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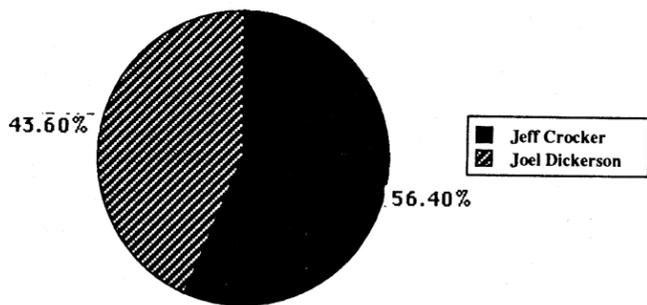
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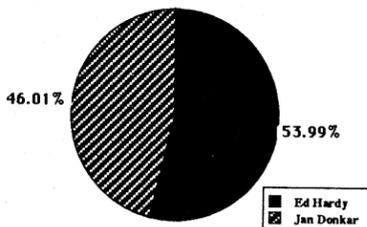
Student Government Elections Experience Heavy Voter Turnout

SGA Election Results

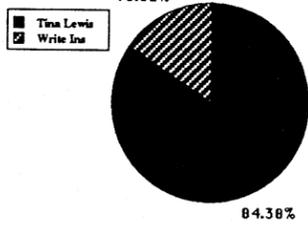
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By W. Davis Hetrick
New Guy

This year's Student Government elections were a bit of a paradox. Only five people applied to run for student council, but over 35 ran as write-in candidates. Also, only 222 votes were cast, but this was still more than were cast in either of the two highly contested elections held last year. Elections this year were very close. Incumbent Jeff Crocker edged out Joel Dickerson in a 119-92 race. Ed Hardy, former SGA councilman narrowly edged out Jan Donkar in a 115-98 split. The Secretary/Treasurer position was never really in contest. Former councilwoman Tina Lewis ran unopposed and gathered 162 votes, with the nearest competition coming from Christi Conkwright with 23.

The five councilmen on the ballot were virtual shoo-ins. Bill Finnick, Jonathan Langford, Jack

Montfort, Ann Marie Rains, and Darrel Walker coasted to victory, with between 94 to 143 votes. The write in seats were more hotly contested. Ken Lunsford led, with Joe Vinson in second. Other winners were Angi Carrol, Bruce Harbin, and Tal Martin.

When contacted, President Jeff Crocker stated he was glad he won, and that there were times during the race when he doubted he would win.

Ed Hardy said, "With the current Student Government, we will be able to sail the ship that is Southern Tech towards the horizon of greater common good. Or does that sound too corny?" Mr. Hardy went on to say that he believes that, "there is no tooth fairy, our teeth are actually stolen by a giant winged demon named Hognath to be imbedded in his ivory throne of pain located in the historic center of chaos."

A bit of controversy arose when two students, Thad Truett and Jack Silver, questioned the validity of

Ken Lunsford's campaign tactics, which at one point consisted of standing behind people while they voted and telling them to vote for him.

Wes Hetrick, elections chairman, commented that this year's elections fell below his goal of ten percent voter turnout, but had a higher turnout than any student elections in the recent past. This was undoubtedly due to Mr. Hetrick's aggressive publicity campaign, which actually began winter quarter with flyers advertising the need for prospective candidates to register. Mr. Hetrick also made banners to proclaim the need to vote and to meet the deadline for applicants for SGA. The last week before elections, the elections committee posted over 150 posters announcing the upcoming event. He would like to thank those who helped him, including Shawn Mosely, Marc Pruitt, Dan Moll, Dave Miles, Jen Bige, Andy Newton, Nina Manning, Thad Truett, Kristen Bentz, and Mike Davis.

Student Government Association Cuts Organization Budgets

By Marc Pruitt

This Can't Be Yogurt!

The Southern Tech Student Government Association recently approved the 1991-92 fiscal year budget for student organizations. While more money was available this year than last, some major organizations sustained large cuts or were denied requested increases.

When asked about the cuts, SGA Budget Committee Chairman Thad Truett stated, "While more money was available, we had more organizations requesting budgets." Among the most notable of the new

organizations requesting budgets were the Residence Hall Association and the Southern Tech Pep Band. An increase was also given for the Cultural Series (up to \$10,000 from \$7,500 last year).

Another reason for the cuts, was the fact that \$4,000 of the overall available funds went to pay for the publication of the student handbook, a guide for incoming freshmen.

The most notable of the decreases was a large decrease in the budget for the Campus Activities Board (CAB). CAB had requested increases in most areas, but for the

most part received large cuts. CAB Lectures were cut back to \$10,000 from the \$13,000 allocated last year. Other decreases include concerts down from \$13,000 to \$10,000 and general entertainment down to \$24,500 from \$26,000. CAB also did not receive a requested increase in stipends for its officers due to the fact that CAB officers receive assistance from the staff of the Student Center. CAB did however obtain almost a thousand dollar increase for videos (up to \$9,000).

When asked how the cuts will effect CAB, Kelly Hewitt, programs advisor, stated "I feel confident that we will have the same kind of programs that we have done...CAB will not have to sponsor many events with Cultural Series as we have done in the past because they have received a large budget increase."

Major CAB events scheduled for next year should not be effected by the cuts. One of the planned CAB events is an outdoor concert with three bands to be held sometime this summer quarter.

While most organization's budgets remained the same or were slightly increased, from last year, they were much less than the organization heads requested. The Southern Tech Log received \$2,500 less than requested, the International Students Association were \$1,300



This is Craig Anton, Beach Party comedian and one of the reasons why the SGA decided to cut CAB's budget. - Photo by David Conrad

below their request, and the Bathub Racing Association received \$3,275 less than was requested.

Many organizations have dealt with the decreasing availability of funds by fund-raising efforts and

reduction of officer stipends. The Sting took a voluntary decrease to \$16,100 from last year's budget of \$17,000 due to increased funds available from the sale of advertisements.

INSIDE: Unusually Crappy

NEWS Page 2 - ENG 222 is split back into two classes and student awards are given out.

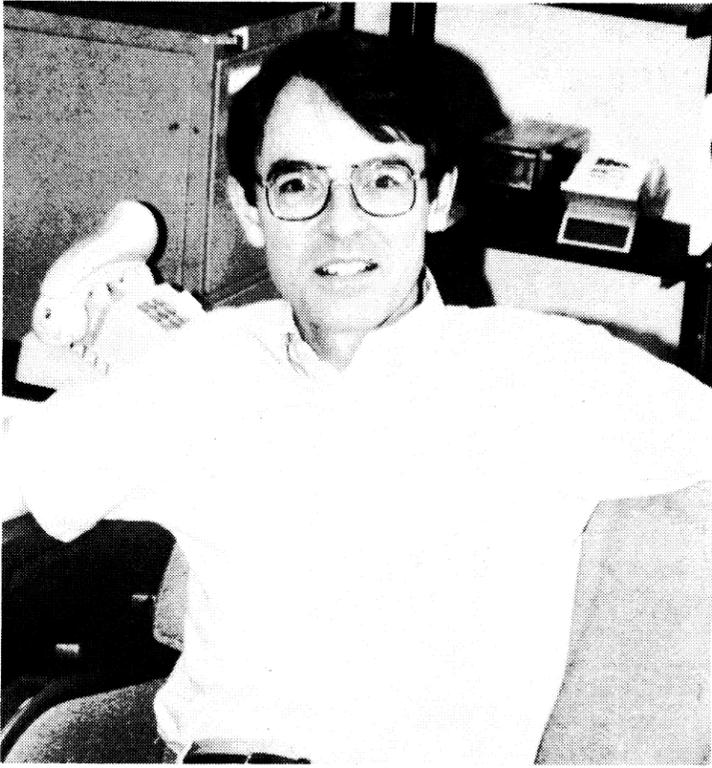
NATIONAL Page π - Everybody else in the nation is out of school while we take exams.

FEATURES Page 5 - We gave out 7 movie passes and only got one movie review back. And *Soapdish* isn't that good.

EDITORIALS Page 12 - Bill probably writes something incomprehensible, while Wes, well, you probably don't care anyway.

Next Deadline: May ∞

English 222 Course Returns to Two Classes



This is Dr. Sandy Pfeiffer, head of the Humanities and Social Sciences Department. Complete Dr. Pfeiffer's face by drawing a big mustache on it. - Photo by Jack Silver, kind of amazing how it isn't screwed up, Huh?

