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SCT Takes First in Bridge Building Competition



Shown here are members of the ASCE on their award winning bridge just moments before it collapsed. Actually, it's still there and solid as the rock of Gibraltar. So please don't undermine the foundation to our house. Photo by Poet Dave Conrad, Modern Bard

By Kimberly Davenport
Staff Writer

For the fourth year in a row a team from the Southern College of Technology's Civil Engineering Technology department has taken first place overall in their regional American Society of Civil Engineers' sponsored steel bridge building competition.

SCT's Student Chapter of ASCE attended the 1992 Southeast Regional Conference held at the University of South Florida in Tampa on April 2 through 4. Twenty-eight colleges from Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida were eligible to participate in the events. Southern Tech was the only Engineering Technology school to compete.

The students were given certain specifications for the bridge before they prepared it. The students had to design and build the bridge while taking into consideration such factors as weight, deflection under loads, and carrying capacity.

The SCT team will now attend the National competition at Michigan State on May 9 to compete against other regional winners. The host team from Michigan State, Professor

Orlandella's Alma Mater, is the only other four-time winner and has issued a school-to-school challenge to the SCT team.

Trophies were awarded to first, second, and third place winners and the bridge team earned \$275 which will probably be used to help get them to the nationals.

The University of Florida, the second place team at the regional event, admitted copying "the SCT design from last year," according to team member Julie Craig.

Southern Tech's ASCE Chapter also placed third in the Geotechnical division. In this event, each team was given a certain amount of clay and was required to produce two samples to be loaded until failure. The winner was determined by whose sample could carry the most load.

Although SCT's chapter did not place in the Surveying competition, Keith Morrow had the best time in the leveling tripod at 36 seconds and Mark Presley placed fourth in throwing the chain.

Dr. Hornbeck, the ASCE faculty advisor, is very pleased with the chapter's accomplishments. He stated that, "The ASCE has done extremely well to have competed in such a big conference."

Students Get Questions Answered At Town Hall

By Bill Finnick
Ed for SGA President

On Tuesday, March 10, the student body and administration squared off in what was the first SGA sponsored Town-Hall meeting at Southern Tech in many years.

After a brief introduction by the two moderators, Bill Finnick

and Ed Hardy, SGA President Jeff Crocker, opened the session with a pledge to make it a quarterly event.

SCT President Steven Cheshier echoed Jeff's remarks and emphasized his hope for a continued open channel of communication between the administration and the student body.

The moderators had no set

agenda for running the meeting. After the first three questions they worked out a method to track questioners and how to close up one problem and move into another area of concern.

The first shot fired was from SGA Council member Angie Carrol at Dean Pearson, from the School of Architecture, to explain the AET phase out.

In a rambling history lesson on the process the AET students have been bogged down in, the Dean eventually promised to afford every student currently in the program a chance to finish.

Further fault was found in the architecture department in everything, except the faculty, from lighting in the halls to the janitor.

The Advising Center received compliments by the students who were concerned by cut backs in that area. Advising is being revised and currently a Campus-wide committee is working to revamp academic advising to better serve the students.

In an oratorically superb address,

a Ron Skopitz asked that the computer labs be consolidated and updated, which received a round of applause from both sides of the isle.

Another speech warmly received by the audience concerned inflexibility of certain departments. Every administrator from the President to the department heads vowed to become more customer oriented.

The effects of recruiting due to budget cuts were discussed in detail with the realization that everyone at SCT is now a recruiter. Problems with Financial Aid checks were aired and after the session VP Barber of Business and Finance personally investigated the charges and intended to resolve the problems associated with her office.

Class scheduling problems for EET students spilled into other areas with the Deans intent on resolving particular problems by way of a annual forecast of course offerings.

The Civil Engineering Department's computer lab was belittled as being the most antiquated

place an campus. Dean Rezak agreed that the CET department had done a wonderful job in keeping the equipment operational, while President Cheshier voiced his commitment to increase equipment purchases to keep a SCT a viable leader in technology academics.

The only graduate student in attendance spoke of concerns about budget cuts cutting into the graduate assistance program. These concerns were belayed by Dean Yancey.

A student question on the outdoor recreation center that has yet to be built received a short lesson in political science in Georgia as an answer.

In a frenzy of parting shots, roller blading and traffic tickets issues were raised if not directly answered.

The administration and SGA intend for these Town Hall meetings to be held quarterly, rotating from day to evening.

The next one is tentatively scheduled for either May 5 or 12 from 5:30 to 7:00.

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Alpha Delta Pi Sorority Eliminates Pledging

By Ed Hardy
With a Little Help From My Friends

Alpha Delta Pi has adopted a new Total Membership Education Program which brings the world's oldest sorority into close compliance with guidelines issued by the American Council on Education in its 1990 White Paper, "Greek Organizations on the College Campus: Guidelines for Institutional Action."

The comprehensive program which was implemented at Southern Tech and at other Alpha Delta Pi chapters across the United States and Canada last fall eliminates pledging, which is a specific recommendation of the White Paper. The sorority's pre-initiated members enjoy the same privileges and responsibilities as initiated members, including full voting privileges.

Hazing, which long has been prohibited but has continued to plague Greek organizations, is greatly reduced under the new program because of the equal status enjoyed by all members, according to Alpha Delta Pi National President Beth Gentry Mannle, a counselor at Tennessee Technological University.

"We've had a very specific and strict hazing policy for years," she explained, "And where it continued to be a problem, we've actively en-

forced strict penalties. Our new TME program has greatly reduced the number of random hazing incidents."

The pre-initiation period has also been shortened to a four- to eight-week program on all campuses which allows initiation to be held before receiving grades earned after accepting membership. According to Cheryl Cain, a Southern Tech ADP member, "Southern Tech ADPs have a six week pre-initiation period."

The majority of campuses where Alpha Delta Pi has chapters allows the shortened pre-initiation period, according to Mannle. "We are working with the campuses which will not allow the new program to be fully implemented," she said. "We think once they understand the principles involved and the benefits of the new program, they will agree to its implementation."

"The main reason universities have traditionally required a student to be a 'pledge' member for a full semester or quarter was to receive grade point averages before initiation," Mannle explained. "Our new program includes higher academic standards for becoming and maintaining active membership which is in complete compliance with the ACE recommendations."

Reaction to the new program among Southern Tech's ADPs has

been quite favorable. Heather Quinn, President of the Southern Tech chapter, said, "It encourages a strong sisterhood among initiated and non initiated members."

And Shanna Fernandez, Executive Vice President of the Southern Tech chapter said, "I think it's a very effective program because it gets non-initiated members fully involved with every aspect of the chapter."

Alpha Delta Pi is raising its grade point requirements by two-tenths of a point yearly over a five-year period to reach a 3.0 requirement for accepting or maintaining membership by 1995. Fernandez explained that ADPs GPA requirement was 2.80 in Winter of 92. The sorority also has implemented a new academic program designed to help members achieve and maintain these standards.

The new program also strengthens other programming offered members by a new annual series of educational workshops which address such issues as alcohol use, wellness, multi-cultural awareness, sexually transmitted diseases, volunteerism and community involvement. This educational programming will be available for both collegiate and alumnae members of the sorority.

Other highlights of the sorority's programming which comply with



These are the sisters of Alpha Delta Pi. Notice how there isn't a single pledge among them? That's because the pledges have been eliminated. Yes, they have finally achieved the FINAL solution to the pledge problem. Photo by Bill.

the ACE recommendations include a comprehensive self-evaluation for chapters; a required hazing-awareness/prevention workshop; development by each chapter of a Standards Code which addresses ethical conduct; addition of a new level of

national officers to provide more comprehensive chapter supervision, and a national Diversity and Multi-Cultural Awareness Policy which affirms the sorority's commitment to a membership which represents a diverse population.

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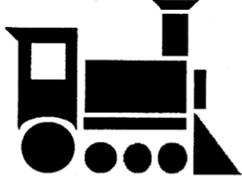
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For People on the Move

Cults on Campus: Are They Choice or Coercion?

By Karen Neustadt
College Press Service

As American society grows more complex, campuses have become fertile ground for cults that prey on idealistic students in search of new lifestyles, the Cult Awareness Network warns.

The Chicago-based organization, which keeps an eye on cult activity in the nation, estimates that as many as 2,000 cults may be operating in the United States, with 4 million to 6 million members.

Cult recruitment activity is becoming more deceptive and more difficult to spot, experts say. Members often take pains to appear harmless, shedding their "counter-culture" image in favor of a look of mainstream respectability.

"The biggest myth is that students think they would recognize cult recruiting when it is going on, so they are very vulnerable," said Cynthia Kisser, executive director of CAN.

CAN defines a cult as a "closed system whose followers have been unethically and deceptively recruited through the use of manipulative techniques, thought reform or mind

control. The system is imposed without the informed consent of the recruit and is designed to alter personality and behavior."

Through indoctrination and control of the environment, an unsuspecting person becomes bonded to the group, Kisser says. "Superfriendly people" flatter students, making them feel important and cared for.

Many complaints have surrounded a group called the Boston Church of Christ (not related to the mainstream Church of Christ), which is represented on campuses across the country. According to its critics, the organization uses a mind-control technique known as "discipling" to bond students to members.

The Boston Church of Christ has drawn strong criticism from school officials who are distributing warning fliers to students at Harvard, Boston, Northeastern and Tufts Universities, the University of Massachusetts and Marquette University.

The church says its mission is legitimate. The Boston Movement was started by Kip McKean in 1979. According to the Winter 1990 issue of the movement's magazine, "Discipleship," the membership in the

ministries totaled 28,724 in 1990 and continues to grow.

Rebecca Fritsley, a member of the Greater Philadelphia Church, refuted charges that the organization is a cult.

"The Church of Christ is not a cult. I am a member of my own free will. The church follows the Bible to the letter, and I follow the church," she said in a recent story carried by CPS.

Cult recruitment concentrates on white, upper-middle class youths in their late teens and early 20's, said Gregory S. Blimling, dean of students at Appalachia State College, who has published several papers on the topic.

Studies say that cults seek out students of average and above-average intelligence who are looking for answers to philosophical questions about life.

"There is no question that destructive religious cults rob students of the very things we have joined together in universities to teach," Blimling said.

The Cult Awareness Network has received complaints about the following organizations: Alamo Christian Fellowship; Ananda

Marga; Bible Speaks/Greater Grace World Outreach; Boston Church of Christ/Multiplying Ministries; Children of God/Family of Love; Church Universal and Triumphant/CUT; Faith Assembly; Fellowship of Friends; The Forum/est/The Hunger Project; International Society for Krishna Consciousness/ISKCON/Hare Krishnas; Jehovah's Witnesses; Lyndon LaRouche organizations; Lifespring; Maranatha Ministries; MOVE; Nichiren Shoschu of America/NSA/Soka Gakkai; Peoples Temple/Jonestown; Rajneesh Movement; Ramtha/J.Z. Knight; Scientology/Dianetics/Narconon and more; Sullivan Institute; Synanon; Transcendental Meditation; Unification Church/

CAUSA/CARP and more; University Bible Fellowship; The Way International/PFAL/TWIG.

"There are people who have gone off for a weekend at 19, and awakened at 30, with the best years of their life gone," Blimling said.

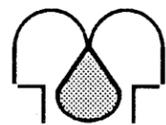
"The issue for campuses is not a set of beliefs...it is an issue of conduct, whether these people are honest or not, what kind of high pressure techniques they are using, and what is their motive. Are they just using people?" Blimling said.

