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## Student Help Needed For Orientation

By BILL FINNICK

Other than the plethora of premium parking spaces available, Summer quarter also brings to Southern Tech the largest assemblage of prospective new students during Gearing Up. Mark your calendar, the dates are August 19, 22 and September 20.

You might recall those fond memories of strolling carefree through the campus with a group of fellow freshman, or transfers, unaware of the possibilities that lay before you as you were Gearing Up.

You remember the Gearing Up regiment of waiting in line, taking those tests, getting advised and finally registering.

All punctuated by lunch in the cafeteria and the welcome statements of President Cheshire and someone from the SGA. The school is constantly working to make orientation as beneficial as possible to the new student.

Making sure that the new students get a positive first impression of student life at Southern Tech is the responsibility of the Student Body as well as the Coordinator of Orientation, Mary Phillips, who is a Special Assistant to the President.

To help give these new students a view of life at Southern Tech a "mini-organization fair," at the Library Circle from 11 am to noon, is being incorporated into Gearing Up.

"Groups are being encouraged to show their letters, colors, photos or other exhibits and be able to respond to students' and parents' questions as they tour the campus," according to Barry Birckhead, Director of Student Activities.

While typically a pre-Rush event for Greeks, all organizations, especially professional, are encouraged to attract new members for their groups.

There will also be campus tours for the new students and families. Mr. Birckhead's office is helping to coordinate the tours and route, and they are looking for volunteers. If you would like to lead a tour call 528-7374 by August 12 and leave your name and phone number. The volunteers will meet on Friday, August 19, at 10 am in the Student Activities Office.

Mary Phillips and Barry Birckhead, 528-7230 and 528-7374, are both open to suggestions and volunteers to help improve Gearing Up.

## Queuing for Financial Aid Made Quicker

By BILL GREVE and  
CHARMAINE MCKINNEY

Recent changes in the disbursement of financial aid had the desired effect of lessening the queues for both financial aid and non-financial aid students. Before, students would have to go to the Business Office two or three times to receive their aid, and money often used to buy books wouldn't be released until a couple days into the quarter.

After studying the issue for the past 6-12 months, Comptroller Dan Youngblood decided to try something different. "The Feds will let us release money before the Quarter starts," said Mr. Youngblood, "If I do that, I become responsible for the student showing up in class. For any student who advance registers, and has their financial aid in order, we will release the funds 1 or 2 days early" so students could buy books before the first day of class.

This is the way it now works: (1) Advance Register. (2) Go to the Business Office and fill out a voucher. "When you sign, you are paying your fees out of available aid



**The Business Office staff:** responsible for giving us our checks. Never have we met a nicer group of people.  
*-Log Photo*

and are given a receipt. (3) If you have money coming back - more aid than you owe, come back to get a check. This will be 1-2 days before drop/add.

Before Summer Quarter a recipient would register, bring the fee statement to the Business Office, get a voucher, and be given a day to return (sometime after drop day) to

pick up the check.

Now, this new system only works if the financial aid recipient advance registers. If he/she doesn't, Please see **Financial Aid** on 9

## Landscaping Southern Tech



*-Photo by Leigh Borsos*

By JEFF JONES

The look of the campus is about to change. The college is currently prepared to spend \$70,000 for landscaping between the Student Center, Administration Building, and the main parking lot. Eddie McCracken is in charge of this daunting task. Eddie hopes that most of the work will be completed this summer, but some of the planting will have to wait till the fall and continue through the winter.

Progress has been slow due to the burying of electric lines by Marietta Power around the Student Center. Since the electric cable has to go deeper than the landscaping team has to dig, Marietta Power has priority. And the work has been delayed due to the almost constant rain.

When Marietta Power finishes sometime this summer, the Rain Master Irrigation Company will begin installing a sprinkler system around the Student Center and down to the main parking lot. The sprinkler system will be used to water the new leyland cypress, cherry laurals, green leaf hollies, and azaleas. In addition, several new sidewalks will be poured. The sidewalks are being installed in response to foot traffic leaving bare marks in the grass. One of the potentially nastiest areas is going to be outside the Student Center in

Please see **Lanscaping** on 10

## School of Architecture Nearing Accreditation

By KASSIA CATO

There are many changes affecting the School of Architecture during the 1994-1995 school year due to their attempt to be accredited by the National Architecture Accreditation Board (NAAB).

Accreditation is the process in which a school's program is evaluated in regards to its physical facilities, financial situation, and human resources to see if it is meeting the qualifications for their profession in industry today. The accreditation process for a college architecture program going through the NAAB can take as much as eight years to complete.

In a recent phone interview with the School of Architecture's Dean Harry Kaufman, he stated that he was very pleased with the results shown by both faculty and students throughout this accreditation process. When asked about the actual procedures involved in the accreditation process of the NAAB, Dean Kaufman stated that first the school had to be nominated as a possible candidate for accreditation. Southern Tech's architecture program had started in 1990 to become a candidate for NAAB accreditation, and official received it candidacy in

the school of architecture started implementing a plan to meet all the standards set by the National Architecture Accreditation Board.

