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## New Youth Technology Center to be Based at SCT



Jennifer Bige is shown here in Southern Tech's new transparent plumbing lab, which has nothing to do with the Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center. —Photo By Tom Crowell

By Michael Mealling  
Staff Writer

This past week the Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center was officially given form and function. The center, abbreviated GYSTC, is a system of separate centers around the state that is dedicated to increasing the interest and enthusiasm for technology in younger students. Southern Tech will act as a "parent" organization for GYSTC and will always be affiliated with it. Within 60 days there will actually be a GYSTC headquarters on campus with employees and equipment although the site has not been finalized as yet.

The center is headed by Jim Thompson who is also the Director of Public Relations and has had direct experience with Techfest. Also, Beverly Rethmel, Director of Development and College Relations, is the

Secretary/Treasurer of GYSTC and is also credited with the original idea for the center. "We had been doing a lot of work with young groups...And every time we were doing one of the programs we were having to start all over again. Finally one day we said, now this has got to stop," said Mrs. Rethmel. The logical solution was an organized center, the Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center.

GYSTC is primarily targeted towards children in kindergarten through eighth grade. The actual centers will be located throughout the state with the headquarters being at Southern Tech. Each center will have its own Advisory Board that will give each center a focus that deals with each location. Every center will have at its most basic level: 1) college credit courses in technology for teachers; 2) an annual public event modeled after Techfest; 3) summer

campus for kindergarten through eighth grade students; and 4) continuing hands-on exhibits for all students.

GYSTC will even take the Techfest scrap book and modify it into a Techfest "manual" so that each center will be able to emulate the success that Southern Tech's version has had. "We will be promoting Techfests throughout the state," said Jim Thompson. Mr. Thompson actually credits the desire to take Techfest statewide for giving GYSTC a burst of enthusiasm. These "mini-Techfests," as Mr. Thompson called them, even have the ability to become larger because they will be the only event of that type in the area.

Fundamentally, GYSTC is a private, non-profit and incorporated organization run jointly by people from government,

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## Humanities and Technology Meet

By Michael Mealling  
Staff Writer

On October 19 and 20, Interface, the Thirteenth Annual Humanities and Technology Conference, was held at the Northwest Atlanta Hilton. Sponsored by the Humanities and Social Sciences Department at Southern Tech, Interface gathered together interdisciplinary interests from

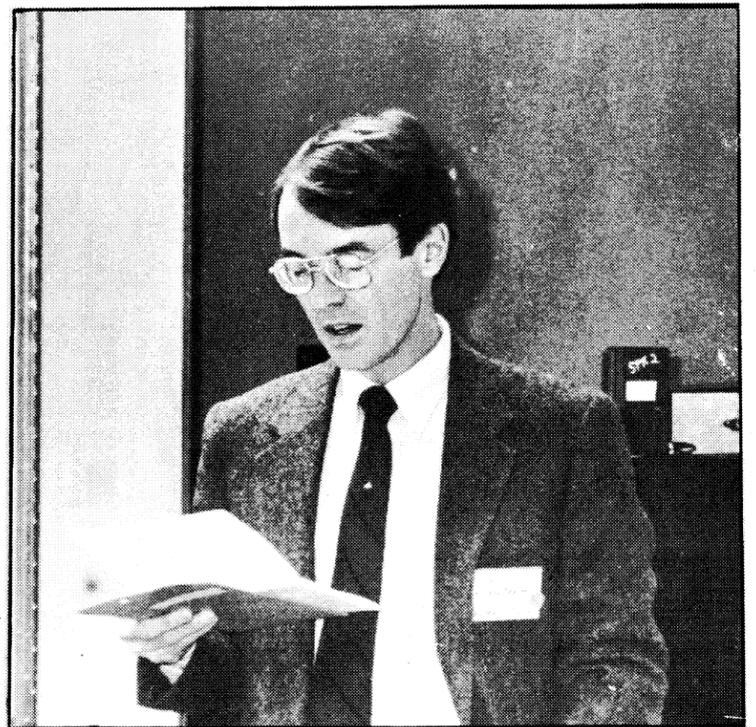
around the country to deal with issues of humanities and technology,

Charles J. Weeks and Herb Smith were the co-directors who organized the conference with the help of Stephen Cheshier, Edward Vizzini, Sandy Pfeiffer, Nancy Fairbanks, and Debbie Stanford. With their concerted help the conference ran extremely smoothly and without flaws.

Only three of the approximately seventy-two presentations were cancelled and all required audio-visual aids were provided without fail. Many participants remarked on how well the conference was executed.

The conference was divided into three to four sessions per day with nine speakers for each session. This format allowed a great number of papers and subjects to be presented. While the focus of the conference was on humanities and technology, a vast and diverse amount of subjects was covered.

One of the major concerns expressed at the conference was the role of ethics in dealing with technology. Debates ranged from the new and fresh to interesting new twists to old ideas. One paper presented by Ladelle McWhorter, Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Northeast Missouri State University, stated the idea that ethics could not be used as a valid critique of technology. Her basis for this was that ethics, being a system of



Dr. Sandy Pfeiffer introduces a session at the 13th annual INTERFACE Conference. —Photo By Jack Silver

techniques for controlling human behavior, was itself a technology and therefore could not critique another technology. She instead put forth the question of finding a non-system-making method of criticizing any technology, ethics included.

Another paper presented by Donald Fay and Steven McCullagh, both from Kennesaw State College, gave a view of an ethical treatment of the environment as one involving the idea of the Earth being a series

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# Friday the 13th Virus Misses SCT



Vicki Somebody-or-another types away on her computer, unaware that potential danger lurks in the heart of her CPU.  
—Photo By Tom Crowell

sonal computers worldwide apparently did not affect SCT systems. The virus, known as Data-Crime, was intended to cripple IBM personal computers and IBM compatibles by scrambling stored information.

The ECET Department and the offices of Computer Operations and Computer User Services all confirmed no reports of the virus. But not only did Southern Tech get passed up by the virus, but most of the world missed the catastrophe as well. Most of the computer installations hit by the virus were in Europe.

IBM released an official statement to all its authorized dealers and branch offices stating that IBM had identified more than a dozen different computer viruses for IBM personal computers such as Data-Crime. In addition, anyone can obtain a new virus scanning program released by IBM from any IBM authorized dealer or branch office for \$35. The licensing agreement for the program is also fairly liberal and allows the owner just to buy one copy to be used on all machines (most agreements

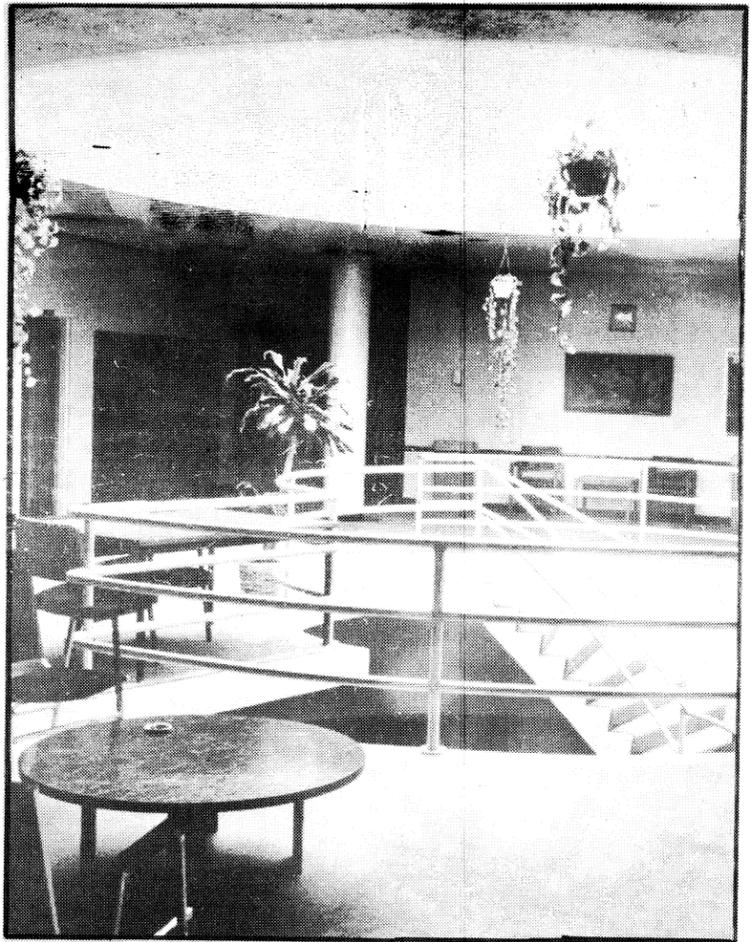
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Computer viruses are sub-routines that are hidden in programs and are triggered only when certain conditions are met. A virus can spread over computer networks, through modems, or when "infected" disks are shared.

