET, IET, MET
*Thursday, August 10 - Russell Corp. - A&TET, IET, CPET
Tuesday, August 15 - Factory Mutual - CET, EET, MET

NOTEBOOKS FOR COMPANIES PRE-SCREENING ARE POSTED AS SOON AS JOB INFORMATION IS RECEIVED. THEY ARE RE-POSTED ONE WEEK BEFORE THE INTERVIEW DATE -- YOU CAN CHECK AT THAT TIME TO SEE IF YOU ARE SELECTED TO SIGN UP FOR AN INTERVIEW.

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

PRINTED INFORMATION AND VIDEO TAPES CONCERNING RESUME WRITING, INTERVIEW SKILLS AND JOB SEARCH PREPARATION ARE AVAILABLE IN OUR OFFICE.

VIDEO TAPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING IN OUR OFFICE FOR SOME OF THE COMPANIES RECRUITING ON CAMPUS. CHECK THE "TAPES LIST" POSTED.

CAREER CENTER HOURS FOR SUMMER:
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday - 7:30am - 6:00pm
Tuesday and Friday - 7:30am - 4:30pm

EDITORIALS

If at First You Don't Succeed

By Ed Hardy
Editor



I have heard several people complaining lately about one of Southern Tech's policies. The policy I am referring to is that of keeping failed classes on your permanent record, even when you retake the class and make a higher grade.

If you ever fail a class, the record of that failure stays on your permanent record forever, and that just doesn't make much sense. Your permanent record is for potential employers to know what classes you have taken, thereby getting some idea of what you know about your major. Whether it took you one or two tries to learn that material is unimportant; what counts is that you eventually did learn it.

I'm not saying that some record of that failure shouldn't be kept, that is what your GPA is for. It keeps track of how you are doing overall, not just in one class, and is therefore a better gauge of what kind of employee you will be.

A way of handling this is to do what several other schools do: allow you to replace any exceptionally bad grades with the better grades you

made when you retook the classes, but only two or three times. This is a compromise solution which allows you to erase a couple of mistakes, but if you fail a class every quarter, it will be reflected in your record.

One idea I have heard much discussion on is putting all classes on the pass/fail system. Your grade in a class depends tremendously on factors completely beyond your control, such as what kind of teacher you have. If you have class from a teacher who goes into his classes with the attitude *No one makes an 'A' in my class*, then you are doomed from the start. And there is no way you can explain that to a job interviewer. But the pass/fail system eliminates that. You can say "I learned enough to pass this class," and that is all that is really important.

Also, what is the point of keeping track of the classes you have dropped? While people do drop classes because they are about to fail them, they also drop classes because they overestimated how much they could handle in one quarter, because their work sent them out of town for two weeks, and because they realize they have a terrible teacher, just to name a few examples.

These are just a few ideas I'd like those of you in the Administration to consider, and for you students to push for, if you like them.

The Idiot's Guide to Bus Riding

By Westly Hetrick
Assistant Editor



As I rejoiced over the news that there was now a bus system in Cobb County, I came to a sudden realization. I have never been on a city bus system. I came from a smallish town on the southside of Atlanta and had never had need (or opportunity) to ride the bus. I realized I had no clue how to go about using the buses, and with that realization came apprehension and a little bit of fear. But, a man's got to do what a man's got to do, and I conquered my fears and mastered the bus system. It took about half an hour to do both. So now that I am a self proclaimed expert bus rider, I shall try to impart some of my knowledge to you, my faithful readers.

Let's start at the beginning. First, find a bus stop. It's not terribly difficult. They're just those blue and white signs with a picture of a bus on them. Next, get a schedule and try to guess when the bus will stop at the point you picked. Some stops have the exact times listed on the schedule, but most don't, so some deductive reasoning will probably be required. Show up a little early, because if you're a little late, you'll have to wait about half an hour, which is generally the time between buses.

