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Faye Barber Assumes V.P. Post on January 27



The new VP of B&F, Faye Barber, will take over on January 27, but she already has something on her predecessor, a published picture. - Photo by Bill Finnick

By Bill Finnick
SCT#GT

Faye H. Barber will officially take over as the Southern College of Technology's vice president for business and finance on January 27, 1992.

Ms. Barber will be president Cheshier's primary advisor on all fiscal matters relating to the college.

She will also be responsible for the overall management of the Business Office, Physical Plant operations, Campus Safety, Procurement, Personnel and the Bookstore.

With the State of Georgia's current budget problems Ms. Barber comes to Southern Tech when it is under the most difficult of financial positions. Her goal is to have her departments work smarter and more efficiently to meet the needs of the students, faculty and staff while working with less.

Ms. Barber has a strong grasp of college financial operations. She has over 20 years experience in college business administration within the Regent's system in Georgia.

She comes to SCT via Brunswick College where she has been the vice president for business affairs for the last 15 years.

She has also served on several professional and civic organizations including the National Association of College and University Business Officers, and the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers.

Breaking through gender barriers is not new to her. While she is the first female vice president of the Southern Tech, she was also one of the first women admitted to the Brunswick Chapter of the Kiwanas.

Her educational background includes a bachelor's of science

in business and a master's degree in public administration, both from Valdosta State College.

Ms. Barber considers this assignment, "a plum" in describing her feelings in being selected over the other 400 plus qualified applicants that were screened for the position.

Her husband and dog will remain in the Brunswick area for at least another year, until her husband retires, while her son attends Georgia Southern. She will stay with relatives who live in the Cobb county area for now.

Sam Baker, Special Assistant to the President, has been the acting vice president for business and finance for over a year. He had stepped in after J. R. Robertson was terminated on October 26, 1990 and Governor Miller's hiring freeze prevented president Cheshier from hiring a replacement.

SCT Staff Council is Formally Up and Running

By Scott Mills
Staff Writer

From an ad hoc committee to officiality, the Staff Council is now in business as of December 16, 1991. Members of the ad hoc committee met and declared that they would indeed form a Staff Council for the Southern College of Technology staff employees on that date.

The council followed their declaration of existence by meeting for the first official time on Thursday, January 9, 1992. At that time

the council elected officers which include Alberta Cook (chairperson), Barry Birckhead (chair-elect), and Judy Brooks (secretary). The council also approved Dr. Nadella and Mary Phillips as Advisory Members.

Other members elected to the council were: Dan Youngblood, Barbara Anderson, Ruth Compton, Kelly Hewitt, Kay McClure, Paulette Crider, Nancy Fairbanks, George Scott, Roy Shults, Jerry Baswell, Joseph Pitman, Clyde Wagoner and Kenneth Hill.

The Staff Council is repre-

sented by many factions that make up the "workers" of Southern Tech. Representatives from the executive, administrative, and managerial positions are included as well as clerical, technical, skilled craft, and service and maintenance positions.

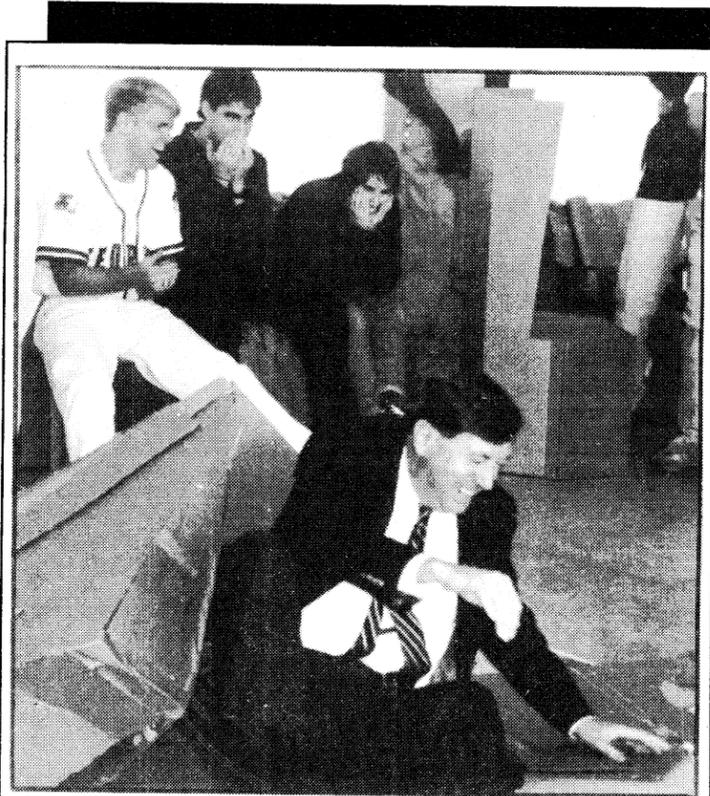
To recall past events, concerned staff members and President Cheshier met over the fact that there was no established system to pass information between administration and staff last summer. The President agreed and began working with them. As a result, the council was born.

The Staff Council will meet again with President Cheshier on January 23, 1992 from 12:00-1:00 pm in the Burruss Auditorium. There he will introduce the official Council and members and discuss the college's budget with them. After that meeting, the Staff Council will meet again on January 30th to discuss certain issues pertaining to the budget, and they will elect committees to oversee a job classification system as well as certain insurance benefits that they look forward to having.

Members of the council appear to be enthusiastic over the recent happenings. According to Alberta Cook, chairperson to the Staff

Council, Southern Tech is one of only a few colleges in the University System of Georgia that now

have an official Staff Council. She stated that "this is the 1990's... and it's time for some changes."



Dean Pearson proves that even architects must succumb to the laws of physics. They should also retain a good structural analysis and detail team of engineers prior to building one of their designs. As he once stated: "Architects need Civil Engineers as their conscience." - Photo by Bill's Friend

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The Advising Center

By **Kashmira Mody**
Staff Writer

There are several reasons people decide to go to college. There are more inexplicable reasons why they choose to go to Southern Tech. But, the premise is that once you are here you leave only by choice and preferably after reaching some academic goal. There are several offices that want to ensure that the latter happens. One such office that offers support to freshman, undeclared majors, those with special requirements and those in academic difficulty is the Advising and Retention Center.

The Advising Center was created about four years ago "to provide academic support for high risk students." The staff at the Advising Center includes Barbara Anderson, Director; Annette Lewis, who is in charge of testing and interpretation of academic policies; Leslie Schwartz, who coordinates SCT 101 and freshmen counseling; and Ann Hough, Section Supervisor. The entire staff works to provide any help that might enable a student to stay in school and succeed. This includes issuing updated handouts, arranging individual consultations, and answering student queries about academic rules and regulations.

One of the functions commonly associated with this office is the academic advisement provided for freshmen with under 40 credit hours, undeclared majors, and students with CPC deficiencies during registration periods. During advance registration, regular registration, and drop-add period, the Advising Center staff with the help of faculty from various departments sets up an advisement area to provide an individual consultation for each student and get a workable schedule for that student.

