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42 Percent of Short Term Loans Are Delinquent



Nancy Breeding, Manager of the Business Office, states that \$35,700 in short term loans remained unrecovered at this time.

—Photo by David Miles

By Joanne Byrd
Graduating Staff Writer

The Southern Tech Foundation Loan Program, commonly referred to as the short term loan (STL) program, is helping SCT students spread their fee payments out over the course of the quarter rather than paying a lump sum at the end of the Drop/Add period. Each loan is divided into three installments with a nominal interest charge. Each quarter about 65 students benefit from the program.

The STL program is a revolving fund of money, in which the money loaned out to students is repaid back into the fund with interest. These funds are then used to issue the next quarter's loans. All of the outstanding loans become due about four weeks before the end of the quarter so that the available funds can be re-allocated to students for the next quarter.

At the beginning of each quarter an average of \$26,400 is unavailable for loan to needy SCT students because many students have not repaid their short term loans by the last payment date. Most of these

delinquent borrowers will repay by the Drop/Add period so that they may re-enroll for courses, but these repayments come in too late to help many students who need short term loans to pay advance registration fees for the current quarter.

Annually the STL program starts with \$54,000 and earns about \$12,000 in interest which brings the program up to a balance of \$66,000 which can be loaned out if all the borrowers promptly repay their loans.

Another problem with the program is defaulted borrowers. Once a loan is past due it is termed "delinquent." Then after 90 days of no contact from the borrower the loan is in default. At this point the Southern Tech Business Office turns the borrower's information over to one of two collection agencies the school is currently using.

Before turning an account over to a collection agency the Business Office sends the student two delinquent notices and telephone calls are made to offer the student the chance to repay the loan on adjusted terms. If after 90 days the student has made no attempt to contact the school

or the Business Office, the account is turned over to a collection agency.

"We will make every effort to work with the student," said Ms. Nancy Breeding, Manager of the Business Office. The majority of accounts turned over to the collection agencies are for students who have failed to make contact with the school.

Presently a total of \$35,700 has been unrecovered from borrowers. Of this amount \$6,300 belongs to 20 accounts which have been termed "uncollectable," according to Ms. Breeding. These accounts date back to the late '70s and early '80s. Of the remaining amount, \$15,800 is also in default and \$13,600 is delinquent. Ms. Breeding expects most of the delinquent funds to be repaid during the Winter quarter Drop/Add period. Also several of the defaulted and delinquent borrowers are now attempting to pay off their loans under adjusted terms.

During the earlier period of the STL program the loan application forms were not very effective in gathering accurate

Loans cont. on 11

Fall Arrives: Rock Changes Colors

By David Miles
Staff Writer

As many of you may have noticed while you were walking to class a couple of weeks ago, the rock is not the same dull grey it has been for the last year. In fact it was a nice red. And black. And yellow, green, and silver, too. Thanks to certain clandestine perpetrators, Southern Tech is once again the proud home of the world's only chameleon rock.

To update those who are either new to this college or lame of mind, here is a brief recap on the story of the rock. Back when the earth was young (or at least before 1987), it was a Southern Tech tradition to "capture" the rock, or to paint your organization's name or letters on the face of the rock.

This tradition went on until October 21, 1986. On that fateful day, an all-out assault was made on the rock by a relatively

massive group of Southern Tech students. Sigma Nu fraternity had captured the rock earlier that week, and had held the rock for several days. On the night of October 21, a group of about forty students, some from other fraternities and some independents, decided that the Nus had held the rock for long enough. There were approximately eight Sigma Nu pledges guarding the rock at that time, and so using the first principle of war, mass, the forty students easily routed the eight Sigma Nus. At that time both forces withdrew, remassed, and rearmed themselves. At approximately 2 a.m., an estimated forty-five assailants faced an immense force of sixteen Sigma Nu defenders.

An unknown number of Sigma Nu members had stationed themselves atop the outside stairwell of the then new Academic Building with the assumed intention of bombarding their assailants from above. These Sigma Nus, however, forgot to place a guard, and were surprised on the stairwell by a small group of the attacking force, who proceeded to hurl eggs



Ah yes. The Fall. When a young man's fancy turns to...paint? —Photo by David Miles

and paint bombs at great velocities in the general direction of the Sigma Nu defenders. These students were of poor aim though, and tended to hit the much larger and much more stationery Academic Building many more times than they hit the Sigma Nus. It was at this

time that the Southern Tech Police arrived in (get this) full riot gear with sirens blaring and blue lights flashing. The students then decided it would be a good idea to beat a hasty retreat and leave their redecorating job intact.

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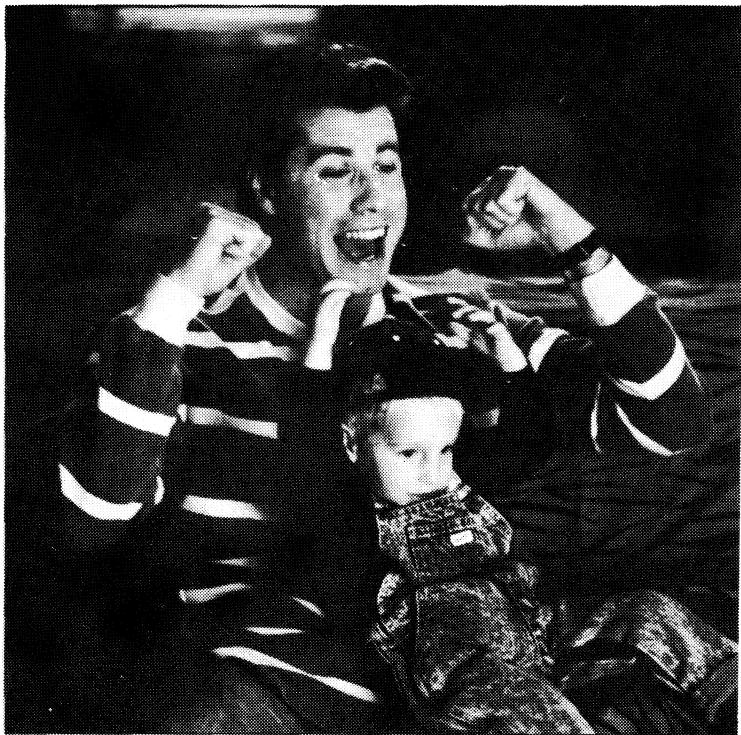
NEWS Page 2 There's now a Pep Club on campus and learn how you can win \$200 and do a good deed, too.

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Next Deadline: Jan. 17

Pep Club Helps Boost School Spirit



Wow! The crack *Sting* special effects squad presents a remarkable simulation of our rendition of the new Pep Club.

By Twylah Tyner
Staff Writer

Although Southern Tech has had successful sports teams for several years, attendance, school spirit, and crowd participation have usually been low. All of that is about to change. On November 2 Southern Tech's newest organization, the Pep Club, met for the first time and attended the first two games of

the basketball season.

The idea for some type of spirit group came from suggestions made by students to Dr. E.A. Vizzini, Dean of Arts and Sciences. Because of these suggestions, members of the Athletic Association, Dr. Vizzini, Prof. Richard Cole, Carol Callahan, students, and representatives from other student organizations met for a brainstorming session. Several

ideas were tossed around, including the idea for a cheerleading squad, but in the end the group decided to try to form a Pep Club. According to Carol Callahan, co-faculty advisor to the Pep Club, "Cheerleading was ruled out right now because it is a sport and the squad members would require the same medical clearance as the athletes do. Cheerleading also requires a lot more time for practice than a pep club does. The uniforms are also very expensive." The Pep Club practices are scheduled so that they don't interfere with the busy schedules of the members. There is also no fee to join the club. Coach Perides has agreed to pay the membership fees out of his budget.

The combination of the Pep Club plus the school mascot, performed by Kim Ray, proved to be a positive asset to the first two games of the season. Game attendance was up and crowd participation was intense.

In a letter to the Pep Club, Coach Perides expressed the appreciation of the team and coaching staff to everyone involved with this newest addition to Southern Tech.

Membership in the Pep Club is still open. Anyone interested in participating in the club can contact Carol Callahan in the Developmental Studies Office or Richard Cole in the AET department.