When you see your bus coming, wave to the driver. Otherwise, he'll think you're hanging out at the bus stop for no apparent reason, and he won't stop.

Have exact change when you get on the bus. The drivers will be glad to take any paper money you happen to have, they just won't give any change back. Don't complain, because this is pretty much standard practice across the country, and there are good security minded reasons behind the system.

As you enter the bus, stop and demand a bus transfer if you think you need one. Don't worry about holding up the line, the people behind you will probably ask for one as well. If you don't un-

derstand this deal with bus transfer, I'll tell you.

If you have to switch bus lines to get where you're going, get a transfer, or you'll have to pay another 75 cents when you change buses. Another neat trick is that if you are staying less than two hours wherever you are going, you can get back on the bus for free with a transfer.

Once on the bus, sit down, stand up, whatever you want. There are some rules, just not many, and they are all easy to tolerate. No food or drink. No smoking. No spitting. Use earphones with radios and tape players. Seeing-eye dogs are welcome; no other animals are allowed. Offer the two front seats to senior citizens and handicapped passengers. Fold strollers. I told you this was easy.

Now that you are on the bus, keep an eye out for wherever you want to get off. As you approach your stop, push one of those little yellow strips behind you, on the walls of the bus. Those are bells to tell the driver that you want to get off. However, sometimes the drivers think the bells are annoying, and turn them off. So watch the front of the bus when you ring. If a small sign that says "Stop Requested" does not light up near the roof, then you should go up and tell the driver in person. A small warning: the bus drivers need lots of room to stop, so give them notice about 100 yards from your stop.

That's about all the crucial information you need, so I'm going to tell you some more. A lot of the reason I was excited about the buses is because there are some social functions that you go to and you feel like driving when you arrive, but operating a car seems like a monumentally complex task as you begin to contemplate leaving. Unfortunately, the last buses stop running around eleven at night, so make other arrangements. The last piece of practical information I will impart you with is to remember the buses are SLOW! They're a little faster and a lot less work than walking, but give yourself plenty of time to get wherever you are going. Even more time is required if you have to transfer buses.

Now that you have read this article, I certify you as an expert bus driver. And keep this article, because this and 50 cents will get you a Coke.

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Consensus Editorial

When is the Office of the Registrar going to start acknowledging our consumer rights and give us more than one day for drop/add? In most cases, a consumer has the right to try on a coat, test drive a car, or listen to a stereo prior to making that expensive purchasing decision. Yet, again this quarter we were not given the opportunity here at SCT to examine all of our classe before it was too late to get our money back. Aren't we each a consumer when it comes to shelling out our hard earned cash to pay for our education? So many of the course descriptions in the catalog are extremely vague. Therefore, until you attend the first day of class you aren't certain what the real content, teaching methods, and even who the instructor will be.

The drop/add period should always last until every class (including the Saturday classes) has met at least once. We cannot see any legitimate reason for the shortening of the drop/add period in the first place.

Letters From Cheshier

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Youth Program at SCT?

May 17, 1989

As you all know, over the past few years there has been a growing fear that the present downward trend in the number of U.S. students selecting college programs in science, math, and engineering will result in a technical manpower crisis for U.S. companies in the near future. In addition, low performance scores in science and math serve to demonstrate that we are facing a deteriorating situation--one that could destroy our ability to compete in the international market with manufactured goods.

Southern Tech has a long history of working with area teachers and students to help them understand technology and to promote student interest in science and technology. We are all particularly proud of our track record which has increased the number of females and

minorities in our programs. Recently, there has been a dramatic increase in requests for help in addressing the national problem from local youth organizations and educational systems. While we feel an obligation to do whatever we can within the scope of our resources, it has become obvious that this task is too large and too complex to be adequately addressed informally.