Kisser's organization is made up of 2,000 members who have been affected by cults. CAN membership is a mix of former cult members and

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Should Professors Be Canned For Being Offensive?

By Amy Reynolds
and Karen Neustadt
College Press Service

The chairman of a black studies department, a university football coach, a gay campus minister and a philosophy professor. These four have more in common than most would think.

On the increasingly politically correct campuses of the 1990s, Leonard Jeffries, Bill McCartney, the Rev. Peter John Gomes and professor Michael Levin have found themselves in the middle of an academic freedom fight that has more faces and sides than possibly imagined.

Jeffries was the latest to feel the heat - again - when the City College Board of Trustees voted March 23 to have Edmund Gordon, a retired Yale University professor who served as the chairman of Yale's black studies department, replace Jeffries as chairman of City College's black studies program.

Although Jeffries will remain at the school as a tenured professor, he has told *The New York Times* he will file a lawsuit against the school over the violation of his academic freedom.

Jeffries' removal as chairman was the result of a speech he gave in

July at a black arts festival. "You can't trust the white boy," Jeffries told the largely black audience. He added that Jews and the Mafia conspired in Hollywood to portray blacks unfavorably in the movies and that Jews helped finance the slave trade.

Immediately following the speech, city and state government officials as well as members of New York City's large Jewish and Italian communities urged City College officials to take some kind of action against Jeffries.

Many of today's politically correct scholars argue that blatantly racist and inflammatory statements like the ones attributed to Jeffries should not be protected as academic freedom.

Others in the academic community disagree and argue that the concept of academic freedom as guaranteed by the Constitution protects the freedom of all speech, ideas and thoughts in the academic world - a place that needs to be completely free of censors to allow for intellectual growth.

"If a college or university is not a forum for the exchange of ideas, then our understanding of the First Amendment in the U.S. is jeopardized," said Iris Molotsky, spokeswoman for the American

Association of University Professors. "That's not to mean that there aren't some things we object to, but we don't want to restrict free speech or ideas. What we need is more free speech to say, 'Hey, we don't agree with this.'"

In one of the first rulings dealing with the head-on collision between PC movement supporters and academic freedom fighters, a U.S. District Court judge ruled in favor of Michael Levin, a philosophy professor at City College who studies race differences and has said that blacks are "significantly less intelligent than whites."

That sentiment got Levin into trouble with City College officials who formed a panel to review his research and monitored his classes. Levin sued and won.

U.S. District Court Judge Kenneth Conboy said the case pointed out the dangers of the "political correctness" movement.

"This case raises serious constitutional questions that go to the heart of the current national debate on what has come to be denominated as 'political correctness' in speech and thought on the campuses of the nation's colleges and universities," Conboy said.

The judge prohibited City College officials from conducting

any further inquiries into Levin's writings or views and told the school it could not establish separate class sections in certain areas solely because of Levin's opinions.

"My court case shows that the roof won't come crumbling down on (others who conduct similar research)," Levin told CPS at the time.

But the roof has crumbled down on others openly fighting the PC tide.

A coach who became a hero for turning around a losing football team has been the center of controversy at the University of Colorado for years, making comments that have split the campus and embarrassed administrators.

Bill McCartney, known as "Coach Mac," has frequently been accused of using his position to further his Christian views against homosexuality.

The latest flap occurred in January when he called homosexuality "an abomination of Almighty God."

McCartney called a news conference on campus to express his support for a campaign to throw out a state law that protects gay men and lesbians from discrimination in housing and hiring.

Colorado President Judith Albino, caught in the ensuing crossfire, issued a statement saying that a university "should be a place where all ideas can be aired and all people are welcomed. However, no one has the right to capture, through the force of his or her position, that public forum to promote private views."

McCartney also has been at the center of the following incidents:

In 1984, the American Civil Liberties Union obtained a court order that stopped the coach from forcing his players to say prayers before games.

In 1989, attempts were made to oust McCartney for publicly supporting anti-abortion marches being staged at a Boulder abortion clinic.

In 1989, the coach raised an outcry when he said rape must include physical abuse to constitute a crime.

In contrast, at the Harvard Divinity School, a bastion of liberalism, the Rev. Peter John Gomes has found himself in the middle of a furor over his private life. Gomes has publicly professed his homosexuality.

According to Time Magazine, Gomes declared, "I am a Christian who happens as well to be gay," in front of a cheering crowd last November as he stood on the steps of Memorial Church.

The black minister's revelation touched off protests from a student group called "Concerned Christians at Harvard," which was formed to force Gomes' resignation.

While there have been some concerns raised by alumni over Gomes' position, the school administration appears to back him.

Gomes, who has served as minister of the university's Memorial Church and a Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, is well known for his popular Sunday sermons.

According to an assistant, Gomes was out of town and could respond only to written questions.

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1 Million More Students May Get Financial Aid

By Charles Dervarics
CPS Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (CPS) - The House overwhelmingly approved a bill March 26 to increase the maximum Pell Grant award and allow as many as 1 million more middle-income students to participate in the program.

In a bill to reauthorize the Higher Education Act, the House voted to increase the maximum grant from \$2,400 to \$4,500 a year for needy students.

The bill also would extend Pell eligibility to more middle-income students with family incomes above \$35,000 a year. An additional 1 million students could become eligible for grants under the bill, House aides say.

But House education leaders also dropped a controversial plan to convert the grant program to an entitlement with guaranteed funding. Some Democrats joined conservatives in questioning the cost of

the plan, which was approved by the House education committee last year.

The most recent action effectively ends debate on the entitlement plan, at least for this year. The Senate already dropped its entitlement plan in February citing a lack of support.

Many student groups and educators expressed disappointment with inaction by Congress, saying an entitlement would have provided needed guarantees to low-income students struggling to pay for college. As an entitlement, Pell Grants would no longer be subject to the annual appropriations process that often leaves the program short of its authorized funding level.

"We agree that this bill is a step forward, but we're disappointed that the House could not bring forward a bill that is a giant step forward," said Selena Dong, legislative director for the United States Student Association.

Dong said she expected spon-

sors of the entitlement to introduce a separate bill on the plan sometime in the mid-1990s.

Elsewhere in its bill, the House also authorized a pilot program of direct student loans provided through the government to colleges and universities. More than 100 schools are expected to participate in the program, congressional aides say.

Under the plan, colleges would take over the duties of banks in processing and administering student loans, with the Department of Education taking over the principal oversight role. The Bush administration has expressed opposition to

this plan.

The bill also would remove equity in a home or farm as a factor in determining a family's eligibility for major student financial aid programs. In addition, it would broaden eligibility for student loan programs to include students from families earning as much as \$75,000 a year.

The full House approved the bill by a vote of 365-3. The action now moves to a House-Senate conference committee that will try to resolve differences between the competing House and Senate proposals.

The Senate's bill, approved Feb.

21, also would increase the maximum Pell Grant and open up grant and loan eligibility to more middle-income students. The Senate bill, however, does not contain a pilot program with direct student loans.

Both bills would boost federal funding for pre-college outreach programs, particularly those aimed at low-income, disadvantaged high school students.

Leaders of the two chambers will meet soon to designate conferees for the final House-Senate talks on the bill. Conferees are expected to complete their work sometime this summer.

Students Rally Against Scholarship Policy

College Press Service

WASHINGTON - About 300 students rallied in protest of the Department of Education's policy on minority scholarships and called on Congress to increase the amount of money available for financial aid programs.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson joined the United States Student Association in a March 9 news conference calling for legislation that would preserve the legality of minority scholarships and make Pell Grants an entitlement.

"George Bush is playing race politics at a time when the economic recession is most conducive to dividing groups of people and distracting students from the real source of their financial aid problems," said Tajel Shah, president of USSA and a student at Rutgers University.

"In the same way that Bush is dividing middle-class students from the 'neediest students' with his Pell Grant proposals, he is also dividing whites from 'minorities' who 'undeservingly' get a miniscule amount of race-targeted scholar-

ships."

In December 1991, the Department of Education proposed that universities be prohibited from awarding scholarships based solely on race. March 9 was the last day for public comment on the proposed rule.

Education Secretary Lamar Alexander emphasized that no student who has a scholarship will lose it because of the new policy. He also said that scholarships can continue to be used by colleges to attract students if the scholarships are based on a number of factors, such as economic background, geographic location and race.

The primary result of the move will stop predominantly white colleges from offering scholarships based solely on race to encourage enrollment of minorities. Race can still be considered in a scholarship, as long as it is "one factor among several." About 2 million students receive minority scholarships, but only 45,000 have race-specific scholarships.

"As students we will not be divided and conquered. We want

access to higher education for all," said Stacy Leyton, vice president of USSA and a graduate at Stanford University. "Students know that the answer to the crisis in higher education is not to abolish minority scholarships, but to strengthen the student aid programs so that they serve the needs of low- and middle-income students."

According to a statement by USSA, Pell Grants now cover less than 25 percent of college costs, compared with 50 percent in 1980. Despite sharp increases in tuition, grant money for college students continues to dry up.

The Senate recently approved a major expansion of student aid, but dropped a provision that would convert Pell Grants into an entitlement. The House has not yet approved its version of the Higher Education Reauthorization Act.

As an entitlement, Pell Grants would receive automatic funding and avoid the annual appropriations process that often leaves the program short of its authorized funding level.

Cults continued from 3

families and friends of past cult members.

"Cults don't convince you intellectually, but recruit you by inviting you to a positive experience. They appeal to emotional desires, like 'making the world a better place.' It's the emotional manipulation that is dangerous. Actually, the intellectual arguments are quite weak," Kisser said.

Not all cults are religious-based, Kisser said. "Some are operating within political, commercial and pseudo-therapy circles. They aren't all on religious communes in Guyana," she said.

Kisser describes new styles of cults that are in search of professionals and college students who will soon be professionals. She said these groups are "more dangerous and insidious" than religious groups because they are "increasingly subtle and sophisticated."

"Because we are becoming more pluralistic, there is a greater tolerance for unproven groups without track records, and students don't know how to evaluate these groups," Kisser said.

Blimling added that there is some hysteria regarding Satanic cults on campuses, and though some students may dabble in it, he is more concerned, like Kisser, about the newer, more sophisticated pseudo-therapy cults.

Rev. Dr. Anselm Amadio, university chaplain at the Illinois Institute of Technology, shares the same concerns about deceptive recruiting methods that seem to be in fashion among cults.

"It's not the intense kind of proselytizing that the Moonies used to do," Amadio said. "It's much

more subtle. I've seen in some recruiting a way of trying to wean students into the cult by relating to their past."

Amadio describes the kind of student who may be vulnerable to being wooed by a cult as "someone who has a weak parental relationship, or a weak ego image" or someone going through a time of transition or loneliness.

"The public universities have the problem. At a private university, a group has to have a relationship to the university," Amadio said.

Cult watchers are troubled about several new breed of Christian cults that, at a glance, may appear to be like other Christian campus organizations but who employ highly manipulative ploys to entice students to join.

Of 914 followers of Rev. Jim Jones' Peoples Temple in the jungles of Jonestown, Guyana, 276 of those who died in 1978 by cyanide-laced Kool-Aid were teens and children, reminds Marcia R. Rudin, director of the International Cult Education Program.

CAN reports that an increasing number of colleges and universities are seeking information and practical advice about handling cults on their campuses.

