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## Play Around With Tomorrow Today At TechFest '94

By JARRED FEHR

Techfest '94 will be held Saturday, May 14 here at Southern Tech between 10am and 4pm.

This year's Techfest will feature many exhibits, events, and displays. There will be hot air balloon rides sponsored by Re/Max, a space walk, ROBO (an automated car), putt-putt, and the Pop-a-Shot Basketball shoot. Performances by the Celtic Connection bagpipe and drum corps, the Li'l General cloggers, 530th Air Force Band of Dobbins Air Force Base, McEachern High School drill team, and a barbershop quartet.

The National Aeronautics Space Administration is sponsoring a space and shuttle exhibit with examples of flight equipment, lunar rock samples, and space videos.

The Federal Aviation Administration will have a flight simulator and displays on wind shear and air traffic control.

The Civil Air Patrol will have a display on the behind-the-scenes action of lifesaving missions and G-suit demonstrations on the gravity pressure suits worn by fighter pilots.

The Naval Air Station of Atlanta will once again exhibit the AH-1 Cobra Helicopter. There will

also be a Stinger Missile team to display missile trainers, night sights, and radios.

The City of Marietta Fire Department will be doing life rescue operations and displaying their 100-foot ladder truck.

The Georgia Youth Science and Technology Centers will be showing off the STARLAB planetarium, uses of the radar gun, the mysteries of Polymer chemistry, acids and bases, liquid nitrogen and rockets, and an electrostatic generator.

AT&T Tridom will be displaying the VSAT Satellite Communications and explaining how high-speed data voice and video transfer can make a 45,000 mile round trip in just milli-seconds.

Automated Logic will be displaying SuperVision-interactive automation software, EIKON, and an introduction I/O hardware.

In the Joe Mack Wilson Student Center there will be displays on puzzles, fractals, graphing calculators, and the pulp and paper industry. There will also be an International Festival in the Ballroom.

In Building E there will be displays on chemistry, biology, physics, and video E-mail.

Building G will have a display



This is the cool helicopter that woke up our very own Darkroom Dave at 7:30 in the morning before Techfest last year. Here's hoping that they glide in next time so that poor Dave can get some sleep.

- Photo by Darkroom Dave Dula.

on Computer Aided Design (CAD) and a series of projects by computer and electrical engineering students.

Building H will have displays on the future of technology, stump the Spanish professor, multi-media, and Learning Resources.

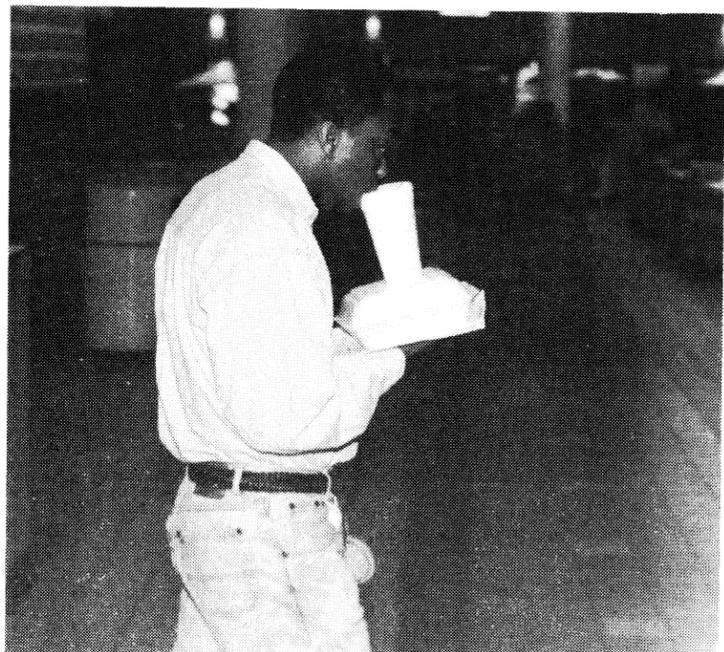
Building I will have displays on new tree houses, KinderCity, CAD, architecture designs, steel bridge, concrete canoe, hydraulic flume, and surveying equipment.

Building K will have displays on a formula race car, a 60mph bicycle, and CAD.

Building M has displays on CAD for apparel and textiles, network-linked computers, and the sewing machine of the future.

Building SM has displays on transmitting music by laser, fiber optic communication, and satellite communication.

## ATM Arrival Delayed, But Options Exist Now



If we had an ATM machine when this guy bought his food, maybe he would have had enough money to afford a tray to carry his food. - File Photo.

By SHANNA FERNANDEZ

At the present time the plans to replace the Honor machine that was removed from the Joe Mack Wilson Student Center during the reno-

vation are still in the planning stage. The old ATM machine was removed from the downstairs location when the new portion of the Joe Mack Wilson Student Center was being constructed.

Beers Construction Company did, however, provide for the replacement of an ATM outside of the Student Center at the main entrance.

Unfortunately, the new area for the ATM machine was not made handicap accessible, causing a minor set-back for the return of the ATM. The Business and Finance Office called upon the architect firm Sizemore Floyd to assess the accessibility of the ATM. The decision made by Business and Finance Office was to install the new ATM machine in a different location on campus. The new location is yet to be determined.

The lack of an ATM machine has caused various problems. If a student needs money for lunch or dinner, in the past they have had to leave campus to visit the Nations Bank ATM located across the street. Students are then faced with more types of food to choose from, and may purchase food elsewhere.

Mike Adams, Food Service Manager, stated that their business has felt the crunch from the absence of the Honor machine.

Bank South's argument is that

the Honor machine here at Southern Tech did not generate the volume to cover the cost of maintenance of the ATM.

Bank South has 75 ATMs in Cobb County with numerous locations convenient to Southern Tech, therefore, their customers can drive to one of the Bank South ATMs in Cobb.

Mr. Bill Butler, Division Manager for Commercial Lending at Bank South, stated that Bank South is in the final negotiations with Faye Barber and Dan Youngblood from the Business Office. Mr. Butler stated that if all negotiations go well, Southern Tech will have an ATM by Summer Quarter 1994. Mr. Dan Youngblood did confirm the information provided by Bank South.

Dan Youngblood, Comptroller, still trying to provide students with the convenience of an on campus Honor machine, has provided many alternatives to an Honor machine.

ATM cards are now being accepted in the Business Office for withdrawals of up to \$50.00 per day. The ATM withdrawals are provided for Southern Tech students, faculty

and staff. Southern Tech students must show their valid Student Identification. The Business Office also will cash checks for students with the proper identification. The Business Office is open from 8:00-5:00 Monday thru Friday.

Mr. Youngblood also stated that in the Bookstore students can use their ATM card for purchases only. The Bookstore also accepts Mastercard, Visa and American Express for purchases. The Bookstore will cash personal checks for up to \$10.00, or up to \$10.00 over the price of any other transaction with a Driver's License and Valid Student Identification. The Bookstore Hours are: Monday 8:30-6:00; Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30-7:00; Thursday 8:30-6:00; Friday 8:30-4:00.