By Jack Silver
What, me write?

Effective summer quarter, 1991, the current English 222 will be split into two new courses. The

new courses will be English 232, Technical Writing and English 221, Business Communication. Both new courses will be four hour courses. Although English 222 (the old course) was also a four hour

course, no extra hours will be added to any graduation requirements.

The two courses were first combined last year after the core curriculum was changed and English 220, Business Communications was removed from the core. The engineering technology departments, however, felt that there was a need for more writing courses beyond freshman composition than was offered in Technical Writing, English 231. In response to this the two courses were then combined, resulting in a 5 hour course (English 220) and a 3 hour course (English 231) becoming English 222, a 4 hour course.

When asked the reason for splitting the course up again, "In a word, it didn't work" said Dr. Sandy Pfeiffer, Chairman of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. Dr. Pfeiffer continued: "We had a year, year and a half to take a look at its (English 222's) effectiveness and the general consensus was that it wasn't effective."

Individual departments will be able to choose which course they wish to have as core curriculum and have the other as an elective. So far, the Engineering Technology departments have all chosen Technical Writing to be in their core in

keeping with the wishes of ABET, the agency by which they are accredited. The Construction Department, which is not accredited by ABET, has chosen Business Communications.

The one exception to this is the Department of Mechanical Engineering Technology, which has chosen to require both courses. Business Communications will replace another requirement in their curriculum. "What MET has done in the last year or so we've had 222 is they've required another course in addition to 222, proposal writing, manual writing, or management communication. Now they are going to take out that requirement and say 'All right, take Technical Writing and take Business Communication'" said Dr. Pfeiffer.

Although the change is effective as of summer quarter, only Technical Writing will be offered then. Citing a probable lack of students to make up a class of sufficient size due to its being required by only two departments, Business Communication will not be offered until fall quarter.

The change is expected to have a positive effect on the quality of instruction in the two courses as there will be much more time to spend on the material. "We were trying to do too much. Trying to do letter writing, oral presentations, technical reports, long reports. It just couldn't happen in four hours" said Dr. Pfeiffer, "What we'll be doing is we'll be teaching both areas well, instead of doing both areas poorly."

Southern Tech Holds Student Awards Ceremony

By Jennifer Bige
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, May 28, Southern Tech held its annual student awards ceremony in the Burruss Auditorium on the Southern Tech campus. The ceremony was opened by Mr. James McKee who emceed the event and a welcome was extended by Dr. Cheshier, President of the Southern College of Technology.

The student awards ceremony gives an opportunity to individual departments and local industries to recognize Southern Tech's top students in each field. This recognition may be for outstanding service to an organization or for scholastic achievement. The recognition recipients received goodies ranging from commemorative plaques to monetary scholarship awards which ranged from \$250.00 to \$1000.00.

Winners of Student Awards Were:

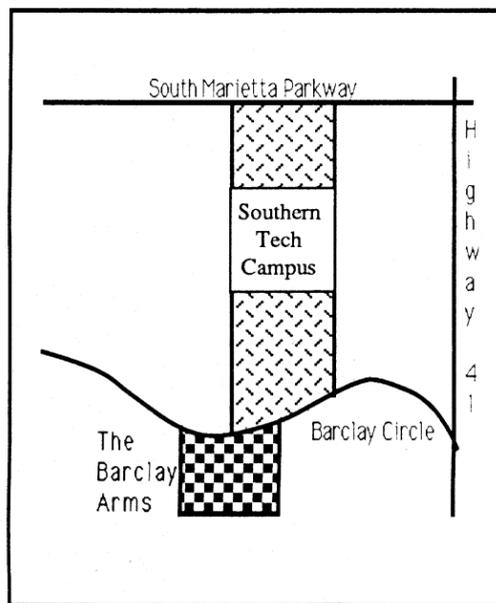
- American Apparel Manufacturers Association - Javier Garcia and Ernesto Garcia
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers - Tom Eason
- Chancellor's Academic Recognition Award - Guy Smith
- Applied Computer Science Dept. - Hal Smith
- Lockheed-Georgia Chapter of National Management Association - Guy Smith
- Society of Manufacturing Engineering - Gary Jennings
- AT&T Bell Laboratories (EET) - Hendrik Thomas
- AT&T Bell Laboratories (MET) - Stuart Walter Michaels
- IEEE Outstanding Student - Tory Verne
- Instrument Soc. of America Scholarship - Tory Verne and Kim Hewen
- Scientific Atlanta - Scholastic Achievement in EET Courses - Kendra Thomas and Ken Spauling
- W. Harrison Merrill Foundation - Outstanding Student Award - Linda Deakins and David Glass
- Arnston Memorial Award - MET Outstanding Student - John Chabot
- Outstanding Student in Industrial Distribution - Andrea Floyd
- Ziegler Tools, Inc - Outstanding Student in Technical Sales - Scott Williams
- Frank Johnson Scholarship Award - Scott Dickey
- The Wall Street Journal Achievement Award - David Fasciano
- Power Transmission Distributors Association - Andrea Mingo
- Marietta Metro Rotary Club - Free Enterprise Scholarship - Jack Kennedy
- Georgia Consortium Award for International Leadership - Junaid Keen
- Greek Man of the Year - Bradford Brannon
- Greek Woman of the Year - Kim Carlan
- Student Government Association Awards:
- SGA Member of the Year - Wes Hetrick
- Elizabeth and Calvin Hays Award - Outstanding Student of the Year - Mark Braswell
- Outstanding Faculty - Harry Kaufmann
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Campus Spotlight on IEEE

By Tony Perez
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The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, IEEE, of Southern Tech is a student branch of a professional engineering organization which promotes, emphasizes, and practices the theories and concepts dealing with electrical, electronic, and computer technology. The organization is sometimes referred to as "...the group of electrical engineering students that actually give a damn."

The organization is sponsored and advised by the electrical engineering department. The members of IEEE involve themselves with many events and projects. The project they are working on for this next year is an automated car which will seek out four balls, pick them up, and then drop them off in various places in order. With this project, the IEEE members will compete against other branches of the organization at the Southeast Conference. The Southeast Conference is held annually in March somewhere in the Southeastern United States. The next conference will be held in Richmond, Virginia.

The IEEE branch attends socials with the Atlanta section of engineers which constitutes professionals from companies like IBM and Hewlett

Packard, as well as with branches from other schools. These socials are an excellent way for a student to meet possible future job contracts. IEEE recently attended a social on May 28 at the Sloppy Floyd Memorial Building.

The branch is run by a board of three officers: The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary/Treasurer. The Chairman of IEEE is Butch Howard, Vice-Chairman is Tory Werne, and Secretary/Treasurer is Nick Portmann. Elections are held once a year, but there is no specific date in which this may be. Usually, they try to establish a new board in spring quarter.

Currently, there are about 150 members in IEEE. Most of these members are Juniors and Seniors. The branch is working on getting themselves known around campus—especially to Freshman. To become a member, a student must pay national and local dues. National dues are \$13.00 and are paid once a year. Local dues are paid quarterly. The dues go for subscriptions to *Spectrum*, and *Potentials*. *Spectrum* is a national monthly magazine that discusses what's going on in technology. There are articles ranging from High-Definition Television to smart cars that can almost drive by themselves. *Potentials* is a local magazine

published by the branch. It informs the reader what is going on local-wise and within the branch.

The IEEE has two rooms in the Electrical Building. The IEEE lounge is available to all members. In the lounge, paid members have access to a copy machine, telephone, reference manuals for numerous electrical topics, and old test files. Of course, members can "loungue" in the lounge. The other room is the IEEE lab. This is where members can perform experiments or work on labs for their classes. It is fully equipped with everything that a student usually uses in an electrical class lab plus a refrigerator. Many members hang out in these two places to exchange information or to sob over the test they just blew.

IEEE had their "End Of The Quarter" Luncheon last Wednesday, May 29. At this luncheon, professors including the Department Head came to converse with students on a variety of topics from computer trouble to what a student should take next quarter.

Overall, IEEE is an organization that is recommended to all electrical engineering students. It has given many students better preparation for their classes. It is also a key to become known with firms that hire engineers.