At Villanova University, non-student church recruiters have been banned from the campus as a result of complaints about harassment.

But many public schools fear that barring questionable organizations from campus might interfere with students' freedom to pursue religious interests. Some private schools, however, are routinely citing recruiters with "trespassing" violations.

Campus Health Fair

The Student Health Services Department will sponsor a Campus Health Fair in the Student Center Ballroom and Conference Room A on Tuesday, May 12, 1992, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. All faculty, staff and students are invited to attend and take advantage of the free health screenings and the information provided by various organizations.

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Students On Rollerblades Are Fun To Shoot!

By Mirhonda Studevart
Staff Writer

The hottest thing on wheels this spring is not the latest sports car, but the exciting sport of rollerblading. Rollerblades, or in-line skating has been in existence since 1984. In-line skating is the new fitness rage of the nineties. It doesn't require exclusive membership to a club or a lot of fancy clothes or special equipment.

Rollerblades are rollerskates with a twist. They have smooth, small, poly-urethane wheels that incur less friction than regular skates. The wheels of rollerblades are lined up in a straight row rather than in two rows of two. The older model rollerskates are now referred to as quads. The new skates allow for a smoother, faster ride than that of its older model counterpart.

As far as brakes are concerned, rollerblades have a brake pad, but there are more adventurous ways to stop. One can roll towards, an incline, for example. Another way to stop is to (gracefully) fall on one's butt.

Rollerblading has excellent health benefits as well. Rollerblading provides a great cardiovascular workout. It is a great exercise to increase muscle tone.

In addition, rollerblading is an outside sport, which is perfect for those long, warm months ahead. In-line skating is also a sport that can be done solo or within a group.

As far as pricing is concerned, the cost of in-line skating has gone down considerably. However, more elaborate skates can still cost up in the neighborhood of \$600. The average pair of rollerblades can be purchased for just over a hundred

dollars.

Because of speeds that potentially top 70 miles per hour, safety is crucial. There are several precautions that should be followed when using rollerblades. First of all, knee pads and helmets are an absolute must for the sport. Sports gloves aren't a bad investment either.

Once, the proper skating gear is acquired, there are several rollerblading clubs in Atlanta. These clubs meet in big parks such as Piedmont Park. The clubs are for everyone, regardless of skill.

It is easy to understand why rollerblading is so popular. It's fun and can be done virtually everywhere (except the hallways of the dorm, because it strips the wax off of the floor). If you take a look around SouthernTech, you will notice that many students are taking it to the streets!



My Cousin Vinny My Favorite Movie



Joe Pesci shows in the movie *My Cousin Vinny* that not only can't white men jump, but they can't dress either. In this picture, he models a charming suit from the Captain Kangaroo collection.

By Cheryl Hilliard
Staff Drop In

Imagine if will, traveling through space and time only to find that you've entered the "The Alabama Zone." Further stretch your imagination and try to sympathize with a foreigner lost in the great state of Alabama. By foreigner I mean a Yankee!

My Cousin Vinny, a recent release by Paramount Pictures dwells on just that horror. This laugh-riot starring Joe Pecci and this chic (and thank God only a few small parts by

Ralph Macchio) is a constant scream! This movie gives us southerners a chance to laugh at some of our own. You Know You're A Redneck When.... you can recall seeing some of these characters a your last family reunion!

BREIF SYNOPSIS:

Two young Yankees traveling on there way to California take the scenic route through south Alabama (what's up with that?), steal a can of tuna, get arrested for murder by Buford Pusser himself, and get thrown in jail with Bubba. Their

only hope of a lawyer is the Karate Kid's cousin Vinny. Vinny, who took the bar six times has never had a murder case, or any case! They all wind up in the court of Herman Munster with arguments of bad suits, trains at four in the morning, biological clocks, a couple of Yutz and a lot of car jargon. The typical story of boy meets girl.. boy loses girl in tragic blimp accident.

But seriously, this movie was worth the six bucks I paid, it promises uncontrollable laughter and a damn good time. This movie is definitely not a rental, see it now!!

By Cheryl Hilliard
White Chicks Can't Rite

White Men Can't Jump, a recent release by Twentieth Century Fox, starring Woody Harrellson and Wesley Snipes White men didn't do jack ___! for me. This movie only proves that the character that Woody plays on *Cheers* exemplifies his own real I.Q., 'cause no one in there right mind would have taken this role (sober, anyway)!

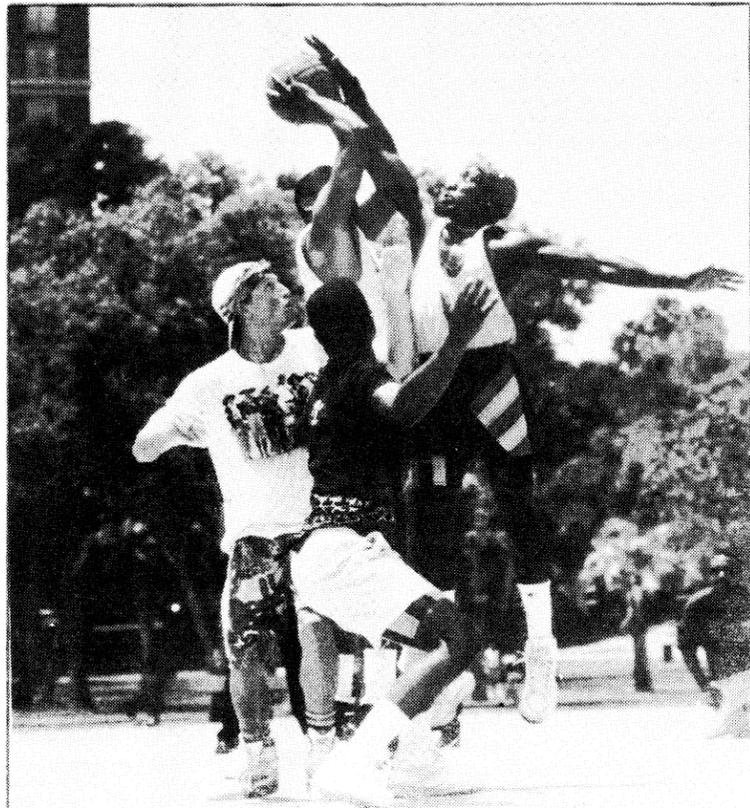
I actually paid to see this movie and now have a pending lawsuit on the grounds that the movie was so bad that it caused me to fall asleep in the theater, in turn causing me to fall out of my chair, roll down the isle, resulting in masive carpet burns!

This movie really SUCKED!

This movie had no plot, no understandable dialouge, no talent, a lot of fake gold chains, slanted hair cuts, and a repeated attempt at a cheap boob shot of this one chick. This movie will go down into wasted nothingness.

During my brief moments of conscienceness through this basketball hell story, I vaguely remember a lot of slow-mo shots of balls going in hoops and really cheesy trick shots, so I can't tell ya' whether or not the whole movie was in slow-mo (couldn't hurt).

If you've had the misfortune of paying to see this flick from hell, I share your grief.....but if I can prevent one person from wasting there hard earned money on the \$#!? then my job is done here.



In a scene from *White Men Can't Jump*, a couple of the fellas get together to recreate the Iwo Jima War Memorial using a basketball.

Food is Definitely Available at Rib Express

By Westly Hetrick
Don't Ask

Greetings grub groupies. This week *The Sting* reports to you from The Rib Express on Roswell Road. This little rib shack is just one mile east of the Big Chicken, on the left, in the corner of that shopping center with Radio Shack, The Baby Superstore, McDonalds, and the competition, the super well located Williamson Brothers Barbecue.

Now on to the lunch fare. They serve dinner as well (Mon.-Sat. from 11am to 10pm, and Sunday from 4pm to 10pm), but since most of the people here at SCT (School of Commuter Technology) are interested in an earlier meal, that's what I'm writing about. Their lunch specials are all \$3.95 and are: pork 'n' salad, chicken 'n' salad, brisket 'n' salad, chicken finger 'n' salad, rib 'n' salad, hot wings 'n' salad, pork sandwich & two side dishes,

chicken sandwich & two side dishes, brisket sandwich & two side dishes. Side dishes are: cole slaw, baked beans, potato salad, and french fries.

Also available is the new pork, chicken, and small baby back ribs plater. Yes with the new barbecue plater, you'll be able to plate all your household items with chicken and pork products. Why, if you plate a standard boiler with pork, you can double its lifespan and triple its pressure rating.

OK, so it was a typo on their menu. What they meant to say was pork platter (\$4.95), chicken platter (\$4.95), and small baby back ribs platter (\$5.95). All the platters include two side dishes.

When we went, I got the hot (not) wings and side salad. Six wings cooked in some sort of sauce a little spicier than ketchup and some lettuce leaves with two tomato slices. Bill the super editor

got the small baby back rib platter and commented that those were indeed ribs on his plate. I interpreted this to mean the ribs were stunningly average. For his two side dishes, Bill got potato salad and... more potato salad. We all agreed that the spud salad was quite tasty. Marc however was happy with his big ol' pile of pork 'n' salad. Oh, and all the meals come with garlic toast, they don't serve beer, but they do give you those little wet ones or handi-wipes or whatever they're called to bathe with after your meal.

Overall, this isn't a bad restaurant, and if this were a smaller town with fewer places to eat, it would probably be pretty popular. But nothing about it was particularly dazzling. Even the service was only average. Given these circumstances and it's location behind a debatably better BBQ joint, I'm surprised that they've hung on as long as they have.

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How do we know?
Well if we told you then you wouldn't need *The Sting* now would you?
Trust us, Advising is going to be changing.
Details will be in the next issue of *The Sting*, available May 5

The Babe is a Grand Slam

By Bill Finnick
I've played the game

"The Babe" a Universal release; starring John Goodman, Kelly McGillis and Trini Alvarado; directed by Arthur Hiller.

From the moment young George is abandoned to his last at bat the career of the man who could arguably be called the greatest baseball player ever, Babe Ruth, is chronicled in rare form. The movie captures the highs and lows of this very confused man of excess.

John Goodman gives a strong performance of this left-hander who lived life to the hilt. There are the memorable scenes of the Babe's legend. The home run his first time at bat. The first, and probably only, infield home run. The promise to a dying child to hit two home runs if he'll get better. Arrogantly pointing to where the ball is about to leave the stadium while down 0-2 in the count. All of these are true.

Conversely, the truth about a man possessed to live every minute of his life to the extreme soils the halo that his legend had produced.

The movie explores this: child of tragedy; athlete par none; and party animal extraordinaire.

That he could be so easily manipulated is the Achilles heel of his forever young heart. His way out of trouble with the wife with the sheepish, "I'm sorry" or bringing home a infant baby girl to patch the fences at home are powerfully portrayed in

the film.

His self confidence in his ability on the field, to play and lead, were only half realized. He missed more than he hit, but when he was on there was no stopping his team.

His partying is not what I would recommend to even the weekend athlete. The homer while smashed and half dressed and needing four woman at the local house of ill-repute, while hilarious, speak of the cover-up present in making him a legend in the America's rowdiest and bleakest of times.

Arthur Hiller as the prim poor girl who falls for the local hero does a fine job of being disgusted after too many apologizes from the Babe. But Kelly McGillis steals the show with her portrayal of, not only the Babe's second wife but, his best friend.