Mr. Youngblood understands the great need for an ATM machine on Southern Tech's campus. The Business and Finance is in hopes of having an ATM on campus sometime during Summer Quarter. Mr. Youngblood hopes that the alternatives that have been provided for students to get cash are adequate for the present time.

# EDITORIALS

## Rewriting The Handbook

By BILL GREVE

Picture if you will, a naked stud or vixen (depending on your sexual proclivity) coated in hot fudge, about to be lowered into a vat of whipped cream.

Now turn to page 5 of your Student Handbook which details the Course Grade Appeal Process. "To appeal a grade, a student must present clear evidence that a grade was assigned by some criteria other than an evaluation of academic performance." Without printing the entire process (you should have your own copy handy), this is the basic rundown:

First, the student appeals to the department head of the department in which the class was taken. Depending on which way the department head's recommendation swings, either the student or the professor can appeal to the Dean of the School involved. The Dean's recommendation can be appealed to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and his decision can be appealed to the President of the College. Then, the handbook states, the President's decision can be appealed to the Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents.

A couple of weeks ago the Faculty Senate voted to recommend a change to the Appeal Process. This change would remove the student's and professor's right to appeal to the Board of Regents; the President's decision would be final. I would worry about this change if not for the fact that the Board of Regents stopped taking appeals three or four years ago. So as long as the Appeals Process is being modified let's do some other tinkering.

First, not all Schools on this campus have Deans. The Vice President for Academic Affairs functions as acting Dean of the School of Technology. For a student in that school there are only three steps: department head, Vice President, President. The faculty member has only two appeal steps. After a small survey of local public colleges I offer this solution: an advisory board.

Take a small number of students, and a like number

of professors, and have them judge the merits of the appeal. As an example, Kennesaw State has three students and three faculty members judge the appeal after being passed on from the department head. This committee's recommendation can then be appealed to the Dean of the School.

Forming this committee should be simple. We could form an adjunct committee of Student Life since it already contains both students and faculty. Or take the members of the Judiciary Committee and selected faculty members that would meet to hear Grade Appeals.

Next, we need to address the responsiveness of the process. A student must notify the professor of a grade appeal within the quarter immediately following the quarter in which the class was taken. This is reasonable enough. But the Appeal Process says nothing of when an appeal must be addressed by. Hypothetically, any one step in the process could take their recommendation to the grave.

To avoid a student, or faculty member, believing that his/her appeal isn't being heard in a timely manner, I suggest a time guideline be applied. Realizing that the department head, Dean, etc. has other responsibilities as well, I suggest a maximum of a month to respond. This might even be too long, but if this person can't make a decision in thirty days this school then has some other problems to address. A Grade Appeal Committee might need some other scheduling considerations, but the goal should be to have the appeal resolved within a quarter of its initiation.

From what I've heard, Grade Appeals don't seem to be a major problem at Southern Tech, thankfully. But as long as the Faculty Senate is recommending one overdue change, they, along with SGA, should consider a couple more to make the process more responsive and responsible to both parties involved.

*BILL GREVE's Editorial needed spicing up, hence the first sentence.*

## Do You Know Who This Man Is? Well, Do You?

For many who recognize Dr. Cheshier the joke is that you never see him on campus. So we were wondering just how many students know who is the President of the Southern College of Technology.

Power brunching with market research consultants, we determined the easiest way to obtain this information would be to make it up. This idea was quickly shelved and replaced with actual work. So *The Sting* sent its staff minions out canvassing the school armed with a picture of President Cheshier and this question: "Do you know who this person is?"

William Furman (Fr) - "I've seen his picture... don't know who he is."

Chad Meeks (Jr) - knew his name.

Lamar Mercer (Sr) - knew his name.

Ranessa Withfield (Fr) - "President of our School? Just Guessing."

Derrick Smith (Fr) - "Yes, he's the President."

Sophia Alexander (Fr) - the President.

Boysie Powell (Fr) - has seen him around, knows he is the President.

Christopher Krause (Jr) - "Dean Cheshier"

Chip McGavghy (Sr) - "Dean Cheshier"

Melanie Wilson (Fr) - "President Cheshier"

Jennifer Zysk (Fr) - "No idea"

Darlene Boharsk(?) - knows his family.

Ed Cox - "Yes"

Scott Humphrey (Fr) - "No clue"



Sam Patel (Fr) - "No clue"

Scott Wages (Sr), SGA President, and David Nelson (Sr), Judiciary Chairman, both knew who President Cheshier is.

Kent Allred (So) - didn't know who or what he was.

Brent Williams (So) - knew him, and had seen him here.

Steve Green (So) - "No idea"

Steven Pless (So) - "Never seen him before"

Jennifer Shaw (So) - "No idea"

... and a few more.

We had a total of forty-two randomly chosen respondents. Our apologies if we misspelled your name.

The basic breakdown had twenty-two students knowing him as President, or by his name. That left twenty students not recognizing Dr. Cheshier as the President

of Southern Tech. We should also note that of the twenty-two who recognized him, three called him Dean and one is a family friend.

Based on this unscientific survey we conclude that fully half of the Southern Tech students don't know the name of the school's President and can't recognize a picture of him. If this is a problem is for Dr. Cheshier to decide.

Maybe he has consciously chosen to remain anonymous. If not, here's an open invitation to the TKE's next party.

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## CONSENSUS EDITORIAL

We, *the Sting* staff, wish to propose a deed unlikely to occur. First the problem. ASCE and AISC students compete in a bridge building competition. Very successfully, we should add. Southern Tech has placed first in four of the last five regionals and second in the last two national competitions. They won the regional competition in March and compete in San Diego, on May 14, for the national title. The problem is they have no money and are selling T-shirts to raise funds.

Now, the athletic department has a huge budget, out of which would come the funds to pay for Southern Tech's teams to compete in National competitions. Now when was the last time a Southern Tech basketball, baseball, or tennis team went to nationals? It has been a while. So Coach Perides (Athletic Director), how about making a donation to those students who are capable of representing Southern Tech, consistently, on a national level? And besides what could be better public relations for Southern Tech than students winning awards for what they actually learned rather than how well they play games.

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## Generation X People Not Just Twenty-Somethings

By DAVID ADAMS

(NSNS) - "Having no expectations means never being disappointed" would seem a fitting epithet for today's university student population that is faced with more problems than it seemingly can handle.

Violence is at levels never before witnessed; environmental degradation continues apace; the outlook on the economy and employment is bleak at best. Many have argued that it is not a good sign when the musician who arguably best articulates (and sells) the youth's dysfunction bows out at the end of his own gun.

Yet many observers of the youth culture remain hopeful.

Margie Alt, associate director of the non-profit Fund for Public Interest Research, has been organizing students around various political issues for more than 12 years. She said she feels positive about the situation on campus.

"Young people are capable of phenomenal things," Alt said, adding that today's technology allows youths to organize and communicate issues like no generation before them. She said that students in the '90s have access to global satellite communication systems, they are faxing letters to Congress, and they are becoming increasingly sophisticated in using the information superhighway.

"Yet the most important part of this is making sure it is the proper information being disseminated," she said. "We (the public) own the airwaves, but we do not control the media. The market forces that do not want a change in the status quo continue to dominate the media."