Another responsibility handled by this office is to coordinate and administer the College Placement Exam (CPE), the Math Advisory Test (MAT), and the Regents' Test each quarter. Incoming students have to take the CPE and/or the MAT tests to enable the school to place them in appropriate classes. The Regents' Test is a requirement that has to be completed by all students in the University system of Georgia before they reach 75 hours.

A lesser known fact is that this office coordinates the teaching of SCT 101 (Introduction to College) which includes training faculty and staff, preparing handbooks as a teaching guideline, and coordinating the selection of students for the

peer facilitator program.

The Advising Center also prepares information packets and conducts advisement sessions for new student orientation. It conducts quarterly workshops on success-oriented topics including time management, study skills, and test-taking skills.

It maintains records of student retention and conducts research on retention figures. In addition, the Advising Center also recruits and trains about six graduate counseling interns from Georgia State University per year.

Ms. Anderson explained that in the last ten years the average age of the student population has changed from 26 to 19 years. Also, during that same period, the number of options available to a Southern Tech student doubled from 9 to 18. These changes present new challenges for the Advising Center. In the next few years, more students are going to need "neutral" counseling with career choices. Ms. Anderson added that "we serve as advocates for students because we can see the whole spectrum, understand the changing trends, and the corresponding change in student needs."

The LOG

Southern Tech's 1992 Yearbook is now in production. This year's theme is Changes with an eye on the growth of the campus and diversity of its students over the last 40 plus years.

The Organization Section is scheduled to be wrapped in early April.

Groups wishing to contribute to this year's book must submit their text and pictures by April 1st.

The LOG Staff meets every Wednesday at noon in Conference Room A of the Student Center. Anyone interested in layout, design, photography, or writing is welcome to join. Call 528-7303.

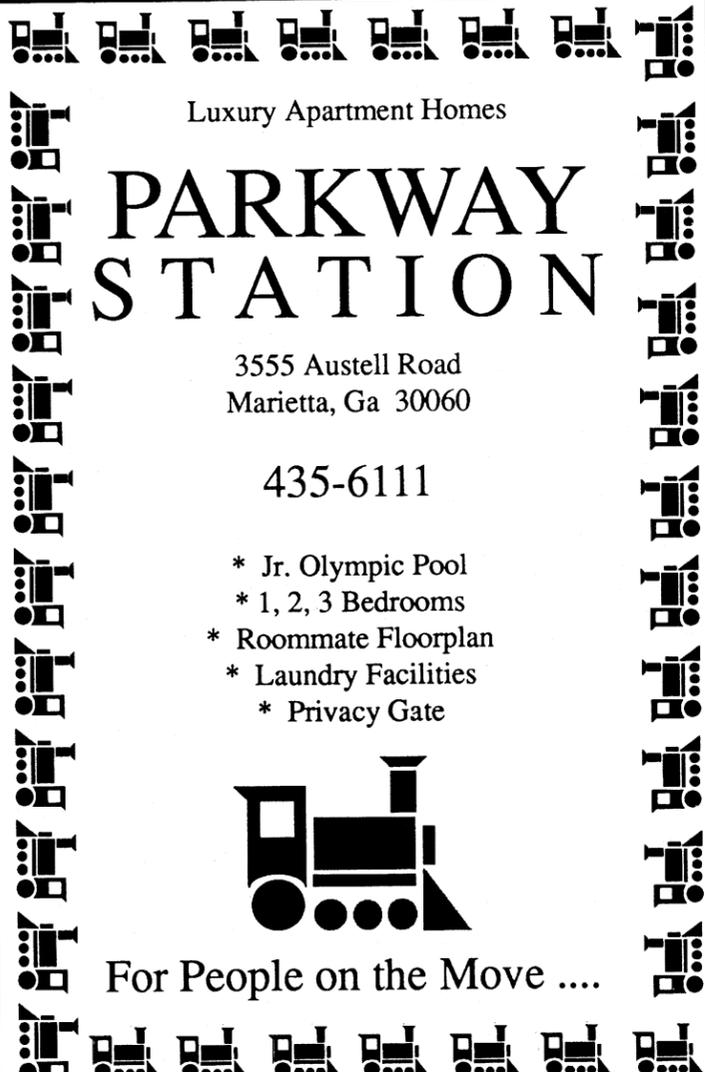
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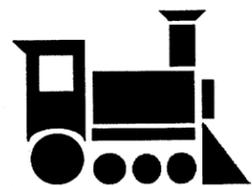
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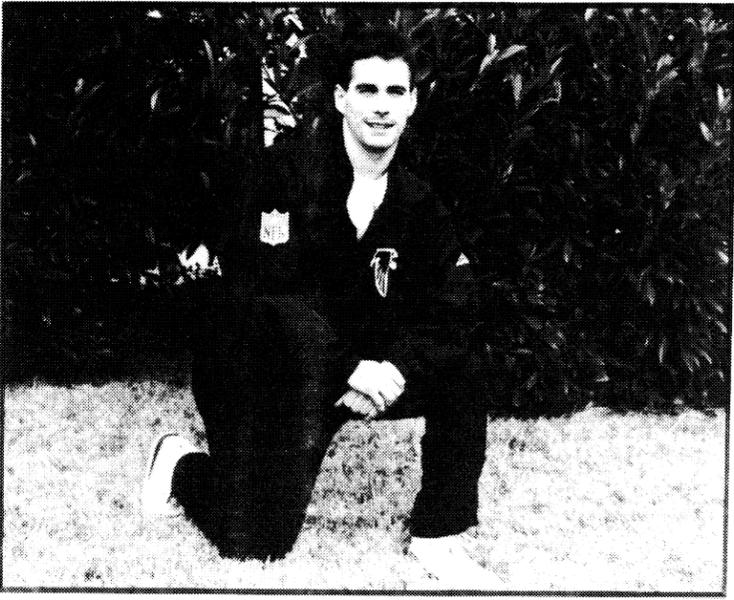
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Interfraternity Council Elects New Officers



Ken (Lumpy) Lunsford, the new IFC President, as seen here in a dashing Sears catalog pose. - Photo by David Pennington Conrad II
By Billy Elder
Dude-man hey!

Representatives from each social fraternity recently elected new officers for the Southern Tech Interfraternity Council. Three delegates from each fraternity voted by secret ballot on the nominated individuals for the offices of President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer. The winners were Ken Lunsford, Stan Burton, and Alex

Panos, respectively.

Lunsford is an IET major in his senior year. As an active member in Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity since 1987, he has held the offices of President, Athletic Chairman, and Alumni Relations Director. He currently acts as Chaplain for the Fraternity, was selected as a member of *Who's Who Among College Students*, and serves as a member of SGA.

As President, Lunsford's jobs

are to insure the meetings run as smoothly as possible, to give assistance to the other elected officials as needed, and to set up other special IFC events.

Goals for the new President include getting more involvement and support for the Southern Tech sports teams, holding a Greek luncheon at which excellence awards will be given, and insuring the overall G.P.A. of the fraternities remains above that of the non-Greeks.