There are enough tear jerking scenes though for you to pull for the man his last day in uniform, but the coke commercial end was a little too corny.

I liked it. I'd pay a buck or rent it later. If I knew a little leaguer I'd take him to it.

While it seems none of the local movie critics like "The Babe"; but as my old friend Mark Clement used to say, "Critics are like Neuters at an orgy - they know how it can be done better but can't do a thing about it."

Now if the world will let him rest, and quit belittling Hank, we could get back to our national pastime - play ball.

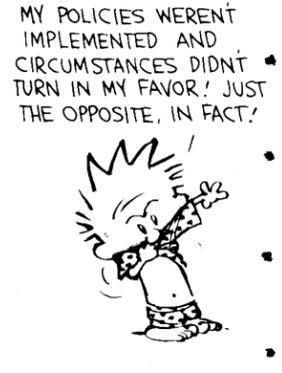
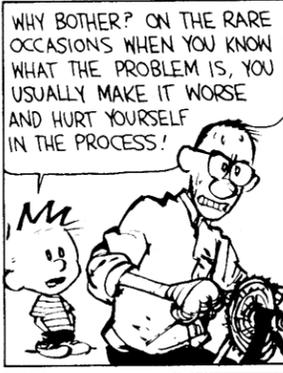
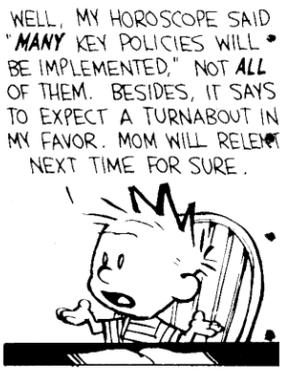
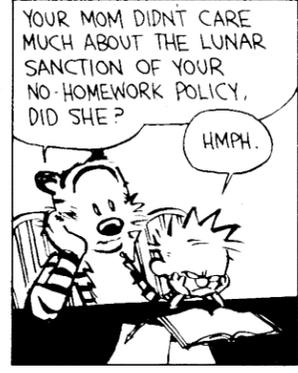
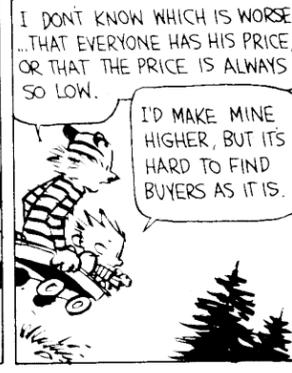
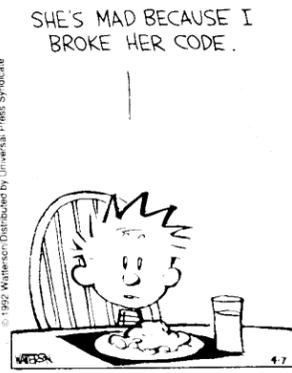
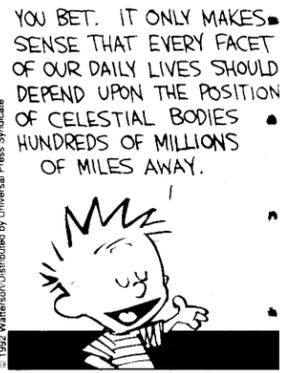
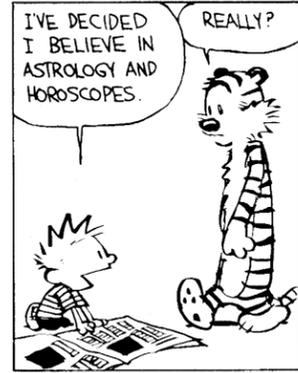
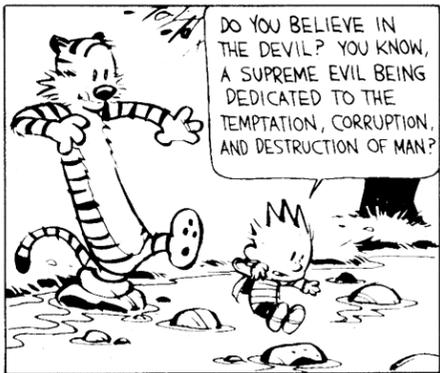
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OK HERE. TODAY I'LL HAVE "MANY KEY POLICIES IMPLEMENTED." I GET TO HAVE MY WAY!

OH THOSE MISCHIEVOUS PLANETS. THE NEWSPAPER COULDN'T PRINT IT IF IT WEREN'T TRUE!

DON'T MAKE ME GO TO SCHOOL! PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME! HELP!

LEGGO! OW! STOP! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! MY HOROSCOPE SAYS I'M IRRESISTIBLE TO GIRLS TODAY! I'M TOO POPULAR! I'M GOING TO GET BIG DIVIDENDS! AUGGGHHH!

WHAT IF SUSIE KISSES ME?? I DON'T WANT ROMANCE! I HATE SUSIE! CALL ME IN SICK! HELP!

DEAR, I GOT HIM! GRAB HIS FEET WHILE I PRY HIS FINGERS LOOSE!

PUH-LEEZE!! I WONDER WHAT IT WOULD COST TO RENT A PLACE IN TOWN.

FIRST, OBVIOUSLY, IS "DON'T DO HOMEWORK." C'MON, LET'S GO OUT AND PLAY!

HERE COMES YOUR MOM AND IT LOOKS LIKE SHE HAS A BONE TO PICK WITH THE MOON.

HA! WATCH ME ASSERT MY VIEWS IN A CONFIDENT MANNER!

MAYBE TODAY'S HOROSCOPE WON'T COME TRUE. I DON'T WANT A LUCKY DAY FOR LOVE!

"OPPOSITE SEX FINDS YOU IRRESISTIBLE." HEE HEE HEE!

I DON'T BELIEVE IN ASTROLOGY ANY MORE! IT'S ALL PHONY! YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!

MUCHA'S SMOOCHES! MM-MM! YOW WOW!

STOP IT! YESTERDAY'S PREDICTION DIDN'T COME TRUE, SO I'M SURE TODAY'S WON'T EITHER! I'M NOT WORRIED!

WHEN'S THE WEDDING?? SHOULD I WEAR MY SPATS??

IN A MINUTE YOU'LL BE WEARING A BODY CAST!

TRY IT, LOVER BOY! WE'LL SEE HOW YOU KISS GIRLS WITH A FAT LIP!

WHAT ARE THE OTHER POLICIES THEN?

NO BATHS, STAY UP LATE, DON'T GO TO SCHOOL... THESE ARE THE ONES THAT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED.

MAYBE THE ASTROLOGER WAS LOOKING THROUGH THE WRONG END OF THE TELESCOPE.

C'MON MOON, DO YOUR STUFF!

TAKE IT BACK! I'M NEVER GETTING MARRIED! NEVER!

LOVE 'EM AND LEAVE 'EM, EH? YOU RAKE!

THAT DOES IT! I'M GONNA KNOCK YOU INTO NEXT WEEK!

WAIT! WAIT! SUSIE'S COMING!

WHAT? SHE IS? AUGH! SHE IS! I'VE GOT TO DISCOURAGE ROMANCE!

YOU CAN'T! SMOLDERING PASSION IS YOUR FATE!

GOSH, CALVIN, THE DIRT COVERING YOUR FEATURES IS A BIG IMPROVEMENT.

OH NO, IT'S TRUE! I'M A LOVE MAGNET!

ALL HUMAN AFFAIRS ARE DETERMINED BY STARS AND PLANETS, AND TODAY THEY BY MY KEY POLICIES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED. THAT MEANS NO BATH AND NO BEDTIME!

BY GOLLY, IT'S NOT GOOD TO THWART THE INTENTIONS OF THE UNIVERSE!

FATE JUST ISN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE.

STAY AWAY, SUSIE! I DON'T WANT ANY BIG DIVIDENDS, GOT IT? DON'T LISTEN TO HOBBS!

WHAT?

THE STARS AND PLANETS ARE DOING THIS! I CAN'T HELP IT! MY AURA IS UNCONTROLLABLE!

WHAT?

IT'S THE BUS! THE BUS IS HERE! WHEEE! I'M SAFE! YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING NOW! HA HA! I'M OFF TO SCHOOL! HOORRAY!

WHAT?

THE WAY CALVIN'S BRAIN IS WIRED, YOU CAN ALMOST HEAR THE FUSES BLOWING.

WHAT WENT WRONG?? I THOUGHT THIS STUFF WAS BASED ON PLANETS AND STARS! HOW COULD THOSE MISREAD? WHAT KIND OF SCIENCE IS THIS??

I'M SURE ANY SCIENTIST WOULD GIVE YOU A CATEGORICAL ANSWER.

MAYBE TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE WILL RUN A CORRECTION AND APOLOGY.

SO SUSIE DIDN'T KISS YOU TODAY?

NOPE! IN FACT, AFTER I PUT A WORM IN HER HAIR, SHE KNOCKED ME DOWN AND KICKED ME IN THE SHINS!

THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE ZOOMING POPULARITY.

NOPE! MY HOROSCOPE WAS COMPLETELY WRONG AGAIN! THE PLANETS OBVIOUSLY HAVE NO INFLUENCE ON ME!

WHAT A RELIEF TO KNOW MY LIFE ISN'T CONTROLLED BY OUTSIDE FORCES! I'M THE MASTER OF MY OWN FATE!

...TO A POINT, OF COURSE. THE PAPER SHOULD PRINT MOM'S DAILY PREDICTIONS. THOSE SURE COME TRUE.

MM, THAT'S GOOD.

WAIT, IT GOES ON. "EMPHASIZE ROMANCE. OPPOSITE SEX FINDS YOU IRRESISTIBLE. LUCKY DAY FOR LOVE."

OH NO!

I BET I KNOW WHAT THE BIG DIVIDENDS ARE! WOO WOO WOO!

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS ASTROLOGY STUFF.

EVERYONE WANTS TO KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS, BUT YOU JUST HAVE TO WAIT TIL IT HAPPENS.

SO REALLY, THE BEST PREPARATION FOR THE FUTURE IS TO TAKE THE PRESENT AND WHOOP! WAUGH!

... THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING?

NO, GET YOURSELF A GOOD LUCK CHARM. MAN, HERE COMES ANOTHER BATH!

Math Stinger

By Dr. Joel C. Fowler
Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Solutions to last quarter's problems concerning a chess piece that can move only one square horizontally or vertically at a time, i.e. a king that cannot move diagonally are as follows. On an $m \times n$ board with no deleted squares the "king" has a circuit that covers every square exactly once if and only if at least one of m or n is even and both are larger than 1 or if m and n are both 1. If opposite corners are deleted from an $m \times n$ board then this is possible if and only if exactly one of m and n are even and both are at least 3.

Correct answers were received from John S. and Rick Muller.

For a new puzzle suppose that a circle has area 1. Within it is inscribed a square with all four corners on the circumference of the circle. Within this square is inscribed another circle with its circumference touching the midpoints of the sides of the square. Within this circle is another square. Within this square is another circle and so on. This process of squares within circles within squares is continued until 8 circles (including the first) have been drawn. What is the area of this 8th circle? This problem can be worked with ordinary geometry.

If you have had experience with summing infinite series you may wish to work on the following variation. Suppose that the process of squares within circles within squares is continued forever. What is the sum of the areas of all of the circles and squares created?

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 printed in the next issue of *the Sting*.

The Counseling Center: Not Just For Problems Anymore!