The much publicized Friday the 13th virus, to strike on October 13, that was to attack per-

By Becky Willocks  
Staff Writer

Panic was sent across the computer community over computer viruses that were supposed to strike on October 13. The panic was over-publicized, and Southern Tech came through the potential tragedy with flying colors.



Oooh! See the scary stairs descending into the endless bowels of the Student Center where lurks...the cafeteria! Hopefully, this dining area of doom will be upgraded when the new Student Center is built. —Photo By Tom Crowell

## Student Center Update

By Ed Hardy  
Editor

The Georgia Board of Regents has once again submitted to the Georgia Legislature its annual list of the top ten recommendations for funding, and the new Southern Tech Student Center is once again at the top of the list. But we were number one on the capital outlay list for the last two years, and the money hasn't been allocated for us yet.

Until two years ago, the Legislature automatically approved the funds for the projects recommended by the

Regents. But for two years now the Legislature has passed over Southern Tech in favor of other projects.

According to Jim Thompson, Director of Public Relations, they were caught completely by surprise when the project wasn't funded in '87. The next year a major effort was launched to get the money for the Student Center. An advertising campaign was carried out and students even went and lobbied the Legislature. But once again we were ignored.

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## Minorities Teleconference

By Fernando Valle  
Staff Writer

On October 17, 1989, a meeting was held in the Southern Tech Apparel building. The purpose of this meeting was to determine the future recruitment of faculty in the University System of Georgia.

Dr. Charles Knapp, President of the University of Georgia, established the "Minority Recruitment Initiative," in July 1977. This was the first year of his tenure as President. The recruitment and hiring of new minority faculty, administrators and service professionals on the University of Georgia campus in unprecedented numbers last year is the direct result of his per-

sonal commitment to this initiative.

Dr. Phillip R. Certain's new book, *The Madison Plan* was first implemented in early 1988 to improve the recruitment of minority personnel in the University System. This book is designed to improve the racial and ethnic diversity of the campus.

After five hours of meeting, all members of the Minority Recruitment and Retention in Higher Education Committee decided to implement a future plan geared to recruiting more minority personnel. This plan will greatly benefit and ensure continuing success in the service of the University System of Georgia

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# Galleria Mall Brings Cobb County the World

By Rajashri Bannajee  
Staff Writer

Cobb County came alive on October 13-15 by acting as host to WORLDFEST: A Gathering of Nations- the premiere international festival in the Southeast. WORLDFEST was held at the Galleria Gardens and was sponsored by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Cobb County Board of Commissioners, Coca Cola, and many others.

WORLDFEST featured cultural performances and displays from Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas. There was a marketplace and shopping bazaar featuring hand-crafts from all over the world. The most popular attraction was the exotic dishes and beverages from around the world free of cost.

A group of international students from Southern Tech added to the glamour and flavor of WORLDFEST by serving as volunteers at the Executive party on Friday 13th. They were all dressed in international attire representing

the diversity of culture at Southern Tech. The executive cocktail party featured consulates from Germany to Guatemala.

Southern Tech students were in charge of registering the VIP's for the occasion. An auction was held at the party to auction off paintings, fur coats, etc. It was a new and interesting experience for the Southern Tech students.

The atmosphere at WORLDFEST was that of an enormous fair. There was tremendous variety and diversity in the exhibits displayed. There were even living exhibits like llamas from Peru that added to the exotic atmosphere. Some visitors, however, expressed disappointment at not being able to locate the areas of interest, due to the large area over which WORLDFEST was laid out.

Altogether, WORLDFEST was a tremendous success. A lot of money and effort went into its planning and it paid off at the end. Every day's program was crowned off by a spectacular laser show with the theme of world unity and peace.

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Mr. Thompson said, "It still appears that, in both cases, part of the problem reflects the fact that Southern Tech is perceived as a Cobb County school instead of a state-wide institution."

The Legislature isn't in session right now, so no one knows whether there will be any opposition to funding the Student Center this year. According to Mr. Thompson, "We are not doing anything specifically targeted to assure that [the Student Center is funded] until there is some reason to believe we have to."

Mr. Thompson also said that, contrary to rumor, Joe Mack Wilson was not hired as a consultant specifically to aid in getting the Student Center this year. He was hired to educate us in the political process and do some guest lecturing on politics.

Part of the Georgia University System's Vice-Chancellor for External Affairs' job is advising colleges in the political process. If he detects that there is some problem with the funding this year for the Student Center he will alert us and advise us in the actions he thinks we should take to help relieve the problem.

# COMING EVENTS!

- **Oct. 24:** Campus film: "Her Alibi." 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.
- **Oct. 26:** The revival of Goat Night. Free food and two live bands from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at The Rock and the Southern Tech Amphitheatre.
- **Oct. 30:** The Society of Creative Anacronism will visit the campus in their medieval garb and joust for the right to claim "The Rock" -- a Southern Tech tradition! See creative drama in action! 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. near The Rock.
- **Nov. 10:** Dramatization of Thomas Edison by Pat Hingle in Burruss Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Classroom workshop will be held at 1:00 p.m. in Student Center.
- **Nov. 11:** Runnin' Hornets opening game against Philander Smith College. 7:30 p.m. in the gym.
- **Nov. 11:** Tentative date for Homecoming.
- **Nov. 11-12:** Fall Bathtub Race. Time trials on Saturday and race on Sunday.
- **Nov. 13:** CAB will sponsor Repertory Theatre entitled "Champagne Complex." This will be a comedy play on the effects of champagne and will be held at 6:30 p.m. in Burruss Auditorium.
- **Nov. 13-17:** "Architecture Week" held by Southern Tech chapter of American Institute of Architecture Students will hold week long exhibition of Atlanta-area architecture firms in rotunda of Southern Tech Library.
- **Dec. 4:** Serendipity Singers will play festive Christmas music in Burruss Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
- **Dec 11-18:** Ski trip in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, will be sponsored by Southern Tech Department of Recreational Sports. Contact Karl Staber at 528-7349 for more information.

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Compiled by Andrew Newton and Ed Hardy

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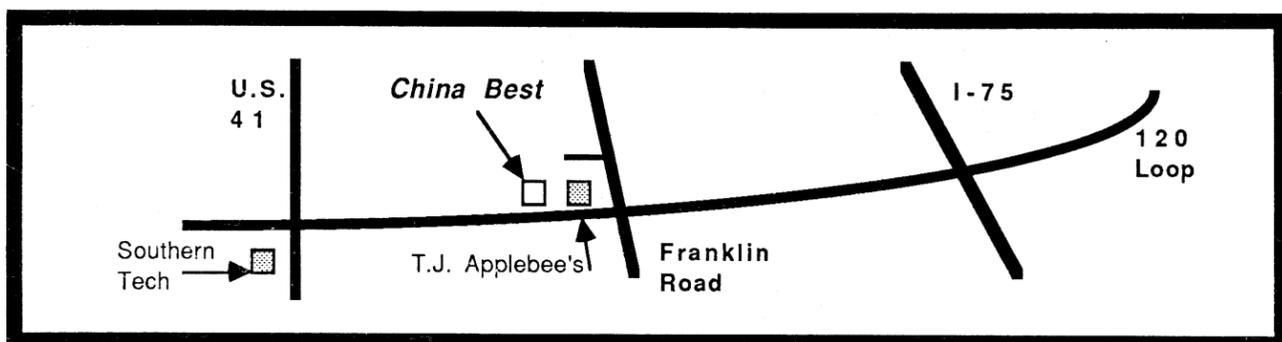
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## Talking Is "Cute" Yet Enjoyable

By Pete Kang  
Staff Enigma

*Look Who's Talking*. Starring Kirstie Alley, John Travolta, Olympia Dukakis, and George Segal. Directed by Amy Heckerling. A Tri-Star Picture.

There are certain words which I try to avoid, like "cute," but this is one flick I am gonna have to call...you guessed it, cute. *Look Who's Talking* is a romantic comedy that got me started from the onset with a microscopic visual of, well, ovulation.

This movie is not about sex but how Mollie (Kirstie Alley), a single yuppie accountant in New York City, sets out to find a proper father for her yuppie larva named Mikey. He is the result of an affair with a sleazy married client Albert (George Segal) who poses as an insensitive pain in Mollie's rear end.

Mollie tells her mom (Olympia Dukakis) that she has been artificially inseminated while she deals with morning sickness, a break with Albert (No big loss) and a humorous fetus.

Mikey has a personality all of his own with body language to match. His thoughts are transmitted through the voice of Bruce Willis. These are not cute, adorable baby thoughts, but cynical innocent thoughts without a frame of reference. This is perhaps the highlight of the film.

Little Mikey takes a liking to James (John Travolta), a cab driver and pilot, since he knows how to dance (No Saturday

Night Fever jokes) and make Mommy laugh. He would be the perfect Daddy if only Mommy would realize it.