Some of the standards set by NAAB were that the school be able to financially support itself, that its student's work be able to meet the qualifications set by the accreditation board, and that it have the physical facilities to meet all of these needs. The school of architecture meets all these needs according to Dean Kaufman. The need for a building of their own will be met this year, when architecture acquires full access to the building it shares with Civil and Construction. As far as being financially able to support its program and having quality work from its students, Dean Kaufman stated "The School of Architecture will be able to meet its financial needs, and the Architectural students did a great job on their projects this year."

One concern of students in the architecture program involved changes in the curriculum which are to take effect this fall. Dean Kaufman stated that these changes have been gradually introduced to the program so as not to disrupt the students too much, but to ease them into the new aspect of the program to meet Please see **Architecture** on 10

# EDITORIALS

## Makes Sense, Won't Work

By BILL FINNICK

It has been 20 years since I read Jonathan Swift's "A Modest Proposal," and now that I have a proposal, some will find modest similarities.

• There are between seventeen and twenty individual computer labs on this campus in addition to the three consolidated labs students lovingly referred to as the Mac Labs.

• Approximately five hundred-fifty of the school's almost nine hundred twenty personal computers are in these labs.

• These individual computer labs are established and controlled by the separate departments they are intended to support.

Some of these labs can lag behind the technological curve as budgets get continually smaller.

The marked improvements in the CET lab during the budget madness of the last three years is testament to that department's commitment to a quality education for the students.

Unfortunately not all department's prioritize the students' needs.

Additionally, the hours these labs are open do not always meet the needs of a commuter campus like Southern Tech.

I propose, publicly I might add, that the Academic Building be turned into the campus' computer lab. Shut

down all the individual department labs and convert every class room in H building in to some sort of lab.

• Teach every class requiring the student to be at a terminal in that building.

• Centralize the purchasing power of the institute to make the very best equipment and software available.

• Combining resources would also extend the hours of the department labs because a user assistant can monitor thirty-five stations as well as twelve.

More importantly students needing the latest software would find it available in one location.

Maybe through centralization the school can get a handle on what is probably the largest non-payroll portion of its budget.

You may have noticed that we used approximations in our figures, that is because no one could provide *The Sting* with a definitive answer as to what the school owns.

Sure there will be reasons why the labs cannot be combined. I fear the one insurmountable obstacle will be that the departments will have to give up their private computing domains, their control.

To some Department heads this would be akin to eating their young.

*BILL FINNICK finds reading harder than mathematics. That is probably because literary word problems can be computationally inexact.*

## Stardust Memories and Other Appropriated Songs

By BILL GREVE

This is a busy year for 25th anniversaries. Woodstock, Stonewall, the first man on the moon, the 25th anniversary (X 2) of D-Day. 1969 was a busy year. 1994? Who knows what we'll be celebrating in the year 2019.

So far the year hasn't offered up a lot of merriment. Bosnia, Rwanda, North Korea, the O.J. Simpson trial, the floods. Doesn't seem to call for overpriced fake reunions in up-state New York does it?

But history isn't always obvious, what we think is important today, may just be a footnote a score and a quarter later. What will we be talking about twenty-five years from now? Hmmm.

September 22, 2018, President Henry Rollins has just appointed Chuck D to the Supreme Court. Former President Clinton is not asked to sit in and play sax.

By this time, soccer has become the number one participatory and observer sport. Part of this is due to the outlawing of football. Citing "Cruelty to Animals" all teams were disbanded in 2005. Public sympathy led to the creation of farms in southeast Kentucky where football players completed their lives "comfortably numb" on a combination steroid and barbiturate high-ball.

At the same time, there was an inexplicable drop in enrollment at chiropractor schools. Soon, Sid dropped out of sight only to reappear in 2010. Sid now runs a chain of eyebrow hair implant boutiques with infomercials starring Sally Struthers.

Cobb County has now outlawed all "lifestyles" other than that of crochety old white men. Hating everyone, they only hang out with themselves; but not to close, lest

anyone get the wrong idea.

In 2016 the medical community, and the entire world, were astounded when it was proved that Jesse Helms and Philip Morris were correct: smoking is harmless. In fact it provides a cardiovascular workout increasing lung capacity. Tobacco Education classes are mandatory by the sixth grade and cigarettes are available from high school guidance counselors.

January 26, 2024 - Not signaling a turn results in immediate execution of the offending driver.

Having used up all their originality long before the 1990's, John Grisham, Stephen King, and Tom Clancy join forces in 2003. They then proceed to release, every three weeks, 900 page books about Southern lawyers in Maine, fighting demonic forces with the help of the CIA and really bad dialogue.

*The Sting* prints the 400th consecutive letter from someone in ECET/IEEE, now printed for your perusal: "OH YEAH!?!?!"

Quickly countered with *The Sting* rejoinder: "YEAH!?"

Barry Birckhead, Director of Student Activities, completes another year at Southern Tech. Yet another editor realizes that, Barry has not once aged in any photo taken of him at school. Yet another editor mysteriously disappears.