Nicholas Butterworth, executive director of Rock The Vote, echoed Alt's optimism about youths. Rock The Vote works to involve thousands of young people in the democratic system, primarily through voter registration, but also by educating students about the na-

tional health care debate.

Exploiting popular alternative media such as MTV, Rock The Vote has begun to tap into the huge and potentially powerful 18- to 25-year-old demographic category.

"These are smart, cynical people waiting for something better to come by. If they seem less than involved, it's because they're too smart for the system as it's currently practiced," Butterworth said. "The university-aged group is interested and knowledgeable in the political process. Rock The Vote stresses voter registration because we believe in democracy. The alternative is fascism."

Butterworth said that pop culture, especially music, taps into today's discontent.

"Music is more political than politics. It sets up freedom and is completely open to individual interpretation," he said. "Music allows communication within this generation that is not happening among this and other generations. Alternative media outlets like MTV pro-

vide somewhat of a refuge for this group of youth who eschew labels that others try to attach. Phrases like 'Slackers, Generation X, and the Baby Busters' refuse to stick."

In Butterworth's opinion, those who are trying to categorize and market young people are not talking with or listening to young people.

"Youths are portrayed as helpless victims when they opt out of normal jobs," he said. "However, it seems they have chosen to do what fulfills them rather than necessarily do time in an emotionally-unrewarding job."

Hannah Nordhaus, a freelance writer and recent Yale University graduate, agreed with Butterworth.

"This generation is less interested in the traditional work ethic," she said. "They don't give their life to IBM. The focus on career has shifted to 'what will make me the happiest?'"

In spite of Rock The Vote's efforts, only 20-percent of 18-25-year-olds voted in the 1990 elec-

tion. What will it take to mobilize more young people to action? Alt suggests that the change could entail "a higher consciousness revolution."

"There is a better awareness of consumer excess and the limited natural resources that fuel it," Alt said. "Today's student-aged people are more likely to question whether a disposable society is worth mountains of solid waste and water in many cities that is approaching an undrinkable state. Other issues begging to be addressed are health care, campaign finance reform and the reform of Social Security."

No one can predict when, or if, today's youths will galvanize for change, but the numbers are there, at least in terms of electoral politics.

"New voters have enormous leverage to decide elections," Butterworth said. "If we tap into all eligible young voters, we can determine the outcome on 80-percent of elections nationwide. Legislators have gotten used to low voter turnouts. We have to change that."

## Florida Colleges Run Ads Debating the Holocaust

BY JASON ZDANOWICZ

(CPS) - CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Jewish organizations have protested a decision by the University of Miami's student newspaper to publish an ad that questions whether gas chambers were used at Nazi concentration camps.

A petition containing 202 signatures was presented to *The Miami Hurricane* the day before publication. Students, alumni and residents of the Students, alumni and residents of the Miami area, which is home to many survivors of the Holocaust, asked the newspaper not to run the ad, which they said was "blatantly anti-Semitic, hurtful and

offensive to all of us."

The quarter-page ad, purchased by Bradley Smith on behalf of the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust, ran April 12, just days after Holocaust Remembrance Day, established to remember the 6 million Jews and others who died in the Holocaust. Prayers, vigils and the

continuous reading of names of Jewish victims marked the international occasion.

Meanwhile, the *Central Florida Future*, an off-campus publication distributed to University of Central Florida students, also came under fire for publishing a similar ad.

"The First Amendment is not questionable — the paper has the right to run the ad. Many people, however, have questioned our decision to run the ad," said Editor Lynette Malinger.

That decision was made by Julio Fernandez, the *Hurricane's* business manager. Fernandez said it wouldn't have been responsible for the newspaper to pretend that the Holocaust revisionists didn't exist. The \$288 charge for the ad will be donated to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., he said.

"We don't want people to think that we're doing this just for the money," Fernandez said. "We have a lot of students, faculty and alumni that are suffering right now. We're really sorry about that. The reason we're running this is to educate people."

A number of University of Miami alumni and supporters threatened to withdraw financial support because of the ad. The most prominent donation put in jeopardy was from Dr. Sanford Ziff, who had planned to donate \$2 million to an art museum and cancer center. A bomb threat also was telephoned to the president's office, although no evidence of explosives was found.

Jason Sonid, a second-year law student, said he agreed that the newspaper has the freedom to print the ad, but didn't feel *The Hurricane* should serve as a forum for Smith's message.

"Although offensiveness and controversy should not bar a newspaper's decision to choose to print, reasonable standards of jour-

nalism should preclude making bigotry debatable," Sonid said. "Advertising that the Holocaust is debatable, and that there are two sides to this story, misinforms the public by giving bigotry the appearance of validity."

Junior Steve Friedenbergs' grandparents lost three of their children, their parents and their brothers and sisters during the Holocaust. Friedenbergs said the ad has created a conflict between his emotions and intellectual reasoning.

UM President Edward T. Foote condemned the ad, but supported the newspaper's right to run it.

"As a student editor, I would not have run the advertisement. As president of a university, however, the standard for my decision must be different ... I concede that the question is close, and that others will disagree with me, but at a university, of all places, we should err, if at all, on the side of freedom of thought," Foote said.

UCF administrators, on the other hand, were critical of the *Central Florida Future's* decision to run the ad. "The First Amendment does not confer a requirement that any newspaper publish any ad that it receives," UCF spokesman Dean McFall told *The Orlando Sentinel*.

According to the story, twelve members of the *Central Florida Future* staff issued a statement condemning the decision to run the ad. Editor David Bauer told the *Sentinel* that publishing the ad was consistent with the newspaper's goals of "the free flow of ideas, regardless of their popularity."

The Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust, located in Visalia, Calif., has purchased similar ads in college newspapers for the past few years. Although some newspapers have rejected the advertisements, others have agreed to run them, citing First Amendment reasons.

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# Should Teacher/Student "Relations" Be Prohibited

By EVAN HANSEN

(NSNS)- The media has focused on the reactions of professors and the occasional wounded undergraduate in the ongoing debate over the propriety of sexual relationships between students and faculty, but at least one informal study aims at a broader perspective.

"My methods have not been very systematic," admitted Ann Lane, chair of the women's studies department at the University of Vir-

ginia and author of the study. In the past year, Lane has been fielding calls and soliciting stories and opinions about faculty-student relationships from "anyone who wants to talk."

The "students" she has interviewed range from members of a sorority house in Charlottesville to a 50-year-old man who broke up with his fiance after she had an affair with her professor more than 30 years ago.

"Many people find these things

very painful to talk about," Lane explained, calling the problem of sexual misconduct among professors "the university's dirty little secret." She asserted that delayed confessions of pain and guilt in these relationships — as with victims of sexual abuse — are not uncommon.

Based on informal conversations with students, Lane estimates that some two-thirds of those she has interviewed approve of efforts by school administrators to crack

down on professor-student dating. The biggest concerns among students are questions of "fairness in the classroom" as opposed to moral indignation.

However, approximately one-third of those involved in the informal poll vigorously oppose official school policies that might curtail or restrain their freedom to choose sexual partners.