After a series of traumatic blind dates, an experience with James' insane gramps and a quest for lost Mikey, Mollie begins to realize that the perfect father she was looking for

wouldn't have to drive a BMW and make big bucks.

If you're not too serious (about life) and can enjoy a movie for what it is, *Look Who's Talking* will leave you warm to rebel against the cold weather. With acting that is right on target, you should be glad you got your money's worth.

## Danger is a Must Read

By Ed Hardy  
Editor

Tom Clancy has done it again. The man who gave us *The Hunt for Red October* has released another excellent story in *A Clear and Present Danger*.

When Clancy released *The Hunt for Red October* he didn't just give us an excellent novel, he created a whole new genre: the techno-thriller. His stories are always exciting and the technology presented in them is absolutely accurate. If he says an F-16 fighter jet can do something, you can bet money he is correct.

The natural assumption is that he has served in the armed forces somewhere, but before he was an author, he was an insurance salesman. He finds out all his technological details by reading operating manuals for military equipment and talking to people in the services.

Occasionally what he prints is classified, causing one of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to tell him, "If you were one of my officers, I'd have you court-martialed."

If you are wondering when he had an opportunity to speak with one of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, it was probably during one of his six visits to the White

House. You see, Ron Reagan was one of his big fans.

*A Clear and Present Danger* is about the U.S. finally taking a stand about the Medellin Drug Cartel in Columbia. In it the president orders the CIA to do something about the Cartel, and a group of commandos are sent in to take direct action against them. But it is done without Congressional approval, and an Iran-Contra style controversy erupts.

For those of you who are already Tom Clancy fans, Jack Ryan returns in this one, and he continues to play the major role he has played in almost all of Clancy's other books.

This is an excellent novel, and a strong bounce-back for Clancy after the slightly weak *The Cardinal of the Kremlin*. Near the finish the story gets a little weak because Clancy had to write the last forty pages in two days to make his deadline, but the end itself is very satisfying. The characters are strong and believable, and the action is fast-paced and realistic.

In case you haven't figured it out yet, I heartily recommend this book to everyone. In fact, I recommend everything Clancy has written

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This and other humorous scenes will be seen as CAB presents

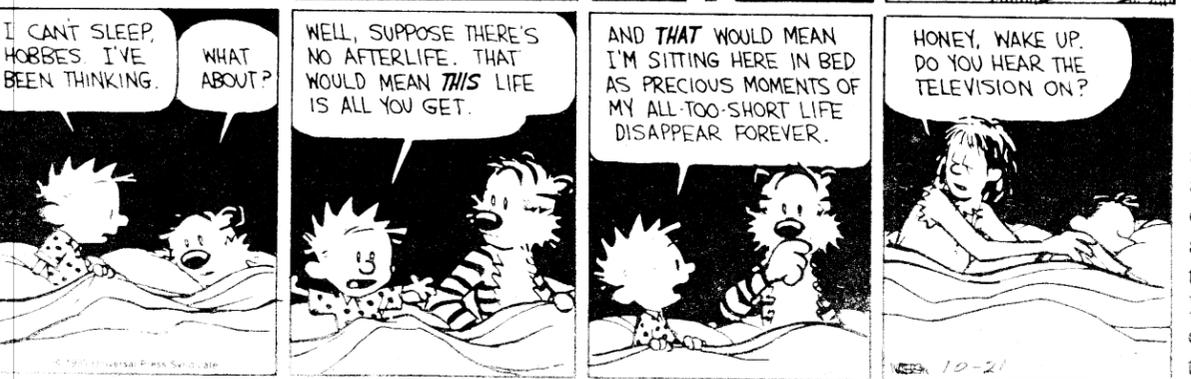
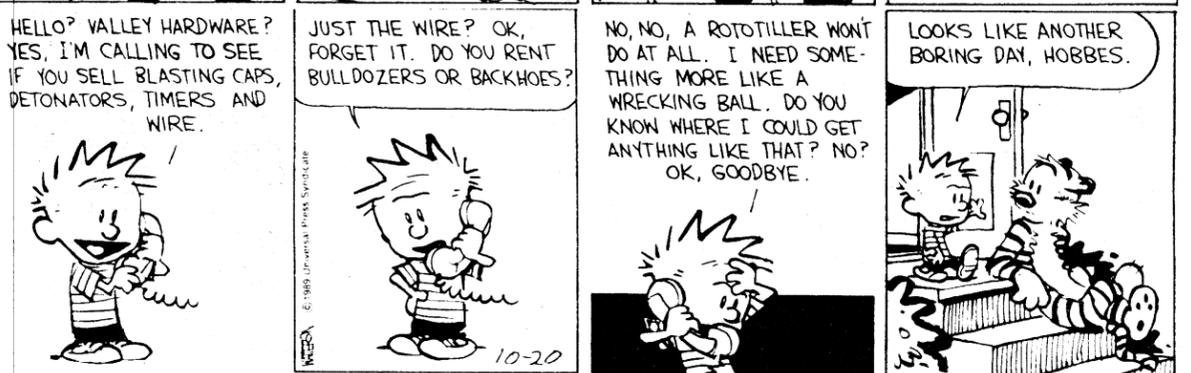
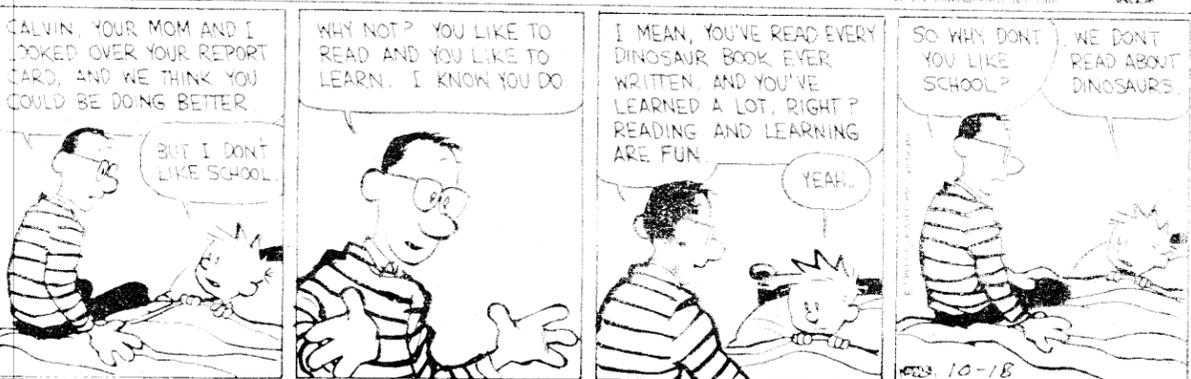
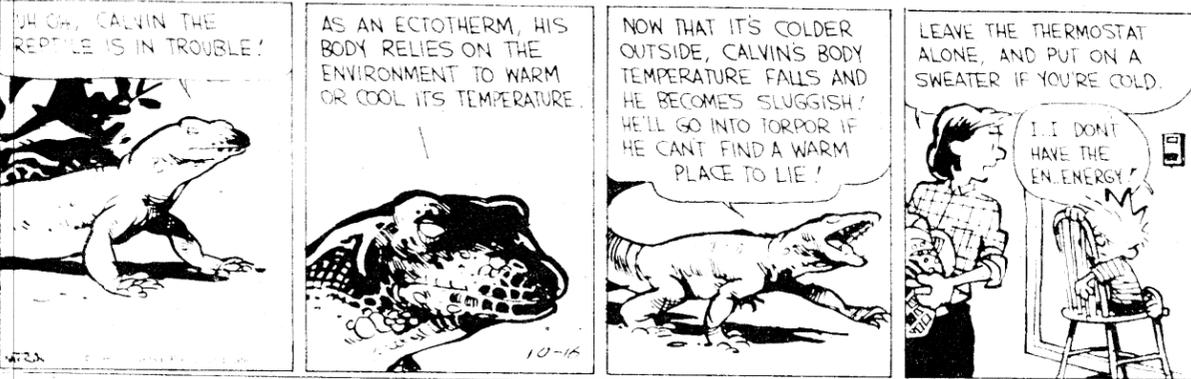
## Her Alibi

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# calvin and Hobbes

by BILL WATTERSON



David Brown, a photographer with the Cousteau Society spoke at Southern Tech on October 11. No, he didn't have a ridiculous French accent, and no, he didn't wear his shiny silver wet suit. Next question, please.

## Cousteau Photographer Speaks on Threats to Seas

By Elizabeth Talley  
Staff Writer

David Brown, a diver and an excellent photographer with the (Jacques) Cousteau Society spoke in the Burruss Auditorium on Wednesday, October 11, concerning the findings of his organization. He discussed the "Threats to the Global Ocean."

The sea holds more than just water and sea creatures, but also the oil, trash, and chemicals we carelessly dump into the ocean. The lecture made me realize that eventually the "tide is going to take its turn" if we do not start cleaning up our dirty habits.