And August 3, 2019 is the 25th anniversary of the, almost total, destruction of all life on Earth. Caused by the deadly gas cloud kicked up by comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 slamming into Jupiter, the day is memorialized by burning astronomers in effigy.

*BILL GREVE owns a 1960 Civil Defense record called If the Bomb Falls, a Recorded Guide to Survival.*

## CORRECTIONS

In the last issue (July 12, 1994), we inadvertently left the following sentence out of Cathy Clymer's Letter to the Editor: "Of the 29 students in attendance, only five (again, not counting IEEE officers) were "concerned" enough to venture comments, questions, or suggestions at the meeting."

Ms. Clymer also admonished *The Sting* for identifying her as an IEEE co-chairperson. While Ms. Clymer is an IEEE co-chair, and did moderate the meeting, she wrote

the letter to express her own opinion as "An actually concerned ECET student", not as an IEEE co-chairper-

son.

The letter is not meant to reflect the views of IEEE. Cathy Clymer did not inform us of her opinions as IEEE co-chair, nor did we ask. Yet life goes on. We hope this ends the apparent confusion.

We apologize for making Dr. Tilmans appear gnome-like in the front page photo. This was caused by the editor insisting that a square picture be placed in a wide space.

Thanks to Ann Watson and Public Relations for providing the graduation photos on page 12.

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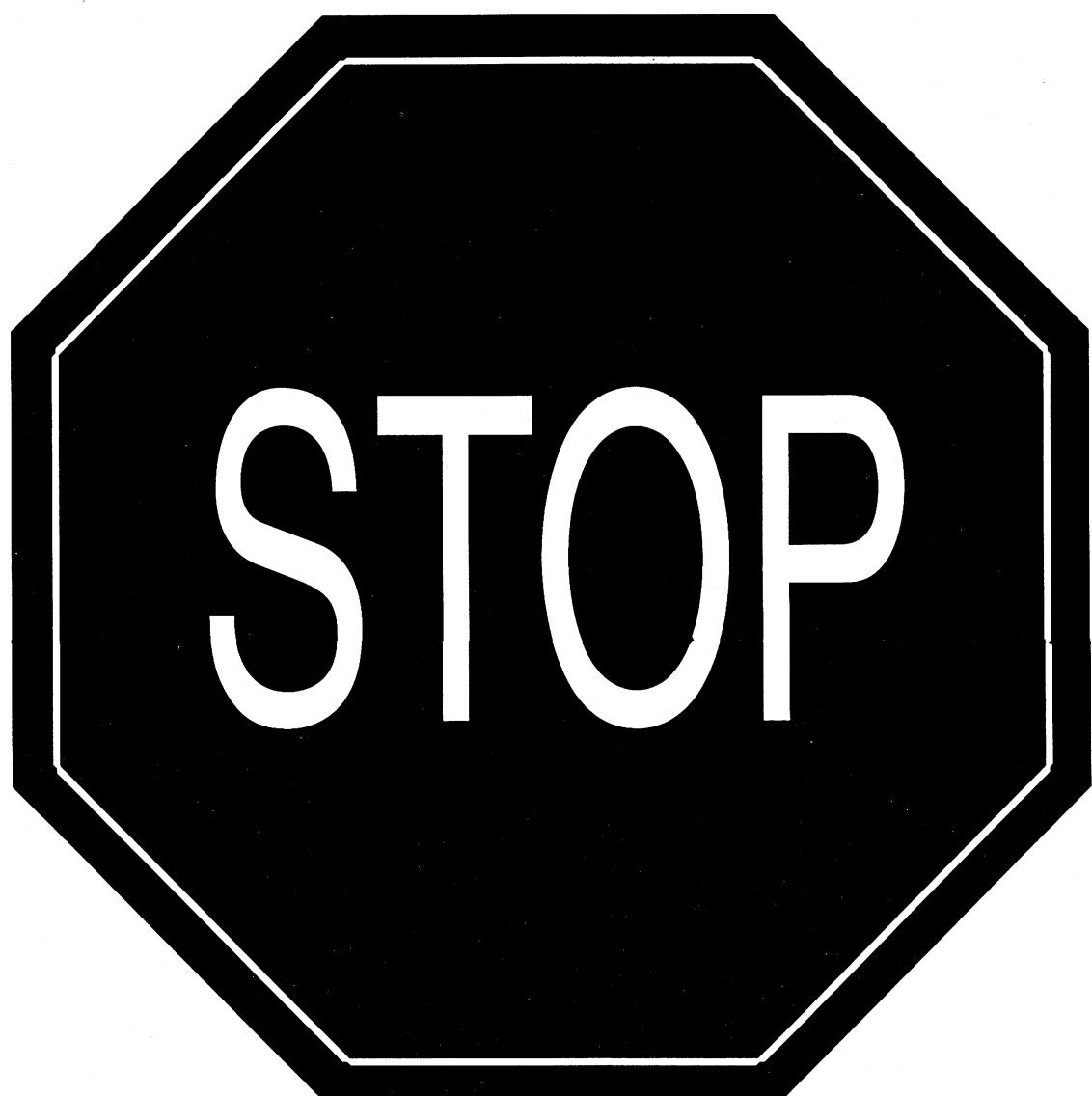
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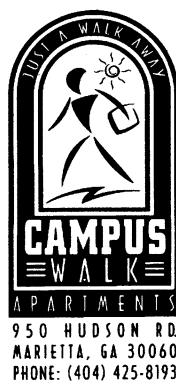
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# Fiber Optics Soon to be the Campus Backbone

By BILL GREVE

If the Internet is the Information Highway, then most people enter from Southern Tech in a Yugo. With completion of a fiber optic backbone, expect to trade up to a Ferrari.