"(Some women in particular) tended to be very outspoken and articulate. They would say things

like, 'I'm an adult, I don't need these rules, I can take care of myself.' They didn't have any patience for others who might not feel as in control, or who might want some kind of protection or recourse," Lane said.

Lane is planning to compile her research on the topic in an upcoming book. Opinions and/or stories can be mailed to: Women's Studies, Hotel D East Range, University of Virginia, Charlottesville VA, 22903; by phoning (804)982-2961; or by e-mailing to [ajl3u@Virginia.edu](mailto:ajl3u@Virginia.edu).

# Students Face Tough Competition For Top Grad Schools

By Sunni C. DeNicola

(CPS)- Each year, more and more students are applying to graduate schools only to face increasingly slimmer chances for acceptance.

The harsh realities of limited job opportunities has prompted record numbers of students to pursue advanced degrees. Now, many outstanding college seniors who would have had little trouble being admitted to top graduate programs a few years ago are being turned down cold.

David Nall, a senior at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., is one such student. Nall has a 3.93 GPA and GRE scores totalling 2230. He designed a rigorous combined major for himself in art, philosophy, music and English, and is considered an exceptional student by his professors.

"I applied to philosophy Ph.D. programs at six grad schools: Harvard, Berkeley, Stanford, MIT, Chicago and Northwestern," he says. "All of them rejected me."

Stanford, he was told, has six openings for more than 200 applicants.

Nall is not alone. Even though growing numbers are applying to graduate school, available spaces for these students have increased only slightly, if at all.

"From 1986 to 1992, graduate school applications increased at a rate of 7 percent per year, and in some cases even higher," says Peter Syverson, director of information services for the Council of Graduate Schools. "Enrollment has gone up 2 percent per year overall. If applications go up faster than enrollment, institutions become more selective."

"Most attribute this (increase)

to the economy. As the job market for new graduates closed, many students looked to continuing their education as a way of increasing their competitive edge while riding out the economic recession ... Bad economic times are very good for graduate schools in terms of student demand."

Graduate degrees also are becoming required credentials for career advancement in many settings such as high school teaching, public administration, social work and nursing, Syverson notes.

Last fall results of an annual survey of more than 220,000 freshmen, conducted by UCLA's Higher

Education Research Institute, showed a record 65 percent said they were interested in attending graduate school, a 10 percent jump from 1992.

"There's also a higher percentage of women coming into college intending to pursue graduate and

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# Farrakhan Speech Protested

(NSNS) - A recent speech by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan at Kean College in New Jersey prompted more than 700 protesters to brave rainstorms and ankle-deep mud to denounce the appearance of the controversial figure at the school. In his speech, Farrakhan addressed his detractors by criticizing attacks of hate speaking.

"If you came to hear that (hate

speech) from Farrakhan, oh, you're going to be disappointed," he said. "You should have been protesting hateful speech when we were in our classrooms reading about little black Sambo."

Farrakhan was invited to speak at the college by the Pan African Student Union almost four months after Khalid Muhammad, his top aide, delivered a speech at the school at-

tacking various racial, ethnic and religious groups.

The protesters, which included Jews, Christians, blacks, whites, young and old, came together to rally against what they believed to be a message of hate. According to Dave Brown, chair of the event, the Pan African Student Union invited Farrakhan "to heal the wounds, vindicate the students, and speak the truth."

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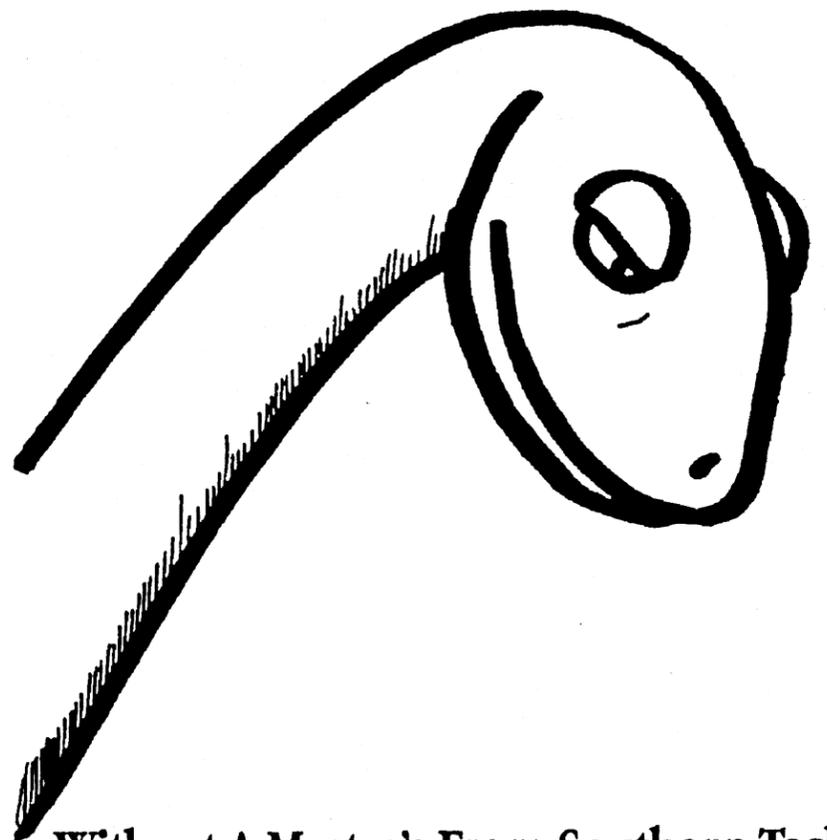
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## Mon Crayon est Grand et Bleu



This is Edith Piaf. Bill insists on playing her in the office despite everyone else's objections.

By BILL GREVE

Four years of French class and I remember two things: "Je vais a la plage" and Edith Piaf. Something about going to the beach and

an odd-voiced singer. The odd-voiced singer I didn't care for at the time.

Well, thirty years after her death, Capitol records has released *Edith Piaf 30th Anniversary*, a 2

CD set and I've had the opportunity to listen to her again. My opinion of her has changed radically; Edith Piaf is one of the greatest singers I have heard.

Born Edith Giovanna Gassion in 1915, Edith took the stage name "Piaf", french for sparrow. Jean Cocteau said that when Mme. Piaf sings, "The soul of the street filters into every room in the town." This is appropriate considering her life.

Born literally in the street to a circus chanteuse, she was left to her father. Unable to care for her, Edith's father left her to be raised in a brothel; where she developed an eye infection and was blind until the age of five. She started singing in the streets of Paris at age six and recorded her first record around 1935. What followed were many lovers (one murdered, one dead in a plane crash), doomed marriages, ill health. Mme. Piaf also spent World War II touring German stalags, playing for P.O.W.'s.

These life experiences came out in her singing. Edith Piaf can match the pathos of a delta blues singer, the jazz phrasings of Ella, and has a range a cattle baron would be proud of. All the more amazing because it's in french and I have no idea what she is singing.

Edith Piaf died in 1963 and this 2 CD set covers her entire thirty year career. From her early cabaret tunes to the big band inspired numbers and the popular songs of the day.