By Mackie M. Bowden
Really Damn Tired

Counseling center offers more than just counseling. When students at Southern Tech think about the counseling center they think about a place to go to talk to someone about their problems, like stress and anxieties. But the counseling center at Southern Tech offers more than that.

One of the new services that the center offers is information on degrees offered at Southern Tech. This information covers all the major degrees and some of the options within the majors.

This information comes in two different formats, cassettes (for your listening pleasure) and questionnaires.

The cassettes are recorded interviews with the heads of all the departments at Southern Tech. The taped interviews are between 15 and 25 minutes in length, and can provide you with information about the degree program and possible careers it can lead to.

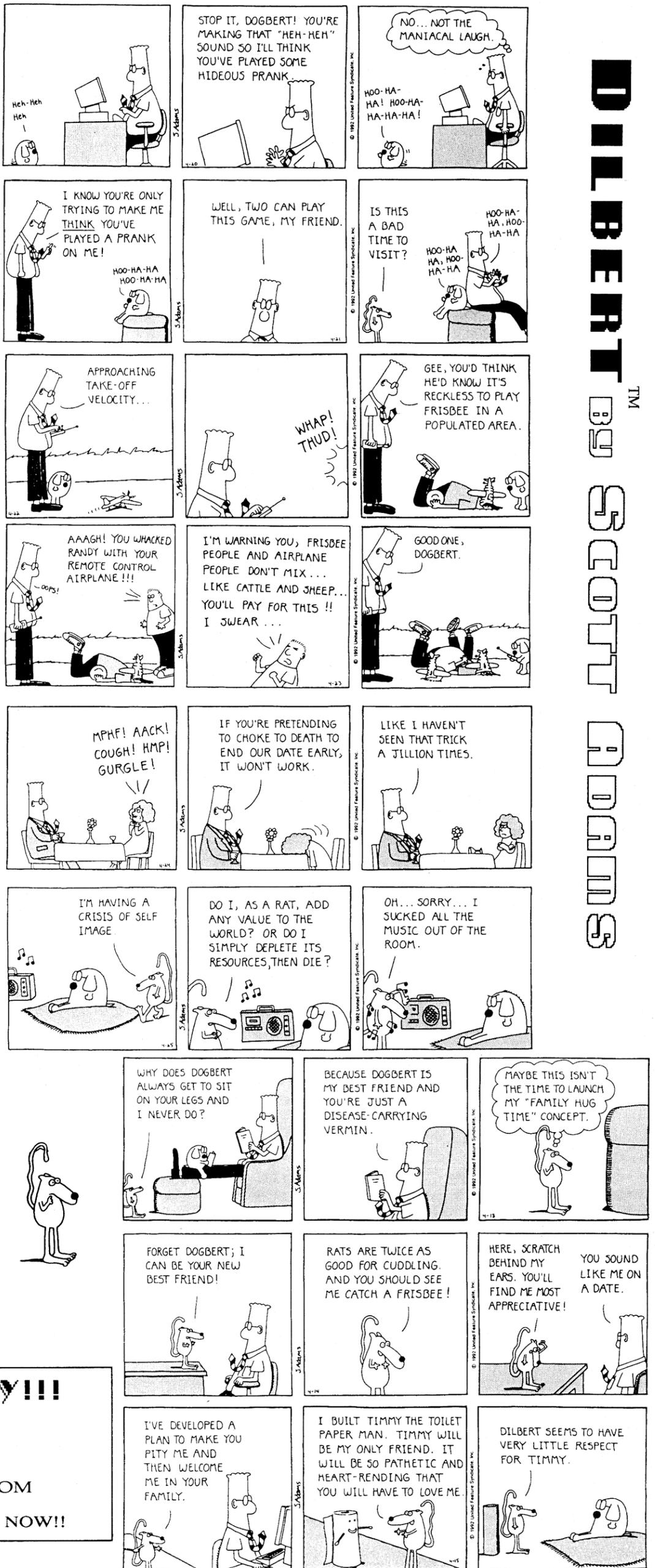
The cassette tapes can't be removed from the counseling center, but the center does provide a cassette player and headphones so the tapes can be listened to in private at the center.

The questionnaires are answered by the faculty on the degree program and by graduating seniors in that major. These questionnaires answer such points as which courses would be good to take to see if you are interested in that major before you are committed to it. The graduating senior questionnaires are slightly different from the faculty ones in that they answer questions on what they liked about the major and possible hints on which professors are the best to take.

If you are undecided about your major it would be a good idea to check out the tapes and questionnaires on the different majors, even if you are already in a major it is never really to late to change. Better to spend an extra year or so in college than to get into a field that you really don't want to work in.

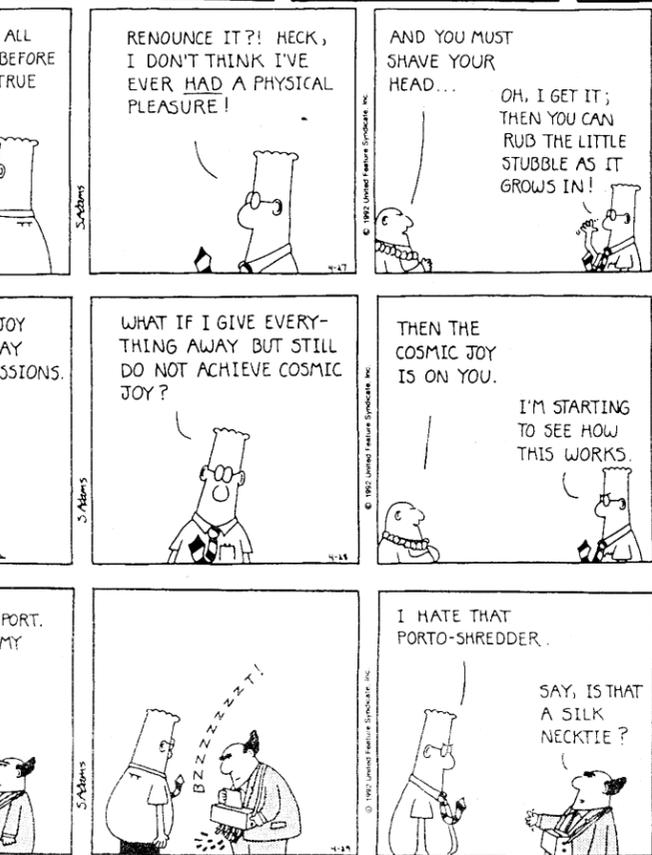
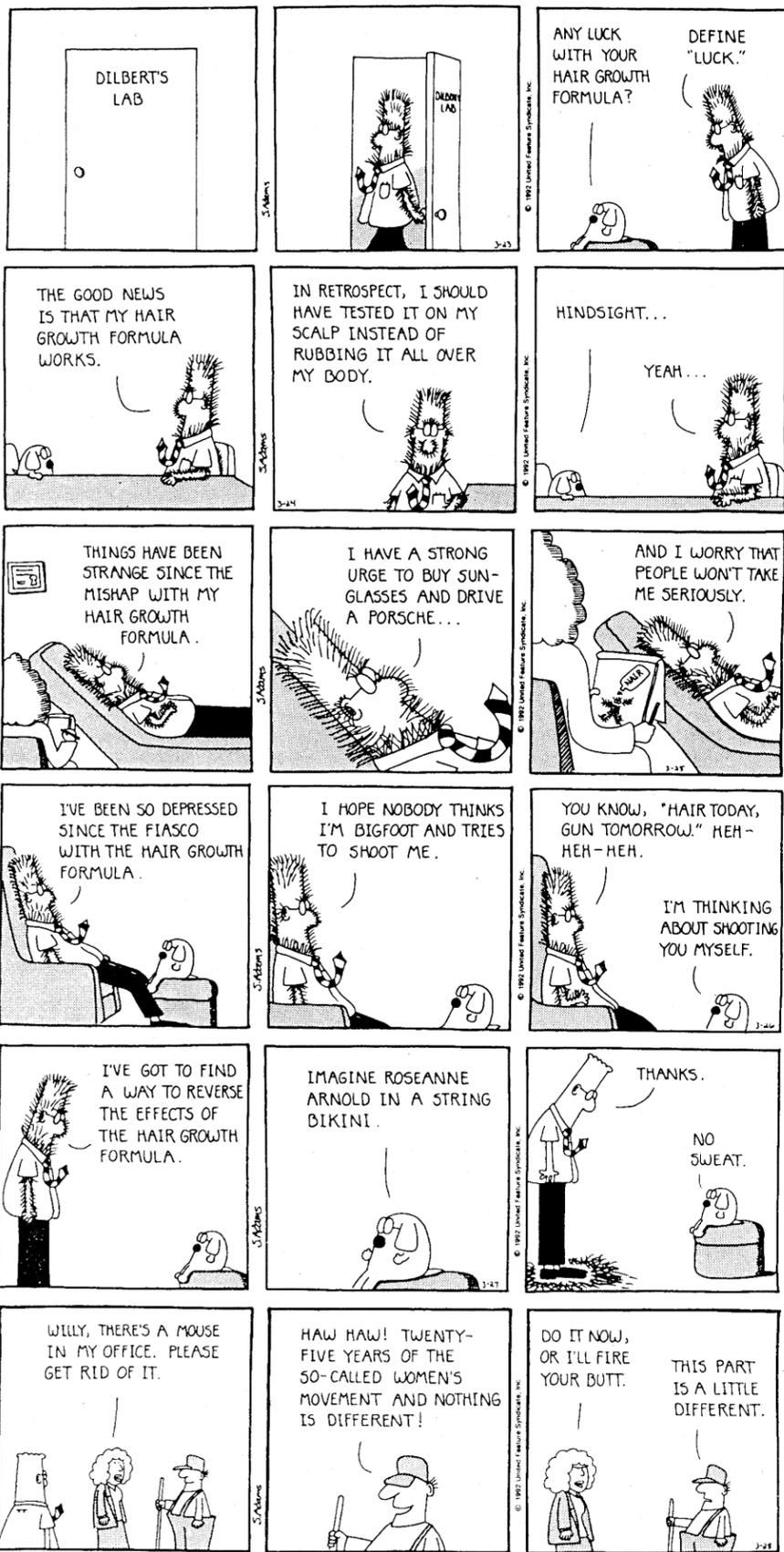
The counseling center is located upstairs in the student center and is opened from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. The counseling center can also help within other problems of a more personal nature and if you just need an uninvolved party to talk to.

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"Average-looking people can be as sensual, affectionate, and pleasing romantic partners as beautiful people can."

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 was recently shown a videotape which left me with a whole bunch of feelings. The main point of the video seemed to be that women are exploited by advertising, and that advertising encourages violence in general and violence toward women in particular. Maybe I'm self-centered, but I feel like I'm a victim of those advertisements too. I'm an average looking guy, and I doubt that I'll ever marry a woman as beautiful as the women I always see in ads. It makes me feel like something is missing for me. I guess women are mostly the ones exploited by advertising, but am I all wet in thinking I'm a victim too?"

Signed, Richard

A: Richard, first of all, you always have a right to your feelings and, if you feel victimized by advertising practices, then you are the best judge of that. I do believe you are right in pointing out an overlooked danger of using beautiful people to advertise products or services. And, I hope that my remarks will help you to feel less victimized.