Hal Barnes, Network Manager, says it is like comparing having \$19.20 to \$10,200. "You can imagine how much more you can do with \$10,200" and people should see a comparable difference from the current broadband connection to the new fiber optics.

Total coverage of the campus is divided into two phases. Phase I is to run a "backbone" along the back side of the campus and connect up the Student Center, Building C (Administration), Building D (Mathematics), Building E (Laboratory Building, Information Technology), Building F (Continuing Education), Building G (Electrical Building), and Building H (Academic Building). Phase I is planned for completion by the end of this fiscal year, June 1995.

Phase II covers all other build-

ings. Completion of Phase II depends on future availability of funds and may have to be completed piecemeal.

Currently, labs and offices around campus are networked together with coaxial cable. The same type used to hook up cable T.V. This is how administrators, professors, etc., transfer e-mail or connect to the Internet.

The coaxial cable communications backbone was installed in the mid eighties, before the creation of the Network Manager position.

Hal Barnes, who is just finishing up his third year as Southern Tech Network Manager, has been looking at this project for more than a year and hopes to receive final estimates by this week.

Laying the fiber optic cables will require the digging of trenches for underground conduits. This generally runs about \$40 a foot. The power lines around campus are in the process of being entrenched and some combination of the two projects is possible. Internally, all the buildings

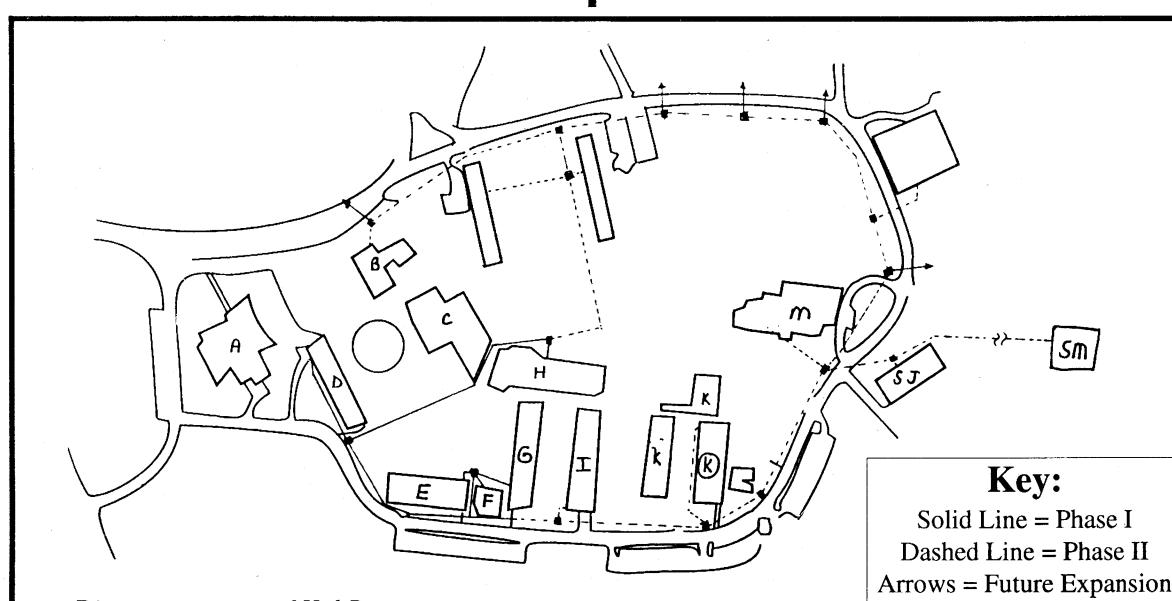


Diagram courtesy of Hal Barnes

## Key:

Solid Line = Phase I  
Dashed Line = Phase II  
Arrows = Future Expansion  
All paths are approximate.

This diagram is much more interesting than the picture of a bunch of computers, so that is why we had to re-layout this whole page. Or was it another page? I don't remember.