Joe Pesci, playing a homeless person, interrupts a lecture to enlighten those from more privileged environs. Everyone feels guilty.

## It's a Warm Fuzzy, Feelgood Movie

By BILL FINNICK

*With Honors* is a modern day drama, with socially redeeming qualities, set on a modern day Ivy League campus. A Warner Bros. release directed by Alek Keshishian.

You will constantly be saying, "Is campus security that bad," or "Are all summa cum laudes really that STUPID."

Joe Pesci, the whiner voice and all from the *Lethal* series, plays the lead deadbeat hero that society has done wrong.

Hold that urge to walk out early, he transforms into a less disgusting, humanly emotional, actually believable character.

Brendan Frasier is the not so clever Harvard senior working on his honors thesis who clumsily starts

this whole learning experience.

Patrick Dempsey is the cool roommate, Josh Hamilton the dork. You wonder how Monty could wait so long to end his friendship with Courtney, the lovely and talented Moira Kelly.

Not since Reagan took the White House has it been possible to find any good in the homeless. Honors are more than a mere stamp on your diploma.

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Ed cried. Leigh was an emotional stone. Jackie pointed out the redeeming values. Bill enjoyed it.

*BILL FINNICK wishes to congratulate Michael Parver Associates on their being designated "Agency of the Year".*

## Hector Goes Home in *Being Human*

By BILL GREVE

This is a story of various Hectors throughout the ages, who "wake every morning to the only world they've ever known." In *Being Human* Robin Williams plays Hector, first seen as a caveman. All is happy with his wife and two children; until the Wanderers from the North come and take Hector's family away. What follows next is a centuries long trip where other Hectors try to recapture that lost sense of home.

"What could be worse than being a slave? What about being a slave to a foolish master." This begins the second Hector tale. Returning home from the Crusades the third Hector falls in love with an Italian lass, even though they don't understand each other.

Jumping ahead a few more centuries, Hector is now a slave owner himself. Unfortunately, he is also a shipwreck victim. He spends most of his time trying to make up with a former lover. The fifth Hector is divorced, living in modern day New

York, and preparing to see his children for the first time in four years.

While *Being Human* isn't the story of a single Hector (each Hector has his own individualistic problems), each Hector does follow the same thread of Being through time. Narrated by Theresa Russell, *Being Human* doesn't try to be philosophically deep. Its philosophy may be no more than "Enjoy, this might be the happiest moment of your life."

Try to keep track of reoccurrences throughout the different stories. Here's a couple to watch for: rope, shoes, chicken. These small oddities are very much the sign of writer and director Bill Forsyth. If you enjoyed his movies *Gregory's Girl* and *Local Heroes*, I would recommend this one as well. If you see it expecting a manic Robin Williams performance, you'll be disappointed. It's a very understated role, much like that of the murder victim's husband he played on *Homicide* earlier this year.

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# Abbey Road Redux and the Madcap Life of Syd Barrett

By BILL FINNICK

In the beginning all Adam could hear was Eve's bitching in mono; even the evil snake's hiss was in mono.

Sound was boring until some musical eccentrics took free rein of the Abbey Road Studio.

Several years later in the middle of a Beatles record the world turned on and tuned into stereo.

Later, as the drugs got better in the sixties and early seventies, Pink Floyd brought us quadrophonic sound.

Marking the thirtieth anniversary of the Beatles US invasion Capitol Records has released *The Beatles 1962-1966* and *The Beatles 1967-1970*.

The two are a must pair for any music lover's collection, just as they were when first released in vinyl.

If you do not own a CD player yet, go get one (buy it, steal it, rent to own, time share, use credit, or check one out from the library when it's open) and then buy these two CD's, trust me on this I'm an expert.

As we shiver and bathe through the current tour, bringing water to the parched regions of the world, Capitol Records has released a collection of Pink Floyd's original leader's work. *The Madcap Laughs Syd Barrett* is a gathering of his two solo efforts *Barrett* and *Madcap Laughs* along with other singles and PF cuts.

As we have all endured the Pink's farewell historical overkill it would be nearly impossible for you not to have heard that Syd is the center piece of Floyd's *Wish You Were Here*, the nine part "Shine On You Crazy Diamond."

In 1965 Syd Barrett, Roger Waters and Nick Mason formed the Pink Floyd Sound. The music is late sixties at the cutting edge.

Just before the drugs cut reality off from their creator. A nice addition to any collection of cutting edge work of any generation/decade.

Bill Finnick remembers when *The Beatles*, *Pink Floyd* and *Syd Barrett* would be considered mainstays of WGHR's alternative format.



Syd Barrett "tripped" so much in the sixties, now everyone sees his hallucinations

## math stinger

By Dr. JOEL C. FOWLER

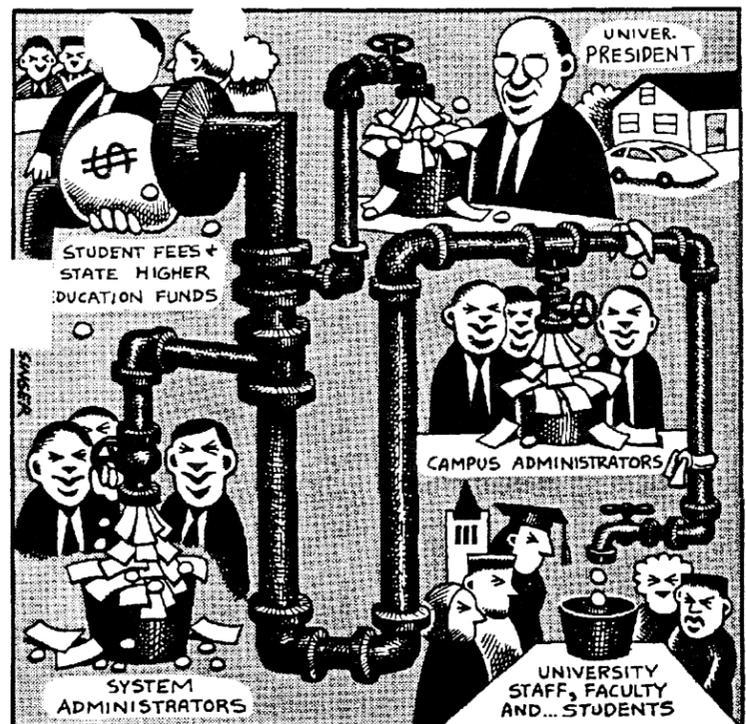
Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Last issue's puzzle was to find the number of ways that 30 numbered balls can be put in a drawer without ever placing a ball in the drawer whose number is isolated from the group of numbers already in the drawer. The answer is 536,870,912. Correct answers were received from Wayne Sheppard, Alan Gabrielli, and Tony Panzarella.

For a new puzzle suppose that you have two concentric circles of different radii. The longest chord that can be drawn within the larger circle and outside the smaller circle (i.e. within the ring between the two circles) is 20 inches. Find the exact area of the ring between the two circles.

Answers should be sent, via conventional methods or e-mail, 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*.