Just to help solve the confusion as to what NOWA stands for, the *Sting* has it on good authority that it stands for either the National Association of White or Women Architects. Photo by Bill Finnick

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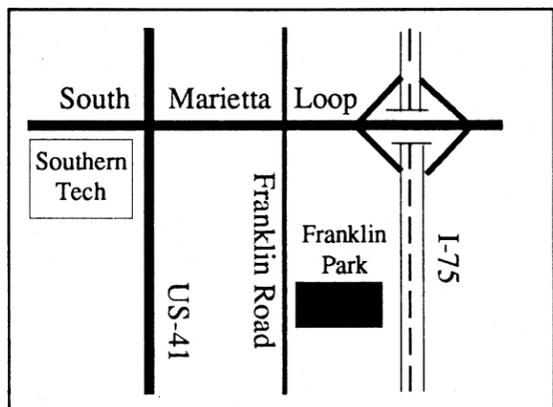
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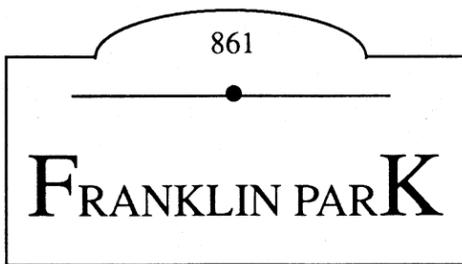
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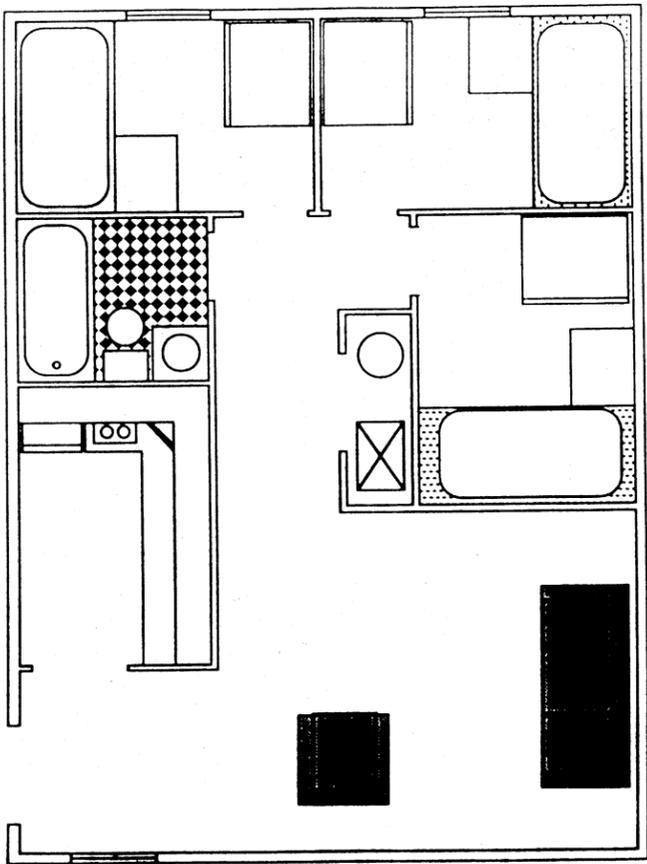


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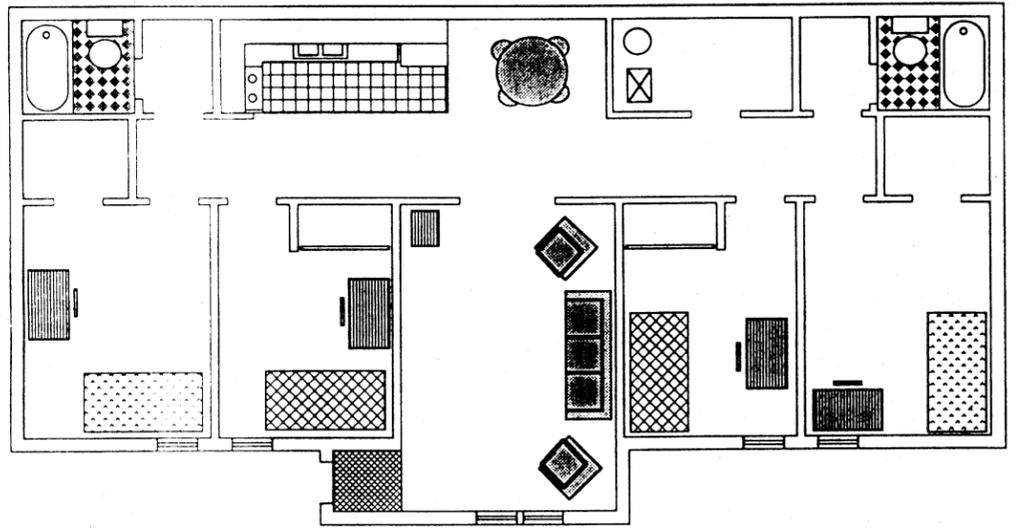
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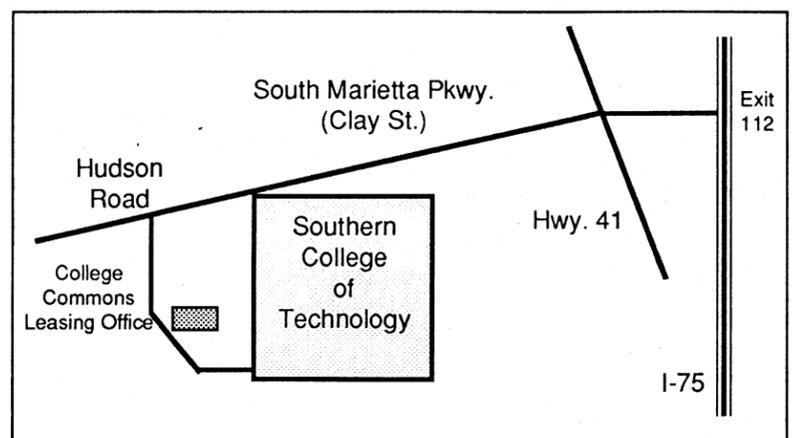
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Soapdish Good if You Like Soap Operas

By James Tharp
Staff Writer

Soapdish, a movie starring Sally Field, Kevin Kline, Robert Downey Jr., Cathy Moriarty, and Whoopi Goldberg. Produced by Aaron Spelling and Alan Greisman. Directed by Michael Hoffman.

This movie is about the lives of the actors and actresses who do daytime soap operas for television. *Soapdish* is a spoof of the daytime soap opera. It is the ideal melting pot of culture where all human emotions collide in countless ways on a daily basis on both sides of the cameras. The daytime series *The Sun Also Sets* is America's favorite, as is the show's popular yet insecure star, Celeste Talbert (Sally Field), who makes regular visits to suburban shopping malls to boost her frayed ego.

Celeste's ordeals illuminate what the director Michael Hoffman identifies as the theme of *Soapdish* — "How love can free you from self-obsession." Complicating the star's life are last-minute script revisions, scheming rivals, and the

usual insecurities of an actress about her career. And the show's producer, David Barnes (Robert Downey, Jr.), decides to bring back to the cast Jeffrey Anderson (Kevin Kline), an actor whose clash with Celeste has become legendary.

The fact that Jeffrey's character, Dr. Rod Randall, was decapitated in an auto accident creates a slight credibility problem, yet the actor is thrilled to escape the rigors of the dinner theater circuit.

David Barnes' decision to have Anderson return to the cast was instigated by Celeste's rival, Montana Moorehead (Cathy Moriarty). She tries everything she can think of to ruin Celeste's career, but doesn't succeed.

This movie is trying to show how life imitates art. Viewers of *The Sun Also Sets* watch the show to see people whose life is worse than their own. The actors' lives off the show are worse than their characters' lives on the show. Truth is stranger than fiction.

The movie is funny in places, but it is lacking in plot. It comes off looking like a 90 minute situation



In this scene from *Soapdish*, something nutty happens that in this single picture is supposed to convey the unbelievable quantity of yuks, chuckles, chortles, and guffaws that are available in this movie. At least that's what some P.R. guy in Hollywood is hoping.

comedy. The movie is funny be-

cause of the bizarre situations the characters are in, not because of the plot. Some of the movie seemed a bit implausible. A few of the funny scenes in the movie were funny only to those people who watch daytime soaps. The movie

could have been better off without those kind of scenes. The movie still has mass appeal, it just needed a bit more. All in all, this was a decent movie, but wait until it comes to the dollar theaters or out on video.