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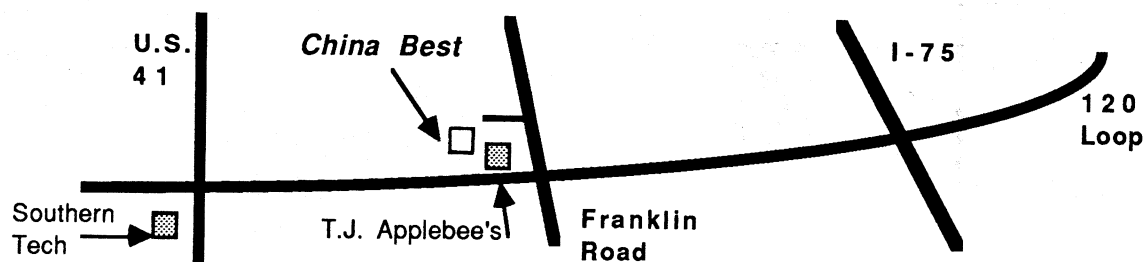
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8. Stop serving alcohol as the party winds down.
9. Help a problem drinker by offering your support.
10. Set a good example.





Ms. Penny Yancey of Gamma Phi Beta sorority was crowned Homecoming Queen this year at, get this, the basketball game, a day after the dance. —Photo by Tom Crowell

Homecoming A Success

By Lamar Bevil
Staff Writer

The Campus Activities Board put together another successful and fun Homecoming.

This year's Homecoming began with the nominations for the Queen and the voting. Five women were nominated: Cynthia Farr by Sigma Phi Epsilon, Laree Day by BSA/NAACP/NSBE, Wendy Kay Leitner by Alpha Delta Phi, Kimberly Carlin by Lambda Chi Alpha, and Penny Yancey by Gamma Phi Beta.

Also on the ballot was the question, "Would you like to see a Homecoming King in the future?" The answer to that

question was "Yes" by a majority of the three hundred students who voted.

Those three hundred students also chose Ms. Penny Yancey as our Queen and Ms. Laree Day as the first runner-up.

The dance itself was held at the Northeast Hilton Hotel on Saturday, November 17. The band was *Innovation*, the same band who performed at the Beach Party, and they rocked the dance. This year the C.A.B. gave free limo rides during the dance and gave away commemorative glasses. Everyone interviewed had a great time.

For details of the Homecoming basketball game see the Sports section.

News Bits

Career Day in North Carolina Open to SCT Students

Western Carolina Industries is sponsoring the annual "Operation Native Son and Daughter" career day program on Thursday, December 21, 1989.

WCI has arranged for representatives of some of the solid progressive employers to take part in this career day. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. and continues until 4:00 p.m. with a free light lunch. There is no cost to seniors attending.

If you are interested in attending, come to the Placement Center, pick up a resume form to be completed and returned by December 11, 1989.

Southern Tech Helps "Give Our Schools A Hand"

Southern Tech has been involved in the Cobb Chamber of Commerce-sponsored "Give Our Schools A Hand" salute to Cobb and Marietta public schools. The college co-hosted brunches for Cobb and Marietta school principals. The public relations office also co-sponsored a brochure listing Southern Tech along with Cobb and Marietta school systems, Kennesaw State, Chattahoochee Technical Institute and North Metro Technical Institute. The brochure will be disseminated by the Chamber and other organizations to newcomers, businesses looking to relocate, etc.

Cyber Lab Starts Recycling Project

The Cyber Lab has started a recycling project. Computer printouts are being recycled and the funds are being donated to worthy causes. With the onset of the Christmas season, the monies raised from the recycling efforts are currently being given to the Toys For Tots program.

Charette a Contest of Taste



This is Stephanie Voltolin, Angela Oycock, Amy Pratt and Donna Southwick with their winning entry in the Edible Charette. This year's challenge was to build a model of a church to the god of food using only the materials provided: graham crackers, eggs, animal crackers, icing, carrots, etc. -Photo by David Miles

Habitat Sponsors Design Contest

By Westly Hetrick
Ass. Editor

High tech is coming to low income housing. Cobb County Habitat for Humanity and the Southern College of Technology are sponsoring a design competition to build modular single family housing for the economically disadvantaged. Prizes are \$200 for first place and \$100 for second place.

The competition arose during conversations between Bob Dean,

from Habitat for Humanity, and Professor "Dub" Newman of the Architecture Department. According to Prof. Newman, "Habitat [for Humanity] is building these [houses] all the time." However, Mr. Dean brought up that there was a need for a way to continue work during the winter. At this point Prof. Newman brought up panelization, or the technique of building houses from prefabricated pieces.

Although this would seem

like an Architecture competition, Prof. Newman would like to encourage students from all departments to participate. Prof. Newman mentioned that teams of architecture and industrial or mechanical students may have the best chance due to the complexity of prefabricating panels.

Some of the requirements for the panels will include: that they weigh less than 200 pounds each; that a minimum of material

Habitat cont. on 11

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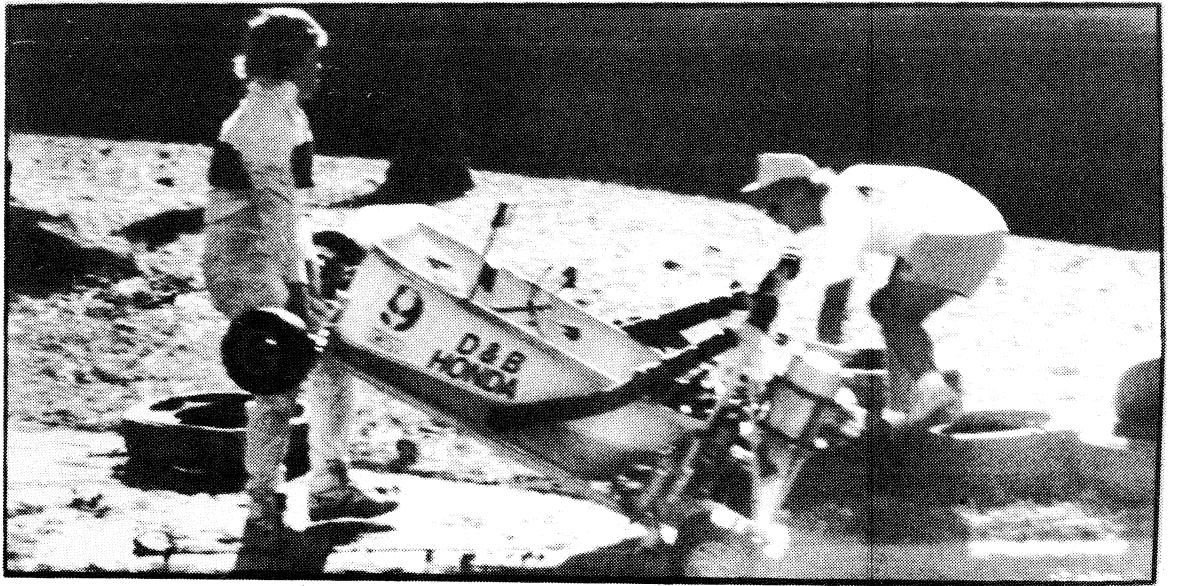
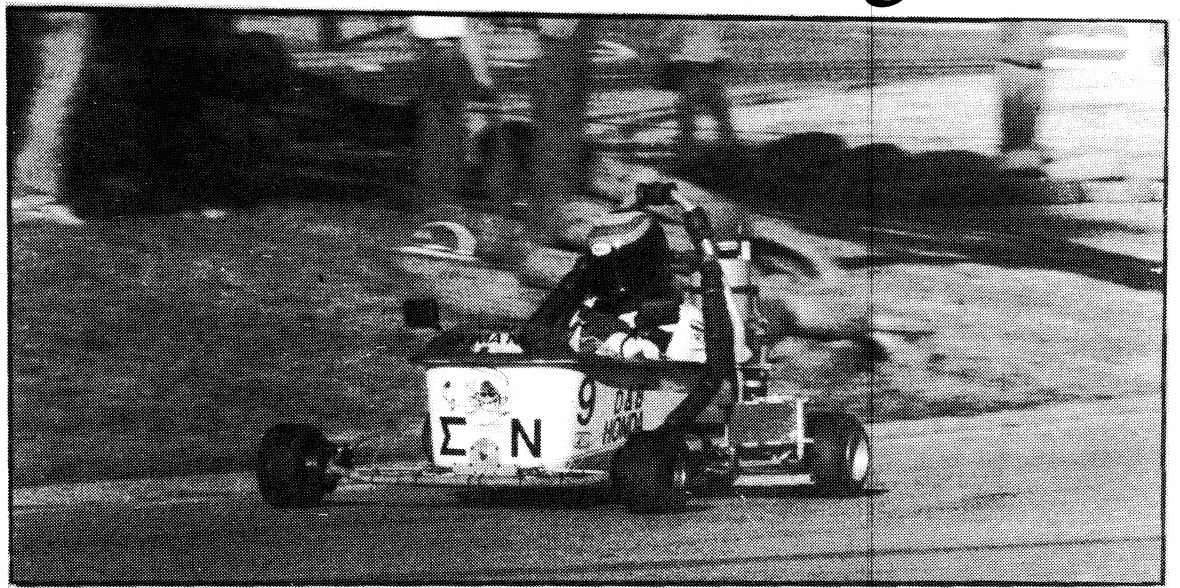
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Hingle Brings Edison To Life

By Ed Hardy
Editor

On Friday, November 10, Pat Hingle, noted TV and movie actor, came to Southern Tech and portrayed Thomas Edison as part of the Cobb Symposium.