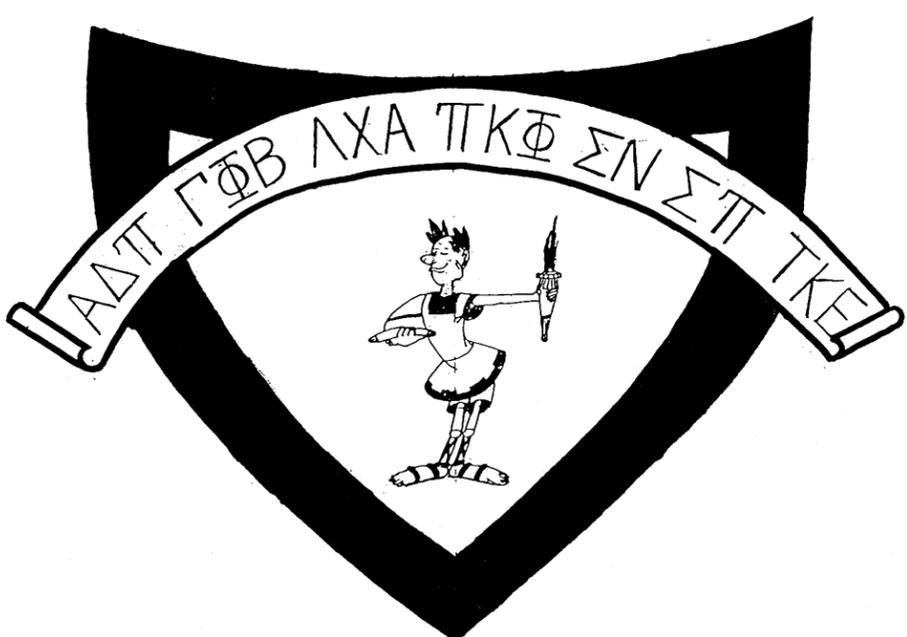
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By Andy Singer, National Student News Service, 1984

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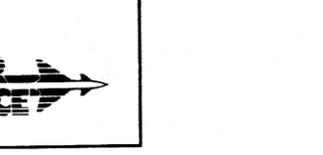
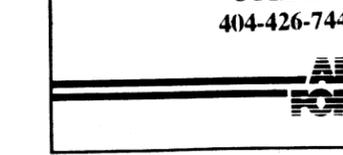
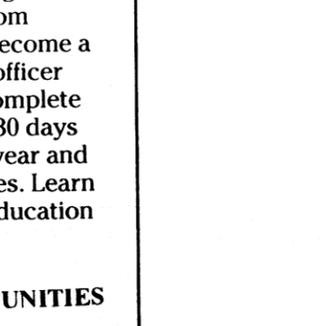
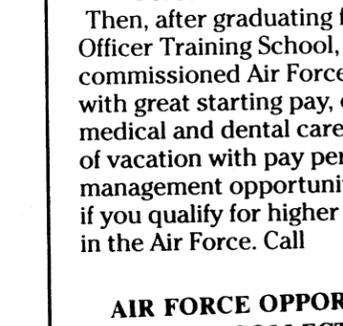
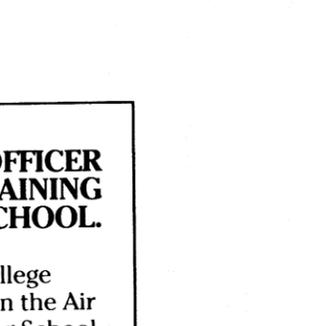
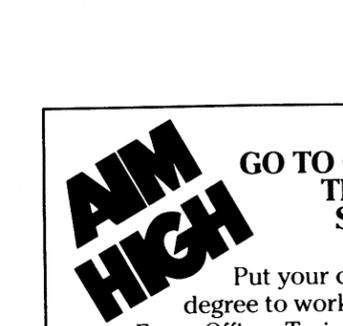
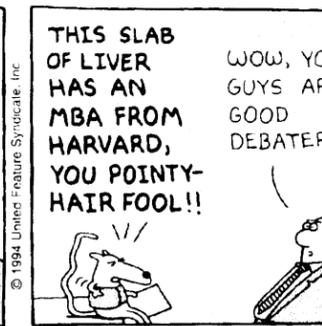
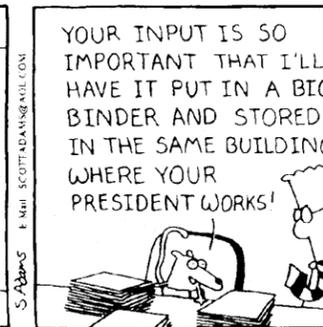
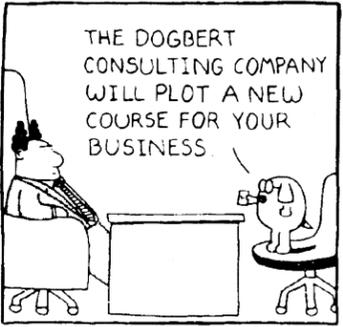
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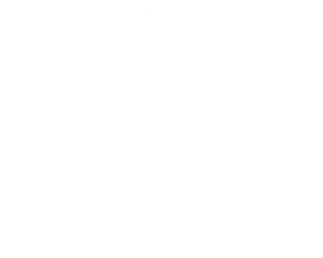
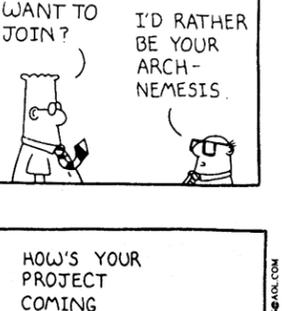
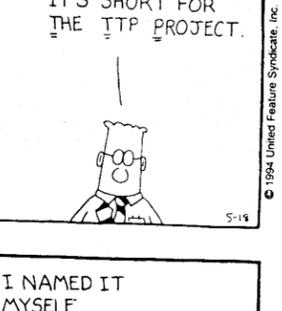
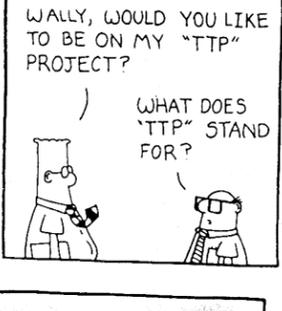
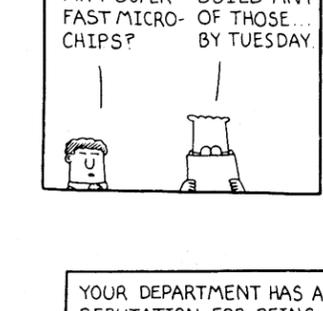
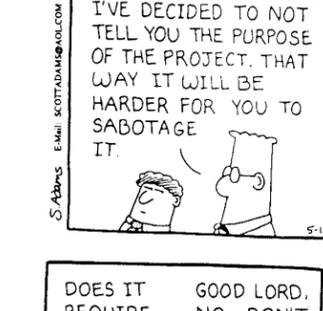
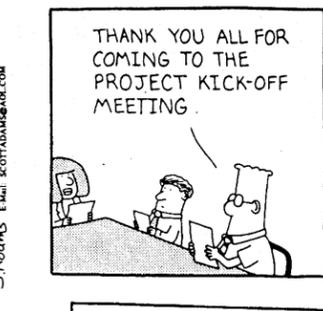
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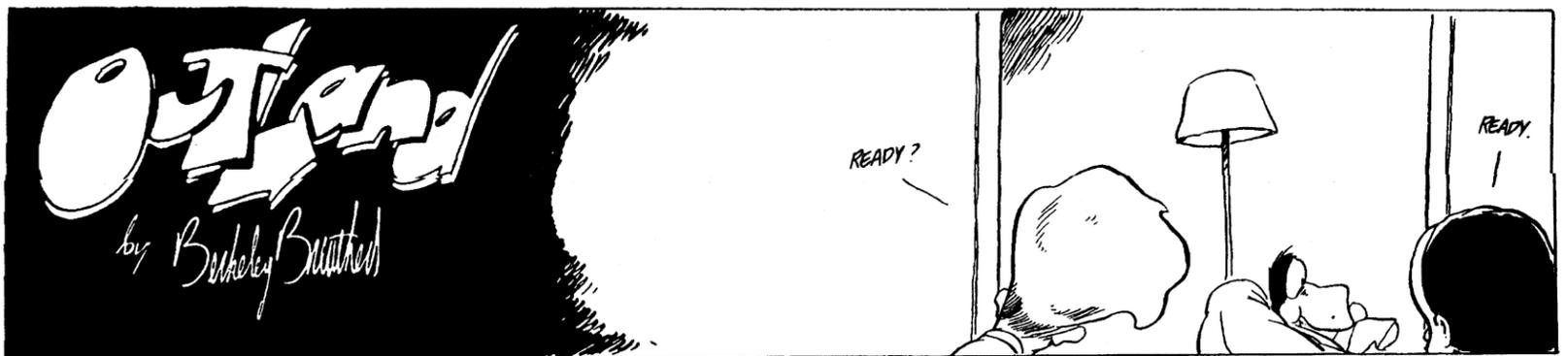
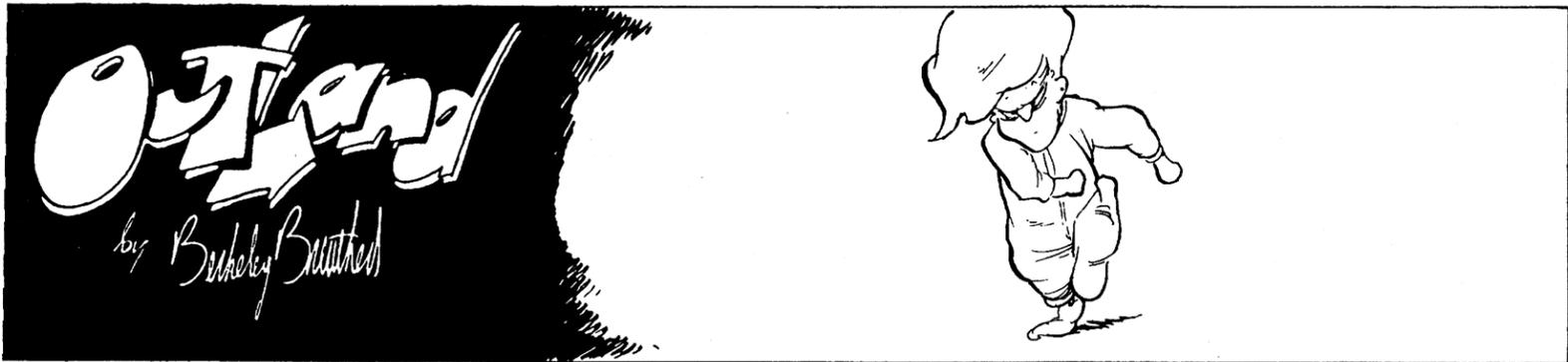
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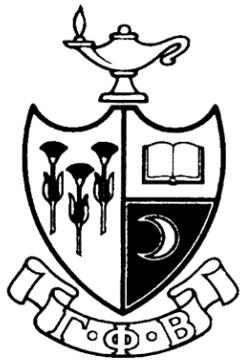
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## GAMMA PHI BETA