Stan Burton now holds the office of Vice-President. He also holds the same office for Sigma Pi Fraternity. He is a junior MET student and a member of the Hornet Baseball team. He has been an IFC delegate for the past two years.

In the past, the Vice-President was responsible for organizing Greek Week. One of Burton's goals is to form a committee to organize Greek Week and create "a great, highly competitive event." A key to this, according to Burton, is "positive involvement from all members of IFC." An special effort will be made this year to schedule the annual event so that all fraternities and sororities may participate without interruptions from formals and other events.

Fund-raising is also one of the Vice-President's concerns. One idea suggested by a delegate of TKE seems

to be very promising. Plans are being made to hold a raffle for prizes such as a television or VCR. Tickets are expected to sell for approximately \$1.00 each. The money collected from the raffle will go directly to expenses incurred with Goat Night and Greek Week.

Handling this money is none other than Tau Kappa Epsilon's Alex Panos, serving as Secretary/Treasurer for IFC. He is a sophomore EET student who is very active in the Greek society.

Duties of the Secretary/Treasurer include the recording of minutes for meetings and gathering of bid reports and accurate rosters of

the fraternities. These actions help verify who is eligible to participate in Goat Night and Greek Week activities. He is also responsible for the collection of dues and scholarship fees which are due at the beginning of each quarter.

Panos says he is looking forward to working with the new council members to "increase fraternity participation and membership." He also added, "I will do my job to the best of my ability, as I'm sure the other members will also."

These new officers will help the IFC to represent the fraternities on all matters, enhance Greek life and traditions, and strengthen the fraternities and sororities as a whole.

The flag was flown at half-mast last week at SCT for Grounds Keeper Jerry Caldwell, 25. He died Monday, January 13, at his home. Services were held at the Church of Christ of Paulding County Friday at 4:00 p.m. Jerry is survived by his wife Carol Lynn.



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The Italian Kitchen Screams Out of the 70's

By Westly Hetrick
Gastronomic Guru

Ah, once again school is in session, and the newspaper has paid me to go eat lunch. This week, *The Sting* features the Italian Kitchen, located within a stone's throw of Marietta's beautiful Big Chicken. However, do not attempt to throw a stone at the Big Chicken, because even though it has lain dormant for decades, some of us are still old enough to remember when the great angry poultry beast, as we called it in those days, would reach down and pluck a poor stone throwing fool up in his beak, and crush him like... well, something that got

crushed in a giant beak. Yep, Roswell Road ran thick with the blood of reckless stone throwers.

Speaking of Roswell Road, that's where the Italian Kitchen is located. It's about 50 yards towards the square from the intersection of Roswell and Highway 41. It shares a small building with some uniform shop. The inside is, well, unconventional. The furniture is all very 1970's, with black vinyl benches and table cloths, black wrought iron chairs, and paintings of beaches and things on the wall that seem to have been rescued from old hotel hell.

The staff is also a little unconventional. There's nothing bad about it, as a matter of fact, it's good old

homestyle southern hospitality. It's just that you don't look for a Georgia drawl in an Italian restaurant. This place is about as ethnic as a Taco Bob's, and I sincerely doubt that any of the staff's last names end in vowels. But that really doesn't matter.

Why doesn't it. Because the food is good. Mind you, Montecalvo's or Scallini's isn't about to close from competition. But this is good food at good prices. Thursday and Friday's special is the pasta supreme and garlic bread. I can vouch for that being pretty tasty, pretty big, and pretty cheap at three bucks. It's pasta Cheese, and cream sauce with your choice of

chicken breast, mushrooms, sweet sausage, or ham. I got the salad bar too, for a buck and a half, and it was pretty standard. Lettuce, tomato, cucumbers, and dressing do not a salad bar make. Monday through Wednesday the special is lasagne, also at three bucks.

My dining partner got the 6" pizza with two toppings daily special. It wasn't bad, but crispy and looked like they didn't make them but bought them in big boxes of 100. It came with salad bar and a soft drink for \$3.95.

Other daily lunch specials included regular size sandwich, spaghetti, and salad bar for

\$4.69, and a sandwich, salad bar or soup, and drink for \$3.95.

Astute readers of *The Sting* may notice that this is not the first time we have reviewed the Italian Kitchen. However, upon review, we realized that we fully did not trust the last person to go there. In fact, oftentimes we have questioned that person's taste, judgement, and sanity. So we thought it would be best to just go and have a little looksee ourselves. Next issue though, we'll be covering new ground, somewhere where we've all driven by a thousand times on the way to and from school.

XYZ Album is a Hunka, Hunka Burning Cheese.

By Mackie M. Bowden
Cookie Quarter Master

Hungry on Capitol Records is the second album from the L.A. group XYZ.

The group is composed of Terry

lous on vocals, Marc Diglio on guitar, Patt Fontaine on bass and Paul Monroe on drums. At the end of last year the group toured with Foreigner and was headlining at smaller clubs around the country at the beginning of this year.

Basically the album is typical of the standard metal groups from L.A., with a few songs standing out above the rest. "Face Down In The Gutter" is the first single off the album, the song is very strong in all aspects of standard metal instead of

wood or plastic.

The group is an international mixture with Terry and Patt both being from France and Marc and Paul both being from the New England area of the upper United States. The group didn't come together until they all met in the L.A. area which is the area of the country that normally all bands in the metal scene seem to met.

The bands first album came out in 1989 and the group has been doing

better ever since. Even though they have been compared to Dokken, XYZ is different and has a style of their own. Another song on the album is a cover of the Free song "Fire and Water" which XYZ did a very good job of. Even though XYZ is a metal band the song "When I Find Love" is a typical ballad about love and the joys of life with your puppy dog.

XYZ was in Atlanta at the beginning of December and will probably be back in the area at a later date and bat time. Well that's all I can say about XYZ for now but I could go on about other things that are really important to me, such as my dog Tuesday and my car, which is not a zebra but just has stripes on the front end. Well I guess I've talked or written enough for now so take care and enjoy life or don't.

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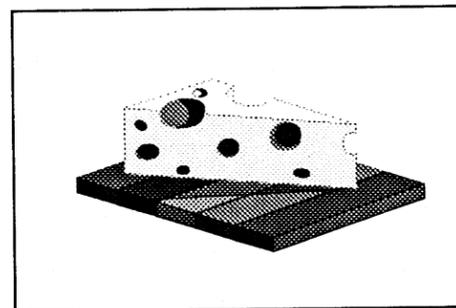
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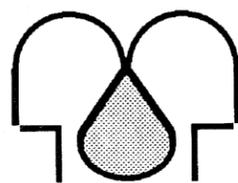
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Punks See Screeching Weasels

By Dan Punk & Dave Punk

Gloriously, the brand new Screeching Weasel CD is out. Man, this thing is great. For those of you who are not familiar with Screeching Weasel, they're one of Chicago's best Punk bands, if not one of the world's best. They've been around since about 1988 and have supposedly put out three albums so far, but to this day we have only saw two of them.