The use of beautiful people in advertisements gives the fairly obvious message that your life will be more vibrant, exciting, romantic and rewarding if you purchase the sponsor's product. The somewhat hidden implication, however, is that if you are not able to attract a beautiful romantic partner, then your life (your romantic life, in particular) will always be less than the best. Richard, that is why you feel victimized by advertising practices.

However, you may be able to overcome those feelings by continually reminding yourself of two facts: 1) each of us has our own standards of beauty; and 2) average-looking people can be as sensual, affectionate, and pleasing romantic partners as beautiful people can. The media does work against that notion, but you would do well to reinforce it within yourself.

Richard, I would not criticize you at all for coming away from the videotaped presentation which you described with feelings about your own victimization. But, as your own "whole bunch of feelings" probably indicates, there is much more to it. There is reason to believe that advertising practices do in fact encourage viewing women as being unworthy of full respect, and as not having the right to be free from violence. This is a serious issue which affects us all.

A final note: At the Counseling Center, we can help you think through and come to terms with many social, personal, educational and career issues. Our service is confidential.

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EDITORIALS

AlcoholUps Chance For Date Rape

By Val Farmer
Preston Connection Feature Services

Most rapes are not by strangers. Contrary to public opinion, over 75 percent of rape victims are acquainted with their assailants.

What is rape? It is the use of force or the threat of force to achieve intercourse.

Several states also define rape as intercourse with a female who is over the blood/alcohol limit for legal intoxication or who has passed out due to alcohol consumption and therefore cannot give informed consent.

The use of alcohol by the assailant does not diminish his responsibility for the rape.

One in five females ages 18-25 report forced sexual intercourse. In other words, legal rape, by a date or an acquaintance.

Approximately 50 percent of college student females reported sexual assault where they have been held, kissed, or fondled against their will.

The effects of rape are devastating. Victims report symptoms of depression, anxiety, loss of concentration, disturbances of sleep and appetite, and debilitating fear and guilt.

Rape also affects their social relationships with males and causes sexual dysfunctions.

A male assailant makes fundamental assumptions that it is his role to make the first move and his partner is just as sexually driven and motivated as he is.

He assumes that she is being shy, demure, or coy, and that her resistance is not real. He assumes that she is being too ladylike to ask for or initiate sexual interactions.

Bad assumptions!

Approximately 75 percent of college males report that they have had a partner say no to sex when she really meant yes. In another study, it was found that about 39 percent of females have said no when they meant yes.

There are times when no means no and no means maybe. When these messages are misinterpreted it can result in rape or sexual assault.

One high risk factor in date rape is the consumption of alcohol, both with the assailant and the victim. Fifty percent of all rapes involved a victim who had been drinking prior to the incident. This percentage is even greater for date rape.

A 1987 national study of college students found that approximately three-quarters of men and at least one-half of the women involved in date rape had been

consuming alcohol or another drug at the time.

What is the connection between alcohol and date rape?

First of all, the disinhibiting properties of alcohol use are coupled with heightened sexual interest and arousal. Add to that a common male mis-perception that a woman's use of alcohol on a date is a signal she is willing and interested in engaging in sexual activity.

Finally, judgement about cues and communication about female sexual intent is fogged up by intoxication.

When a man and a woman drink together in a social encounter, a strong expectation for sexual activity emerges. Date rapes are much more likely when both partners have been drinking.

A woman who has been drinking minimizes the use of force by her partner, sees the coercive behavior as more "normal" and is more reluctant to report the rape and seek help.

She may feel more responsible for having been careless and having engaged in risky behavior. She will also feel that others will hold her more responsible because she had been drinking.

True enough. Studies have shown that a date rape victim who has been drinking is perceived by both sexes as less intelligent, more promiscuous, seductive, flirtatious, and sexually provocative than a non-drinking victim.

Men, as compared to women, are less inclined to define sexual encounters between drinking partners as rape. The rationalize and minimize their use of force and claim that their partner was a willing participant.

Does a woman who chooses to drink on a date automatically imply her consent for sexual intimacy?

No! Rape is rape if intercourse is against her will. She has a right to drink. She has a right to have her refusal of intercourse respected at any time.

She should be aware, however, that her partner may be assuming a sexual availability when such is not the case. She is in a high risk situation for receiving unwanted sexual advances and for her partner misinterpreting her refusal as being token resistance.

The highest risk for date rape occurs within the first three dates. A woman can protect herself by dating in public places, dating in groups, and insisting on alcohol-free dates until a basic trust and relationship have been established.

Clear communications about sexual expectations are crucial. Unfortunately, dating couples talk about everything else and leave this area open to disastrous misinterpretation.

Does Slander Pay at SCT?

By Bill Finnick
Spelling Bee Champion - NOT

We, the student press, are often taken to task for what we print. After an article in the *Marietta Daily Journal* about SCT's layoffs, I think some administrators should be reprimanded, if not fired.

By way of misrepresenting the facts of President Cheshier's budget plan, the Minority Affairs office has put Southern Tech on the defensive.

By lying to students and the *MDJ* about the rank of the Black personnel laid off, saying they were top management when in fact they were middle management, SCT has been unfairly portrayed as a racist, anti-opportunity institute. One had to read through the lies by a department head and some students' angry statements, incited to riot because of these lies, before they could get to the truth.

Me thinks me smells a rat.

Where did all this come from? Sounds like the people who didn't get what they wanted during the

budget debates decided to go public to gain support. That's fine and dandy, but try using the truth next time!

Now, by misrepresenting the facts, the Minority Affairs office will make everyone's recruiting job much more difficult, and recruiting is one of SCT's biggest problems right now.

If Southern Tech had a hard on for Irish Catholics I'd think twice before looking at the opportunities offered here before applying for admission.

How will Blacks, a possible large growth area in student recruiting, look at our school when hysterical students are quoted as saying they don't trust the White administration because they've lied to them, when in fact it was a Black administrator lying to them.

I can find only two reasons for this approach: 1) an ineffective department head is worried about accountability under a new boss, or 2) their posturing to prevent that area from being judged on merit if another round of budget cuts are necessary. If you can't live with the cuts the rest of us are living with, get another job, but don't scream racism when its not the case.

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Consensus Editorial

Word prosing programs are wunderfull. Many people have compared there relesing sekreteries and students from there typwriters with Abraham Lincoln freeing the slaves. But they do have at least one drawback: people are forgetin how to spell.

Nowadays, nobody wories much about how they spell things. They just think, "Ah, that's close enough for the spellcheker to figure it out." We have even seen signs of this on our staff.

Take our editor, Bill. Please. While a gud guy, Bill cant spell his way out of a wet paper bag. The following is a list of aktual speling errors maid by Bill in his stories for this issue: compacity (capacity), curenly, recieved, assitance, frienzy (frenzy), abandoned, arguably, cronicled, aragantly, conversly, posessed, extradonair, hillarious, amking (making), nudors (neuters), haw (how).

But the rest of us hav no speling problems. Nope. Not a won. Higher education - you gottta love it.

I Like Pickles

By Dave Punk
Staff Columnist

I'm as feeling as the next guy when it comes to the underprivileged, but there's a few things I want answered. Take, for instance, a flier which was enclosed with my last water bill.

Allow me to try to describe this flier to you. Pictured in the middle is a small girl, apparently from some indescrpt underdeveloped third world nation. But is she a sad girl from some indescrpt third world nation? No! In fact she has an ear to ear grin. Why, you ask, is this girl whose entire family stereotypically wouldn't make six cents a year smiling. Well, she's smiling because she has a cup of fresh, clean drinking water. The gist of this flier is that I can supply this kid with above described water for five years by merely donating the same amount of buckaroos that I pay on my monthly water bill.

All this I can somewhat understand, but what I don't get is that somehow it just doesn't seem like good advertising for the Atlanta Water Bureau. Here's a seemingly happy child holding a cup supposedly full of clean, fresh drinking water. According to this flier I can supply this child with fresh quantities of above described water for about five years by contributing the average amount of money we pay monthly on our water bill, about \$7.00, and that includes sewer and trash pick-up. So basically we're only paying about \$2.00 to \$3.00 a month for water service.

To the average Joe, that sounds

like a pretty good deal. Even the average Bob would think that was a fine offer, especially considering the rest of our bills (electric, gas, and phone) usually total over \$70.00 a month. Indeed, I would be quite happy paying that \$3.00, even \$5.00 would sound like a bargain had they not enclosed that flier.

What this all boils down to is that I want to know why my \$3.00 only pays for one month's worth of water here in the U.S. of A, when it buys water for five years in whatever country this grimy urchin lives. What the hell is so expensive about the Atlanta water system that they have to charge me 6000% more than people in underdeveloped nations?

O.k., so I take showers every morning, and, yes, I do expect my shower water to be clean. And, yes, the water is pumped to our house and we don't have to walk fifteen miles to get clean water. Sure, sure you can argue that if anything goes wrong with my service a mere call to my local water bureau dude will clear everything up. But still, 6000%?

I guess that's the price we have to pay for living in a modern, urban, hi-tech society. I bet this kid can buy a c.d. player for mere nickels, and she probably only pays nine or ten cents a month to rent a posh townhouse. Not only that, but she gets us suckers to pay for it all by sending out fliers in with our monthly utility bills. I expect next month we'll get a thing asking us to pay for gas for her new 1992 Mercedes (which she bought for a whopping \$200). The little jerk.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A SERIES OF NOONTIME PRESENTATIONS
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Being a Woman on a Predominantly Male Campus.

Wednesday, April 22

Women's minority status at SCT affects their academic, professional, and social functioning, positively and negatively. Women are invited to share their experiences and means of coping with being a gender minority. For enlightenment and dialogue between the genders, men are invited to attend.

Anger.

Wednesday, April 29

Anger can be a confusing emotion. Where does it come from? What does it mean? Is it useful? Join a discussion on understanding and managing anger.

Cure Your Money Ills: Improve Your Self-Esteem.

Wednesday, May 6

Do finances feel like a hopeless tangle? Do budgeting methods seem tedious, over detailed and downright boring? Learn a simple, enjoyable method resulting in better organized finances and a feeling of personal mastery.

(BURRUSS EXHIBIT ROOM - THE ACADEMIC BUILDING.)

All presentations will be in Conference Room A of the Student Center, 12:00 - 1:00. No advance registration is needed. Students, faculty, staff, and friends of the College are invited.

CAMPUS FORUM

Girls, GSPE, & Get Involved

Dear *Sting*

I think the five words most commonly heard here at Southern Tech are, "Wha'd ya'll do in class?" It wouldn't be a campus without it. The only thing that really bugs me about this school is that after drop day there aren't as many good looking girls walking around. It's a shame. But that's my only major complaint about the school we affectionately as the Southern Cottage of Take-Your-Money. And that's not bad for a college striving to make a name for itself. Having attended two major engineering colleges prior to coming here, I can confidently say that the quality of classroom instruction at Southern Tech is equal to them and probably better. The classes are smaller and

the teachers (whose only job is to teach unlike many schools) are more accessible by students to individual problems.

Nonetheless, we will all graduate with that damn "T" tacked onto the end of our degree. There is one sure way to dash any doubts about the competitiveness of your Southern Tech education - take and pass the EIT test. What is the Engineer In Training test? I'm so glad you asked! It is a voluntary test given to graduating or near graduating engineers (offered twice a year and takes a day to take) and covers basic engineering subjects. If you pass the test, many more doors are open to you in employment - not to mention it puts you on a par with the gear heads at Georgia Tech. Start preparing for the EIT test early. For starters, come to the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers's

meetings. We meet the second Thursday of every month at noon in the Academic Building (Room H-123) and we regularly discuss the EIT test and how to prepare for it. And much more.