Mr. Hingle played Edison as he was in 1934, fifty years after the invention of the lightbulb. At this time Edison was in his eighties, and the make-up required to turn middle-aged Pat Hingle into elderly Thomas Edison was extensive but quite realistic. And Mr. Hingle portrayed an old man with great accuracy. You could almost feel his pain as he sat down and stood up.

Basically the play was a long discussion by Edison about his life in general. He talked about being thrown out of school as a small boy for being hopelessly stupid, getting engaged by Morse code, his regrets that he didn't spend more time with his family, and many other things.

Much of the time he talked about his work as an inventor. During his time they were still working by the trial-and-error method. They tried over three thousand different substances as a filament in a light bulb before they found one that would burn long enough.

One of the best things about the show was that Edison wasn't portrayed as a saint. He had a very positive experience as a child laborer, and he felt that all children should be required to



Once again we run this lousy picture of Pat Hingle. The lighting was much better at the actual play.

work full time when they were twelve.

Mr. Hingle did an excellent job. But this is to be expected for a man with his acting experience. He has appeared in many movies, and you will probably remember him as Commissioner Gordon from the most recent *Batman* movie.

The show itself was a sold-out performance, but it was presented in the Burruss Auditorium so there wasn't a bad seat in the house. Because he came as part of the Cobb Symposium, a

non-profit organization dedicated to bringing cultural and informative performances to Cobb County, the ticket price was very inexpensive: only \$2 for students.

The play was very realistic. It took little imagination to believe you were listening to one of the great minds of recent history. Of course, I am no judge to whether it was an accurate portrayal of Edison or not, but there was a sense that Mr. Hingle was presenting him exactly how he was.



Sally Field smiles with glee after Tom Skerrit successfully uses the Heimlich maneuver to dislodge a handkerchief from her throat.

Southern Flowers Bloom in *Magnolias*

By Pete Kang
Staff Writer

Steel Magnolias. Starring Sally Field, Dolly Parton, Shirley MacLaine, Daryl Hannah, Olympia Dukakis, and Julia Roberts. Directed by Herbot Ross. Based on the play "Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling. A Tri Star Picture release.

Even though the Civil War has been over for some time, it seems that there is still tension which lingers over the Mason-Dixon line. If you listen very closely, you can hear some rebel from the backwoods yelling "The South shall rise again!" On screen that motto has been diminished somewhat, although there is still a peculiarity among some films which are downright Southern. *Fletch Lives* starring Chevy Chase was a total mockery of us Southern folks but *Steel Magnolias* for once does us justice.

The camera brings us to semi-rural Louisiana where big homes lie in a small, self-supportive town. The time is present day although Southern traditional values are reflected upon these flowers. The "flowers" or magnolias are six strong women whose bond is friendship and loyalty. Despite their differences financially or socially they manage to pull each other through the thick and thin including marriage, birth and

death.

As the film opens, Shelby (Roberts) is about to be married in a flamboyant fashion. At first one may think she is preoccupied with wedding colors such as pink and pink. But soon you discover she is fighting a lifelong battle with diabetes. Shelby is determined that her chronic illness is not going to dictate her life or happiness. Her subtle bravery and courage are also seen through her iron-willed mother M'Lynn (Fields). She is the central character who realizes her daughter is maturing into the independent sibling she has always wanted while trying to cope with the fact that Shelby has flown out of the nest.

Meanwhile Truvy (Parton) hires the newest member of the bunch Anelle (Hannah) at Truvy's Beauty Spot. Truvy is wonderful in that Parton just about plays herself. She is warm, funny and to top it off, her accent is genuine. Truvy's is where the Magnolias meet to trade not baseball cards but small town gossip. Anelle is kind of a weirdo who seems very insecure mainly because of her mysterious past. Later she becomes a Bible freak and her character is always convincing.

To top things off Ouiser (MacLaine) and Clairee (Dukakis) have an ongoing comical battle.

Magnolias cont. on 11

Math Stinger

By J.A. Ziegler
Assistant Professor of Mathematics

A man passed one sixth of his life in childhood, one twelfth in youth and seven more as a bachelor. Five years after his marriage, a son was born who died for years before his father at half his father's final age. What was the man's final age?