The album we heard a couple of years ago was called *Boogadaboogadaboogada*, it was the album that convinced us that there was still some good Punk music coming out besides the Ramones. This was a Punk album at it's best. The songs were fast, short, and melodic, and if that wasn't enough, the lyrics were well written and witty. The songs on here will stick out in our minds just as well as any Ramones classic. This album remains one of our all time favorites.

Obviously, we were a bit upset when Screeching Weasel broke up recently. You could imagine our surprise when we read that not only was Weasel reforming but also they were releasing a brand new album on Lookout! Records, the same

label that put out the last Mr. T Experience album, up until this time Lookout! has only put out albums from bands from San Francisco.

We were looking to be disappointed on their new album, how could anything possible follow up *Boogadaboogadaboogada* sufficiently. Boy, were we wrong. *My Brain Hurts* is one bony mutha! The sound on this album wasn't much different from the sound on *Boogada* except the lyrics are a bit more mature. Strangely enough, the songs on the album sound a lot like Sludgeworth, which we reviewed in a previous column. Well, that makes sense seeing how Sludgeworth contains ex-members of Weasel.

Three of these songs on *My Brain Hurts* previously appeared on a live video that Weasel put out about a year ago. The three songs: "Slogans", "Kamala's Too Nice" and "Fathead" probably are the best songs on the album. But of course, picking best songs on this album is kinda like picking up pick-up sticks with your butt cheeks, seeing how every song on here is strong. They also do a remake of that bad song from the seventies which later got degraded worse to a commercial for dishwashing detergent, "I Can See

Clearly". Weasel, however, breathes new life into this horrible song and makes it sound like an original.

As we have already mentioned, the lyrics on this album are a bit more mature but don't let that fool you. These songs are terribly fun. Take for example the song about a kid afraid of the dark called: "Don't Turn Out the Lights": Why Don't you believe it's not all inside my head/Something wants to eat me and it lives underneath my bed.. Another witty song is one about desperation called "I Wanna Be With You Tonight": I Just Know Your Name but still just the same/I see you in my dreams at night/I see you in my food when I eat/I see your pretty mug/I think I'm in love/If you kissed me I would blow up/If you kissed me you would throw up.

We believe that this album may be just as good as *Boogada*, perhaps. The only complaint we have is that we don't understand the picture on the cover. If anyone could explain it to us, we would be forever in their debt.

If you would like to hear Weasel before you invest in an album, and you can't pick up WGHR, the go see Weasel Thursday, January 23rd at the Masquerade. It's only \$4.00,

"In most instances a suicidal attempt is in reality a desperate call for help. But, in some cases in which an individual is determined to die, preventing that death may be impossible."

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 recently heard about a person who killed himself. I have found myself feeling very upset, not just about the person I heard about, but about something from my past. When I was in high school a classmate of mine kept talking about suicide, and tried to do it a few times by cutting her wrists and taking pills. I avoided her like the plague. From what I hear she got straightened out okay and is leading a normal life. But I feel guilty about the way I turned my back on her. What if she had committed suicide? I just don't know what to make of this whole scary topic."

Signed, Phil

A: Phil, it sounds as though your high school experience really had an emotional effect on you, and those feelings have remained buried until the recent news you heard brought them back out.

First of all, I want to offer you a word of reassurance. Although you feel guilty about having "turned your back" on your high school classmate, remember that we can only do what we're capable of. Apparently, when you were a high school student you found your classmate's suicidal talk and gestures to be so frightening that you couldn't face your feelings about it. So you shunned her to protect yourself. That did not make you an unworthy human being; it just showed that you did not yet possess the openness and skills to deal with an intense emotional situation.

Another point I'd like to make is that most people who talk about suicide do not truly want to die. Most of them want to find some way to find help and support and to make their lives better. That is why the term "suicidal gesture" is used so often. An act of self harm which does not result in death may wake others up to the fact that the person is truly hurting, despairing, and in need of some help.

But, just because the suicide attempter may be making a "gesture," do not fail to take the gesture seriously. There is usually a great deal of pain and despair behind such behavior. Often, the individual feels a sense of emotional pain and misery, and cannot even imagine the pain ending. And, the emotional pain in question is typically much more agonizing than the physical pains we experience due to many physical injuries.

You may find yourself thinking "Well if someone is in so much pain and needs help, why don't they just come out and ask for the help?" But, we live in a rather "counterdependent" society. That is, it is much easier for most people to offer help than to accept it. People often feel that to ask for or receive assistance is a sign of weakness and lack of worth. They may therefore be driven to the more "rigid" act of a suicide attempt than the more flexible act of asking for help.

Another important point has to do with completed suicides. In some cases, a suicide victim is a person who has made a number of suicide gestures, gradually increasing in lethality, until their suicide is completed. In such a case, it may be helpful for the person's associates to think back on the episode and to try to figure out how and when they could have recognized the pain and despair which was present.

However, there are some instances in which a person decides to die and carries out their plan with highly lethal means and no ineffective gestures. In such a case, in which the person truly decides to die and makes no attempts to seek help or to let people know how despairing they are, their suicide may simply not have been preventable. It is very probable that no one has the absolute power to prevent another person's death by suicide.

What can we do?

What can we do about these tragic circumstances? First of all, we can all work together to create an atmosphere in which we accept the fact that any worthy person may sometimes need help with the emotional problems of living. Secondly, we can take it seriously when we hear someone expressing suicidal thoughts, and we can do our best to gently but firmly recommend help. And lastly, when a person we know commits suicide and leaves us with emotional pain, we can seek out some assistance for ourselves. And we can do so quickly. There is nothing to be gained by letting feelings of guilt, or any other destructive feelings, continue unattended.

A final note: At the Counseling Center, we can help you sort out your feelings about even the most personal, private, or scary issues. Our service is confidential and free of charge. We are located on the second floor of the Student Center.

EIT APPLICATIONS

for the April 1992 examination can be picked up in Room B107. Applications must be returned by January 27. Total fee for the EIT is \$80. Applicants must be seniors in good academic standing (150 hours and a 2.0 GPA).

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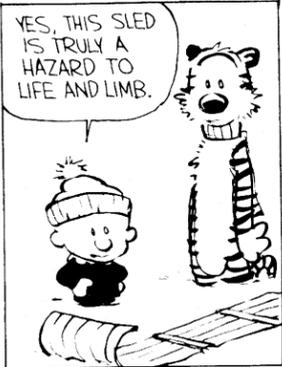
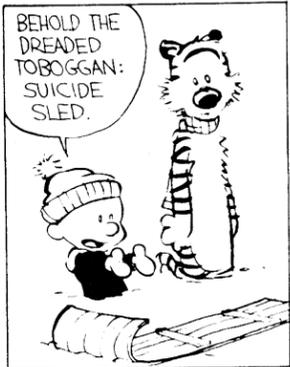
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calvin and Hobbes

by BILL WATSON



EDITORIALS

Banter of Olympic Proportions

By Hayden C. Wakeling
English Aristocrat.