The main theme I derived from the program was that human error is inevitable when concerning the sea. Mr. Brown stressed, through handsome photography and impacting words, the effects of the oil spill, the deaths of the sea life and other animals that depend solely on the sea, and our chemical contamination of the microorganisms that start the food chain. There are environmental effects as well: the disappearance of the coral reefs and the erosion of banks and deltas along the rivers.

I encourage everyone to try to attend one of these informative lectures, if possible, so you will realize what is really happening to our sea. The story as a whole is depressing, but the reality cannot be ignored. It really makes you think; I will probably think twice before throwing a can of Coke into the ocean.

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education, and industry. This gives the center the expertise of private enterprise, educational knowledge of teachers, and the clout of a governmental agency. Its funding comes solely from private donations and grants.

GYSTC's additional purpose is to provide a supplement to the Quality Based Education system in order to provide the technological portions that QBE lacked. "What we find is that some of those things [i.e. QBE requirements] need to be revised. There aren't enough technology objectives in there," said Jim Thompson. Hopefully, this will balance the educational experiences of younger students so that they are better prepared for careers in technological areas. "About half of the students who are even interested [in technology] have the actual course work necessary. They have to come in under Developmental Studies very often because they have not been able to get the course work [in high school]." GYSTC's major aim is to persuade more young students to think about a technological career earlier so that they may become better prepared for college courses.

GYSTC will also have a few impacts for Southern Tech students. One project that is planned will set up college students as "mentors" for younger students. They will show the children how a college operates and how interesting it can be to attend one. Also, Southern Tech students may be asked to attend the local versions of Techfest to provide help or exhibits. Hopefully it will give young students the enthusiasm and eagerness needed to prepare for college and a career in a technological field.

# Festival Hysterical

By Westly Hetrick  
Assistant Editor

# calvin and Hobbes

by BILL WATSON

The Festival of Animation appeared with World Fest on October 13-15 and, for a cartoon slave like myself, it was a must-see. I wasn't disappointed. I laughed and laughed and laughed until my eyes popped clean out of my head, rolled down the theatre floor, and finally stopped in a tub of popcorn left over from a previous show. At this point, I stopped laughing momentarily, popped my eyes back in, and resumed watching after donning the proper protective eye gear.

If you think cartoons are kid stuff, then take a hike you mindless goombah. In a cartoon the artist/writer/director/whatever is only limited by what he or she can draw. Actions can be understated or overstated in any way the artist likes in order to maximize humor potential. Plus, in the "animation festival" format, a number of artists are presented with different kinds of humor, so you don't get the same jokes presented in the same way over and over again.

While I will admit that cartoons are generally aimed at kids, I must add that it is because the majority of cartoons are written on a young person's level. How young? My guess is that "He-Man" is written for children at that wondrous innocent age, right after conception, but at least three months before birth. However, if this is their target audience, I'm surprised they have stayed on the air this long. But enough of my aimless ramblings, where I trail off the subject and just end up writing about whatever pops into my head. That kind of reminds me of an incident that...no, never mind.

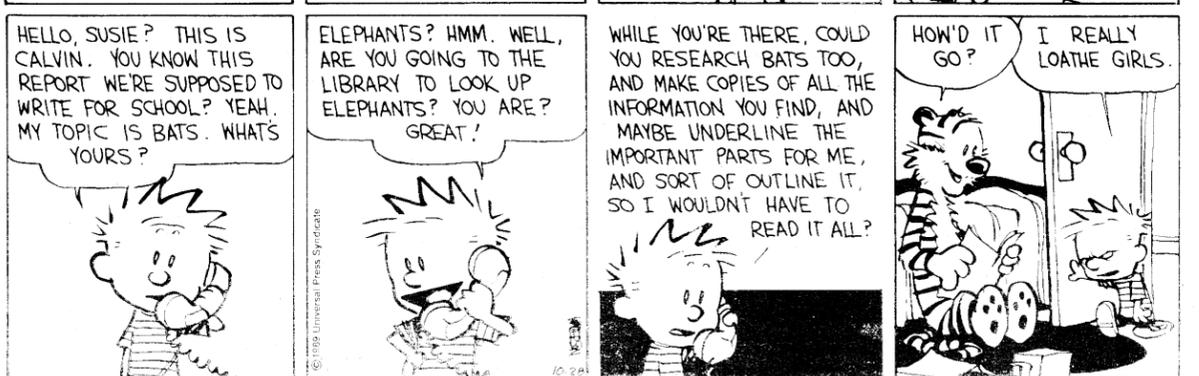
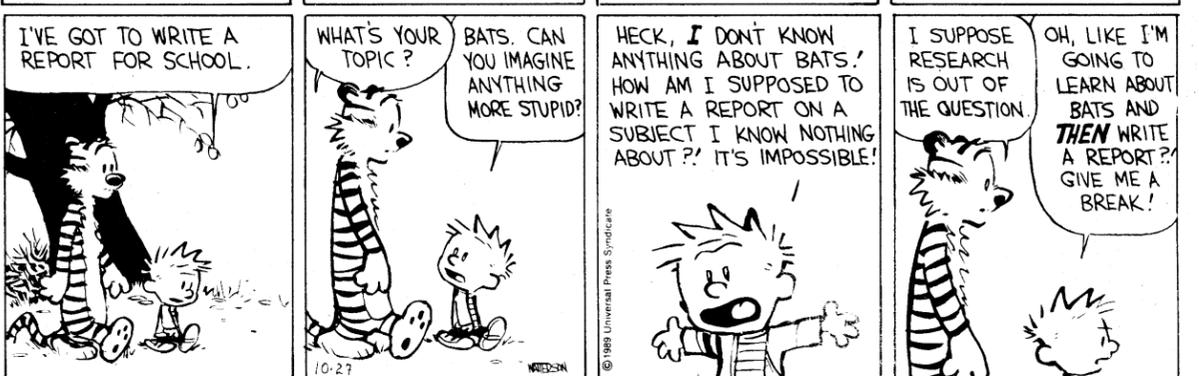
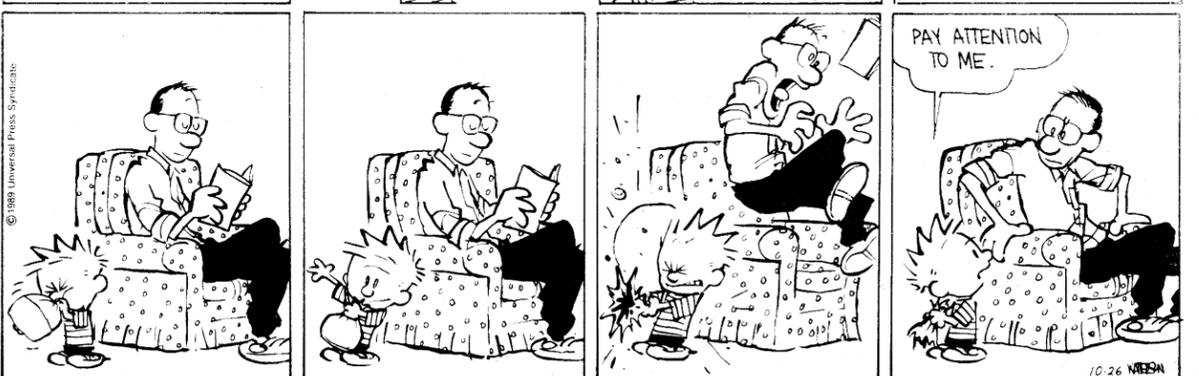
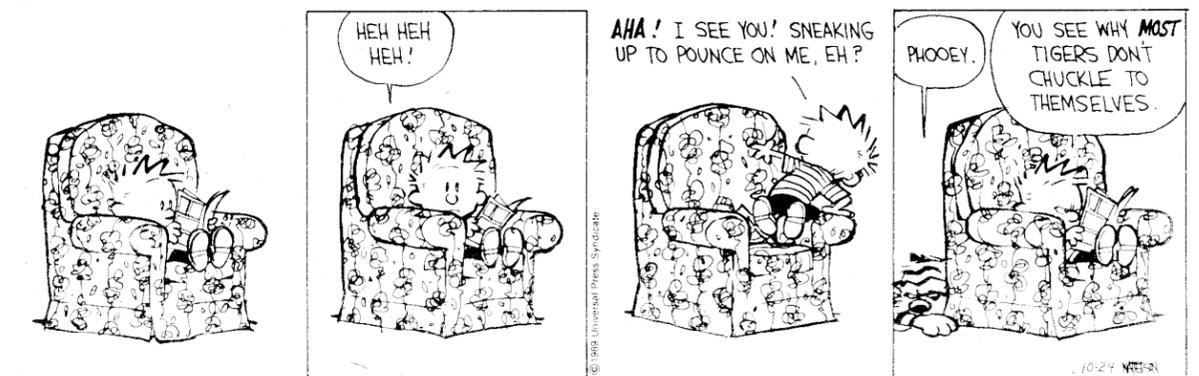
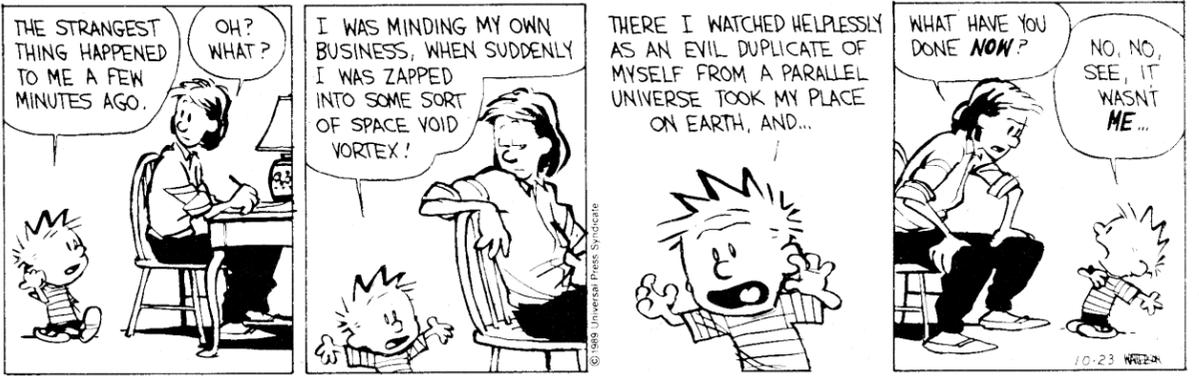
A few of the highlights of the show were: "Lea Press on Limbs" a variation on those Lee Press-On Nails commercials; "Tin Toy" a computer-generated cartoon that looks at a day in the life of a child's toy; "Primiti Too Taa" which was mostly bizarre; and "The Cat Came Back" a "traditional" cartoon in that it featured nonstop exaggerated violence, but was hysterical anyway. However, the funniest by far was "How To Kiss" which featured a serious lecture on how to kiss in the background, while the screen presented visual demonstrations by people who were obviously made of Silly Putty.