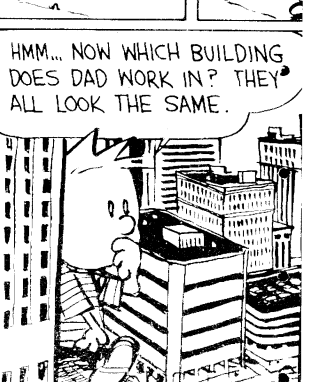
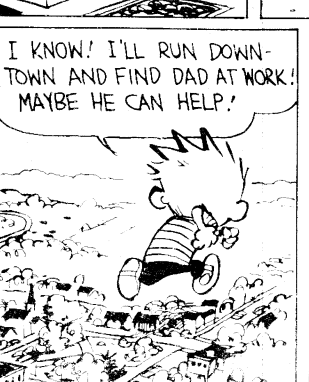
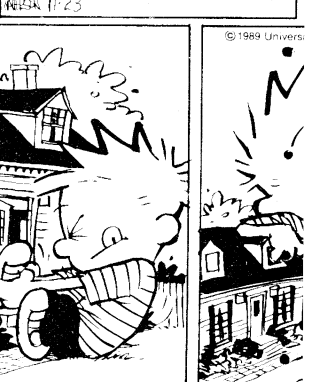
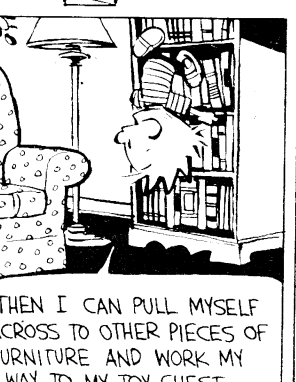
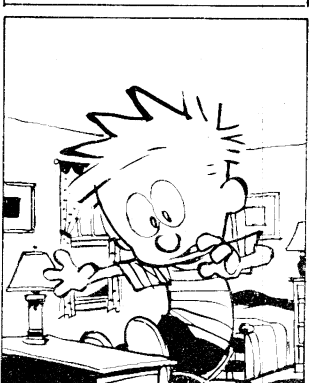
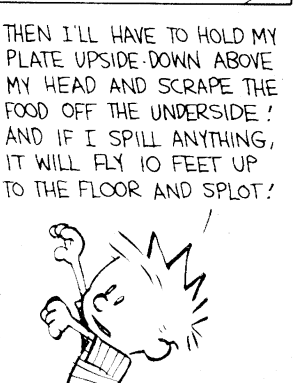
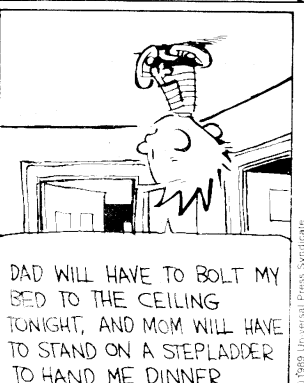
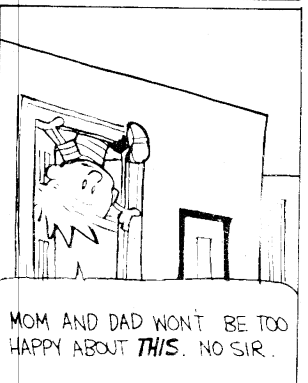
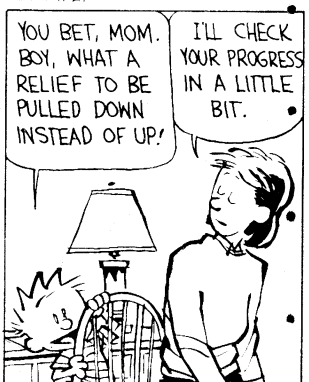
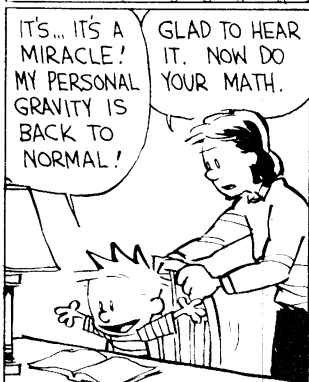
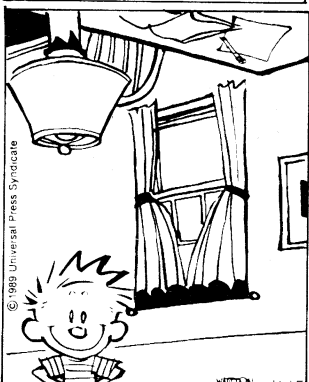
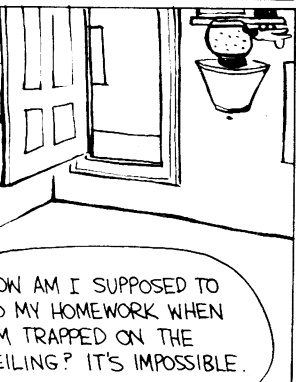
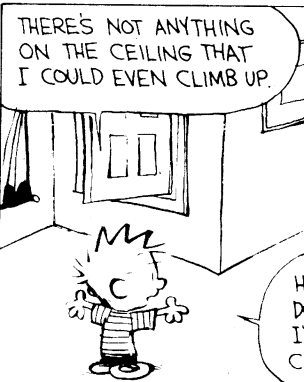
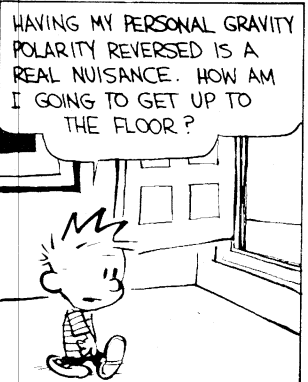
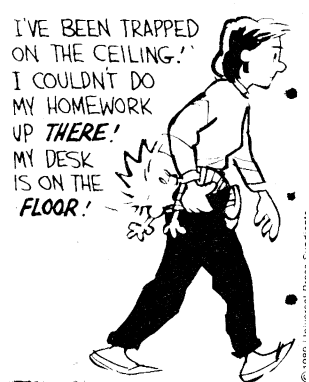
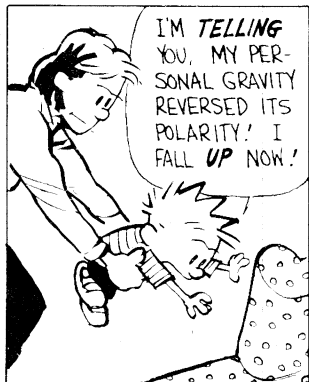
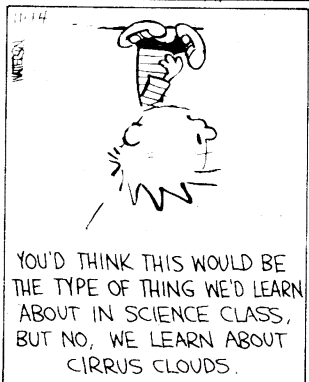
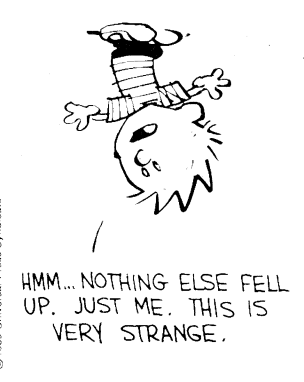
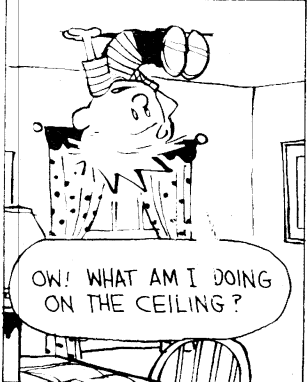
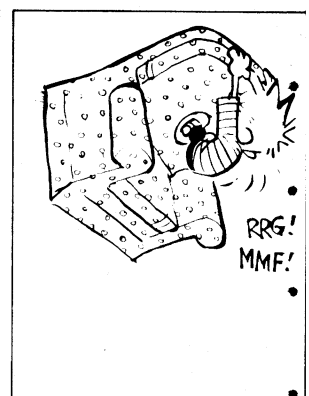
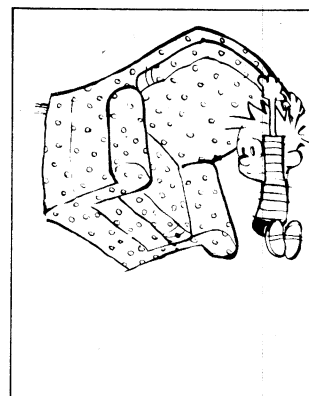
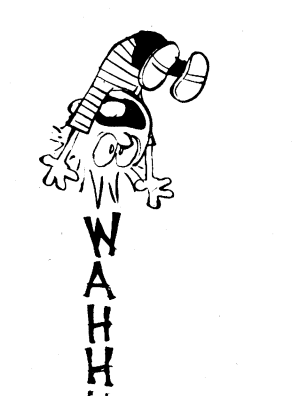
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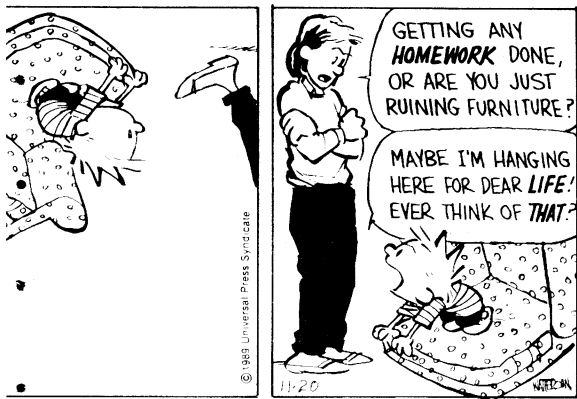
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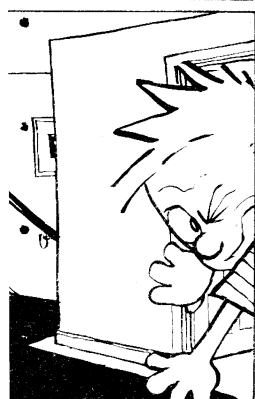
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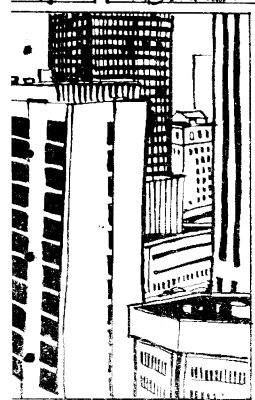
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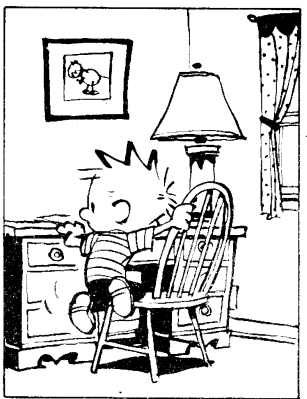
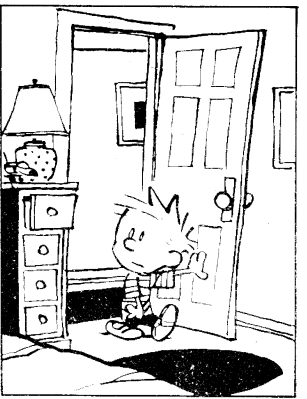
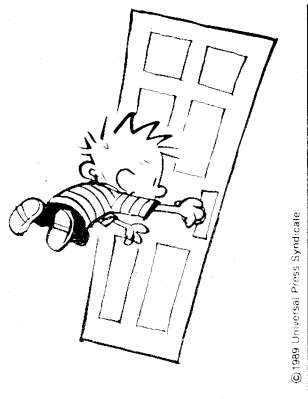
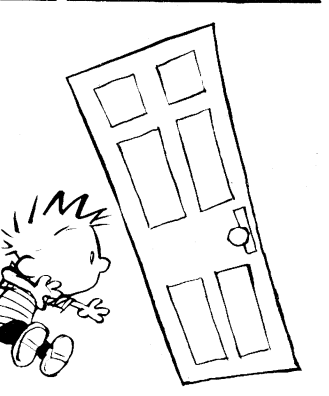
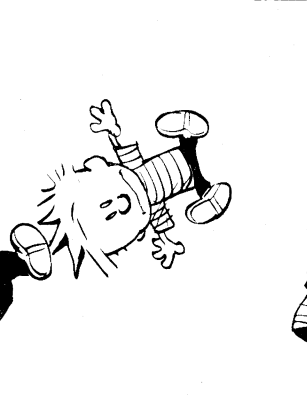
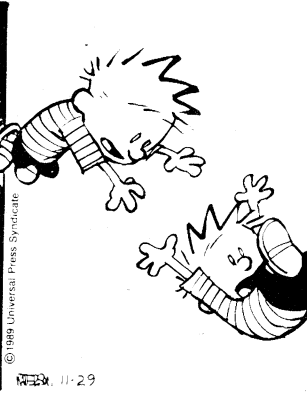
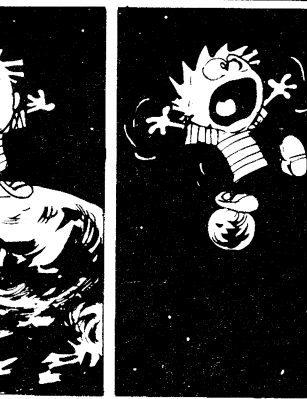
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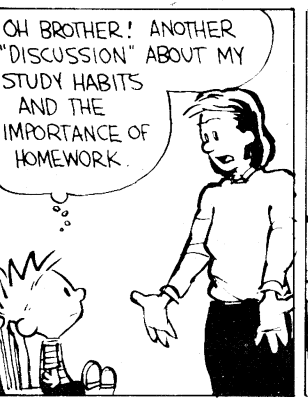
...WELL, MAYBE DAD CAN FIND ME.