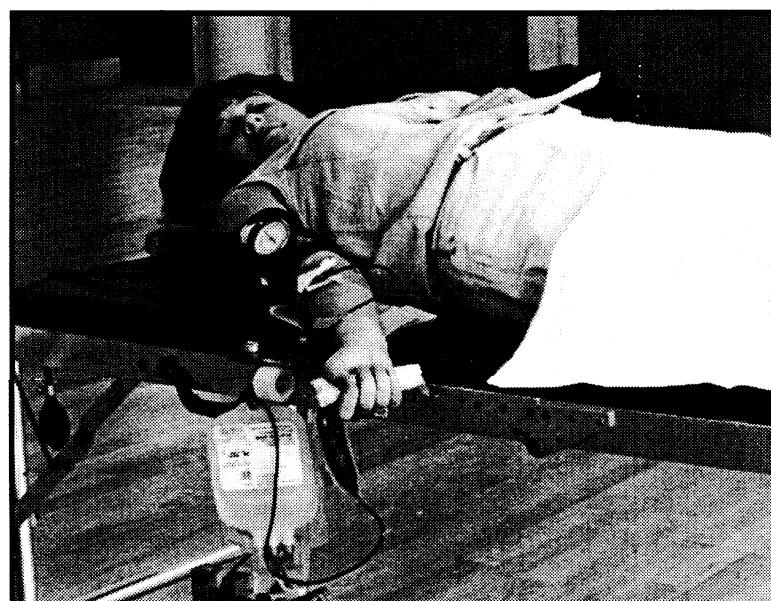
have been wired, and can run broadband, so it is just a matter of getting the fiber optics connection.

The most obvious benefit will be the increased speed at which you'll be able to run. Plus, it will greatly open up the possibilities of software

choices, e-mail, printer sharing, and Internet exploration and other tools. You will also be able to FTP directly to a site, without going through the RS6000.

Completion of phase I will make this available from almost any com-

puter on campus. To access all this, all you'll need to hook up your desktop computer through ethernet connections. You will need to buy your own ethernet card. The broadband connection will stay operational until the fiber optic project is complete.



IET student Denise Saunders, one of many from the Southern Tech Campus to donate time and platelets to the Red Cross. -Photo by Shujen Fang

## Red Cross Makes a Withdrawal From Campus

By SHUJEN FANG

On July 19, 1994, one of the Blood Mobiles from Red Cross visited Southern Tech's Student Center. This Blood Mobile was on a mission to collect as much blood as it could to reach 800 - 1,000 pints of blood. This is how much is needed per day by the Atlanta Red Cross.

By 12:30pm, the Blood Mobile at our school had already collected close to 40 pints of blood. Bobby Armstrong, staff of Red Cross, said that he was quite pleased about this trip to our school. He mentioned any collection close to 40 pints of blood per day per location was quite a good accomplishment.

Every day, the Atlanta Red Cross organization assigns Blood Mobiles to visit metro Atlanta areas to collect blood. As everyone knows, the collected blood is primarily used for saving people's lives. Hospitals are the main consumers of it. In the past, blood was requested for treating patients of sickness or for surgery reasons. Nowadays, the injuries from car accidents create the

most need for blood.

Bobby Armstrong also mentioned that under no circumstances would Red Cross let out any information about blood donors and receivers. Blood donors do not get paid for blood donation, and the blood receivers do not need to pay for blood, either.

According to Bobby Armstrong, the blood reserves never reach the full level. This, of course, is because of the strong demand. Therefore, the blood donors are sincerely welcomed and badly needed. Red Cross provides some juice and cookies for donors after the blood donation. Four days after the blood donation, Red Cross will send blood donors blood donation cards. These cards will contain some basic information about donors' blood condition.

Red Cross's visit to our school was set up by Ruth Katz, Red Cross staff, and Vicki Langston, Student Center Building Operations/Reservations Manager. TKE, a student organization, acted voluntarily to publicize inside campus.



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# MEETINGS

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## Staff Council Hopes to Bring Campus Together



Some of the members of the Staff Council are (l-r) Bernie Siler, Carolyn Tanner, Gary Chasteen, Mary Phillips and Vicki Langston. -Photo by Bill Finnick

By Kassia Cato  
and Bill Finnick

This year's Staff Council met for the first time Thursday, July 28, 1994 in the Student Center. The

Staff Council was established a couple of years ago to give the administrative and staff employees a voice in how Southern Tech is run. It is similar to the Students' SGA and Faculties' Senate.

Two items on the agenda were the selection of Officers and an address by President Cheshier. Nancy Fairbanks, Athletics' Secretary, accepted the position of Chair and Judy Emory, Senior Accounting

Assistant, was selected to be the secretary.

President Cheshier, addressing the group in regards to the council's role, stated that, "the staff council was to express the interests of the people each member represented."

President Cheshier went on to say that he saw, "the council as a very critical leadership group, because they have the opportunity to bring ideas, from the people they represent, which will help to improve the campus."

He added, "some of these ideas will be based on the Total Quality Management class (TQM) such as learning how to communicate with each other, and how to fix problems on campus."

He wants the staff council to identify specific problems the Southern Tech staff has, and to improve the process and to continue to check to make sure that the process is actually working.

President Cheshier wants to create an atmosphere where no one will have to worry about their job being in danger, because they go to their boss with an idea to improve something. He wants the staff council to go through a project training pro-

gram, so that in the fall they can start on projects to improve the campus.