Happy New Year! By the time you get to read this column 1992 will be well and truly under way, and most people will have already broken most of their New Year Resolutions.

Just what will 1992 mean to most people? It's a Leap Year! Europe becomes one community? Apart from the Presidential elections the big talking point this year will be the Olympic Games in Barcelona.

Companies have been for some time pushing themselves forward as the major sponsors of any aspect of the games, whether down to one team or the whole thing. The Olympics is now BIG business. America, of course, pointed this fact out to the rest of the unsuspecting world. Just before the LA games of 84 the bids were being put in for the 1988 games, only two countries entered bids which Seoul eventually won, after LA though, 6 cities entered bids for this years summer games, one city being my home city of Birmingham, England. LA '84 proved that profits could be made from staging the 'greatest show on earth'. Before, the city would accept losses along with the prestige, for example, Montreal citizens will be paying for the Olympics of 76 in their taxes into the next century.

The Olympics does not only provide exposure for corporations though, many of the athletes who win medals this year will sign new sponsorship deals worth millions of dollars. In 1988 Ben Johnson had over \$50 million of sponsorship lined up, until he was asked to give a sample. With all the financial gains being offered it is not surprising that many athletes resort to performance enhancing drugs.

Anyone who uses drugs to improve athletic performance is a cheat and therefore should be banned from sports for LIFE!!

This is the view of British Sports, but sadly the rest of the world does not follow this belief, and an athlete caught using drugs can return to competition in months to years depending upon the sports governing body.

The Olympics have been used by governments to shove their opinions down peoples throats. At the Montreal '76 game African Nations stayed away because New Zealand was allowed to compete after their rugby team toured South Africa; at Moscow '80 Western Nations led by the good old US of A didn't venture through the iron curtain because of Soviet

actions in Afghanistan. Britain took the unexpected step of asking their athletes whether they would want to go, they voted yes even though Maggie wanted to follow Ronnie's lead.

Eastern Bloc countries replied by sending back their invitations to the LA games of 84. Individuals also use the Olympics to convey their political beliefs. In Mexico 68 two African American Athletes held aloft their fist covered in a black glove during the playing of the national anthem to signify their struggle for equality. Banners often appear in the crowd covered in political slogans, but most are unseen because the TV companies do their best to hide them. People have realized that for two weeks of each leap year the world's eyes are on one city.

Sadly with all the political implications of the Olympics there comes terrorism. The last time the Olympics were held in Western Europe, Munich 72, six Israelis were shot by Arab gunmen. Spain has its own share of terrorists. The area in which Barcelona is situated, the Basque, is rife with terrorist groups ready to blow something or someone up. Sadly the news from this years Olympics might not be about Medal winners but about which group was hopefully caught in time.

Another aspect of today's Olympics is that Professional sportsmen or women, let's not be sexist, are allowed to take part in what was originally a meeting of amateur athletes competing against each other for the love of their sport, not just because they are gifted and have a way of making money. Soccer, Tennis, Basketball and now Baseball are events in which professional athletes are allowed to take part in the Olympics. Other Sports such as track and swimming have to come up with ways of making money and keeping their amateur status. If the International Olympic Committee is going to allow some sports to have professionals then it should be the same for all sports, not just a selected few. It is interesting to note that, apart from soccer, Americans are contenders for the gold medal in all the sports allowing professionals!

Overall from Greece at the end of the 1800's to Barcelona, the Olympics have changed from a friendly get together to a big commercial profit making operation. Politics should be dragged totally out of all sports, not just the Olympics, athletes should not be pawns in a world power chess game! As we end the 20th Century, the Old Olympic saying, 'It is not the winning but the taking part that counts' does not register in today's society, it's only the winning that counts.....

Caustic Conclusions: The Age Factor

By Andrew Newton
Staffacist

As the new quarter assailed many Southern Tech students, I found myself wrapped up in my latest new toy — this time a Yamaha XS400. And with new motorcycles come the responsibility to get insurance. So I popped on over to the State Farm office across the street from campus. "Hi," I said. "I'd like to get some motorcycle insurance."

"Sorry, we can't give you motorcycle insurance because you are too young," they said.

"What! Too young! I didn't even tell you my age!" It's my guess that I just look too young. But isn't refusing service based on age against the law or something.

But when you think about it, this little action on the part of State Farm isn't all that off course for all the other little oddities that our society associates with age; the number one complaint about age discrimination probably being the

drinking age.

You can be too young to play with toys. But even toys have minimum age limits. You must be at least be 8 years old to play with Legos. You must be 16 to drive and 15 to work. You must be 18 to vote and 21 to rent a car. You must be 25 to get standard insurance rates and 35 to run for President. You must be 13 to see PG-13 movies and 17 to see R movies (what about NC-17?).

No wait... it goes on. If you are over 30, then the youth of our society can't trust you. If you are over 35, then you can't join the military. And if you are over 40 you can qualify for a mid-life crisis. Plus, you must be 50 to join the American Association of Retired Persons.

If you're too young, then you can't know about sex. But if you are too old, you can't have sex. You can not be old enough to stay up and watch T.V. You can be too old for this and too old for that. You can even be so young that things are before your time.

Well, you probably get the message. At least you're never too old to rock 'n roll. But that's probably a lie.

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Consensus Editorial

Recently some of *The Sting* layout staff was dining with other non-*Sting* types. During the meal, we were accused of "being weird" and obviously "on something." We quickly replied that we weren't currently on anything and we were glad to be weird.

Frankly, we don't see what's wrong with being weird. Being normal just seems, well, dull. Get a bunch of normal people together and it's only a matter of time before they start watching TV for entertainment. But weird people will find something really entertaining, like throwing stereos and ditto machines off a three story building, or blowing up stuffed animals, or singing children's songs with thick German accents.

Everyone else out there who thinks *Charles in Charge* and *Growing Pains* is great entertainment should try hanging out with weird people. Many people find that weirdness is contagious. Then you may learn our big secret. We're not weird, we're creative.

MINDLESS BANter

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Jack's New Year's Resolution - Take a Bath

By Jack Silver

Balding, Boring, and Broke

It's 10:30 P.M. on January 2, 1992, and I'm on board the Amtrak Sunset Limited bound for New Orleans from El Paso, Texas. I've been on board this damn train since 5 o'clock yesterday evening and I would just about kill for a decent night's sleep. We're running three hours behind schedule and I'm two days behind schedule due to Amtrak telling me the wrong time for leaving El Paso (This makes me none too happy, since I was supposed to get here at about 8:00 P.M. on December 31 and the idea of spending New Years Eve on Bourbon Street had a certain appeal).

The train finally pulls into the station, which is both a train and bus station. This means it will be open all night, which is good since the train to Atlanta leaves at 7:00 A.M.

and I really don't feel like spending \$60 on a motel room just to get four hours sleep (although the shower that would go along with the room sounds lovely).

I go into the station and put my bags in storage for the night. Looking around, I find what is called a restaurant in this pestilential concrete idol to early 50's architecture. I warily enter the ptomaine palace and look over the selection of prehistoric pies and petrified sandwiches. Even the Diet Pepsi (which takes real skill to screw up) tastes like diesel fuel.