You say "hey, I'm too busy making up theoretical data for labs or deriving empirical equations or making copies of old tests to get involved with campus organizations." Professional organizations like G.S.P.E. offer the kinds of things that five or ten years from now you'll wish you'd gotten out of college but didn't. But don't take my word for it, come get involved. See you at the next meeting.

Keith Fraser
Former President SCT GSPE,
Current Secretary GSPE &
Graduating Senior

Are You Wildly, Insanely,
Foaming-at-the-Mouth

ANGRY?

Seek Professional Help.

If you are just kind of pissed off about anything having to do with Southern Tech, write us a letter about it. It's a nice safe way to complain and get it noticed.

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TKE

By the Teke Tracker
Histor #338

Xi Chi Chapter has been busy planning to "pump you up" this Spring. So, get on your shades and shorts (bathing suite will do) and join us for Beach Trip '92.

Our annual chapter retreat was held up in North Georgia. Contrary to popular belief, it was no where near I-75. Nor was it anywhere near that there Crane family. It was, however, located at our own secret agent's bat cave. We were all led (or not led as the case may be) to a mountainous 4-wheeling site which even a mud-covered Dodge couldn't survive. When asked where we had been, we could only say that it was dark, and near a lake that a tree eating dog swam in. Hey, was that a Bear in the back of that Bronco?

A special thank-you also goes out to the Ladies of Alpha Delta Pi

for their help with Rush.

A special thank-you to the Ladies of Gamma Phi Beta for the "Cool Hayride in the Park".

We would like to wish the following people a Happy Birthday for the month of April: Dustin Messer, David Armstrong, David Power, Jill Fagerstrom, Linda Stanley, Jaime Duff, Keefe Newton, Russell Bagwell.

For Spring Quarter: April 18th-Clean Hwy. (120 loop); 25th-4M Social; May 1-3rd-Beach Trip to P.C.

This year TKE is in Panama City. That's right, Beach Trip on May 1-3. We will be staying at our home away from home, the world famous "Holloway House" (some of you may remember it from a few years back). There promises to be alot of "food, folks, and fun" and of course guys and gals in hot bathing suits. If you would like to go, make sure you talk to a Teke as soon as possible.

"..... to be on top requires a dream, and the determination to make that dream a reality."

Tekes Raise Hell!

service is the main goal of all Kiwanis clubs on all levels. Needless to say, we are proud of every hour of service we give to the community.

In the last couple of weeks, There have been dances at Emory and Kennesaw for Circle K'ers. These dances are very fun and excellent ways to meet new friends (girls). Plus, Charles Tanksley, a Republican candidate for US Senate, came to our meeting and gave a very interesting speech and question and answer session. During this meeting Lance dressed up as Wayne and greeted members from Ga. State, Emory, and Kennesaw with a "good call" or "schwiiing". Circle K also has had 4 new members join this month: David, Jay, Rick, and John.



By Lance Richardson
SCHWIIING

Circle K has been very active the last 6 weeks. During the month of March. We had over 130 hours of service to our school and community. In the month of April, CKI plans to had over 150 hours of service. Circle K is the college level of the Kiwanis family as Key Club is the high school level. Bettering the community thru

AΔΠNSBE

By Beth Meeker
Peanut

Hey guys, the ADPI's are rockin' and rollin' into Spring Quarter! We had an awesome rush so far - two bids given out and accepted by Susanne Horton and Macy Foster. Congratulations - we love ya'll!

Thanks to all the (superlative) guys that helped.

Everybody survived Spring Break, even those faithful Savannahites? The tooth fairy followed Shanna all through the break. Fire response and mail service to Christy's neighborhood was temporarily interrupted.

K.C. is planning a great formal, the Black Diamond Ball, coming up May 9th. It'll be a "Night To Remember." You're doing a great job K.C.! Come dressed to impress and PARTY with the best!

Shanna and I are handling the gag awards, so be prepared we've been watching you!!! Sorry, no QB's this year; but there'll be: PAs, TBs, and CMs. Leslie; guess what, we still have the negatives!

Looking forward to stompin' some butt Greek Week. Look out.

Party on!

In the next month CKI will be part of another Special Olymics with the Dalton CKI, as well as, an Easter Egg Hunt for the children at Cobb County's Turning Point. In late April and early May, CKI plans to help AHOST, a program to remodel homes for the elderly. The Southern Tech CKI will be having its first and only social of the year. May 1, 1992, will be a day that will live in infamy. This summer CKI will also have its International Convention in San Antonio, Texas. ZANG! Party on!

By Alphonso Lanier
NSBE Public Relations Committee

It's springtime and what better way to enjoy the new quarter than to participate in the National Society of Black Engineers. There are some innovative and exciting things planned for this quarter. Be on the lookout for information concerning cook-outs, car washes, and other terrific events. In addition, the eagerly awaited Member's Ceremony will be held on May 27th. Invitations should be appearing in your mailbox soon. Be sure to R.S.V.P no later than May 20th. Our spring activities will hopefully give members a chance to

ΠΚΦ

By David "Archie" Nelson
EK# 162

Shwiing! Pi Kapp World, Pi Kapp World, Party Time, Excellent! Well hey everybody, "I'm back", kind of like a poltergeist thing. What have we been doing lately? Well I guess I should mention the trip to Panama City Beach. It was interesting for some and relaxing for others. We have A.B. "I almost ran my car into a ditch" and R.W. "I've fallen out of the jeep and can't get up". We also have H.H. "the baby sitter" and R.W. "the handy man." There was also the usual stuff such as fun, sun, babes, and rays. I of course came back as my pasty white self, no skin cancer for me, right "Melanoma baby." We also had the St. Patrick's day party where a bunch of Irish people got together and did what Irish folks do best. I personally have no Idea what that is, "McArchie O'Nelson."

What's new on the calendar for this quarter? Well we have the Nuts and Bolts party April 24 and a toll road for PUSH on April 25. We also have our trip to Prater's Mill on May 9, where we will have a students involved were Lucena Rivera, Rosetta ***** Jimmy Rivera, Charles Heholt and Hayden Wakeling. Two of the more interesting questions from sixth graders were; asking Jimmy if he was a coffee bean picker and Charles being asked if he was into Voodoo!

This year the International As-

enjoy the beautiful spring weather and get better acquainted with each other.

It's almost that time of the year again! The National Society of Black Engineers will soon have elections for the upcoming year. If you are a NSBE member, have at least a 2.0 GPA and a serious desire to make the Southern Tech Society of Black Engineers the best in the region (if not the nation!), then you possess the qualifications to be an officer of the Southern Tech Society of Black Engineers. Give it some thought. NSBE meetings are held every two weeks on Tuesdays at noon in the Student Center. Be on the lookout for signs and posters.

NSBE would also like to congratulate Trichita Marshall our most recent NSBE Member of the Month. Miss Marshall was awarded this honor because of her diligent work and dedication. Well, that's all of the news for now. Work hard this quarter and keep reaching for those 4.0's.

most excellent time. Hey! Don't forget the ADPI's and Gamma Phi's formal that night. We also have our formal on May 16. There are only 26 days left to make reservations. I hear that they are going faster than tickets for the Braves Dodgers series.

Congratulations to our new officers. They are Archon: Mike Melillo, Vice Archon: Scott Wages, Treasurer: Todd Scott, Secretary: Josh Lade, Warden: Lance Williford, Historian: Allen Barger, and Chaplain: John Suldickas. Congratulations also goes out to our new brothers and associate members. The new brothers are Ray Wildes, Mike Mitchel, and John Diamond. The new associate members are Ed Hunt, Harry Gouger, Brent Collier, and Allen Putnam. I'm sure that the associates had fun on the big bro/little bro retreat and will do a good job.

Well guys it's time for me to go but one last thing. Alum Craig Schaffer sent an experiment up on the last space shuttle mission to measure the effects of radiation in space. Good job Craig! Meetings are now on Sunday at 7:30 except for April 19, May 10, and May 24. These meetings will be held the following Tuesdays at 7:30. Okay, so it was two things. So sue me. See ya!

Archie's phrase from the past is "The more hair I lose the more head I lose." I hope to hold it's annual International festival. If you have any ideas for the festival please contact Jimmy Rivera who will be happy to discuss any proposals.

Remember Meetings are held every Tuesday at midday in the Student Centre, where more details will be given.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

By James A. Hicks II

Hopefully you all haven't missed my Nobel Prize articles because of some technical difficulties. Well if you have, let me recap you on the B.S.U. agenda.

March 7th was the day of our Volleyball Mission Drive. It was a great day for volleying and hope next years Drive will be even more successful.

April 3rd is the deadline for registering for the Spring Conference at Rock Eagle, G.A. The fee is forty dollars and that in-

cludes a place to stay, entertainment, and the wonderful Rock Eagle food (NOT). I had to get at least one Wayne's World saying in this article.

Anyway, our regular schedule is as follows. TNT (Thursday Night Together) at 7:30 and our regular Tuesday luncheons with free food for the masses. Hope to see you down here soon.

A little reminder; next quarter there will be a pool and a ping-pong tournament. So come on down soon before it passes and have a day!!

ISA

By Hayden Wakeling
Reporter of the Year

Welcome back to the spring quarter to all International students. First job that is to be completed is the goodbyes. Both Charles Heholt and Chris Pollard left Southern Tech during Spring break. Charles left to study in Canada, while Chris left to go back home to New Zealand where he will play for a Professional basketball team. We wish both of them all the best for the future.

During Spring Break several members of the International Association visited Meluskey Middle School and talked to the students about their respective countries. The

Hornets Basketball Season Wrapup

By John Beauford and Linc "Rocco" Simmons

The 1991-92 basketball season which began on November 1 against Allen University with a 107-65 victory, ended March 7 with a 77-62 defeat to rival Kennesaw State in the first round of the district 25 tournament.

The tournament was a game in which Southern Tech lead in the first half, but could not keep the same pace in the second half, which is a problem faced so often in the 13 defeats suffered this year by the Hornets.

Southern Tech and Kennesaw split during the regular season with each winning on its home court. Jesse Usher lead the Hornets in the final game with 27 points.

The 91 season for the hornets overall may have given a feeling of success to some, and a sense of disappointment to others.

The final record of 18-13 in the eyes of some programs may be a dream season, but success at Southern Tech seems to be mea-

sured by 20 victories- an accomplishment not reached but 3 times in 17 years.

Leading scorers for the Hornets during the season were Jesse Usher and John Beauford with an average of 17.7 and 16.0 respectively.

Usher and Beauford also lead the hornets in rebounding with 8.4 and 7.0.

Jesse Usher was named player of the week once and also was put on the first team district 25.

Seven foot Two inch center John Beauford, a native of Cleveland Ohio, and a transfer from the University of Detroit was named 2nd team district 25.

In other statistical categories, Adam Sanderson lead in assists with 3 per game. Sanderson also lead in free throw percentage with Beauford at 82% for the year.

John Beauford, Tony Butts, and Jesse Usher lead the Hornets in Field goal percentage with Beauford hitting on 63% of his attempts and both Butts and Usher hitting 59%.

Freshmen point guard Maurice

Dickerson also contribute steady play in helping run the Hornet offense.