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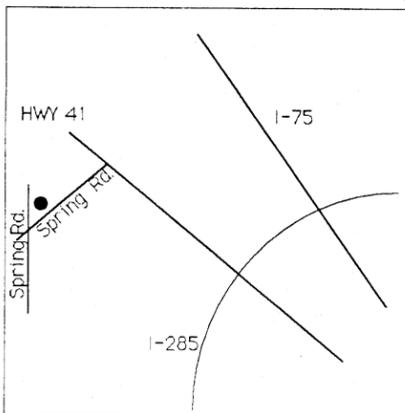
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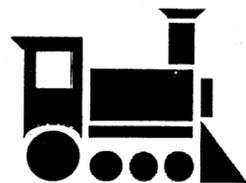
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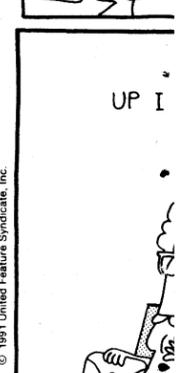
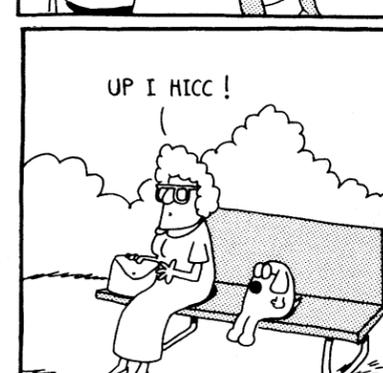
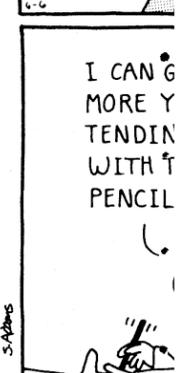
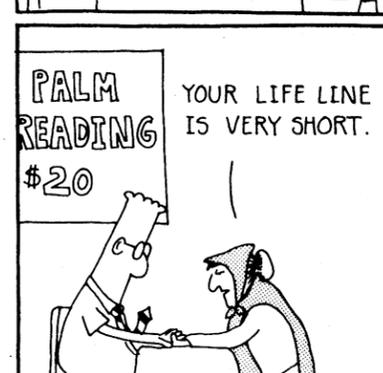
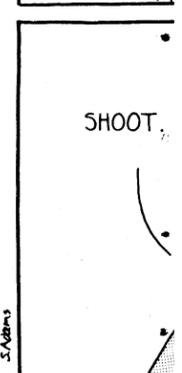
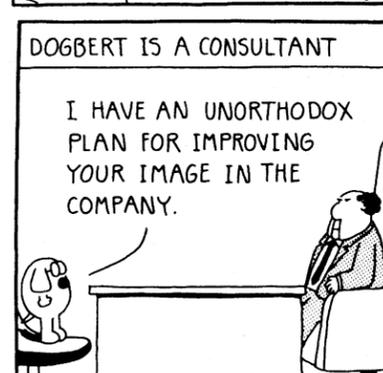
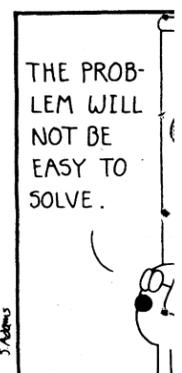
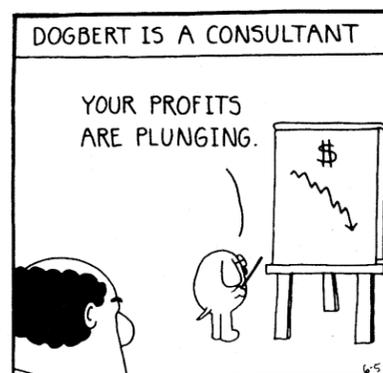
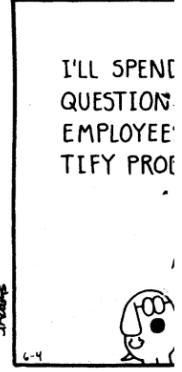
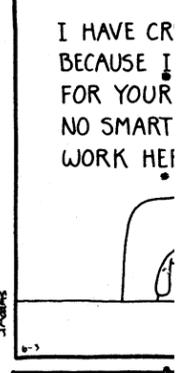
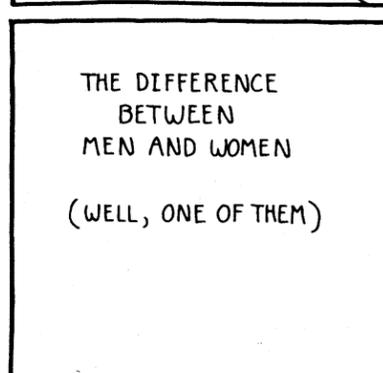
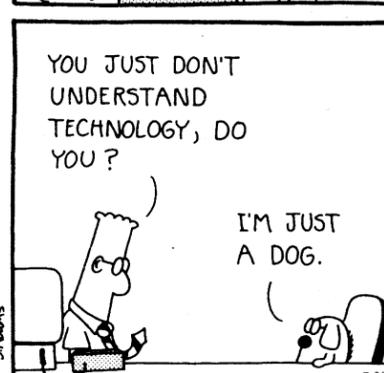
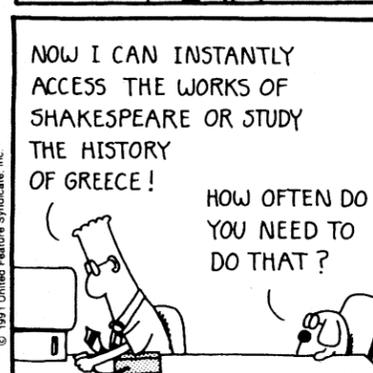
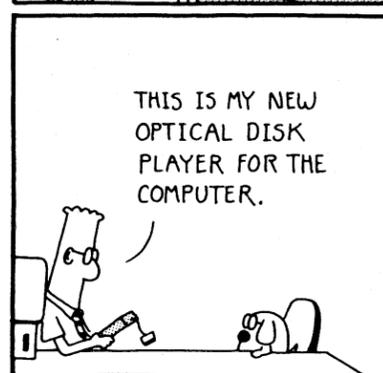
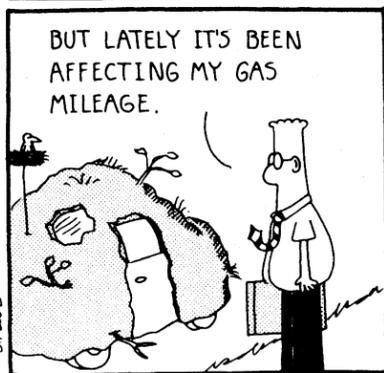
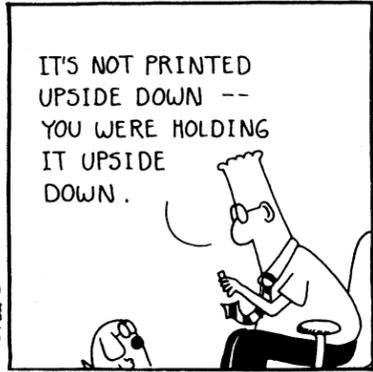
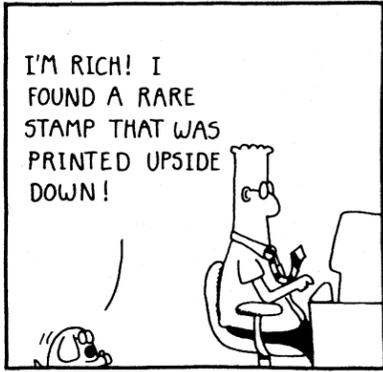
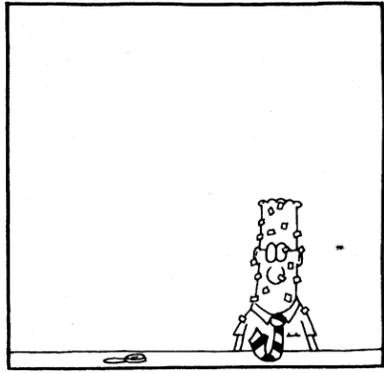
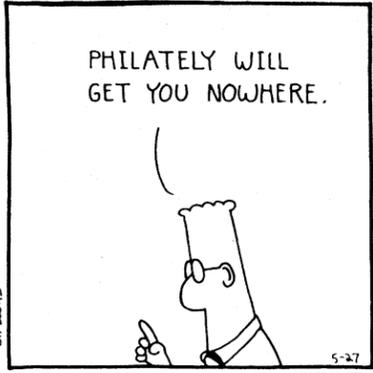
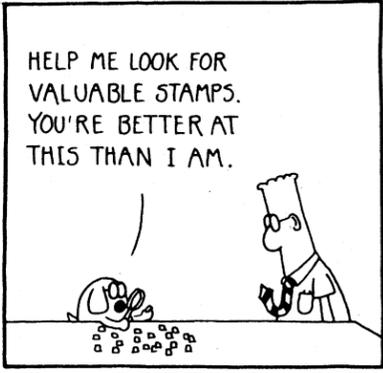
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IS A VIOLATION OF
MY CONSTITUTIONAL
RIGHTS.