For this reason, we have proposed that Southern Tech be the site of a University System project, the Georgia Youth Science & Technology Center. Southern Tech's statewide mission, expertise in applied technology, and a proven track record of working with teachers and students to promote participation in technology gives us a unique advantage in securing the necessary resources. The Center will contract with interested faculty and K-12 educators to develop programs to be utilized all

over the state in regional science & technology centers.

The University System is considering funding the program, a number of major corporations have made commitments in principle, and the National Science foundation has requested a proposal. While the operation at Southern Tech will be relatively small, it will provide technical assistance to regional centers all over the state. The Center will provide high visibility for Southern Tech throughout the state, particularly in the South Georgia area.

You will be hearing more about the project in the near future. Many of you have special expertise and have expressed an interest in helping to solve this national problem. Please don't hesitate to contact Dr. Travis if you are interested in being part of this project.

Dr. Travis' phone number is 424-7238. -Ed.

Prestige Tags Offered

July 10, 1989

We have an outstanding opportunity as a college to obtain special Southern Tech State license plates if we can act quickly.

I am sure all of you have seen the brightly colored, uniquely designed license plates that have been prepared for other colleges. These typically have low numbers and are very appealing. Most importantly, they catch the eye of everyone in traffic around the vehicle, serving as an outstanding and inexpensive public relations tool for the College. In fact, there is no other way we can get so much visibility, even regionally and nationally, for so little individual cost than through these special license plates. Further, if we can attain the minimum requirement of 500 orders by July 31, a plate will be prepared for us that will be on people's cars for a period of four years. I think it would

be a shame for use not to take advantage of this opportunity.

I write this letter in that there is some urgency. If we have not sent in at least 500 applications by July 31, a plate will not be produced for us and the checks will be returned. Currently, the State has received only about 200 applications from us. Many colleges smaller than us are being successful in this project and it would be a real shame for us to lose this opportunity to show off our school pride through official commemorative State license plates. If you have been putting off sending in your form, please send it quickly so that we can be assured a plate will be produced for Southern Tech.

We will need everyone's support to get to the magic number. If you have misplaced your order form, additional copies are available in the Public Relations Office.

Thanks very much-- let's give this worthwhile project our best effort.

GREEKS & CLUBS

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SIGMA PHI EPSILON

By Lamar Bevil

Sigma Phi Epsilon would like to welcome all the new students for Fall Quarter 1989 Orientation. Sigma Phi Epsilon (Sig Ep) is a national fraternity and we are the

WGHR SCT Radio

By Mike Kolbas
Minor WGHR Flunkie

Southern Tech's exclusive Radio Station is now, for a limited time, accepting new

Society for Technical Communication

By Joanne Byrd

Previous interest has been expressed in formation of a Society for Technical Communication student chapter here at SCT. We need to schedule an informal meeting with other interested students to discuss items such as requirements for creating such

Georgia ETA Chapter of Sig Ep. Our fraternity is based on three cardinal principles: VIRTUE, DILIGENCE, and BROTHERLY LOVE.

We challenge each new student at Southern Tech to get involved in a campus activity. Southern Tech offers a wide variety of activities, something for everyone. These activities enhance your college experience and make you a better student.

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a chapter and possible club activities. You do not have to be enrolled in the Master's or minor programs in Technical Communication in order to become involved at this time.

Please contact me during the day at 424-7346 if you're interested in getting involved with this sociable undertaking.

STING NEWS STUFF

By Wes Hetrick
Last of the Great White
Sponge Wrasslers

Well hey! Summer has come, roughly half of the student population is gone, and hardly any Greeks or organizations submitted any articles, so I felt it was my job to fill up this big space.

OK, here comes the big staff update. Our esteemed decimeter cubed (liter, and yes, I know it's a bad pun) Todd Barney has left us, in search of a job with the big money. We tried to tell him that after a certain point, all money is the same size, but he didn't buy it, and now he's gone. Off into the world of ties, sensible actions, and mind warping seriousness. He and his girlfriend/fiancee/for-all-practical-purposes spouse will be sorely missed in the days to come. Also, Dolores Pece, our mind-alteringly capable darkroom chick has also left us, and her great eye and ready smile will be conspicuous in their absence.