Other presentations highlighted the art of animation, such as "The Fly" which showed a fly's life through a fly's eyes, as he flew through the woods, into a house, into a window, and finally met his ultimate fate.

Still other cartoons managed to have a message they were trying to communicate. "The Door," while still being funny, managed to provide a bit of insight into how stubborn people can be. "Hill Farm" conveyed the old style farmer's understanding of the beauty and potential disaster of nature, and the city dweller's lack of it.

I guess that it's pretty easy to tell that this is a favorable review. My only qualm was that every cartoon had credits after, and sometimes before the feature. This made for long waits between cartoons, which was moderately irritating. But that's nit-picking. If this, or any other animation festival comes to town in the near future, I highly recommend you check it out.

**Last Minute Update!** The Festival of Animation will be playing all week at Tower Place. Call 233-2151 for times. Ask for a student discount.



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# EDITORIALS

## The One Test You Better Pass

By **Todd Barney**  
Graduated Former Editor



No doubt the subject I'm about to discuss is not new to you, but if you're like me, you really never thought strongly about it because it doesn't affect you (much) while you're in school. I'm talking about drug testing.

Sure, I guess I'm for it in the sense that companies need to protect their interests and employees. But there are questions of right-to-privacy and "Big Brotherism" to be addressed. And I never fully knew how I would feel about those questions until it really affected me.

I don't use drugs. I know very few people who do use them on a regular basis. But I now stand the chance of being asked to urinate in a Dixie cup and have my personal life put through the centrifuge. And even though I have nothing to hide, I'm still bugged. Bugged because I'm NOT hiding anything, and I don't like voiding bladder on demand. Bugged because I know that if I DID smoke pot on the weekends, and even if it didn't affect my job, or possibly it enhanced it, I wouldn't have a job after the results came back from the lab.

I guess it's the principle of the thing, and I must be more liberal than I thought, because I tend to think that the drug scare in this country is real close to pushing into those people's lives who are the last ones to deserve it. And I know it's a problem that affects the country as a whole, and I know that we just can't ignore the problems that don't directly affect us. But the selective morality of the people that make the rules in this country effectively amount to a return to the days of Paternalism in the work place.

At the company where I work, you will be screened for drugs if you are to be hired. And you will not be hired if you test positive for any illegal substance. Period. The reasoning given was that

drugs are illegal, and that's all the reason needed to not hire an occasional pot smoker.

I'm of the belief that drug ABUSE is not to be tolerated. I have next to no patience with anyone who abuses drugs, including alcohol. But refusing to consider hiring someone because they occasionally smoke pot on the grounds that it's illegal is just too pat an answer. It's a way to address a phobia that people can't seem to explain. (I suggest the reason it can't be explained is because there's nothing to fear.)

If companies really wanted to not hire someone because they broke the law, then they would have to take into account speeding tickets, parking violations, and let's not forget the Georgia Assembly's claim-to-fame : sodomy. (That includes oral sex, kids.)

Claiming the illegality of smoking pot as grounds for non-hire or dismissal is a way around addressing the legality of alcohol, and the problems associated with that particular drug. It is a way of poorly expressing a fear of something not understood by many people.

Unfortunately, those of you about to enter the job market will come up against a drug-screening. Bet on it. My company is not in the defense industry, we don't have any government contracts, and nothing we do could put someone in a life-or-death situation. But we now have a drug policy. We're not alone. And when test time comes around for me again, there will be a lot more riding on it than just a grade. Fortunately, I'll pass. But I know I have some co-workers whose loss will hurt the company, and it won't be because they couldn't perform their jobs. It will be because the paranoia over drugs in this country has reached the point where your boss can decide what you can and cannot do, and which laws they feel are important enough to keep.

I just hope that companies don't start deciding it would be better for the profits if we all drove the speed limit. We'd never get to work on time.

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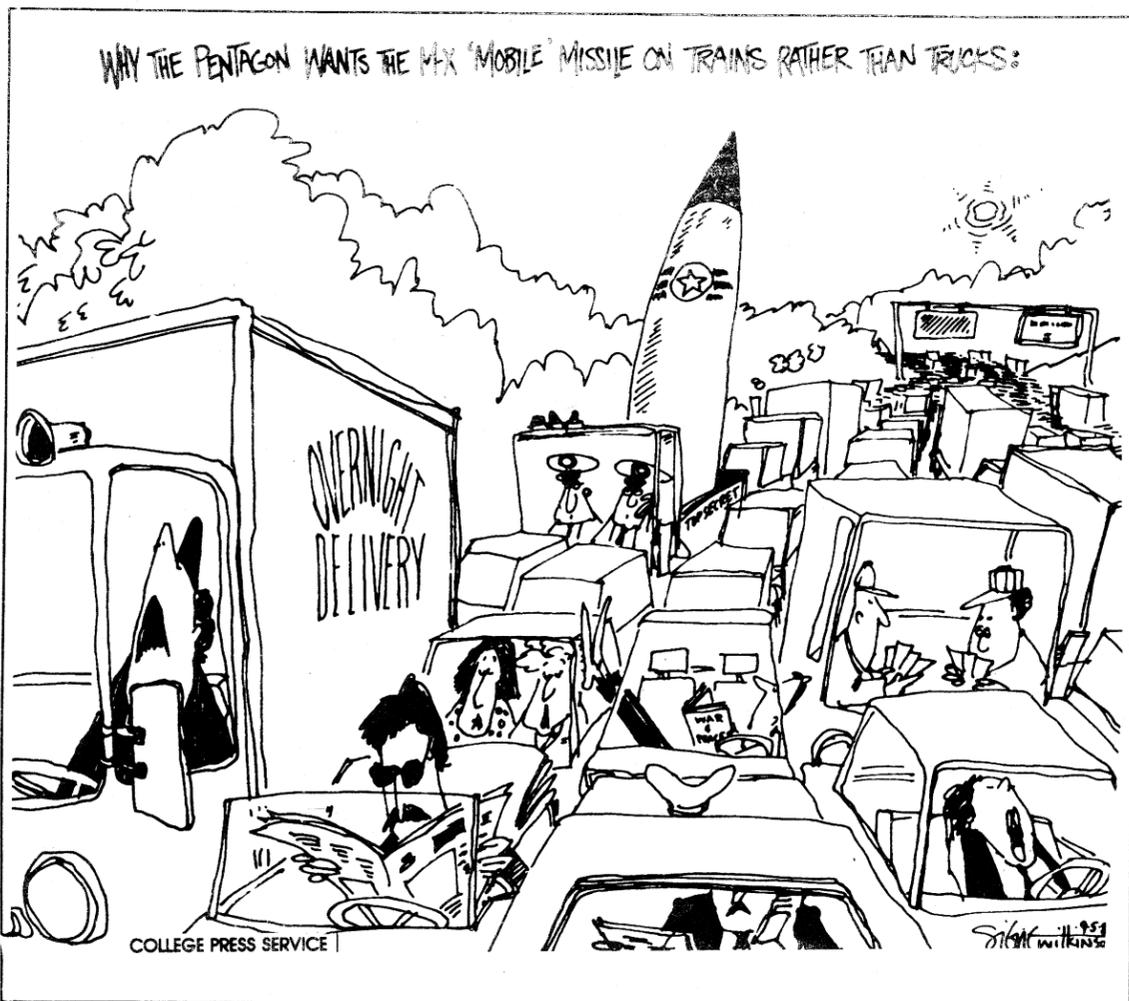
## Consensus Editorial

If the Southern College of Technology wishes to continue cultivating a real "college atmosphere" two changes need to be made: the school colors and the team name.