I'M DISCONTINUING THE
EMPLOYEE DRUG TESTING
PROGRAM...

I'VE BEEN THINKING
ABOUT MY GOAL OF
BECOMING THE
SUPREME RULER OF
EARTH...

ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE
ILLEGAL TO SEARCH YOUR
CAR OR HOME FOR
ILLEGAL DRUGS...

IT'S A VIOLATION OF
MY PRIVACY AND AN
INSULT TO MY INTEGRITY.
I DEMAND TO BE JUDGED
ONLY ON MY PERFORMANCE.

JOHNSON, YOUR BLOOD TEST
RESULTS ARE IN. LOOKS
LIKE YOU LIVE ON CHEETOS
AND DIET PEPSI... YOUR
WIFE DOESN'T LOVE YOU...
AND WHOA... WHAT'S
THIS?

I'LL GET FIRED IF I REFUSE
THE TEST. WHAT IS THE
ETHICAL THING
TO DO?

HACK INTO THEIR
COMPUTER AND
CHANGE YOUR
BOSS'S TEST
RESULTS.

BECAUSE MY OWN TESTS
KEEP TURNING OUT POS-
ITIVE... WHICH MAKES ME
SUSPECT THAT SOME WISE-
GUY HAS TAMPERED WITH
THE MEDICAL
COMPUTER.

I KNOW EXACTLY HOW
YOU FEEL. I ONCE HAD
A GOAL OF GROWING A
MUSTACHE... BUT IT
WAS BEYOND MY GRASP.

WE HAVE FOUND NO
ETHICAL PROBLEM
WITH SUCKING THE
BLOOD OUT OF YOUR
BODY.

RESULTS WILL
BE POSTED
IN THE
CAFETERIA.

BUT YOUR
PERFORMANCE
STINKS.

PERFORMANCE
AND ATTEND-
ANCE.

APPARENTLY, YOU LIKE TO
DRESS IN GRASS SKIRTS
AND MAKE FUN OF THE
LAWNMOWER.

SOMETIMES THE
STRAIGHTEST PATH
IS THROUGH THE
MUD.

GOOD, RATION-
ALIZE IT WITH
AN OBTUSE
METAPHOR.

DENIAL AND
PARANOIA...
CLASSIC
SYMPTOMS.

IS HE
"HIGH"
RIGHT
NOW?

I MEAN, FIGURATIVELY
BEYOND MY GRASP. I COULD
STILL REACH MY UPPER LIP,
YOU UNDERSTAND... BUT
THERE WAS NO REASON TO
TRY.

RIGHT, BUT
BACK TO
ME...

calvin and Hobbes

by BILL WATKINSON



Ask the Psychologist

In this column, Dr. Michael Slavit, Director of Counseling, will answer questions about issues of emotional, behavioral, or social interest. This column is not intended as a substitute for seeking help from a qualified professional. (SCT students, faculty, and staff are eligible for service at the Counseling Center). And, Dr. Slavit's comments do not necessarily reflect the views of The Sting. Send your questions to Dr. Slavit c/o The Sting.

Q: I've seen your bookmark around campus -- the one that says "Dealing with the blues: A few helpful hints." I'd like a few more helpful hints. I've seen a psychiatrist who says my depression is **not** the kind that can be helped with medication. He says I have "the blues" and not a "clinical depression," and that I have to cope more effectively with the kind of depression I have. Can you describe some ways to cope with a typical, run-of-the-mill depression? I need some ideas.

Signed, L.

A: First of all, it is fairly common for us to have periods of time in which we lose our usual energy, our response to humor, confidence, optimism, and our usual zest for life. These feelings may last a few hours or days, or even a week. For most of us, we can turn to tasks, leisure activities, or friends to help restore our feelings of confidence and well-being. We refer to this condition as "the blues," or "depressed mood."

For many people, the condition continues and deepens and becomes a biologically self-perpetuating condition. That's what your psychiatrist was referring to as "clinical depression." This type of experience, in which depression is a syndrome and not just a symptom, is signaled by a variety of symptoms, including major changes in our patterns of energy, appetite, and sleep.

Assuming that you are suffering not from the syndrome of depression, but just from "the blues," you may help it lift by following a few suggestions. But, it is important to note that my suggestions do not necessarily apply to any particular person or situation.

1. Don't fight the depression. Try to see it as an opportunity to get a little rest from your usual energy state.
2. Let yourself run on "slow," but avoid "stop." Whatever your normal list of activities or tasks looks like, cut it down to a size you can do in your lowered energy state. But, don't, under most circumstances, abandon your usual activities or tasks completely.
3. Think about the persons and activities that typically make you feel good, smile, or laugh. And, try to arrange visits with those persons, participation in those activities, etcetera. If this doesn't work, tell yourself that it will work again at a later time.
4. Avoid medicating yourself with alcohol to alleviate the depression. It will only deepen it.
5. At whatever level you can handle it, get some moderate exercise. If this means going for a walk, go. If it means lying on the floor and doing stretching exercises, do them. Don't exceed your physical capabilities, and remember that you will probably not exercise as vigorously as when you are not depressed, but exercise.
6. Don't forget: there is an out-of-doors. Even if you don't really feel like it, consider going outside. You may be glad you did.
7. Convince yourself that no human being can judge the worth of any human being. Therefore, your worth cannot be judged. So, it's not at stake. A lot of things may be at stake, but convince yourself that your worth as a human being is not one of them. You may just as well accept the idea that you're worthy because you exist.
8. Try to get your personal habits stabilized. Use your best knowledge and judgment to eat healthy foods, and try to go to bed and to rise at regular times.
9. Figure out which people in your life criticize you the most and, if possible, avoid them.
10. Seek help and support from others. If you have friends, neighbors, and relatives who can help, let them. If not, or if you think you're overburdening them, seek professional help. It doesn't make you weak to seek help with your emotions any more than it makes you weak to seek help with your car repair, medical illness, or your taxes.

A final note: At the Counseling Center, we can help you sort out your thoughts, feelings, and life situation and plan appropriate coping strategies for you. If the coping strategies which you read in this column are not sufficient, or you have difficulty putting them to use, come on in. Maybe we can do better in person.

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Math Stinger

By Dr. Joel C. Fowler
Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Last issue's puzzles on finding the diameters of tables pushed into a corner and their answers are as follows:

- 1) The points where the table touches the walls are 40 inches apart. Diameter = $40 * \text{SquareRoot}(2)$
- 2) The point on the far edge of the rim that is exactly opposite the corner of the room is 100 inches from the corner. Diameter = $200 * (1 + \text{SquareRoot}(2))$
- 3) A point on the portion of the rim near the corner is 8 inches from one wall and 9 inches from the other. Diameter = 58

The puzzle for this issue is to determine in each of the following pairs which is larger and why.

- a) $(x^2+y^2)/(x+y)$ or $(x^2-y^2)/(x-y)$ for all positive numbers x and y .
- b) The 1000th root of 1000! or the 1001th root of 1001!
- c) 1000^{1000} or $(1)(3)(5)(7)...(1995)(1997)(1999)$.

All answers should be sent to Joel Fowler in the Mathematics Department. Correct answers and the names of the first to find them will be announced in the next issue of *The Sting*.