After selecting a salami and roast beef hoagie, something that looks like apple pie and the aforementioned Diet Pepsi, I wait in line to pay for it. At that point I feel lucky, since judging by the odor that is wafting through the air from the guy in front of me who has gone a lot more than one day without a shower.

He then turns around and speaks and reveals that he doesn't believe in brushing his teeth either.

Insult is then added to injury when the total for this so-called meal comes to over seven bucks. Captive audiences mean high prices.

The food(?) is consumed at a table which has not seen a wet rag in quite a while and is almost as sticky as the floor. Kids from the next table run around and scream while the parents argue over whose idea this trip was. A bag lady wearing a plastic trash can liner for a coat is being eyed suspiciously by the Amtrak cop who is on duty. There isn't much he can do since she has bought a cup of coffee and is slowly drinking it. She needs a shave.

Meal finished, I go out and have a seat in the waiting area and light a smoke. Next thing I know a bum is showing up to ask if I have a spare cigarette, the cop sees him and

hustles him out in a not too gentle fashion. I try to read.

A bus comes in filled with nice fresh young faces in green uniforms and crew cuts (the women have a little more hair) which can only be a group of Army basic trainees on their way back to Fort Polk after Christmas at home. The air rings with language which would get you arrested in some places. It takes just a few seconds to hear every foul word in the King's English. And then the women shut up and their male counterparts start in.

After a while I go into the men's room and the bum who wanted a cigarette earlier is sleeping on the floor. He asks for another smoke and I give him one. We talk for a few minutes. I begin to see why you so often hear that most of the homeless belong in mental wards, this guy sure does. The cop comes in and hustles him out again.

I walk around to stay awake. Only an hour to train time and every cell of my being screams for sleep. I have smoked well over a pack of cigarettes in less than eight hours.

People begin to come in to catch the Crescent to Atlanta, so I retrieve my bags and get in line. The boarding call comes and we shuffle on.

As soon as we leave the station the dining car opens for breakfast (which is actually pretty good). I eat my french toast as the train goes over Lake Ponchartrain and I watch the sunrise, feeling pleased to be on my way home.

I think over the night I have just spent and wonder if I would repeat the trip by rail. I think "Yes, I will take the train again, but next time I think I'll go ahead and spring for the damned hotel room, if for no other reason that to make sure I smell a little better than a guy sleeping on the men's room floor."

Most Christians are Cool With Our Dave Punk

By Dave Punk

Staff Feller

I have noticed a recent trend that has formed within recent years.

That trend is what I fondly refer to as 'Christian Bashing'. That may sound like something a punker like myself might take to. A lot of my peers take part in it, but I recently took a few steps back and looked at the situation. Now I tend to feel that it's really not right.

Now let me state from the outset that I do not consider myself a Christian. I am not a religious person. My beliefs are not the subject of this column anyway. My point centers solely around the unjustifiable treatment of Christians in modern society.

Take a hypothetical situation. A Hare Krishna knocks on the door of Bob Schnob, typical, young, urban American. Bob asks the Krishna to leave, goes back inside, and almost immediately dismisses the incident. Now, think of the same situation, only replace the Krishna with a Christian. Bob answers the door, listens for a second, and then becomes immensely offended that this person would dare to try to cram his religion down his throat. He rudely brushes the Christian off, and then rants for three weeks about his encounter with a mind-controlling religious freak. Doesn't hardly seem fair, does it?

No, I'm not saying we should condone door to door religion salesmen. I hate them as much as anyone. Keep in mind, though, that if group 'A' can do it without much retribution, then group 'B' should be able to enjoy the same privilege.

There is nothing about any one religious group that calls for any great degree of mistreatment over other religious groups.

Admittedly, I have met some pretty pushy Christians in my time. Most immediate to you would probably be the Campus Crusade for Christ, who took it upon themselves to pester a friend of mine for weeks. That kind of harassment is uncalled for, at the very least. But Christians are not the worst in that manner by any stretch of the imagination. In fact, I've had one of those guys with a funny ponytail and white robe follow me around the airport terminal to the point where I actually had to seek out a security guard to prevent myself from causing actual physical harm to that idiot. Christians have been pushy with me, but none have ever just been a complete asshole.

There could be a hundred reasons people might single out Christians over other religious groups to bash. Perhaps Christianity was forced on them as small children. Perhaps they've had a particularly bad experience with Christians being forceful sometime in their adult life. Perhaps they were just disgusted with certain television evangelists claiming to be Christians. But I can't help but believe that a majority of this hatred is uncalled for and is done just for the sake of trendiness. Whatever the reason, people should stand back and look at the 'big picture', and perhaps they'll realize that a majority of the Christian community is no different than you or me, they just hold certain beliefs, as we all do.

For those who believed that

there is a huge Christian plot to brainwash America and turn us into a mass of mindless sheep, I've got news for you. Whoever suckered you into believing that has brainwashed you much in the way you claim Christians do. Let's face it, if you are an intelligent, thinking person who doesn't want to be brainwashed, you won't be. You can

safely attend a church service of any denomination and walk out holding the same beliefs you walked in with. Even if your beliefs are changed through rational discussion, then you have not been brainwashed, just convinced.

Just remember that they have the right to preach and yell and scream, but you have every right

not to listen. If anyone gets out of hand with you, simply tell them to screw off and walk away. For those who have had a bad experience, all I can say is that not all Christians are like that. It's easy to take out anger at one individual of the group with which he is affiliated. Just keep your thoughts rational, and we'll all be okay.

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TKE

By Russ Bagwell
Mad Dog #329

Tau Kappa Epsilon celebrated our 93rd year on January 10th in style with a killer function with ADPi that is for sure the most fun, the most havoc, and the most exciting time that one person could have in a period of time known as infinity!!! Xi Chi chapter would also like to welcome the new young blood, Chris Gambino and Brent Pallidino. You guys will help TKE stay the most dominant and hell raising fraternity ever at Southern Tech. Soon TKE will celebrate 19 years of the best brotherhood at Southern Tech at the annual Red Carnation Ball. This year the events are on Feb. 15 and celebration begins at 6:00AM (BYOB) I hear to watch out for Mighty Cason!! Remeber the GOAT.

Tau Kappa Epsilon would also

BSU

By James A. Hicks II

A belated Happy New Year from all the BSU'ers. Hope yours is going well and will continue to become the best yet.

During the Winter quarter, the BSU will be competing against other organizations in intramural basketball. We have a 'serious' team and a 'not so serious' team. Come to the center to sign up for a team.

We also have Tuesday luncheons at noon every week. The lunch is always free and our guest speakers

like the support of everyone at Southern Tech for our annual Basketball Run to North Georgia College. The TEKES will be leaving the SCT gym on January 25th at 6 in the morning and will arrive at N. Georgia at approx. 7:45 -8:00. The event supports Cystic Fibrosis, in memory of Tommy Crumley. We need your support. We also have the blood drive coming soon, so lend a helping vien.