But the paper marches on
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Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 25
Student Center
Ballroom



GIVE BLOOD



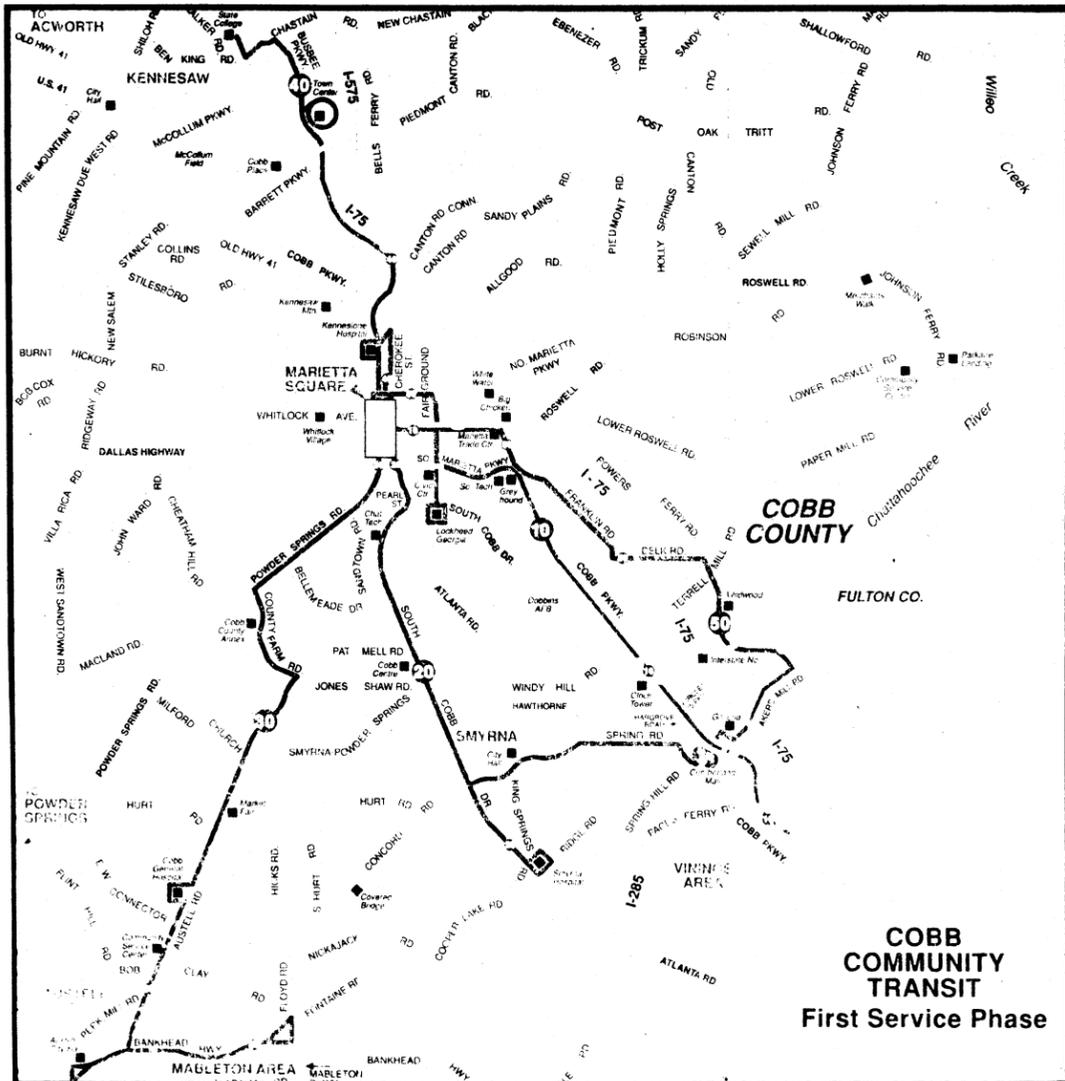
American Red Cross
Blood Services—Atlanta Region