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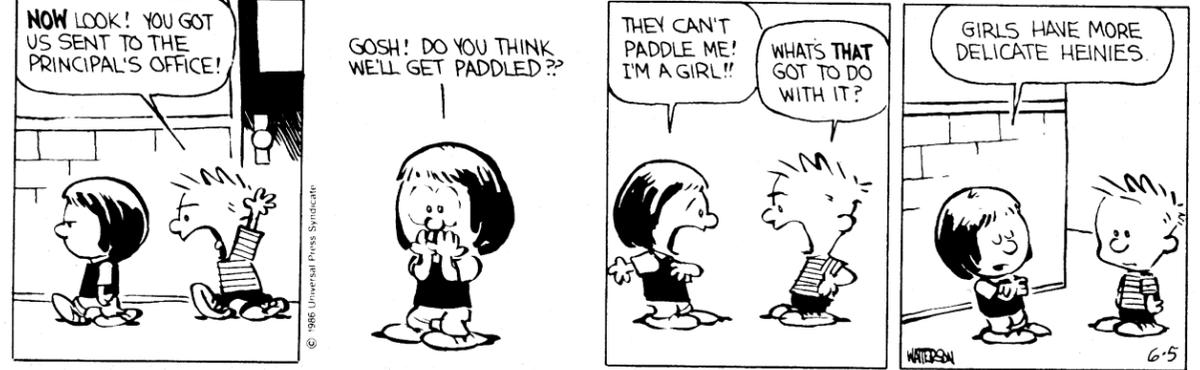
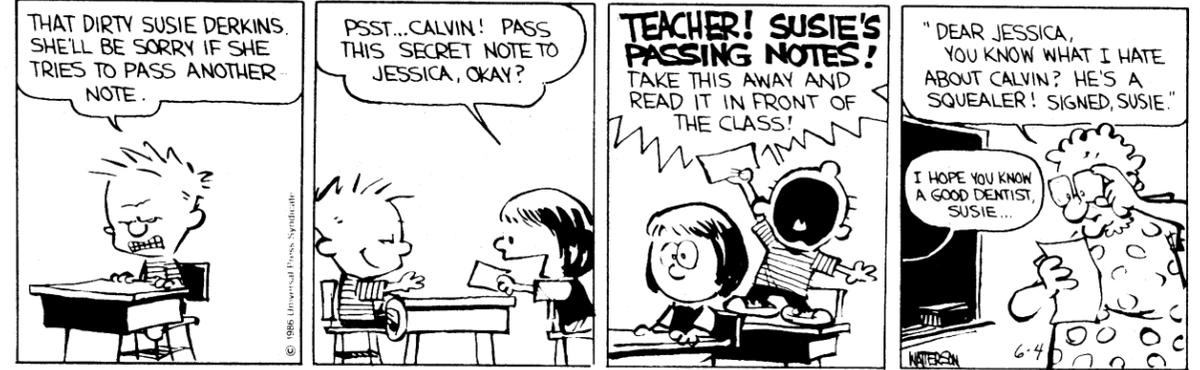
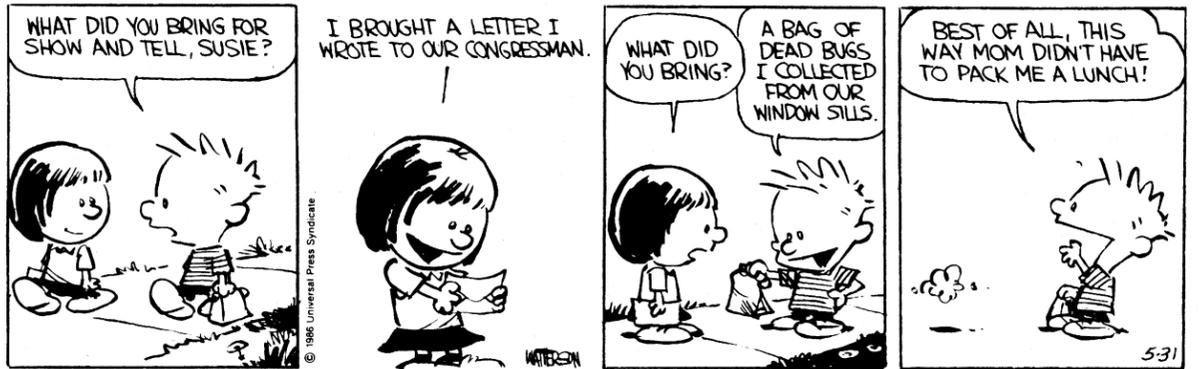
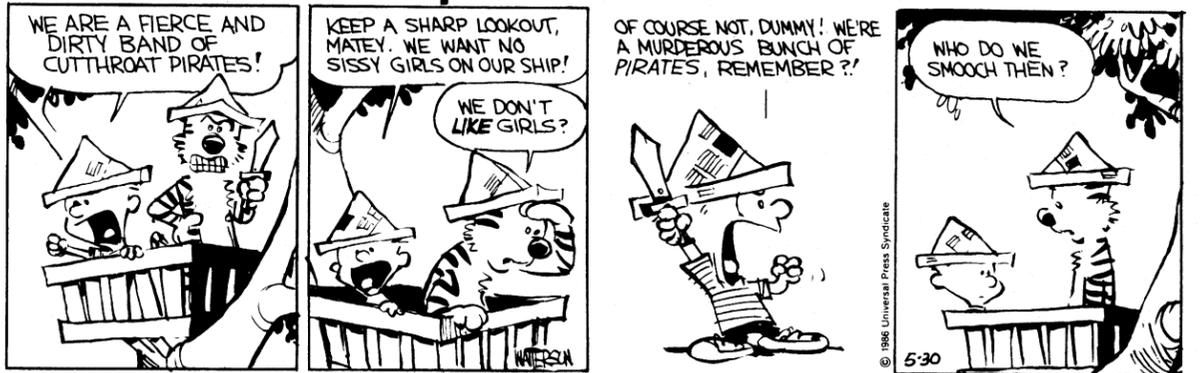
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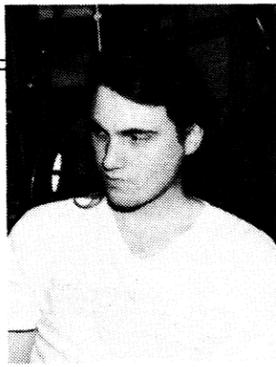
Apathy Isn't Everything, But Who Cares?

By Westly Hetrick
Departing

OK, unless I really screw things up this quarter, this should be my last quarter here before graduation. Therefore, this will be my last editorial. I am now free to say whatever I want without fear of retribution. At least not much.

After being a true college veteran, with scars that include being on *the Sting* for three years, assistant editor for two, WGHR DJ and productions manager, SGA judiciary cabinet member and councilman, SCT 101 peer instructor, and last but not least Student Center Building Manager, I feel I am qualified to make a few observations about this campus.

First, the faculty. Most of the faculty here deserves commendations. Sure, there are some genuine boneheads out there, but most of the professors are generally helpful, and willing to help with problems even if they're for another class or project. I had a few professors go so far as to give the whole class their home phone numbers. Unfortunately, we also have people who equate education with just another 9 to 5 job. You know, the ones that figure they just have to pass a certain number of people so they can keep their jobs. It doesn't matter if they have to water down the material or curve all the grades. And who cares if any of them learn the subject or not. Not to say that our classes are too easy, but there have been more than a few classes I did well



in without having the slightest clue what I was doing.

Next, the staff. We have a full range to work with here. First, we have the ones who take their jobs way too seriously. Luckily, the chief of police and the head of the library gestapo have cleared out, after decades of making jokes of their jobs and harassing students. Next, we have the ones who don't take their jobs seriously enough, and are continuously forgetting that a college exists to create educated citizens. Students are the product, not the problem. Finally, I would like to thank the genuinely helpful staff members here who have made my stay so much easier.

Finally, I would like to address the main problem at this school, the students. Don't you people care about anything. I pussyfooted around in the two paragraphs before this because when the faculty and staff get insulted, they don't just get mad, they do something. But if something happens around here that affects students, you're lucky if you can get them to do anything but bitch and whine. I can't tell you the number of times I've had students complain that *the Sting* should go check out some petty problem or publicize some minor event, and when I suggested that they send in an organizational article or a letter they whine that they really don't have the time. Come to think about it, students do that with CAB, the radio station, *the Log*, and countless other organizations. Students would generally complain about how generally crappy things are around here rather than actually take the time to do something about it.