BAD APPLE BASH is coming soon, so get that mug, fill it to the rim, squirt some on James McIntyre, and PARTY like MAD DOGS FROM THE MISSION. But please leave the brown paper bag at home.

Just let me know "g"-

"And just remember, if your mamma dont like it, you better stop because it will probably drive you to drink with someone that you have never met (that is really Fugly).

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are always good. We have TNT (Thursday Night Together) at 7:30. There is usually a guest speaker and some sort of get together afterwards.

Some of our BSU'ers are going on the Gatlinburgh Retreat to go skiing over to MLK weekend. Also, the last weekend of Jan., there will be a basketball tournament in Columbus, Ga. Our prime BSU athletes will be staying in a local church. Come home in first guys!

If you have any questions about future events, come to the BSU Center and ask me, Johnny Pierce (Campus Minister), Bill Grissett (Minister of Intern), or anyone of the regulars. Stay warm and good luck in school.

ADPi

By Jessica E. Pittman

Dear Alpha Delta Pi sisters and friends, today I would like to congratulate each of you for helping to make 1991 a year full of precious memories none of us is soon to forget. Working together, I am sure that we will have an even more exciting and rewarding 1992.

To our beloved President, Shanna, may I have the honor of being the first to congratulate you on a job well done! To our beloved

XXA

By Alan Rountree
the invisible man

Well it's another wonderful quarter here at the old Southern Tech. We would like to welcome everyone back and hope it was a very happy and pleasurable time..... without too much trouble. Lambda Chi is looking forward to an exciting quarter with several activities planned. We have a couple of camping trips, a caving adventure into North Carolina, and the usual parties and social events.

Congrats are in order for all the brothers of Sigma Zeta chapter for working hard last quarter and allowing us to get the highest quarterly GPA for the second time this year, also to Mike Minor and Sean

E.V-President, Beth, way to go woman!!! And to all the officers, we have a lot to be thankful for and a lot of accomplishments to be proud of.

What's up with Alpha Delta Pi? So glad you asked! During the holidays we had our annual Alpha Christmas Dance—What a Blast!! (K.C. "I told you so") Also, something you MEN might want to note... the annual CRUSH PARTY is just around the corner!—It's gonna be a good time to be had by all who are priviledged to come!!!

RUSH REPORT: To the Sig Ep brothers, thanks for the thrill of socializing with you guys (lunch...etc. was great)! To the TKE

Philyaw, who just turned the big 21!.....whew, they can finally buy their own refreshments and frequent whatever nightspots they choose legally.

One of the signs of a good brother is to take control of a situation and make the necessary sacrifices to get the job done and keep things running..... Thanks go out to Ricky Byrd for stepping in and trying to fill the bill.

On to sports, we are looking forward to the upcoming intramural sports program so that we can kick some butts and be vendedicated for our past showing. We are fired up and ready to roll!!!

Be sure to get your "Life Sucks" t-shirts for the big game against Life College on February 5. For all the gory details see Shawn Mosely.

One last note for the brothers, start thinking "S S Sessions" after meetings.

Well that's about it for this sitting, but you can be sure there will be more.

brothers...oooooh baby, ya'll know how to party. By the way, K.O. and Mel had a REAL good time! Last, but certainly NOT least, to all of the wonderful ladies at SCT that we got the pleasure of meeting and getting to know during the first phase of RUSH... keep reaching for the stars, the A Dee Pi stars and we'll share our beloved sisterhood with you. And to those lovely SCT ladies we did not have the pleasure of meeting previously, we are still looking forward to meeting you and sharing friendship and sisterhood with you. If interested in knowing more about Alpha Delta Pi, please don't hesitate to ask any sister you see on campus.

Until next time...

Sigma Lambda Chi

By Adam Horton

I would like to welcome all members back to school this quarter, hoping everyone had an enjoyable Christmas vacation. The new officers for this quarter are: President- Johnathan Clay, Vice-President- Adam Horton, Secretary- Mike Guinan, Treasurer- George Hemenway, Membership chairman- Scott Tackett, Cookout chairman- Mark Daniell, Lab chairman- Ian Ordway, and Research chairman- James Satterfield. I would like to thank Ian Ordway for his excellent handling of the lab fall quarter. He will once again have the Construction lab open to all CNST students this quarter. A special award was given to Mike Guinan last quarter for his service and generosity that he has shown to other students as well as to Sigma Lambda Chi. Congratulations Mike! A new quarter is here and new goals should be reached. Strive for the unreachable and you will get what you need. Have a great quarter!

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PKPhi

By David "Archie" Nelson
EK#162

Pow! Bam! Boom! Something? Yes, it is a new Pi Kappa article with a rookie writer. Well for those of you who have been in a social vacuum, we got the old house back. That's right old 439 East Dixie is ours once again. It has already been put through the test. Remember guys no line dances in the house with 300 people. For those of you who missed it, Abner Goes to Hollywood was a big success. It was only fitting to break in the house in Pi Kapp style, with a party of about 300 people. The Blow Out and New Year's Eve parties were too cool, but next year guys not sooooo much confetti. Its very hard to clean it up. Thanks to all the guys on social committee for making last quarter such a big success. During the break

we sent five guys to Mid Year Leadership Conference. They had a real good time just ask them about room 106 and the party van. They learned many things about Pi Kappa Phi and got to see the national office as well as the first minutes. They even had time to go visit the Pterdactyl Club. I hear that it is a very fine establishment. Thanks goes out to all the guys who did rush this quarter, y'all did a good job. Congratulations to Kim Ray who got married over the holidays and to Luke Rock who pinned his girlfriend. How about the ski trip! I hope everyone is excited. I know I can't wait to hit the slopes again. Maybe if y'all are lucky Carl, Ed, Ben, and I will do some of our famous snow sculptures again this year. Don't forget to make your Spring Break plans now before it is too late. There are only 60 more days until it's time to hit the beach. Good luck to all our associate members who will be going through initiation. Well guys it's time for ole Archie to say see ya! Have a great week. Archie's phrase from the past is "Code 44."

Life College Shames and Humiliates the Hornets

By Ed Hardy
I Hate Chiropractors!

The forces of Good have met the forces of Evil, and, sadly, the forces of Good have suffered a temporary setback. That's right, the Southern Tech Hornets battled the Life College Running Eagles last Saturday night, and went down in ruins.

The first half started well. The two basketball teams traded small leads back and forth several times. And Southern Tech even ran up a

six point lead for a while.

But that lead dwindled, and halftime came with Southern Tech down 30 to 31.

I don't know what happened in the Southern Tech locker room during halftime, but it was obviously devastating to the poor Hornets players. The team that came out for the second half bore little resemblance to the strong Southern Tech team that went in.

In the first four minutes of the second half, the Running Eagles

out scored the Hornets 18 to 4.

This clearly finished off any chance Southern Tech had of winning. Though the Hornets battled fiercely, they steadily lost ground until a final score of 66 to 42.