Newly appointed Staff Council Chair Nancy Fairbanks is, "hoping for a very productive year." Adding that, "we have good people on the Council and are hoping to include more people in on various projects."

The Council consists of members that represent the many facets of the support staff, they are:

Jerry Burgess, Plant Ops-x3284  
Jerry Baswell, Skilled Craft-x3290

Gary Chasteen, Campus Safety-x7348  
Annette Barfield, Business Office-x3278

Vicki Langston, Student Activities-x7374

Carolyn Tanner, Physics & Chemistry-x7215

George Scott, Campus Safety-x7348  
Yolanda Menefee, Plant Ops-x7256

Bernie Siler, Procurement-x7258  
Judy Emory, Business Office-x3279

Lawrence Cail, ECET-x7248  
Nancy Fairbanks, Athletics-x7350

The goal of Southern Tech's representative bodies is to bring the campus together, like a team, and the support staff is an intrinsic part of our team.

## SGA Agrees To Agree, Unanimously

By BILL GREVE

The second SGA meeting of Summer Quarter '94 was called to order July 19, at 12:03 p.m.. In attendance were (the number after each name denotes number of absences): Shannon Acreman - Pres. (0), Kevin Webster - V Pres. (0), Krista Winter - Sec/Tr (0), Kassia Cato (0), Cynthia Clements (0), Andre Willis (1), Matthew Nelson (0), Paul Elliott (0), Jon Hamby (1), David Kelly (1), Dewayne Thomas (1); absent were: Matt Duke (2), Andrew Butler (1).

The first order of business was the officer reports. Shannon related how he had attempted to reach Dean Smith concerning last quarter's SGA student surveys.

Due to everyone being at the President's Retreat, Shannon was unsuccessful. He hopes to have a report ready by the next meeting.

Krista Winter reported that General Operations and Student Development funds remained unchanged at \$8500.00 and \$3500.00, respectively.

Committee chairs were appointed. President Acreman moved to appoint Paul Elliott to Internal Affairs, Dewayne Thomas to Public Relations, and Kassia Cato to Budget and Finance. All were approved

unanimously.

Also appointed unanimously were Matt Duke and Andre Willis-Internal Affairs; David Kelly, Cynthia Clements and Matthew Nelson-Budget and Finance; Jon Hamby and Andrew Butler- Public Relations.

Internal Affairs: Conducts annual reviews of all officially recognized organizations, the SGA, the SGA Constitution, and other tasks as directed by the Student Council.

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Public Relations: Handles any publicity of SGA meetings and SGA-sponsored events.

The SGA Constitution calls for Student Council to have four standing committees, the fourth being the Election committee. No mention of staffing this committee was made at this time.

Shannon Acreman, Kassia Cato, and Dewayne Thomas will travel to Savannah July 28-31 for the Summer SAC convention.

A General Operations request of \$450 to cover travel, lodging, and registration fees was unanimously approved.