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next time just kick me in the butt. All of the alums were also a great inspiration, thanks guys! Everyone keep a look out for those Kickin' Formal T-shirts.

JUST A REMINDER, GREEK WEEK is just around the corner, and I know we're all looking forward to it. Come out to watch and cheer us on. There are tons of exciting new events this year.

We would like to send our best wishes to Gwen and Pete and their upcoming wedding on May 14.

Also that weekend is our first annual Father/Daughter luncheon on Sunday May 15. We are looking forward to having the Gamma Phi Dads here.

A little reminder that our next Chapter meeting, EC, and Pledge will be held at Mindy's. Maps are in the office.

Happy Mothers Day to everybodies MOMMIES!!! Love in PIKE,

All Stressed out and no-one to hit! just kidding-love, me

come...

First off, we would like to welcome our new brothers, #311 & #312, Jason Reed & Paul Trail; also, welcome our new candidates, Chris Dillard & Jason Hooten.

The Nu's are already off and running in softball with a record of 3 and 1 and many more victories in sight!!!

We are 2 and 0 against the greeks with defeats handed to the Lambda Chi's and Pi Kapp's. Look out TKE's!!

We are looking to carry this the *Sting* Staff while they are doing layout and you will receive \$50 worth of food from Danny O'Shea's. The rules: you must make the promise IN PERSON to Jen, your name can't have appeared in the staff box of *The Sting* in the past two quarters, and you can't be a Life student. Just be the first to go up to Jen and say, "I PROMISE THAT I WILL NEVER DISTURB *STING* LAYOUT" and the food is yours.



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

By SEAN F. LEE-SOY

Hello! I would like to remind all that Techfest '94 is only a few days away and the ISA will be hosting our 6th International Festival on Saturday, May 14, 1994.

As always we are going to make this festival bigger and better than previous ones.

winning streak into Greek Week and capture another, yet another, Greek Week victory! Good Luck to Stubby in the golf tourney.

Thanks to all the guys who showed up at retreat. If you missed it, you missed a great weekend at Lake Lanier!

Thanks to Danny and Paul for that glorious hangover breakfast and Chris D. for the Mickey's Big Mouths! Josh, I'm glad you got to go swimming!

Does anyone know if Ralph got enough sleep? Maybe next time we

The only way this goal can be reached is to have all International students take an active role in putting this event together. The festival organizing committee needs students to work on the sub-committees as there is a lot to be done in a short time.

Once again I want to encourage all international students, whether you are here on a student visa, or a permanent resident, to participate. This festival is our main medium to show our unique cultural heritage of which we should all be proud.

This year's entertainment program promises to be spectacular with performances by groups from Columbia, Germany, Africa, a Belly Dancer, and an international fashion show, just to name a few. The students will have exhibits with items from their homelands displayed.

A buffet of international foods prepared by the students will be available. This will be a fun and enjoyable time for all!

can get a boat that will sink. Also, thanks to David B. for letting us wreck the place.