WELL? HOW'S YOUR MATH COMING ALONG?
I'VE ALMOST STARTED!



OH BROTHER! ANOTHER "DISCUSSION" ABOUT MY STUDY HABITS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF HOMEWORK.



I TRIED EXPLAINING THAT IT'S HARD TO STUDY WHEN ONE'S SIZE SUDDENLY STARTS INCREASING, BUT DOES SHE CARE?? HAH!

NO, IT'S JUST BLAH BLAH BLAH LIKE IT'S ALL MY FAULT! MOM'S NEVER BEEN AS BIG AS A GALAXY, SO SHE CANT UNDERSTAND HOW ANYONE ELSE COULD BE! SHEESH.

GOOD, I'M GLAD WE HAD THIS LITTLE TALK. OOPS, IT LOOKS LIKE SHE'S WRAPPING UP. BETTER START NODDING.



DOING HOMEWORK? YEAHHHH... BOY, YOU MISSED THE SHOW

I GOT A BIG LECTURE FROM MOM JUST BECAUSE I GOT STUCK ON THE CEILING AND THEN GREW SO BIG I FELL OFF THE PLANET WHEN I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE DOING MY MATH!

GEE, THAT'S NOT VERY FAIR

YOU SAID IT. HERE, HOW ABOUT HELPING ME HURRY UP WITH THESE PROBLEMS?

SURE! TIGERS ARE GREAT AT MATH! NOW WHAT DO THESE LITTLE HORIZONTAL LINES MEAN? THAT'S A MINUS SIGN, LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU'RE DONE, OK? I'LL BE READING COMIC BOOKS.

Couldn't Have Done It Without You

By Ed Hardy
Editor



The end of the year is fast approaching, and this is the last *Sting* issue of 1989. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have helped make *The Sting* into the truly informative and humorous newspaper it is becoming.

First of all, I would like to thank all the people who have been interviewed by *The Sting* in the last year. Your patience and willingness to help has made our job easier and helped us keep the campus informed as to what is truly going on.

Second, I would like to thank Jim Thompson, Donna Espy and the rest of the Public Relations Department. Your knowledge about campus events and your advise to us has been of immense help. We would put out a far less informative and interesting paper without your help, and we don't thank you nearly as much as you deserve. It is comforting to know that when we don't know where to start on a story, we can always go to you for advise.

I would also like to thank our official advisers Barry Birkhead and Dr. Tom Wiseman. Whenever we have financial worries, we can usually count on you, Mr. Birkhead, to find some way for us to pay for whatever it is we need. And, Dr. Wiseman,

whether you realize it or not, you have been exactly what we wanted in a faculty adviser.

Third, I would like to thank everyone who has written a letter to the Editor. In a school where it is sometimes easy to get discouraged and believe that no one cares, it is nice to know that there are people who care enough to write a letter and let the campus in general know how they feel. And I also want to point out how much I appreciate letters criticizing *The Sting*. We are trying to make the best paper we can, and this isn't possible without some kind of feedback.

I would also like to thank the Administration, but mostly for what they haven't done: give us trouble for some of the riskier things we have printed. I appreciate you allowing us to set our own guidelines for what is proper and what isn't. Many college newspapers aren't nearly so free.

Finally, and most importantly, I would like to thank the *Sting* staff. While it is pretty obvious to say that without you there wouldn't BE a *Sting*, it is true. You do hours of work for no pay, little thanks, and even less recognition. But I want you to know that what you do is appreciated by myself and, in fact, everyone who reads the paper, whether they actually thank you or not. But I can thank you, and do so right now.

So, *The Sting* will be back at the beginning of Winter quarter, and I believe we will be better than ever. I sincerely hope you will agree with us.

Joanne's Swan Song Editorial

By Joanne Byrd
A Soon-to-be Real Person



Well folks, I'm outta here. But before I leave I'd like to offer some insight to those of you who are still having to go through those weekly gut-wrecking examinations.

Don't let others destroy your dreams. A wise person once said, "Happy are those who dream and make their dreams come true." Never lose your dreams because they are your claim to individuality and no one can take that away from you. Onto more down-to-earth topics now.

I've frequently commiserated with fellow students on how skimpy some professors are in giving partial credit on a test. But then one professor opened my eyes when he said, "In the real world there is no partial credit." This is so true. We have to start learning now how to perform precise calculations and apply correct formulas. In the real world there is no partial credit when your miscalculation in structural analysis or programming causes someone's death.

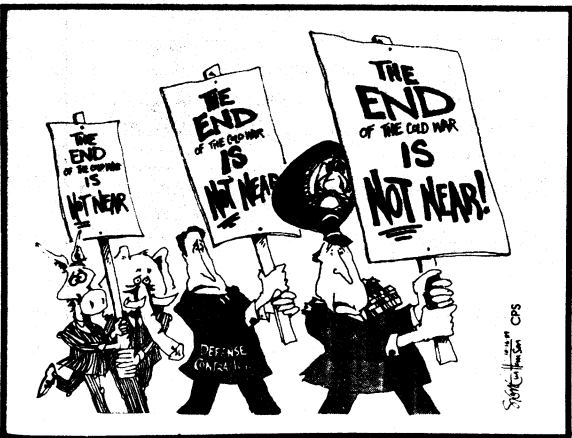
Along those same lines, I've occasionally seen some students who are taking programming courses copy other student's code with or without that person's consent. What are these former students going to do when they get a job based on knowledge presented in a class that wasn't their own work? Granted, our professors should make sure with tests and examinations that the work we are presenting is our own, but too many times I've taken tests that you can "fudge" your way through. I really don't have a solution to this situation; I

guess it's really up to us students to use the honor code and learn the material so that we can present our own work.

Some professors here at SCT are tougher than others. That's a fact of life and institutions of higher learning in general. Out in the real world you are going to run across employers who are impossible to work for yet you financially need the job. Believe me, I was in such a situation for five years and couldn't find a better job because I didn't have a B.S. Even though some of our professors are impossible to please and seem to be consumed by details, they do have a valid reason for being that way; they aren't purposely trying to make your life miserable.

Lastly, I am really glad I received my education from SCT. I think this is an excellent college and I feel confident that in the next twenty years, as more of us enter into upper management and start our own companies, that the name "Southern College of Technology" on our resumes will start turning heads across the nation. Already there has been a steady change in management qualifications over the last five years. More and more companies are promoting the blue-collar workers into management positions because these individuals have been down among the ranks and know what it takes to do the job and motivate the employees. In this respect I feel SCT graduates are going to leapfrog ahead of Georgia Tech graduates into management positions. Let's all hope my analysis and predictions are correct.

Well, now that all that's off my chest I've got to start packing for my move to California. Remember what I said about making your dreams come true...



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Special Thanks to Jean Bacon

When we had a major break-down of our typesetting equipment this past weekend, she allowed us to use the Macintosh computers in the ACS Lab.

Without her generosity this issue of *The Sting* would not exist.

Proud of TKE

Dear Sting:

In response to Mrs. "For Shame":

First of all you have the right to personal censorship. If you were offended, walk away. You obviously stayed to watch.

Second, who are you to pass judgement on the maturity of anyone?!

Third, your letter of disgust was shot down when you were not mature enough to sign your name.

And finally, I will always wear my letters with **PRIDE!!**

Cheryl L. Hilliard
TKE Little Sister

Are You Anti-Poor?

Dear Editor:

I would like a clarification on an Editorial in the November 7 issue.

In his article "Crime Can Happen to You," it sounded like Mr. Hardy believes that poor people are and always will be criminals.