Green and orange could very well be the colors of Punk University (P.U.?), but one is hard pressed to find a major college with colors as unusual (or ugly) as green and orange. Green and white would be much, much better.

The other problem is the team nickname. Rebels run, Hornets don't. Admittedly, basketball players do run, and baseball players do too (occasionally), but has anyone heard of the Runnin' Dogs? Or the Joggin' War Eagles? The Southern Tech Hornets sounds a lot better.

Let's do something about this. Our guys would like the new uniforms. Besides, the gym could use a new paint job.



## Long, Long, Letter

Dear Editor:

In a recent issue of The STING, you had a consensus editorial comment that I would like to address. I know that it is sometimes difficult to get all the information you need, so I thought I could give you a little background on the decision to contract with Joe Mack Wilson. No state funds were used on this program.

In May, the Southern Tech Foundation considered a proposal to fund a pilot program to provide a special political science program at Southern Tech. At that time, no political science course was offered at Southern Tech. Many of us felt that this is a problem for our students. Traditionally, engineers and others in technical fields have had a relatively low rate of participation in the political process. The result is low representation of science and engineering among elected officials.

## Weight Room Lacking

Dear STING:

I visited the (dungeon) weight room this week and was grossly disappointed.

As a transfer from a two-year commuter school, I discovered that this institution which has twice the student population has half the equipment, size and nearly inadequate facilities. Put bluntly, the weight room is **wimpy!**

Does the school not allocate monies from the student activities fee toward the weight room?

Some improvements that could be made to improve the facility are:

Most serious societal issues (i.e. the environment, health diagnosis and care, transportation, defense, and others) are technological in nature. Since politicians make laws to manage these technologies, many more politicians should have a technological background. For example, over half of the Federal budget is technological in nature, yet only two or three U.S. Congressmen have a technical background. Additionally, less than 10% of professionals in business and industry have technical backgrounds, and they too manage technology.

The Foundation approved the funding for the pilot project. A number of elected officials (both Democrats and Republicans) and others who are involved in the political process were asked for their recommendations on contracting with a person to develop programs for the campus. Joe Mack Wilson was recommended for a number of reasons. He has 27 years of experience in the Georgia Legislature; served

- Purchase some more equipment - rowing machines, tread mill, free weights, pull up bar, etc.

- Move the weight room to the upper deck in the gym. There is more room up there, better ventilation and equipment is less likely to be taken.

- Lastly, pad the floor and post a note of who should be contacted if the equipment needs repair. (Even now there is a broken bicycle down there.)

Students will be more likely to use the weight room with a few improvements. (This means to complain if you're unhappy about the facility and someone will notice!)

J. Bige

## Bam! To The Moon

Dear STING:

Just the other day I felt a hunger pain so I shuffled on over to the vending machines in the Student Center. With my heart set on Twinkies, Ding-Dongs, and Bogie's, I changed my dollar into four quarters. I anxiously approached the vending machine, placed my hard earned cashola into the slot, pressed "F3" and waited for the machine to spit out a pair of cancerous Twinkies.

What happened next really sent me ballistic. The ob-

noxious, greedy machine coughed out my quarters and demanded 55 cents. I thought to myself, "What have American vending companies sunk to?" Trying to pass off seven tablespoons of animal fat, four cups of nasty chemicals, cooking it and trying to get 55 cents for it. I'm steamed.

I propose that we students of Southern Tech boycott this travesty of capitalism until the offending price increase is abolished.

Hot under the collar,  
Mike Koibas

for many years on the Ways & Means Committee; and is respected by members of Georgia's U.S. Congressional delegation.

Wilson served on the University System committee for many years and co-authored the funding formula now used by the Legislature to fund the University System. Mr. Wilson had already contracted with Kennesaw College's Al Burruss Institute for Public Affairs to provide many of the same type of programs for Kennesaw State College.

At present, Wilson is working with the Vice President for Academics to develop a series of guest lectures by political figures. These will include both Democratic and Republican leaders. Students and others will have an opportunity to hear how major legislative decisions are made from a man who was often a key player in the process.

Few Southern Tech students are familiar with the fact that Georgia's political process determines, to a large degree, the quality and value of their

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## Thanks For The Help

Dear STING:

Following the recent disaster that befell Charleston, S.C., I was fortunate enough to be able to take two different volunteer groups of disaster relief workers to this crippled area. Our groups were small, but we were able to help when and where help was needed. The people of Charleston and Folly Beach, where several of us were fortunate enough to go, were very grateful for our thoughts and efforts.

I wish to express my deepest thanks to all the individuals that made the journey to Charleston. We should all be proud of the long hours and hard work we put forth helping our brothers and sisters in need. It was a job well done. I would also like to thank all the people that made contributions of food, money, and building materials. I feel that we all made a bad situation a little easier physically as well as spiritually for the people of Charleston.

Tom Crowell

## Loud AC in Library

Dear STING:

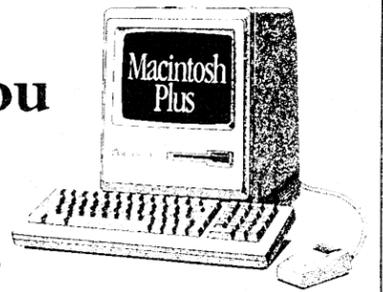
I want to take this chance to complain about the air-conditioning vents in the Library. I recently had to listen to a lecture in the conference room upstairs in the Library, and the poor woman giving it had to practically yell to be heard over the sound of the air-conditioning. I know they had to take the lowest bid for the system when they were building it, but aren't the people who are picked supposed to be competent? And isn't there something the people here on campus can do to fix it?

While I'm complaining, whoever's in charge of setting the end of class bells, please get them synchronized. The ones in the Academic Building and the 200 Building are not even vaguely together. This is really annoying.

I know neither of these is exactly world shaking, but I'd still like something done about them.

Hobart Floydt

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## Alpha Delta Pi

By Heather Quinn

After a short (and I mean short) time off, ADPI is back in action. This fall we are all having a great time keeping busy in especially three areas.



## Tau Kappa Epsilon

By the Little Sisters

Congratulations to our new brothers Pete Horrocks and Keith Taylor. Also congrats to our new little sister Cheryl Hilliard. Cheryl is here at Southern Tech looking for a husband, and does not care about her GPA (take that B.K.).

Upcoming TKE events are the Halloween party October 27 at the College Commons. Open party to all (costume

First is rush, both formal and open. Watch out guys, because ADPI is ecstatic over gaining nine awesome pledges. These young ladies include: Jessica Day, Sheri Douglas, Kelly Hendrix, Stacy Johnston, Vicki Knowles, Deanna Miller, Michelle Mock, Kara Warner, and last but definitely not least, Josette Willingham. Congratulations girls and welcome to some of the best times in your lives. Second, a standing "o" goes out to our new initiate--(our baby sister) Wendy Leitner. We are so proud to have you as a sister. In

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required). A blood drive will be held October 31 (how appropriate). The second annual "death pool" Wild Turkey Party will be as potent as ever. Date and time to be announced.

TKE would like to welcome the following new associates: Russ Bagwell, Travis Boatwright, Bob Buhl, Eddie Christie, Jeff D'Huyvetter, Gary Frantz, Bruce Harbin, Chad Horne, Toby Miller, Dan Pearce, Jason Richardson, Tony Shover, Eric Williams, and Kerry Woods. Good Luck Guys!

We want to extend our warmest wishes to TKE newlyweds brother Ken Boggs and little sister Kathy Coley. May they produce many new little TEKES!

But at any rate, in order to bring you this issue, new levels of goofiness were reached. Imagine, if you will, a group of semi-educated college students seriously contemplating the possibilities of *Redneck Star Trek*. "Interstate: the final frontier. Far up that thar C.B., Uhura. Damn yer Newnan logic, Spock. Them Klingons just opened up a whole can of whoop-ass." You get the idea. Or possibly you don't. Maybe you had to be here. (Hint, hint)

do it. How will you ever know unless you try. Think of the money you'll save your parents by not enrolling in the Columbia School of Broadcasting. Impress your friends and enemies with your omnipresent personality over the radio. Influence young minds with subliminal and not so subliminal messages.