Looking to the future we have a 3-man volleyball tournament on May 28-29, for all who are interested, contact any brother for information.

Also, the BIG spring blowout party May 28 is sure to be a blast! Remember, coming up May 22, Parent's Day; May 29, placing flags for Memorial Day. There will be plenty more to tell next time. WhiteStar???



## SIGMA PI

Hey all you dorks, this is the Iceman and I'm here to write you a fabulous article from the men of Sigma Pi. Don't be disappointed if you can't be apart of us, maybe one day. Orchid Ball is finally here.

Let's hope they don't kick us out this year. "I didn't know the pool was closed", said one drunk to another.

Happy to say our annual alumni-brother softball game will be Sat. 21. Starts at twelve, so I suspect we won't be able to see the ball by twelve-thirty (who bought the beer anyway).

Sigma Pi's biannual camping trip is May 27- whenever. This is where we will enjoy Tink's pontoon pony. Everyone is welcome! (maybe). Spinnakers took who's ID? What are you doing in June? Well Sigma Pi is hosting The first annual Sigma Pi Jamfest!!!

There will be a lot of teams. The thing is you get a three man basketball team, pay a small entry fee, and play ball, the winners will get trophies and prize's, but the best of all all the money raised goes to multiple-sclerosis.

It was great partying with the brothers from Troy State in Panama City over the weekend. We had a hell of a time. Catch ya later. E.E.E.S.



## Sigma Nu

by Dana & #305

Well it's been a while since you've heard from us, but it's been a busy quarter!

The Sigma Nu's have had a fun filled quarter with plenty more to

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## Julian Wilson Compares *The Sting* to Tabloid

Dear Editor,

When it was pointed out that labs in Building G should come up to the standard found in Building SM, the Wilder Building, I agreed and gave my opinion of how we got here and how we would improve. I don't think that is "bad press." Kassia's article does reflect poorly on the

department that she "likes a lot."

Unlike the previous specific example, her article uses innuendo, statements taken out of context, and little, if any research. After reading it, I looked around to be sure I wasn't standing in a grocery check out line.

Julian Wilson  
ECET Department Head

Dear Professor Wilson,

Speaking of not checking your sources, I cannot believe that you have this attitude toward a student's views. The opinions in the column were backed up in two very reliable ways: Kassia's presence when the student was denied help by the professor, and by the ability

of professors and students to identify the unnamed professors in the article by the professors' actions. They must be typical actions of these two, or how would everyone be able to identify them?

In addition to these two points, I've talked with the student who was denied help. He said that he couldn't believe

what he was hearing. I personally can't understand it, either.

If your first reaction to bad news is to insinuate that the writer made up the facts and to call first-hand experience "innuendo," then maybe it's your response that needs more research.

-Jen, Ed.

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fessional study, and I think that may be feeding the increased admissions as well," says David Merkwitz, director of public affairs for the American Council on Education, sponsor of the survey.

Some areas of graduate study are increasing faster than others. Syverson cites humanities is increasing at 12 percent annually, public administration at 11 percent, and social sciences at 10 percent.

Only one area has shown a decrease. "In the last year we've seen decreases in business applications, and that was expected because the number of students taking the GMAT test has gone down each year for the past two or three years," he said. "The MBA is not the hot ticket it once was in the '80s."

This demand, coupled with financial cutbacks, has led many schools to actually extend fewer offers for admission because more students may accept than the schools can handle.

At Duke University in North Carolina, Donna Giles, assistant dean and director of Graduate Admissions, reports receiving about 6,600 applications in 1994, up 10 percent from 1993.

"We don't expect to admit any more students just because the pool increased," she says. "We offer admission to fewer than 1,500, but the incoming class usually is between 525 and 550."

However, this year Giles says some "severe financial cutbacks" may impact admission offers, which usually are three times higher than the desired enrollment number.

"I predict the number of offers may decrease because funds have been cut and departments are not taking as many risks. They can't afford to take the chance that more than one-third would say yes," she said.

The situation at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is similar, according to Myrna Bower, director of the Graduate School.

"Extending offers is really a game of chance. We got burned in English three years ago when the national picture looked bleak...the department extended the usual number of offers, only this time 70 to 80 percent (instead of the usual 50 percent) said they were coming and it put them in a dither for the year," she said.

So far this year UNC has received over 13,000 applications, an increase of more than 900 from 1993.

They plan to admit 1,500 to 1,700 students.

Bower has sympathy for the dilemma of students as competition shuts them out.

"I feel terrible...these are somebody's children we are turning away. Often, they are really good students, but the competition is so tough," she said. "In philosophy

you practically have to walk on water to get in."

For example, Bower said there are 222 applications for five slots in 1994. In 1993, applicants had average GRE scores were 729 verbal, 717 quantitative, and 739 analytical with a 3.75 GPA in their major. Psychology has 883 applicants for 26 slots; history has 663 applications for 28 slots.

At some larger state universities, economic cutbacks have decreased financial assistance for students, making it harder for some to attend even if they are accepted.

At Ohio State University, where 11,000 students are enrolled in 115 graduate programs, both applications and enrollment have shown a gradual increase since 1988. The one exception was last year, when a new application fee may have caused a slight decrease in inquiries, according to Paul Isaac, associate dean of the Graduate School.

However, due to the loss of some graduate assistant slots, more graduate students than ever are having to go to school part time.

At UCLA, applications have dropped slightly going against the national trend, says Ellen Benkin, who coordinates data for the Graduate School.

She says the decrease likely is because of California's ailing economy, an 18 percent increase in tuition, and a decrease in the number of staff positions available for graduates, which all affect the students' ability to pay tuition. Nevertheless, odds for admission are not

great — approximately 16,000 applicants for 2,500 openings.

At Ivy League schools like Princeton, the competition has always been tough, but now it is even more so.

Dave Redmond, acting dean of the Graduate School, says Princeton has experienced a 5 percent increase in applications this year. And, other than a small decline last year, applications have been slowly increasing over the last several years.

"This year we had 7,000 applications and admitted about 900 of those students and hope to enroll about 460 to 465 new graduate students," he said.

Like other universities, Princeton is not immune to budget constraints. Redmond says they may "have to tighten up a bit this year, seeking a smaller class by about 10 or 12 people. He attributes this to "a small cut in fellowship budgets," and cautious attitudes in engineering and science departments because of "the uncertainty of outside support, which they draw from to sup-

port their students."

Princeton, too, has extended fewer offers for the last several years in some of the humanities and social sciences departments. "We've called it 'overachievement,'" explains Redmond. "Students have accepted at a higher rate than our previous years' figures would have led us to believe and even when we made some corrections for the next year, it's happened again.

"So we've really kind of screwed things down a bit tighter in the number of offers we have made.

"...The selections are always very painful because there are some very well qualified people who just won't make the cut..."

David Nall is now one of those who knows that pain of rejection well. "It was a numbing experience," says Nall, who is re-evaluating his options. "I plan to work, save money and reapply next year, perhaps to different grad schools where I won't be facing such enormous odds — if there are any schools like that."

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