I know that is not what he meant.

OR WAS IT?

Name Withheld

The answer to your question is both yes and no.

Let's face it. Many, probably most, petty criminals live in poor areas. It is just a fact of life. Ask any policeman. Anyone who doesn't acknowledge this is living in a dream world. But that doesn't mean I believe that all poor people are criminals. Far from it.

And I strongly resent you asking if I felt that poor people would always be criminals. My mother came from one of the poorest and worst homes possible, and she has made a very successful life for herself and her family.

Perfect Punch

Dear Guys:

Being a photographer for the school newspaper, *The Sting*, I thought I would get a couple of pictures of the Homecoming Dance (or Prom as I have often misnomered it). Well, I must confess that I didn't particularly care for the live band that was playing; however, the punch was, in one word, remarkable! It had a grasping yet mellow bouquet, and the flavor was crisp and consistent, unlike many of the lower quality, watered-down punches currently on the market. It's conventional reddish color was of a pleasant hue, and it was chilled to just the perfect temperature. Kudos to the punch people. The frosted glasses were kind of neat too.

Sincerely,
David Miles

A Last Word

Dear Sting:

This is in response to the "Consensus Editorial" in the last issue of *The Sting*. Perhaps the reason for no controversy caused by the administration is simply that no one has spoken up in the past about the many shortcomings of the present administration.

After 15 years of employment here, I am leaving, as have others, rather than try to cope with two more years of the apathy on the part of certain top administrators of this College. Administrators who sit in their ivory towers (Admin. Bldg. and

Norton Dorm to mention two) with no concept or concern about the low morale, dissatisfaction, or downright disgust on the part of the staff, faculty and students about their leadership of this school.

A few examples of these administrators: two, who prefer to spend a major part of their time away from the college trying to enhance their personal images in order to go on to a bigger college or university, rather than stay here and help run this College; one, who has forgotten the purpose of his appointed position and who protects his superiors rather than protect the employees he represents; and one who is

enthroned in a nearby building, surrounded by younger staff women, and who refers to himself s "God, Jr."

Where is the leadership? Kennesaw College, under an aggressive and involved leadership, has an enrollment that has tripled during my years at SCOT, while the enrollment here levels off, stagnates, and often falls. What is wrong? More to the point, who cares? There is an old premise that states, "Accept nothing, question everything," but here at SCOT it seems that the attitude is "Accept everything, question nothing." Why?

I am sure that some in the administration will accuse me of being disillusioned, and they are

right. Tired of seeing right being turned into wrong, fair being turned into unjust, and just being tired of an administration that relies on the fear of employees losing their jobs to try to keep them in line, as evidenced by the slogans on the walls of two prominent administrators, which read, "I Never Get Mad, I Just Get Even," and the other which reads, "Lead, Follow, Or Get Out Of The Way," in other words, get out.

I am sorry and sad to be leaving SCOT, sorry for the school which will never reach its full potential, and sad for the many fine administrators, faculty

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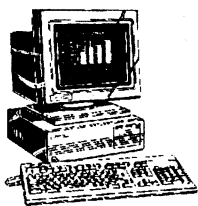
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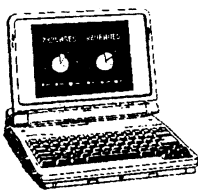
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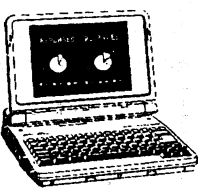
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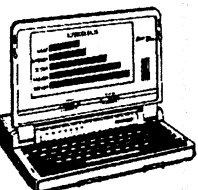
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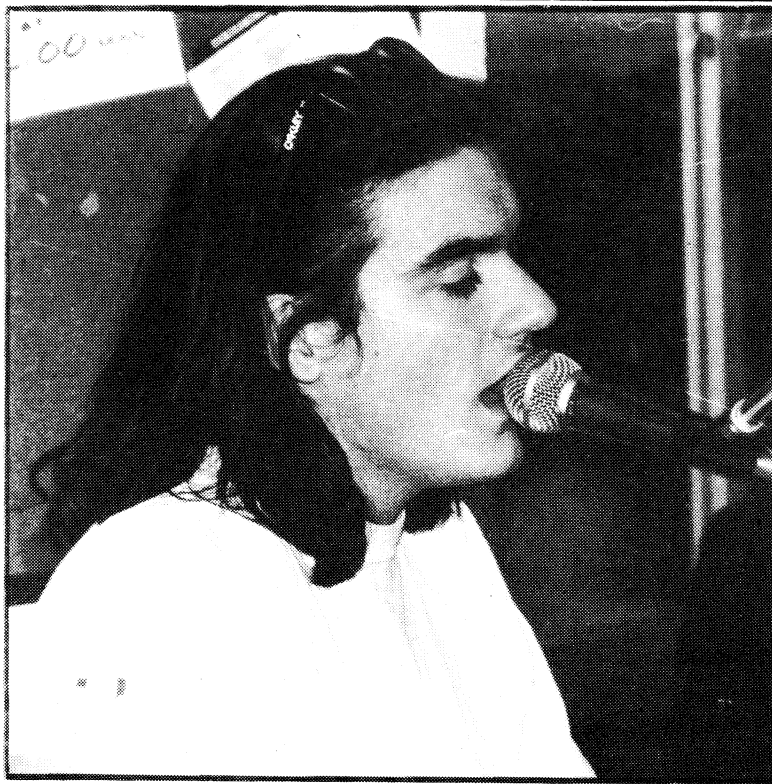
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WOOGER SCT RADIO

By David Miles
Trisha Bode
Staff Writers

On Friday, November 17, the Boston-based band *Heretix* visited the WGHR studios. *Heretix* is signed with Island Records, and has released a six-song EP entitled "A.D.," including the songs "Mad Donna," "Season of the Witch," and "Always Darkest." While at the station, the band performed two songs off their present EP and also two songs off of an upcoming EP, which is, as yet, untitled. The "concert" was broadcast live over the air on WGHR 102.5 FM.

The general consensus of those present at the "concert" was that the band played excellently, and we highly recommend their music, which is a guitar-oriented, progressive style. The band played the following night at the Cotton Club, and was even better on stage than they were in the studio. So listen to Wooger Radio for more updates on



Pictured here is Ray Lemieux of Island recording artists *Heretix* who performed live in the WGHR studios on Friday, November 17.-Photo by David Miles

Heretix!

With the start of a new quarter, D.J. positions will be open for anyone who would like to join the station. Management positions are also opening up.

however experienced D.J.s are preferred for these positions. The station is located in the bottom of the Student Center behind the pool tables, so come down and pay us a visit.

TKE THE STING

By Brad Kennedy

TKE would like to give a special thank you to Paul Wilson and Ken Boggs for their accomplishments in the Fall '89 Southern Tech Bathtub Race. They did a fine job in representing our Alumni. Ken came in third place in the rookie race and Paul placed first in the rookie race and second in the main race. Great job guys and pit crew! See ya' Spring.

Well if you thought the Stones brought a big crowd at Georgia Tech's Grant field, then you should have been at our Wild Turkey Party last Tuesday. *Vibrations* out-did Mick Jagger and they have normal sized lips. Along with *Vibrations*, our party featured the return of the DEATHPOOL. Many a man hath tried to cross this body of devastation and many have failed. Most everyone failed last Tuesday. The party was a huge success and we're looking forward to the same next year. Our party was concluded with a live turkey sacrifice with everyone dressed in white bed sheets...or maybe it was just side effects from the DEATHPOOL.

Believe it or not our Associate member are hangin' in till the END. We appreciate all their hard work, but the moment of glory is yet to be grasped. Good luck to all you guys in your Quest for the Fires that Know No End. Eat your heart out Harrison Ford!!

By Westly Hetrick
Other Editor

Greetings Fellow Travellers! *The Sting* staff hopes everyone had a happy holiday. Or that a happy holiday had you. Or something. But anyway.

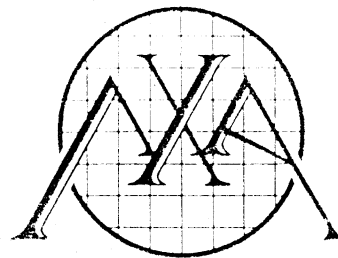
Drag out your back issues folks! We've changed our look for the umpteenth time this quarter. Not voluntarily though. Seems that various and sundry parts of our illustrious typesetting system are still taking a break as I am writing this. So we would like to thank Jean Bacon, Supervisor of the ACS Lab, for letting us use her Macs for this layout. Now if we can only find a way to get some Macs of our own.