Anyways, listen to WGHR 102.5 FM.



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### SIGMA PHI EPSILON

By Lamar Bevil  
President

We would like to welcome Chris Moore as a newly initiated brother into Georgia ETA Chapter. Chris is a transfer student from East Georgia College where he was Student Government President in 1988.

On October 14 and 15, Sig Ep went to Helen's Oktober Fest.



**PIZZA!!** Yeah, we like it too. This article has nothing to do with it, but we thought it would get your attention. However, since you're reading anyway, we will tell you about some explosive stuff coming your way.

**TNT** (Thursday Night Thing)! To avoid insulting your intelligence, we will not continue to mention that this event does, in fact, occur on Thursday nights. "So what is it?" you ask. It is a regular weekly fellowship time with the BSU from KSC. It is located downstairs in the Student Center in



Welcome back! I know we're ready to hit the books. Well, on a brighter note, I would like to congratulate our newest Brothers: David Warden, Brad

Every member who went learned the "Chicken" dance and had a great time.

Sig Ep was proud to participate in Alcohol Awareness Week. Monday, a brother, a pledge, and a lil sister all were arrested for a mock DUI, and on Tuesday, we passed our copies of Georgia's DUI laws. Our pledge class won first place in the banner contest sponsored by the Wellness Committee.

On October 21 the Georgia ETA Chapter held a "Bucket Brigade" fundraiser for the American Diabetes Association.

Enough of the past, back to the future. Don't forget on October 26, KATSIKA NIGHT, it's the revival of a great Southern Tech tradition. On Thursday, November 2, we are holding our quarterly pledge breakfast at the Shoney's on U.S. 41.

room 119 (behind the vending machines). A Halloween party is scheduled for October 26.

**Free Food** - every Tuesday at 12:00 noon in Ballroom A (upstairs in the Student Center). Everyone is invited; bring your appetite!

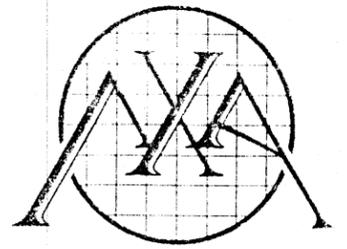
**Road Trip** - every Thursday to Kennesaw State College at 12:15 p.m. in room BA 226 for Bible study. Currently, there will either be an attractive young woman leading the Bible study or at least one in the immediate vicinity. Take your chances!

**Space** - the final frontier and now claimed by the BSU. Yes, bulldozers are clearing space beyond the fence near the computer building for a spacious Baptist Student Center/Intern Residence/Sports Simplex/Star-gazing Facility/Etc.

**Future** - mountain retreat to Gatlinburg, Tenn. on Jan. 13-15, 1990. STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS...

Harris, and Matthew Blumenthal. Let's all give them a hand. They deserve it. We would like to congratulate our new associate members. It looks like we're going to have a good football team this year. Even though we have gotten off to a slow start. Please come out and cheer us on. Here are a few parting quotes: "Can I have a dollar," asks Mooch, and Abner says, "Goonie Goo Goo!"

**ORGANIZATIONS!** *If you can't remember the last time you gave us a logo, then it's probably been a while. The STING would like to encourage all organizations to submit new logos before our old ones completely decompose.*



By Jimmy "Scoop" Olsen

Since this is my first article, I would like to say to all my fans - "word."

Congratulations to Lambda Chi Alpha on another successful rush. We welcome our new associate members. They are: Chip Lawson, James Mahaffey, Mike Minor, John Newberry, Rodney Koebuck, Jason Boston, Tal Martin, Steven "Bread" Crumley, Chris Waskey, Jim Daugherty, Randy Redd, Marshall Boatright, and Sean Philyaw. Good Job Guys!

I would also like to congratulate our 1989-1990 officers, including Walt Baxley, our new president. I know you will all do a great job.

"Ladies and gentlemen this just in from Clark Kent, our mild mannered reporter. 'The Lambda Chi's have once again attacked and conquered Mt. Yonah.'" Of course y'all know that I am talking about our rapelling trip to Cleveland (Georgia, not Ohio) last weekend, right!? Sure, I knew you did!

The festivities started on Friday and lasted into early Saturday morning with late night entertainment provided by Don "Call Me Frank" Cowan. As the night grew old, Scott Martin kept us on the edge of our seats with an outstanding fireworks display (proudly sponsored by Chevrolet), and Rodney taught us how to "get a better look at the squirrels."

After a peaceful sleep, everyone got ready to jump off the rock. Everyone (almost) rappelled at least once, and after a long day on the face, we packed up the chuckwagon and headed back to the ranch.

...And now for sports. Lambda Chi is on a winning streak in football. The "Fighting Lambchops" are two and oh with an impressive come from behind victory last week. Our volleyball team also seems destined for greatness. They are undefeated and looking strong!

Until next time, I'm not Kasey Kasem. Keep your feet in the sky and keep reaching for the ground!

## T H E STING

By Westly Hetrick  
Layout Guru

Well, another issue is in your hot little hands, and in order to bring you this spectacular mono-media event, the staff worked harder than a banana boat full of tarantulas. (I don't know what that means yet, because I just made it up.)

## WOOPER SCT RADIO

By Mike Kolbas  
The Raisin Powered Station

The station of the nation is located at the bottom of the Student Center and you can be a Disc Jockey too. Now I know you're saying to yourself, "Self, I can't be a DJ." Well, let me tell you something. Just

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education. The Development and College Relations Office routinely monitors pending legislation to determine what effect proposed laws will have on the college. Over the past few years, it became obvious that many students (and employees) were not familiar with how the college receives funding, capital improvements, or even how the Secretary of State's Office affects the professional registration process.

In 1985, AET students were suddenly faced with a change in the state's architecture licensing laws. In the closing days of the session, Southern Tech mounted a campaign to reverse the law which denied Southern Tech grads the right to take the architecture examination. While that effort was successful, a tremendous amount of time was spent explaining the process a bill goes through to become a law.

Students often make the mistaken assumption that the college budget is based upon the number of students and credit hours generated. Many factors are involved, but one of the most important is how good of a case the college can make to demonstrate that it is good for the state to support Southern Tech and the University System. For example, the Quality Improvement money that moved Southern Tech labs from being obsolete to becoming the modern labs students now enjoy is the result of working closely with elected officials.

Twice, the Student Center addition has been deleted from

the Regents capital construction list. The entire Southern Tech community was frustrated by the process, but few understood how the system worked. During the last session, many people wanted to help, but did not know what they could do to make a difference. Joe Mack Wilson will help us give students an educational experience that is seldom available on a college campus.

Many people have asked me what we intend to do prevent losing the Student Center addition in the upcoming budget. We have been working with Tom Daniel, Vice Chancellor for External Relations, since 1985. We depend upon Vice Chancellor Daniel to coordinate and direct us in providing information to our elected officials. We will continue to work with him on this project. The Board of Regents and the entire Chancellor's staff takes this project very seriously, and we will all make every effort to insure that the Regent's Priority List for Capital Construction is followed. I have been giving speeches to alumni and to professional society groups during the past year to ask that they make sure that their elected officials understand that Southern Tech has a state-wide mission and serves industry all over Georgia. I will continue these activities and work with the Vice Chancellor in anyway that is appropriate.

Beverly G. Rethmel  
Director of Development and College Relations

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of spheres on which we put an intrinsic value on each sphere. Called the Gaia Metaphor after the ancient name for Mother Earth, the theory states that mankind must value the environment as much as it values its economic spheres in order to achieve an ecologically balanced world.

Thursday's luncheon presented Rachelle Hollander, Program Director for Ethics and Values Studies in Science, Technology and Society at the National Science Foundation. She discussed "Expert Claims and Social Decisions: Science, Politics, and Professional Responsibility." Her lecture focused on the responsibility of all scientists to not only "do good science" but to be aware and consider the social ramifications of the results of their science. This is something extremely valuable to students at Southern Tech because, even

though they are students in technological fields, they must ultimately deal with society and how it views the science they use and deal with.

In addition, the subject of technology as applied to education was covered extensively. One presentation covered the new idea of hypertext and hypermedia methods of education. These techniques involved mixing video, audio, and computer-based organization to teach more effectively than ever before. The idea behind hypermedia is that the person experiencing the presentation does not have to proceed sequentially. Instead, one can proceed "relationally," in effect reading in, around, and through something instead of front to back.

This cooperation between the humanities and technologies gives Southern Tech students a view of how the

other side of the fence views our disciplines. One idea that comes from this conference is that, even though Southern Tech students study technology, they must realize the importance of the humanities in dealing with the rest of humanity since they are the ones who will ultimately pay our paychecks.

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require a copy per machine).