Buses cont. from 1

system in America to be 100% accessible to the handicapped from its outset. The system, besides having friendly, helpful drivers, has many convenient features designed into the buses. The buses are equipped with wheelchair lifts, and for the elderly, children, and those carrying bulky items the buses will kneel at the stops. That is, the bus's suspension system is equipped with pneumatic members, so that the entire bus can be lowered to reduce the large initial step between the bus and the street.

About 80% of CCT's initial start up cost was covered by the federal Urban Mass Transit Association (UMTA), part of the United States Department of Transportation. After the initial start up, the federal government will pay roughly 50% of the yearly operating costs for the CCT's 36 buses. The rest will be covered by the Cobb County general fund, with some money received from the Georgia Department of transportation. The money collected from the fares is negligible in offsetting these costs.

For further information call the CCT at 427-4444.



Route 10-Marietta Square to the MARTA Arts Center station via Southern Tech
Route 20-Marietta Square to Cumberland Mall
Route 30-Marietta Square to Austell
Route 40-Marietta Square to Kennesaw College
Route 50-Marietta Square to Cumberland Mall

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dispose of his adversaries neatly.

Bond lets his desire for revenge get in the way of his job with the Secret Service though, and his boss, M, tells 007 that he can either shape up or ship out. However, M does not realize that the normally unflappable Bond is hard-core peeved, and is quite surprised when 007 tells him what he can do with his job.

But I don't want to tell you the whole movie. I will tell you that Bond's lady friends (Carey Lowell and Talisa Soto) look amazing. They should be able to provoke many an argument over which looks better. I'll also tell you that some of the stunts in this movie boggle the mind. I'm a little jaded when it comes to stunts, so it takes a spectacular stunt to impress me. And for some of these stunts, I was more than a little impressed.

This is the best Bond flick in years, better than even Timothy Dalton's last one. If you are tired of action-adventure movies, do me a favor and see this one anyway. I'd hate to have this series canceled just as it was getting good again.

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into continued greatness, with a new editorial squad. Ed Hardy has placed his capable hands on the editorial tiller, moving up from Assistant Editor. And like scum in a stagnant pond, I rose to the surface to take his place. A notice to all students: my former position as head flunkie and rutabaga critic is now open to any and all applicants. We're not picky, just a little weird.

Last quarter's Christmas party was a complete success. This one's theme was "Consume Some Beverage and then Become Mr. Outdoors." The activities included hunting Ed's dog with a squirt gun,

tree climbing, house scaling, canoeing, body surfing, and swimming in the 'Hooch. Our next big event will be Big Tom's Spectacular Fourth of July party. However, in order to give everyone enough time to get into the right frame of mind, he delayed it about two weeks. But by the time you read this, we will already have sacrificed the weekend to Lou, the Party Icon.

This issue's catch phrase: Solid, Link! (*definition - affirmative, I concur wholeheartedly*).

Finally, a notice to the orientation freshmen and any other interested students,

we're looking for a few good men. Well, actually only true of Joanne. The rest of us are looking for a few cute girls. But I've wandered off my original train of thought. If you enjoy writing, photography, or are just curious to know what the heck we do in this office all weekend, stop by our office Thursdays at noon for our weekly meeting. We're behind the big screen TV upstairs in the Student Center. We welcome everyone except complete dolts and blundering tenterhooks, whom we promptly send downstairs to the radio station, since they seem to be less picky.

CAMPUS HAPPY HOUR

Thursday
 July 27
 4:30 - 6:00
 Library Circle

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Bikini Contest a Success

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The STING: Get a Bite Size Grip on Reality