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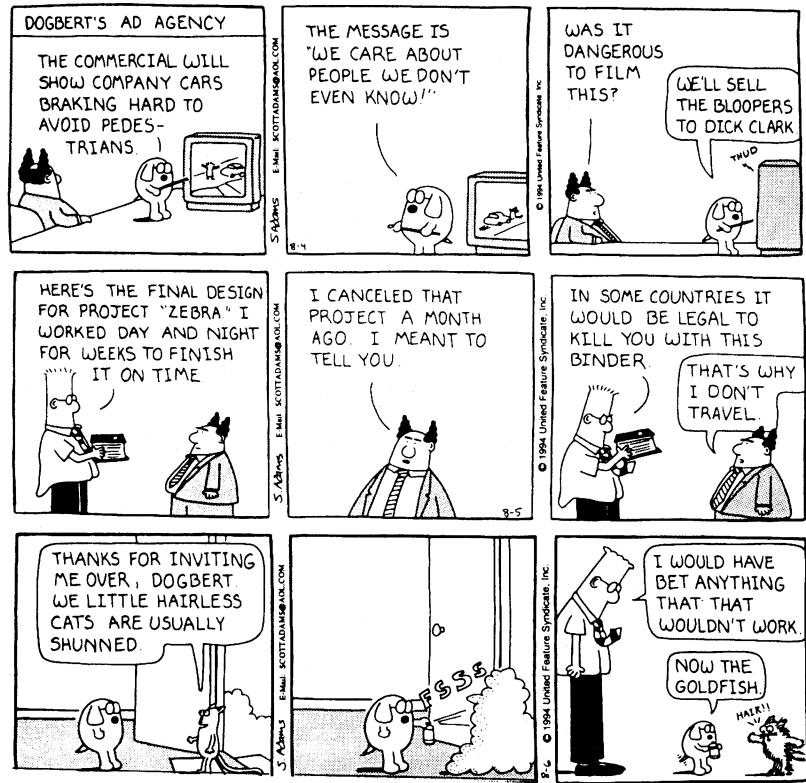
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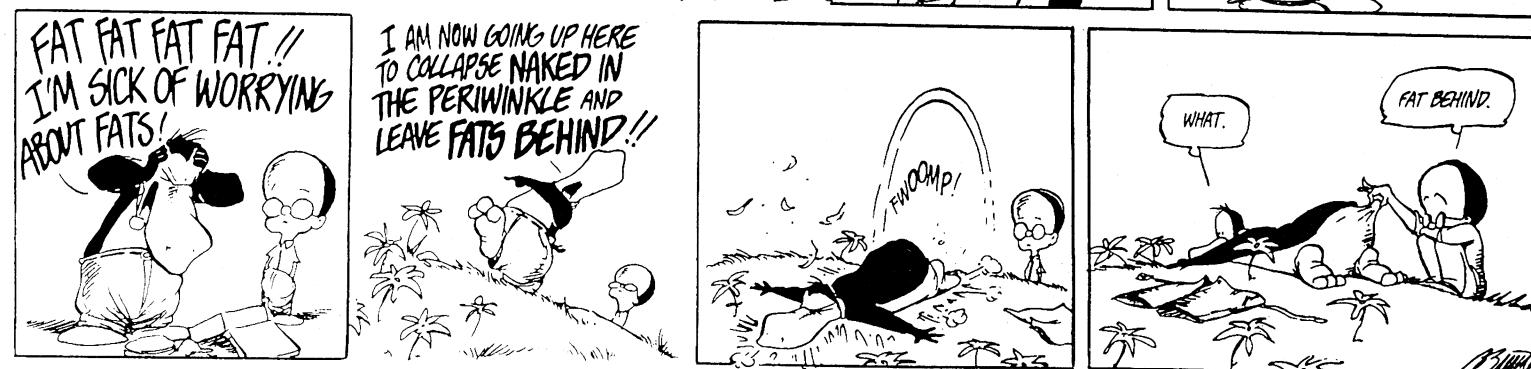