Life College, formerly Life Chiropractic College, is a real school now, an accredited undergraduate institute. This is the first season that they have fielded a basketball team.

Despite this humiliating loss, the game wasn't an all-bad experi-

ence. Life College put on a pretty decent halftime show. There was a dance routine performed by a group of female Life students who almost made up for their amazing lack of talent with an almost equally amazing lack of clothes.

Their cheerleaders weren't bad either. In fact, after it became impossible for Southern Tech to win, the Life cheerleaders were the only thing worth watching in the gym.

And, yes, Sid E. Williams, president of Life College and star

of all those really annoying TV commercials, was there with his wife, who bore an amazing resemblance to him. I'm not kidding, they were wearing identical clothes, had identical hair, and were even shaped kind of the same. It was spooky.

I saw the infamous statue of Icarus or an angel or something like that (it was hard to tell) with Sid E. Williams face on it. They have it over the doors to their Gym. It's about 15 feet tall.

Baseball Team Begins Training for Season

By Tony Wiggins
Staff Writer

On Monday, January 13, the Southern Tech baseball team began

practice sessions in the preparations for the 1992 season. The Hornets participated in the District 25 play-offs in Jacksonville, Fl. last year and have a better shot at the title this

year. Coach Lumsden is expecting this team to be tougher mentally and physically this year.

Coach Lumsden is looking for great leadership from his returning players. He will have 13 returning lettermen along with a talented group of recruits. Returning starters include outfielders Arnie Correll and Gil Ward, infielders Keith Davis, Jeremy Driver, Bob Little and Brad Lurie, pitcher Jeff Battels, Tommy Wilson, Cliton Shook, Ryan Nichols and Lonnie Wigley. Other returning lettermen

include infielder Brett House, catcher Stan Burton, and outfielder Brandon Nichols. Along with them is redshirt freshman catcher Mickey Edison.

Coach Lumsden and assistant coach Eric Alexander has done an excellent job recruiting, trying to make this ball club one of the best ever. This year's newcomers who should help the team are pitchers Chris Cady, Jeff Cason, Tony Wiggins, Chuck Daniel, and Drew Williams, outfielders Athus Zachery and Scott Sage, infielders Curtis

Waltus, Greg Stewart, Mick Harper and Kevin Rusk, catchers Travis Stalcup and Juan Johnson. Coach Lumsden is really excited about this year's team.

Coach Lumsden and assistant coach Eric Alexander believe that this will be a very competitive team that will challenge for the GIAC Championship and a district playoff spot. If you like exciting baseball, tough competition, come out and support the Hornets. Season schedules will be available in the Student Center or the athletic department.

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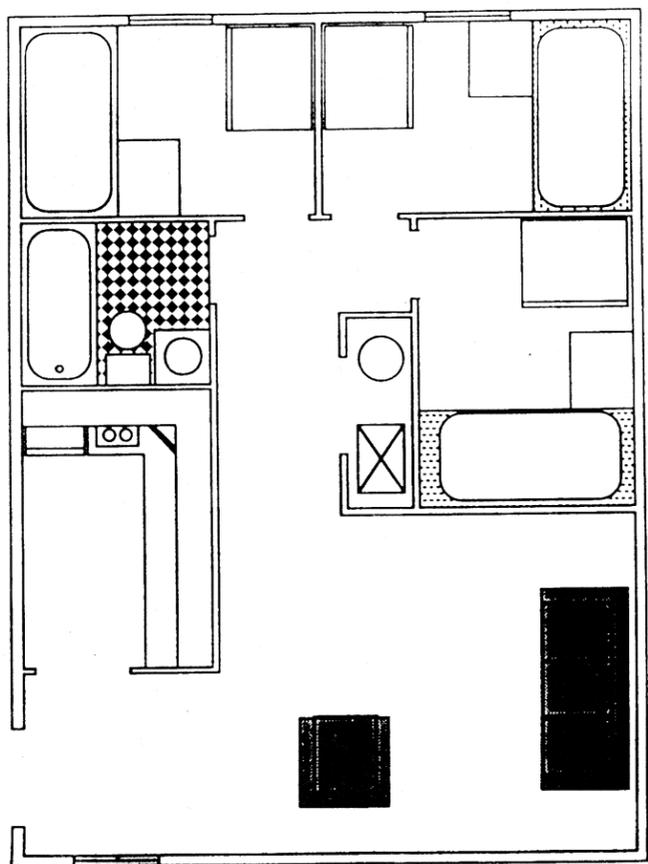
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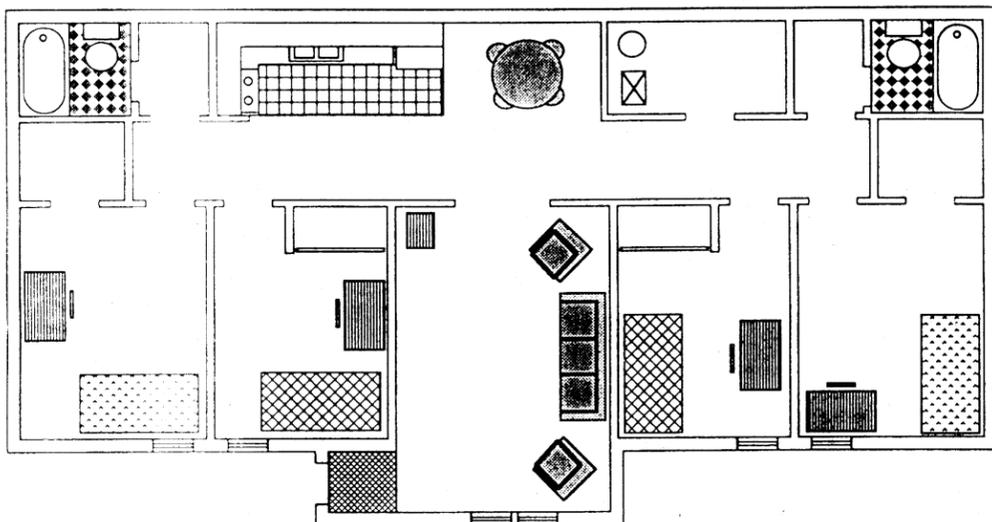
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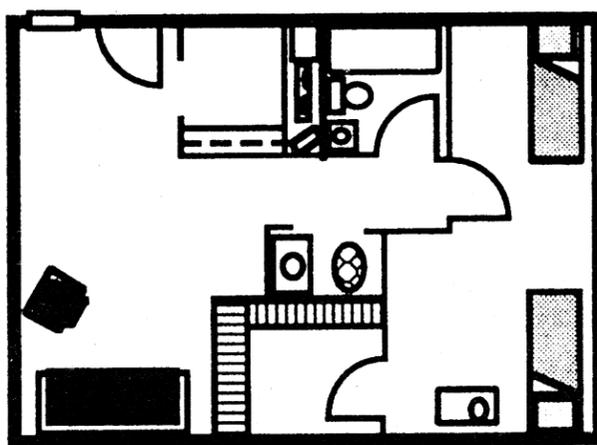
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