There is more to education than just classes. Live life, don't just watch it. The squeaky wheel gets the oil! Stand up and be counted! Etcetera! Etcetera! Oh, you don't care anyway.

Protest Protest! Bill Loves A Protest

By Bill Finnick
Revolt Supporter

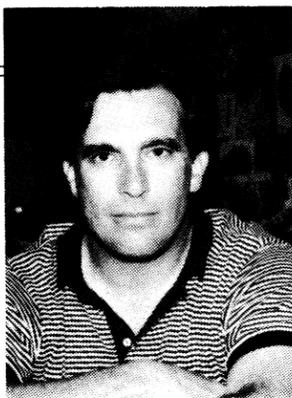
At high-noon Thursday in the mall between the student center and the administration building the support staff of SoutherTech will hold a protest against the lack of pay raises for them next year.

These are the people that make our education happen. Without their support this campus would be as useful as a computer without software, or having the perfect document written in the wrong format, or printing a newspaper no one would read.

Every student should consider attending. No wait, every student should attend the protest march to show the staff that we do care about their well being.

Faculty and administrators should also support this bid by the support staff to awaken government's managers. The lacking financial situation, that is constantly getting worse for the people who help make our future, needs to be put in the public spotlight.

In the fat times, as the public sector's financial situation stayed ahead of inflation and the cost of living, those dedicated to the public good have lost ground every year. Since Reagan came storming into office with an axe for the government payroll and a hand out for big business, the staff here has lost so much ground that they are probably just now equal to the private sectors' 1984 income level.



How long can we expect the support staffs at public colleges, who continually get screwed with not so much as a kiss or the common courtesy of a reach around, to keep giving their best to those institutions!

The bookstore had planned to close shortly Thursday to allow all of their personnel to attend. The bookstore manager's plan to allow all of his employees to attend the rally was nixed by a mid-level administrator. Staff personnel of this school should all be given an opportunity to attend without fear of retribution. A flier is currently circulating the campus inviting faculty, students, and all supporters to attend. English 304/305/306 students will all be there and so should you!

The Sting would like to thank Dr. Harbort of the Computer Science Department for having the guts to submit his evaluations to us for this issue. One could argue that Dr. Harbort had nothing to lose since all of his reviews were very good, but if everyone could hide behind a veil of quality, then perhaps these things wouldn't be so secret, and we probably wouldn't need these evaluations.

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CONSENSUS EDITORIAL

It used to be that writing for *The Sting* was easy. A staff reporter/editorialist/janitor would just sit down, formulate some random, hateful thought about a campus administrator, and the rest would just come naturally. Controversy and strife were easy to put in the many texts of this most upstanding journal of a technology teaching institution.

But no longer can a *Sting* member sit down with half a buzz and produce a manuscript of spite and malice. It now takes a clear mind to find the essential caustic remarks needed to compose scathing editorials and articles.

And this added level of difficulty is added merely because all of the jerks that use to run this campus have left. First the jerk in the Business Office was fired. Then the jerk in the library decided to retire. And now the jerk in the Campus Safety office is also retiring.

With all these jerks leaving our presence, we now respectfully request that the younger jerks of Southern Tech administration step forward and stop hiding in the shadows of the departing jerks.

Letter From the President

Many of you have expressed very strong feelings about the issue of no pay raises for non-teaching personnel within the University System. And, I understand and agree with your frustrations and concern.

Put as simply as possible, the facts are:

1) Governor Miller was given information that showed that faculty salaries within our University System had dropped substantially below the national southern regional average. This means that Georgia colleges are having trouble hiring and keeping qualified teaching faculty.

2) It was obvious that there was a very small amount of money which could be found for any salary increases this year and the Governor decided to make that small amount available for merit increases to keep those qualified teaching faculty who

are here from leaving the state.

3) The Governor's decision applies to all Georgia public colleges- individual schools cannot offer increases.

4) Although individual departments of the college have some flexibility in allocating funds for travel, supplies, equipment and other items, those funds cannot be channeled into salary increases.

Please understand that this was a very difficult decision for the Governor to make. The Governor, the Chancellor and I would like to be able to reward all good employees with annual merit increases.

I sincerely appreciate the way that all of you are willing to work with me to make Southern Tech the best possible educational experience for our students and I know you will continue to do so.

President Cheshire

What about Tornados?

To the Editor:

On the 29 of April (well...the day we had the Tornados...whatever the date was) at approximately 12:25 pm, the campus wide alert siren sounded. Since I am a resident of Howell Dorm, I was told to proceed directly to the lower floor of the building until the weather alert was lifted. My present schedule dictates that I have history class at 12:45, in which I had a test that day. Unfortunately, I missed taking the test at the required time due to the weather. At 2:00 pm when the alert was lifted, I went to talk to my professor to see about making up the test. I was told to sit down and take the test then. I took the test and went on my way.

My gripe is that I was under the impression that when the siren was sounded, classes were suspended until an "all clear" is sounded. Unfortunately, when the siren sounded that day, classes were still being held on campus, without regard to the safety of the students at Southern Tech. I have seen campus wide memos from the Public Safety Department reading that when the alarm

is sounded, we should all take cover. Why was this plan not put into effect?

Calls to Campus Safety informed me that classes were suspended until the alert was lifted, yet the rest of the school did not follow the plan created by Campus Safety.

Thus, what I am asking is "What is the Standard Operating Procedure during a Tornado Warning at Southern Tech?" Do we have class or don't we?

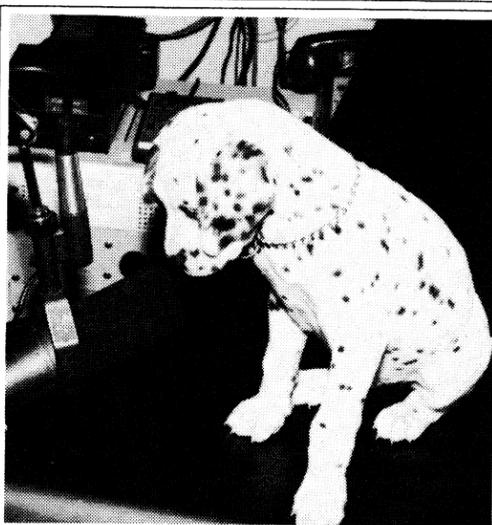
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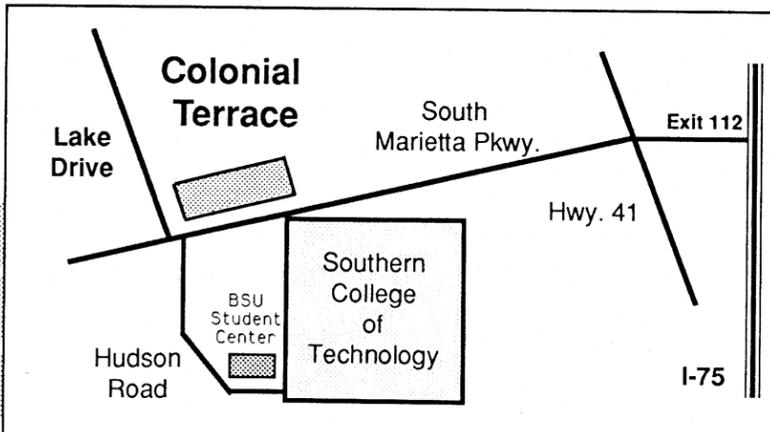
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By Ralph Babb #275

A lot has gone on in SIGMA NU since the last *Sting* article, including the elections of new officers, Black and Gold alumni weekend, the flag decoration of the Marietta National Cemetery, Greek Week, the bathtub race, and the TIRE throw before and after the race.

The new officers are Commander DAVID REED, Lt. CMDR... MARK "I get no respect" GRAVELY, recorder Lance Johnson, treasure Paul Gradey, chaplain Russ Marshall.

On the social scene, our new social chairmen have already

planned Southern Tech's next great annual party, the before final blow-out CASE DAY.

This will happen at the house on June 1. On June 8 we are having a huge band party with the Sigma Nu's at Georgia State at their warehouse. Oh yea, the new social chairmen are Tweedle dumb and Tweedle dumber better known as Chris Hebbard and Scot Ethridge.