The Hornets will be saying goodbye to seniors Melvin Smith, Christy Pollard, and Keith Willis. All three players played crucial roles in the Southern Tech system.

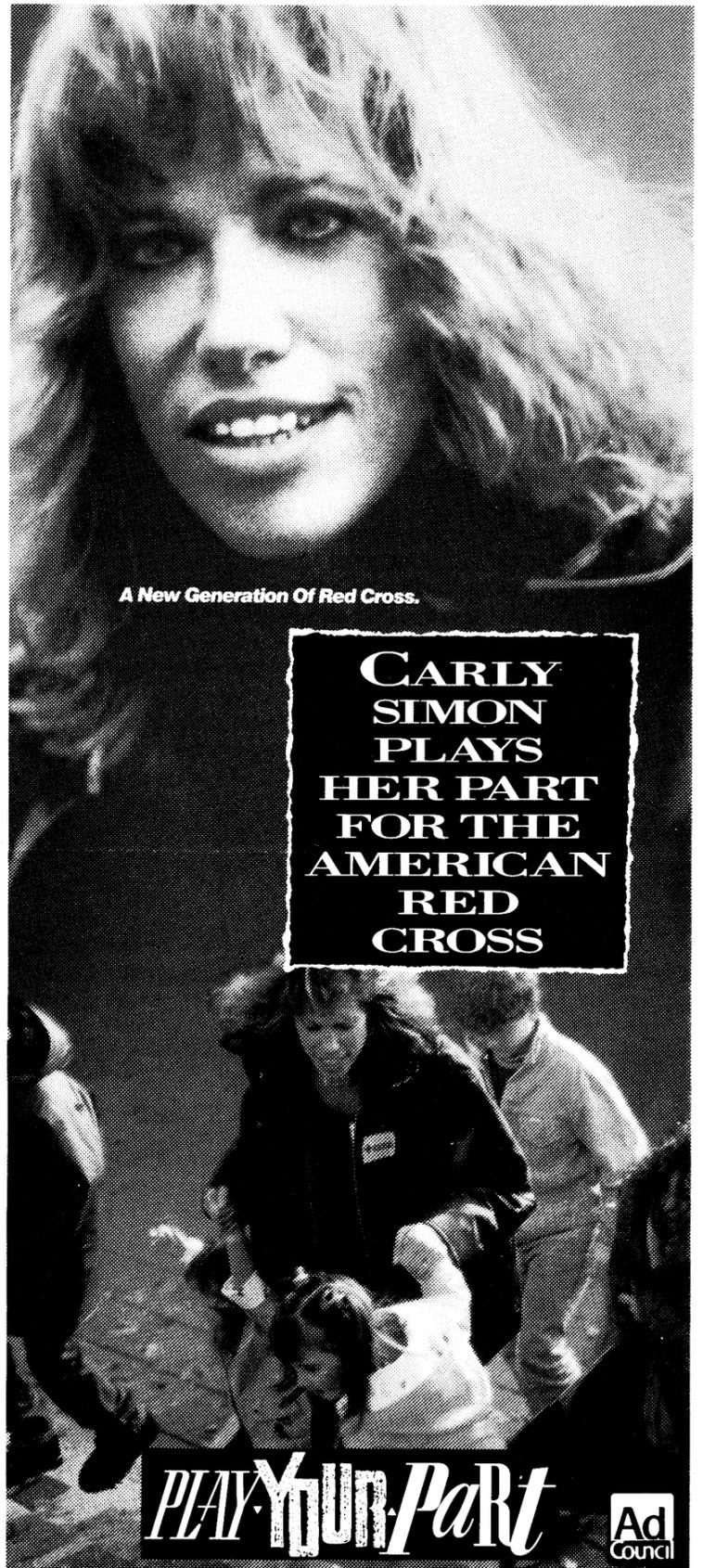
Freshman Scotty Heany, Junior Mario Mackey, and defense specialist Linc "Rocco" Simmons also helped in the team effort.

All in all, the season was not bad with an 18-13 record (overall) and a 10-8 record in the district.

"In my opinion, if there is one gripe it was the lack of support for the Hornets by the students. The team worked really hard this year and the turnout for the games was very poor.

I personally thought that the team had good relations with the students and faculty and could would get a more positive turnout, but apparently not." said John Beauford.

From the Hornets to you (those who came to the games) thanks, and we are outta here!



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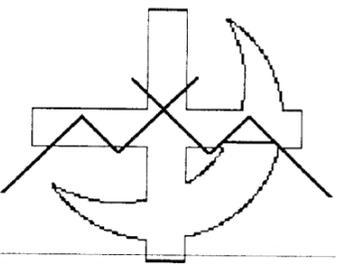
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By Crush Δ0 #132

Howdy Ya'll! I'm back again for my second try at this. I hope everyone had a great Spring break! So far this quarter has gone very well. We have three totally AWE-SOME pledges. They are: Jamie Ginn, Gwen Nash, and our super pledge, Mindy Estes. I hope ya'll



By Alan Rountree
 The Fraternity of Honest Friendship

Welcome back from what proved to be an excellent spring break. Yes it's yet another quarter in our long journey towards getting the hell out of here. Well the Lambda Chi's all had a blast on their breaks, however most of us can't remember where we were or what happened.

On to some serious stuff, the Chops hosted a cookout for the great guys at Firehouse #5. All you people in the dorms know them, they are the ones that visit here about every

have a really great pledge quarter, we are so glad you decided to become one of us!! Don't forget... "You'll find out!"

Our song/chapter retreat is on April 25th at my house. Don't forget the bathing suits!! Last week we went ice skating with the Pi Kappas and the ADPi's. It was a lot of fun and we all had a blast. Thanks for the roses guys! We also participated in Double Vision with the Lambda Chi's on April 7th. It proved to be quite interesting and it really helped to break the ice in time for the social in the 10th.

other weekend and occasionally during the week. Whenever that funny bell goes off in the dorms these guys just seem to show up.

What a RUSH. Our dunking booth was definitely a success. Fairly coolish but a good time anyway. I've never seen a BEAR sit on a seat to be dunked. And the looks on their faces when they hit the water the first time was hilarious. Another event everyone loves is the infamous chicken bar-b-que, it is beyond compare. If you missed it TUFF!

We had a social with the Gamma Phi's that was radical in its origination. Early in the week we all got together and discussed some very important issues that students are faced with today. It was great to see us sitting down and talking about these sensitive issues honestly and openly.

Something we don't do enough the

I'd like to thank all the Lambda Chi's for the great time at the social. Ya'll don't forget those 'Basic Instincts!'. A special thanks goes to Christina and to Johnny who planned the social for us. Thanks guys, it was AWESOME (well, except for the lifesavers.)

Sisters, Alumni, and Pledges don't forget that the formal is coming up fast. You'd better ask that special guy before he gets away! (Suddenly, I want to go fishing...)

Well, that's all for now. Don't forget "The Look" and all that it can bring you.

problems aren't going to be resolved by being ignorant and hoping they work themselves out.

First, I think all the brothers enjoyed the visit from Mike French our Chapter Consultant. What a change a C.C. that was helpful and intelligent.

A GREAT visit. Congratulations to: Greg Esther for Brother of the Month Mike Minor for Buh of the Month..... He tried to wash

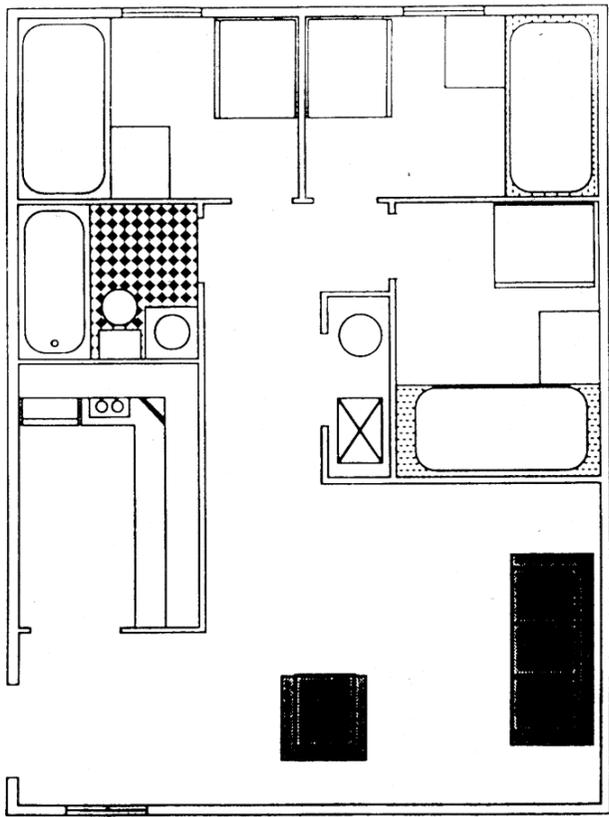
Byrds truck with no water(only one side). He just couldn't wait.

Billy & Michael— Are you ready? You'll be fine!

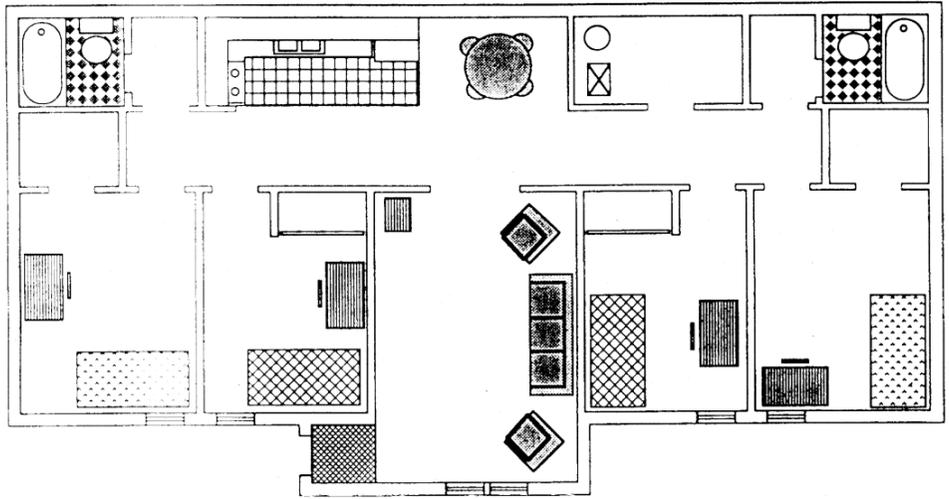
Chris (I got dunked once and quit) Owens — How cold is the water? Chad— How much does a refrigerator drawer hold?

Advice: Don't dive into shallow water from a pier, you might get stuck.

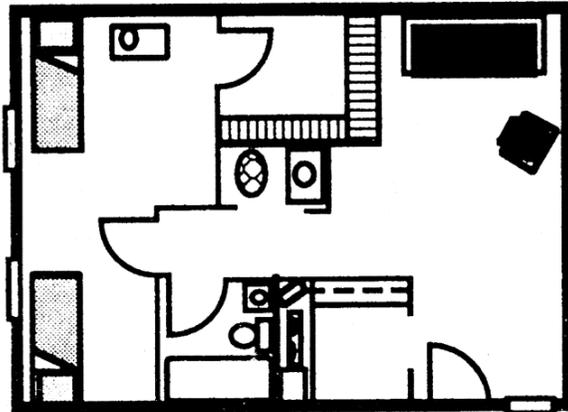
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