Speaking of which, we went to a journalism conference in New Orleans, right next to the French Quarter, and boy was it a learning experience. The conference was pretty informative too. But all seriousness aside, this trip wasn't nearly as embarrassing or self destructive

as our last journalism conference. We learned lots of *useful* information this time, another major difference. We at *The Sting* vow to continue going to these conferences as long as they are in places that we want to go anyway.

Anyway, we would all like to say goodbye to Joanne Byrd and Tom Crowell, who both graduate this quarter. Joanne, our typsettin' woman, offensometer, and semi-copy editor is heading out to California, where who knows what awaits her. Tom still amazes us in that he's had more job offers than some people put out resumes. Our official *Sting* advise is that he work somewhere close so we can still ask him photography questions and use his climbing equipment. But at any rate, we wish them well wherever they go and whatever they do. The place won't be the same without y'all. Of course, this place isn't quite the same from week to week anyway.

Have I covered everything Ed? Well then, have I filled up enough space? Great! We'll see you next quarter then. Unless we become less organized or more stuff breaks.



By Warren "Scoop" Cole

This is the last Sting before Christmas break (I think), so I'll get the cliches over with..."Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!", or vice-versa?

OK, let's get back form the future, and...hey, can we talk?...First, I would like to say "Kudos" to Joe Benoit and Brian "Bear" Holland on accepting their bids, congratulations guys! Also, a "great job" to the entire chapter for continuing to rush throughout the quarter.

Now how about "Turkey Day"? Did everyone cure their craving for our long-legged, non-flying, fine feathered friend? The Lamb-Chops certainly did! On November 19, we had our annual Thanksgiving dinner and Officer Installation. It was the best one yet! We had about 150 people (brothers, associates, families and friends) in attendance. I would like to thank brother Scott Barrett for organizing the dinner, and Professor Bud Northcutt, our faculty advisor, for performing the installation of the officers.

Now to "Mr. Gleaming T.V. Hair" Dan Patrick for a Lambda Chi Alpha sports update...It was a clean race on November 12. Congrats to the Lambda Chi Alpha/Budweiser racing tub for taking first place in the Fall Bathtub Race! Lambda Chi has also finished another exciting (?) season of flag football. We finished the season at a respectable .500, 3 wins and 3 losses. But hey, Wait 'til next year!!! (The Falcons can say it, why cant' we?) The Volleyballers

lost a heartbreaker to "KSA" in the champ tourney, finishing the season at 5 and 2. However, on an upbeat note, Winter quarter looks to be a good one in the intramurals department. Lambda Chi Alpha is currently exploring the hoops free agent market, hoping to have a few ringers for the start of another basketball season. Also, keep an eye out for the "icehops" (floor hockey) burning up the parquce in an arena near you! Finally, the guys in green are going to field an indoor soccer team that will give the "Atlanta Attack" a run for the money!

For everyone that missed the Homecoming Dance, you missed a great one! It was a real class act. The food was good, the band was good, and best of all, it was free! Saturday night at the game the Runnin' Hornets went 2 and oh by decimating Allen University, and Southern Tech crowned Penney Yancey Homecoming Queen 1989, congratulations Penney. The Lambda Chi's had an outstanding time at the game, and afterwards we went to a Little Italian bistro and listened to President Walt "Four Lights in Nebraska" Baxley tell tall tales about U.F.O.s on the border of Nebraska, Tennessee, Wyoming, and Oklahoma (yes, the same border!). "If you don't believe me, watch 'Hard Copy' at 4:30!" Yeah, we believe you Walt, really we do.

Well, enough of that nonsense--I would just like to say to everyone finals week is here. Study hard, keep those G.P.A.s high, and don't procrastinate. Sigma Xi Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha has had another outstanding Fall quarter. Winter quarter will start strong with a great rush directed by Rush Chairman brother Scott Martin. It just goes to show, "The Best is Getting Better." Remember, Lambda Chi Alpha is the fraternity of Honest Friendship.



By Lamar Bevil
President

The final figures are in, we raised \$836.75 in our "Bucket Brigade" fund raiser for the American Diabetes Association. At the Fall Bathtub race, our man, Edward Jordan, was running neck-and-neck with the winner, then his engine mounts broke, forcing him out of the race. All of the track marshals had fun working with the tub #15 crew,

and we're looking forward to the Spring race.

Congratulations to Ms. Penny Yancey, Southern Tech's Homecoming Queen and the Hornets for winning Homecoming.

This will be the last article I write as president. I would like to thank the brothers for their support and wish the new officers wisdom for their terms next year. It's great to be a SIG EP!!! STUDY-RUSH!!!

Send Us Your Logos!

As you can see from this page, several organizations still have not submitted logos recently. Please do so with your next article.

Magnolias

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Ouiser, pronounced Weeza, is a rich eccentric who irritates the townspeople with her loud scraggly voice and big persistent dog. She has the nerve to tell anyone to kiss off and can stand up to anyone. At the same time she seems to care and understand even though she shows it in a different way. Clairee is a wealthy widow of the late mayor who always has her nose in the air in a pleasant way.

Believe it or not, this movie is about plain old friendship among people, blending humor and heartache with much success. Everyone in this star-studded cast does an excellent job and nobody steals the show. They are totally dependent among each other and no one gets lost in their character development. As a whole this movie is thoroughly entertaining in every respect. If you have a couple of extra hours and you want to exercise your emotions, bend over and smell the *Steel Magnolias*.

Last Word

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and staff remaining, whose accomplishments are never recognized, whose hard work is never appreciated, and whose commitment to the College is overshadowed by those who try to build their own personal empires by stepping on these employees to reach their goals.

Eloise Fowler
Physical Plant

Loan

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data in which to track defaulted borrowers. Students were permitted to list only a P.O. box for their address and references were not required. The applications are more thorough now and borrowers are interviewed prior to a loan being issued.

Even with these improvements in the program, the lateness of payment rate has increased 10-12% within the past two years which brings the rate up to its current 40% level according to Ms. Breeding.

An additional problem stems from bounced checks received from borrowers. Southern Tech has a strict policy for "insufficient funds" checks. The first bounced check from a student is disregarded if the student promptly resolves the situation with the Business Office. The second bounced check places the student on a "cash only" basis with the school for one year. The third bounced check places the student on a permanent "cash only" basis. This restriction can be appealed to a special committee here at SCT which decides whether to reinstate a student's check-writing privileges.

Rock

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That put a quick end to the rock tradition, until recently that is. After the egg and paint bomb episode strict fines and such were imposed. However, there has been no word of fines or actions being taken against any of the several fraternities whose letters have appeared on the rock in the last couple of weeks. In fact, the unofficial word is that the rock tradition may now be continued without fear of penalty. *The Sting* would like to stress that this is the **unofficial** word and not a steady rule to go by. This is where the rock stands (or sits, as the case may be) today. Stay tuned to *The Sting* for further updates on the subject.

Habitat

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cutting be involved in construction; that they allow for ease of electrical installation; and that the panels can be stacked without damage.

Two different house schemes must be possible from the designed panels. These houses must have 1,100 square feet maximum with one bedroom for adults and two others for four children. Also the houses should have one bathroom, a kitchen, a living/dining area, an exterior sitting area large enough for two rocking chairs, and adequate storage space.


Solutions should give precedence to passive heating and

cooling techniques, but a mechanical heating and cooling system must be shown. Additionally, the designs must meet all Cobb County codes.

According to the competition information, the winning solution will be judged on "graphic presentation, best utilization of space, best balance of good looking design and economy of materials, ease of construction, and flexibility of panel arrangement."

Entry forms are available in the Architecture office and must be submitted by January 12. Solution deadline is March 15.