Our softball team is doing great!!!! We finished the regular season at 4-1 and in the first tournament game won a come-from-behind game against the Lambda Chi's. Our last two opponents must be sneaking Roger Clemens in the game because of all the strikeouts. Scot Ethridge, Danny Crumley (our athlete of the year), Kevin Parcell, and the batting coach Marc Kubicek all have struck out in the last two games.

sworth, in the beautiful North Georgia mountains. The day was lined up with a great deal of interesting events (i.e. golfing, horseback-riding, skiing, etc.) followed by dinner at the Lodge and dancing with Tommy Jett's Music Machine (Joe's personal favorite!). Again, congratulations on a job well done!

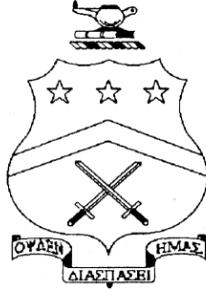
I'd like to wrap this article up by listing next year's officers: President - Joe Benoit, Vice-President - Greg Esther, Secretary - Doug Ralsion, Treasurer - Mike Minor, Risk Manager - Kevin Leftwich, Fraternity Educator - Chris Owens, Recruitment Chairman - John Newberry, Ritualist - Tal Martin, Educational Chairman - Doug McCarthy, and Alumni Secretary - Brian Holland. Give yourselves a round of applause! Good luck with your offices next year fellows. We're looking forward to great things!

Well that'll do it for my time. Since this will be my last *Sting* article I'd like to say I've really enjoyed having the job. I'm looking forward to reading some good articles when Alan Rountree takes over the hot seat in the Fall. Later!

I would like to ask the following simple question concerning that NOWA crap on The Rock. Who is trying to segregate whom?

Our formal was great, we all had a blast. I guess you could say the party was pretty kick ass me about it. I will tell no lie. If you want to party down, and I don't mean maybe. You had better start hangin' with SIGMA PI, baby.

Sigma PI, HOORA! (EES).



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By Ralph 'Kebler' Kern
EK# 124

This will be the last article of Spring Quarter. I will try to make it good.

We won Greek Week!!!!!! The Sigma Nu guys could not hold up. At first it was a blowout. I believe the Sigma Nus were a little upset. Ha! A little is not the word for what they felt when the big gator bit them on the _____. The end of the week got better for Sigma Nu, though. They came real close to winning the trophy, but the Sig Eps stopped that. The Sig Eps gave them a run for their money in the raft race. We have the big trophy anyways.

Now the big weekend called Rose Ball Weekend. The J.W. Marriot was rocking with the sounds of Y.M.C.A. Yes, the Village People made a special trip to Rose Ball. Associate Member of the year was Kerry Tidmore. The Gary Pritchett Award went to Kevin Norton. The Steven E. Wrenn award went to Steve Brown. The Phelatian award

went to Brad Yeomans. Chris Wood won the Most Improved Scholarship award. Craig Schafer and Swing Tan won the Highest Combined GPA of Big Brother and Associate Member. Alumnus of the year was Paul Raniere. Scott Gear won the Gold and White Spirit award. Luke Rock won the Olympian award. Kim Ray won the Gill Hill award. The 1991 Rose Queen is Pam Williams. The dance was great. I would like to thank Lance Painter for spinning his date so she could show the whole dance floor what was not under her dress. I have it on good word that the Lenox Inn was a Party Palace. I heard their was more than just a few people in one room at a time. Does the number 25 mean anything?

The Alumni/Undergrad softball game was too much fun. Rusty Williamson lost a few beers and dropped a load when the police pulled up to his truck. He was as nervous as a long tail cat in a room full of rocking chairs. Poor Kim Ray lost a whole six pack from the whole deal. He told me that it felt like he lost his best friend. The Undergrads defeated the Alumni though.

Here is the thought of the Archon. This time Archon Turner's thought is "Gee the Gold Club last night was great."

Well that is it and I'm out of here. Till next time remember "NOTHING SHALL EVER TEAR US ASSUNDER".

and Keith, we will use your floating pinnacle of water-dynamics next year! A big thanks goes out to these three Fraters who worked up until the last minute.

Spring Whing Dthing was a huge, roaring, significant milestone of partying that would not have been reached otherwise until the mighty master, Tracker Bob drank a beer! An ice cold Busch Light Draft, and let the party begin without further ado.

What do you mean, "Whose turn is it to drive to Mink's? I'm not 21!!!" Well without digesting anymore good times at the party, I want to wish all Fraters good luck, and wish every one well on their FINALS!?! Except for Mary Carter, of-course!

I know all the TEKES cant wait for the end of the year retreat-promising times i'm sure. I bet the ice hawg Danny Pearce will not climb any trees this year!!! And dont forget those meetings, every Monday @ 2:00 P.M. (and that's not TEKE time)

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MAD DOG #329

Yea boyzzz..... We are still feelin irie from that groovy reggae that played at Southern Tech. Hope everyone had as good of time that we did. And the best part was.....IT WAS FREE!

I would like to congratulate Ken Boggs on his second place finish in the BRA's rookie race, and for a fine run on Sunday. From the rumors going around, I here that TEKE RACING is expanding far and beyond! So WATCH OUT, WATCH OUT, WATCH OUT.....(and dont say that we didnt warn you).

Greek Week was a real hoo-haa for most of us. We all got to see the Lizzard in his natural state, Sunshine was looking good in those loafers, but who the hell was that drunk girl with him? Hoss said he wants to have a cook out at his house....HOT DOGS ONLY!

And another thing, where is our damn raft? In all reality, Jake, Whit,

ADPi

By Amy Pratt

T'was the week of the Greeks and all through the land there was cheering and yelling, lets give them a hand.

The ADPi's participated with diligence and care in hopes that all present would know we were there.

The girls were ready though not much was said, while visions of victory danced through our head.

Christy in her letters and I in my jeans had just won the egg toss amongst many screams, when out on the lawn there arouse such a clatter I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter. When what to my wondering eyes should appear but a little ole chariot, and two people to carry it? With Trish as the driver so lively and quick I knew in a moment it must be a trick.

More rapid than lions the ADPi's ran and we whistled and shouted and called out by name- now Angie, now Melony, now Beth and Kara, on Heather, on Cheryl, on Kim and Tara. To the top of the hill, to the top of the wall now run away, run away, wait- don't run away all!

Their eyes how they pierced, their dimples not merry, their cheeks were clenched tight- their looks quite weary. Their droll little mouths were curled up in a sneer, while the crowd moved away in obvious fear.

We looked ragged and dirty and fowl is my hunch, and I laughed when I saw us- such a glamorous bunch.

We sprang to our boat and away we went (thank God it was the last event) and we all explained as we paddled with great might, "have a great day and remember, keep happiness in sight".

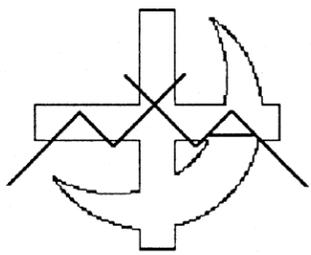
WGHR

By Marc Pruitt
You kids get out of my yard!

Hey Kids, this is just a reminder that sign up for airshifts will be the first week of next quarter on a first come-first serve basis.

Also, Due to the unexpected demand for WGHR T-Shirts, we have ordered a metric ton of new shirts which we will be selling next quarter. Please support the station and buy a shirt- we need the money!

For those of you who became faithful listeners of our *Ruby 3* series, you should be happy to know that we will continue to run *Ruby* next quarter at the same time (Thursdays at 7:00 P.M.). Also, Wes Hetrick and myself plan on having our own series- *Lance Ribeye and the Underground City of Crab Legs!*



By Brian McConnell
AXA (Greek)'s Invisible Man

Hello there folks and welcome to the end of yet another glorious quarter at Southern Tech. I hope everyone had a great quarter and that you're looking forward to the big Summer Break. Before we go though we've had some note worthy events take place, so hold on to the edge of your seats while I give you the play-by-play.

First up, I'd like to congratulate Joe Benoit and his band of merry men for the fantastic job with the formal. As some of you may have guessed, we had our Sixteenth Annual White Rose Formal on May 25th and those of you who attended know what a great success it was. The formal was held at Cohutta Lodge, near Chat-

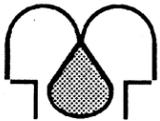
Sigma Pi

R. Bennett II and R. S. Burton
Crash! and Co.

"I am glad that we decided not to participate in Greek Week. The outcome was obvious from the start because of who was in charge (VP, IFC)." - R. S. Burton

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