Incidentally, those people who thought they got around the Friday the 13th virus by setting the date ahead to Saturday the 14th have done nothing in the way of added protection. The Friday the 13th virus can strike any day after October 13. And users who feel safe with their backups of data and programs should be aware that viruses could have found their way into the backups.

## Hey You Stupid Goombahs!

We at The STING have decided that we're sick and tired of pandering to potential staff members. From now on, potential staff members should instead come groveling to us to let them join, and only then after a period of intensive hazing. We don't know why we never thought of this before. In keeping with this new policy, there will be no humorous STING ad this issue. So there.

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fact, ADPI is proud of all of our sisters just for being who they are. I, as well as many of the other girls, would like to extend a gigantic hug to Andrea Floyd and Shannon Williams for an excellent rush. It's because of you two that we have so many wonderful girls for ADPI this fall. Lastly, ADPI was proud to be a part of Alcohol Awareness Week by putting on our annual Mocktails party, just another success of ours. Congratulations to the entrants for the following winning awards: Pi Kapps, Best Tasting; Lambda Chi, Most Participation; and Sigma Pi, Best Presentation. Everyone did a beautiful job. Though I must end this article, ADPI continues to work and play. So keep an eye out for us, for we are everywhere and we are looking good!

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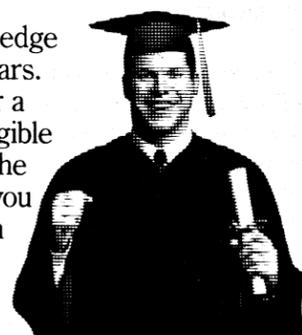
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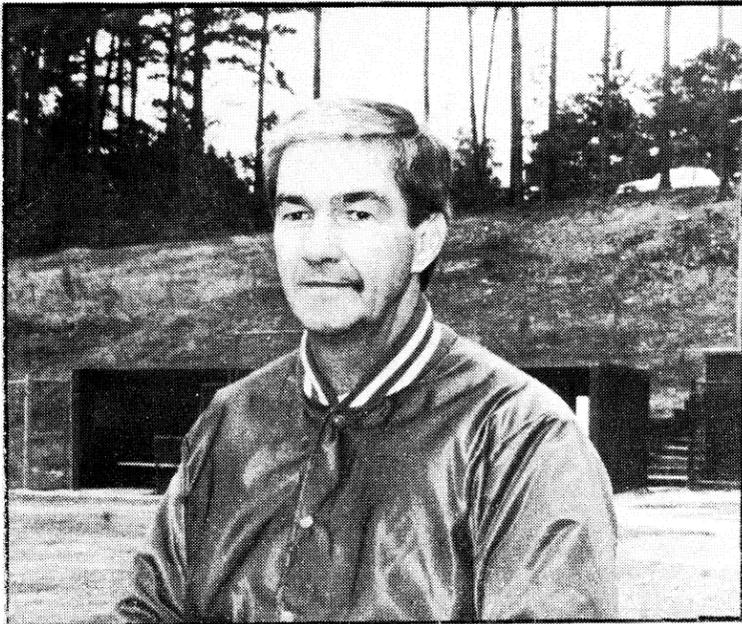
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## SCT Fall Baseball Off and Running



Baseball Coach Charles Lumsden led the Runnin' Hornets to victory twice in a double header against Chattanooga State on October 15. —Photo By Jack Silver

By Alfonzo Lanier  
Staff Writer

The Southern Tech Hornets opened up their Fall baseball season on Sunday, October 15. The Hornets traveled to Chattanooga and went head-to-head with the Chattanooga State baseball team in a double

header.

The first game of the double header was won impressively by the Hornets. Starting Pitcher Eric Love and relief pitcher Chris Lockhart combined their efforts to lead Southern Tech in a three to nothing victory in the first game. The leaders in hitting

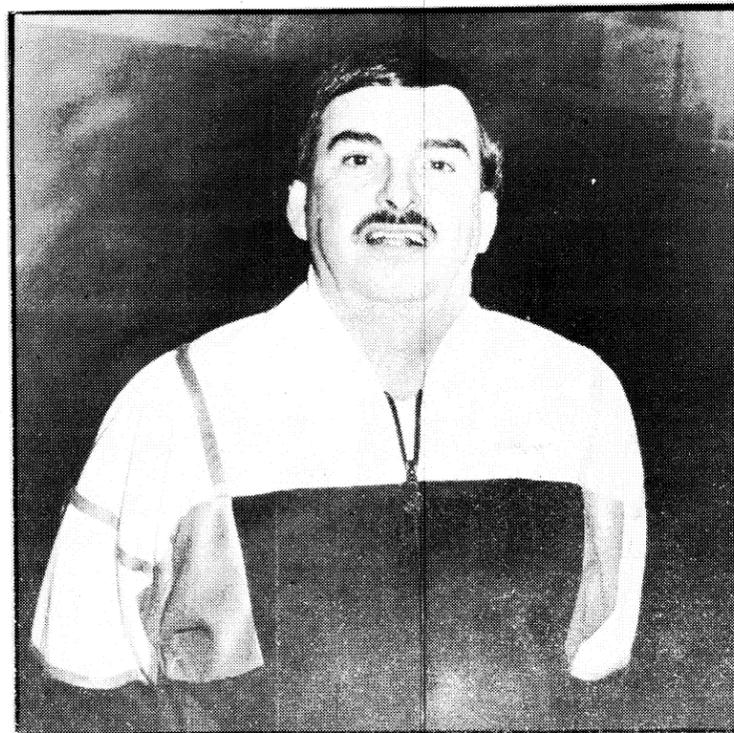
were as follows: William Vining was 1 for 2, Brad Lurie was 1 for 2, Army Currell was 1 for 3, and Mike Cretch was 1 for 3.

The second game was a little more difficult but the outcome was the same. The Hornets, led by Catcher Jay Truett's two doubles and one single, won the second game 5 to 3. Tom Phillips pitched two innings, Tommy Wilson pitched three innings, Jeff Battles pitched 2 innings and Jay Wozniaki pitched one inning. These pitchers combined to hold Chattanooga State down to only three runs.

Baseball Coach Charles Lumsden is happy about the victories and he feels that the baseball team played well both offensively and, especially, defensively.

The Hornets are off to a good start in the Fall season in which they will be playing 14 practice games. The practice games are to improve the team so that they will be ready for the regular season which starts in February.

If the Hornets keep on stinging, they will have a successful baseball season in the fall and spring.



Look! Look! A new picture of Coach Perides. Yes, once a year we take a new picture of the Coach, and this is it. —Photo By Jack Silver

By Steve Hill  
The Sports Guy Without TV Hair

The Southern Tech basketball team recently lost its two leading candidates for point guard. Returning point guard Derrick Howard and Wardell Sims, a newly recruited Junior college transfer both left the team before the season's first scrimmage.

The loss of Sims and Howard leaves the Hornets with three guards, and more importantly, with only one player left at point guard. "We lost an experienced person in Derrick, and someone is going to have to fill that slot for us," said Tyrone Dean, assistant coach of the Hornets. "We feel as though we have people that are capable of doing it," but "...it's going to be an adjustment, a big adjustment," he concluded. Part of this adjustment includes placing a lot of playing time on JuCo transfer Brad Durr. Durr was recruited along with Sims to play at point guard, but the loss of both Howard and Sims will give Durr a larger portion of the playing time. "Instead of sharing the time (with Sims) it's more or less leaning on Brad's shoulders," Dean concluded.

Another adjustment being made is to switch starting guard Chuck Johnson between the number two guard and point guard position. David Harrison should also see some time at both positions. "One person is not going to help make up the shortage of two players leaving." According to head coach George Perides, the team has been impressive. "We've

got a couple of kids that we did not know if they were capable of doing what they're doing right now, they really have impressed us," says Perides.

The main concern is of injuries. With only ten players, an injury to anybody can leave a shortage of players at one position. Perides has been trying to alleviate the situation by looking at recruits for Winter quarter. With the district tournament scheduled after the first of the year, one or two new players could bring relief to the team. "If one player gets hurt, it affects even our practices, we don't have anybody to practice against," explained Perides. "We would like to bring in two people at Christmas. That would give us twelve (for the district games)," he concluded.

Even with the loss of Howard and Sims, the season looks bright. The team adjusted well to the new alignment, and in the first scrimmage of the year learned that it was easier to play against another team than against each other. The team is working well together, and it showed in Coach Perides pride in his team: "We've got the guys that want to be here. The guys I've got out there are busting their butts every day, and I'm really proud of them. They'll overcome this thing."

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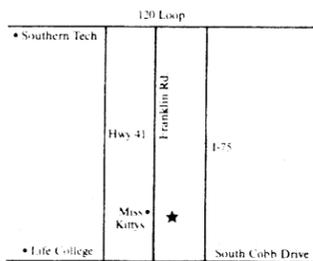
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