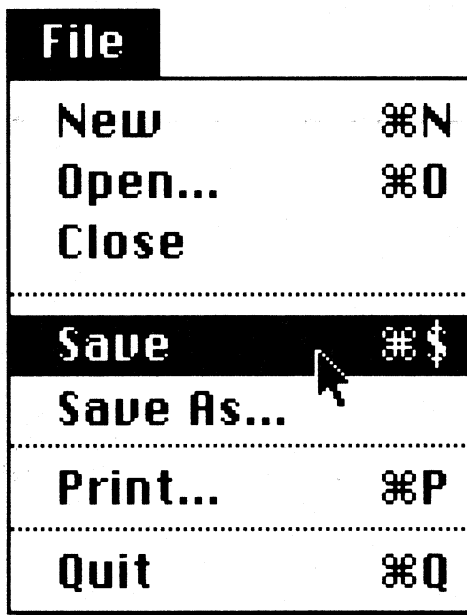
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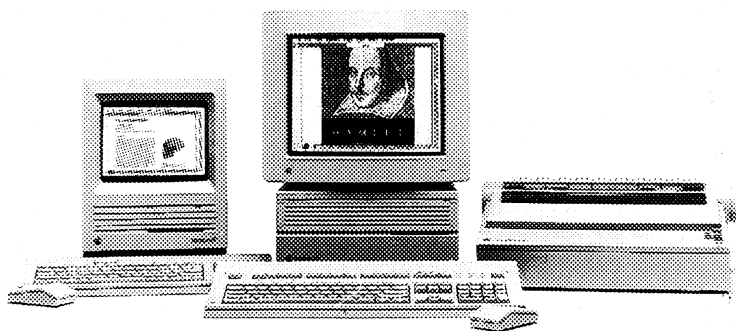


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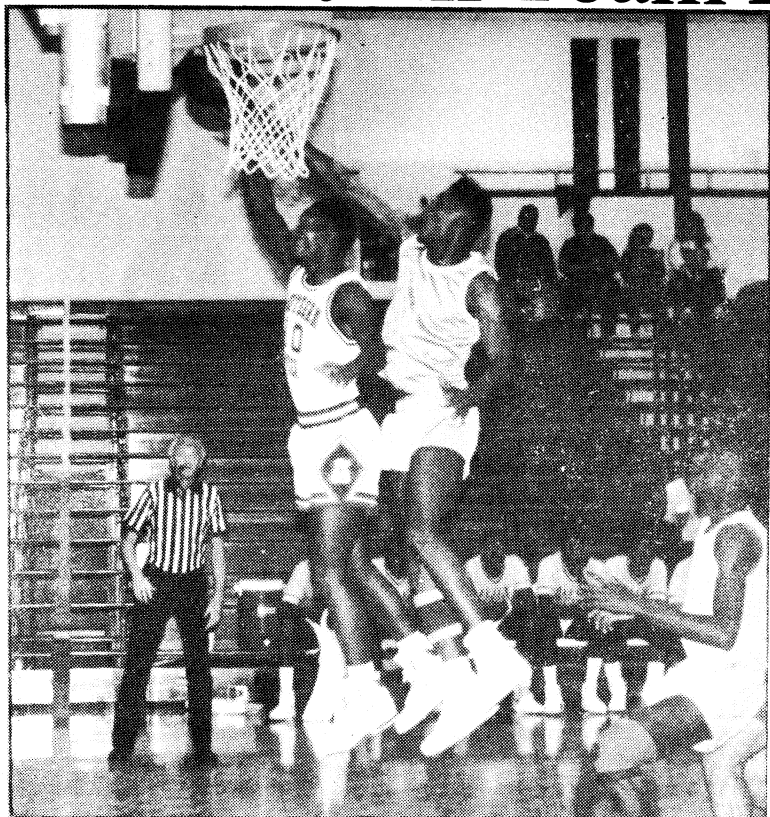


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Basketball Team Is 4 and 0



Look! A basketball picture that isn't Coach Perides. We get better all the time. And apparently the basketball team does too. —Photo by David Miles

By Steve Hill
Staff Sports Guy

The Southern Tech Runnin' Hornets ran their record to 4-0 this past Wednesday with a 56-41 drubbing of the University of Montevallo. The Hornets have put together this streak despite losing another guard, David Harrison to a broken foot.

Southern Tech began its steak with its November 11 home opening against Philander Smith College of Arkansas. The Hornets overcame opening night jitters with a 42 point second half to defeat Philander Smith 79-60. Cordell Benton and Lamar Smith led the scoring with 16 and 14 points each, while JuCo transfer Brad Durr contributed nine rebounds and eight assists. The game ended with four Southern Tech players in double figures.

The Hornets' second win

came against tenth ranked University of Montevallo in Huntsville, Alabama. The teams survived the Huntsville tornado, and came out of the gym basement after a forty minute tornado watch to beat Montevallo 60-56. Chuck Johnson and Cordell Benton each had 14 points in the win.

Homecoming night saw the Runnin' Hornets entertaining Allen University in the "nest." Southern Tech ran up the score as they pummeled their way to a 82-33 win. Lamer Smith, Cordell Benton, Chuck Johnson, and Darren Holley were all in double figures, with Lamar leading the way with 16 points and 8 rebounds.

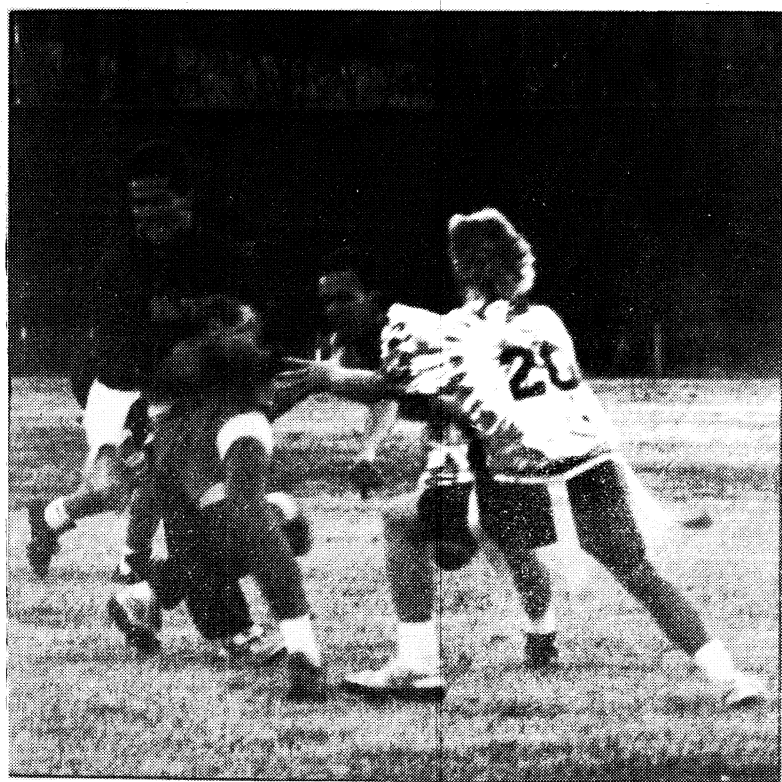
Wednesday, November 21 saw the return of the University of Montevallo. The tenth ranked team returned to the Hornets' nest

to average the previous week's loss.

The game started poorly for Southern Tech, and at 15:00 in the first half the Hornets were down 10-2. After Coach Perides was called for a technical foul, the Hornets pulled their game together with a 33-10 scoring run to finish the half with a 35-21 lead. The Hornets took the lead for good on a 25-foot jumper by senior Scott Edwards. Scott was 4-5 from the field and had three key baskets to put the Hornets ahead of Montevallo.

The game ended on a note of controversy when the game was called by Referee Jim Jackson with 2:28 remaining. Montevallo Coach Rob Spivey charged onto the court after a foul and started arguing with Jackson. Jackson ignored Spivey for a short while, and then called him for a technical foul. When Coach Spivey refused to leave the floor, Jackson threw him out of the game. Spivey continued yelling at Jackson, and the referee called the game. With a 15 point lead and four foul shots coming, it was unlikely that the Hornets would have lost the game anyway. Chuck Johnson was the leading scorer with 16 points, with Cordell Benton and Earl Johnson both in double figures.

Southern Tech is now 4-0, and at the time of this writing the Runnin' Hornets are away at a tournament in Nashville, Tennessee. The Hornets need your help. The pep club has been doing a fantastic job cheering at the games, and the B.M.U. has put in a strong showing, but the team needs YOU at the home games to help cheer them to victory. Skip your classes. You don't really need to study for that test, do you? C'mon down to the "Nest" and see some great B-ball.



Does anybody know which teams these are? We don't. But we dig those psychedelic uniforms. —Photo by Jack Silver

Wolverines are Champions

By Alfonzo Lanier
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The Southern Tech intramural football championships concluded last week with a heart-stopping, down-to-the-wire victory by the Wolverines.

At the beginning of the intramural football season, there were 13 teams trying to reach the goal of intramural champions. Each team exploded into the season with great individual records. At one point, there were five teams tied for first place.

Each team tried desperately to win in the play-offs, but at the end there were only two teams fit to be in the championship game. These two teams were the Wolverines and Sigma Nu.

Both teams came to the

championship game with only one loss. The two teams played each other earlier in the season and the Wolverines were victorious. In the championship game history repeated itself as the Wolverines won again by the score of 25 to 20.

The game was exciting and action packed. The lead saw-sawed back and forth until the Wolverines won on the last play of the game when Quarterback Rex Parris completed a touch-down pass to Shane Siniard.

The Wolverines then advanced to the regional championships at Georgia Tech, but they lost both of their games.

Nevertheless, the Wolverines are Southern Tech's intramural football champs.

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