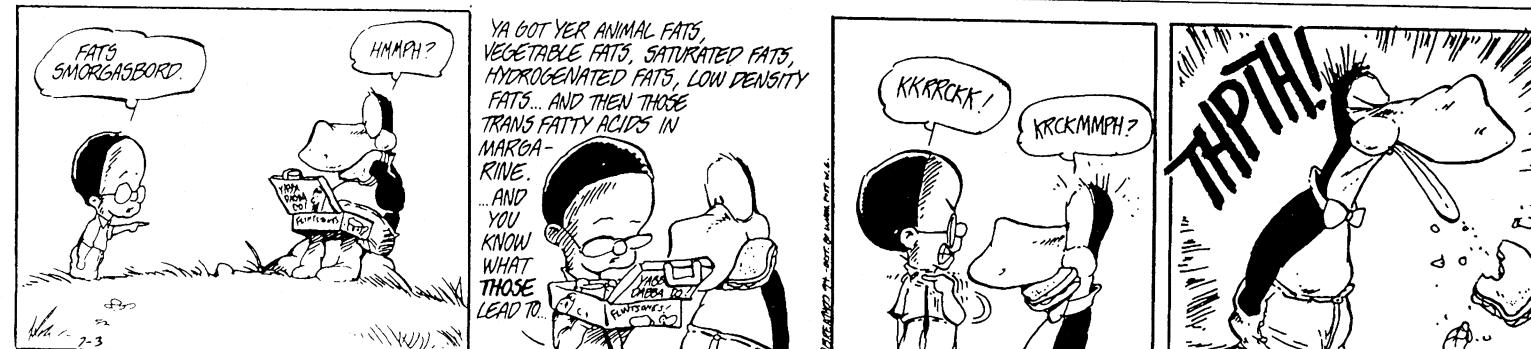
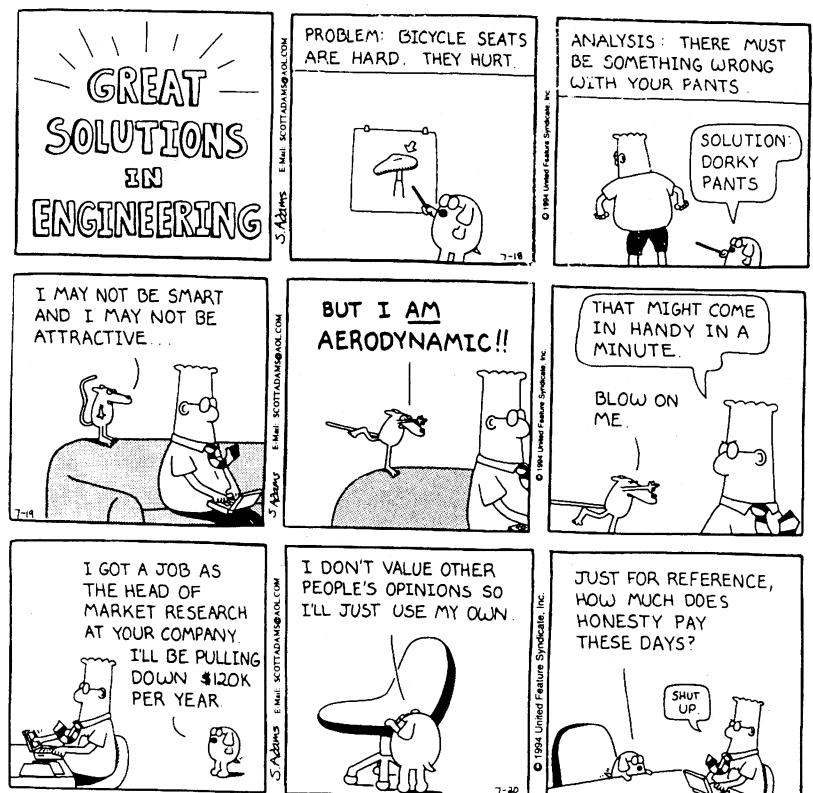
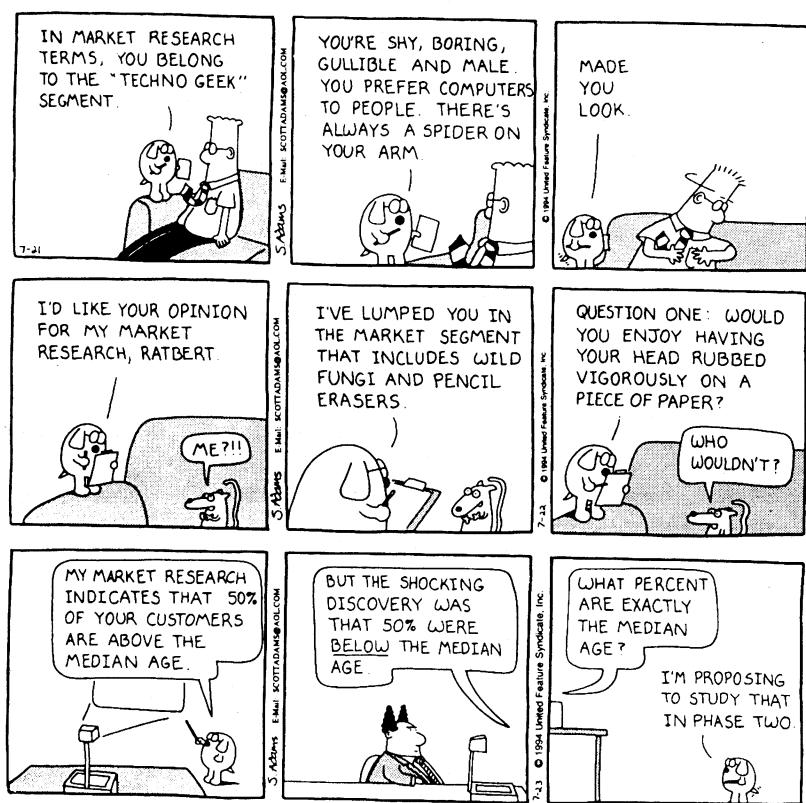
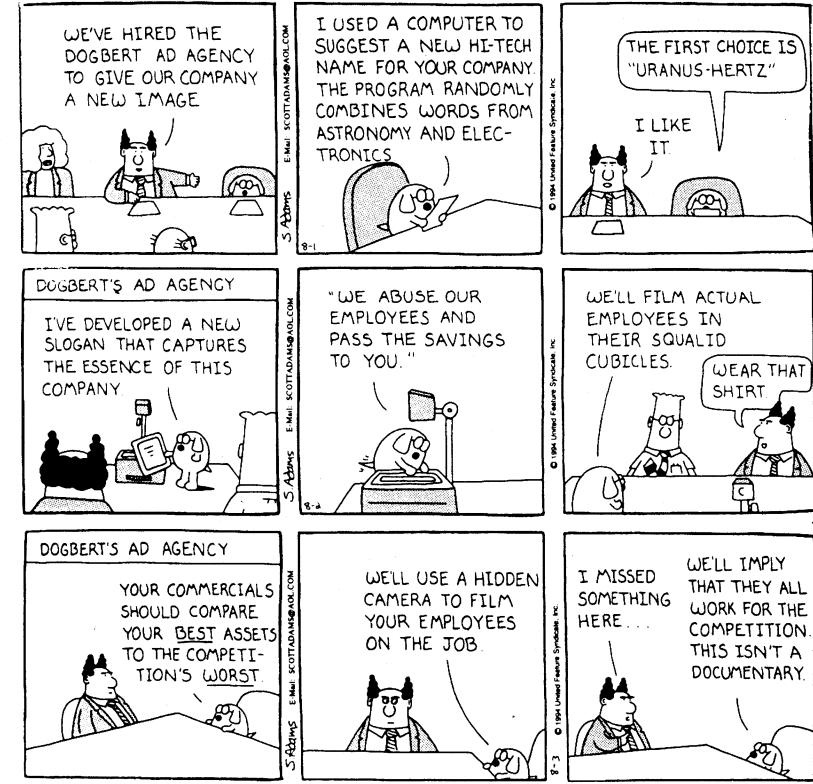
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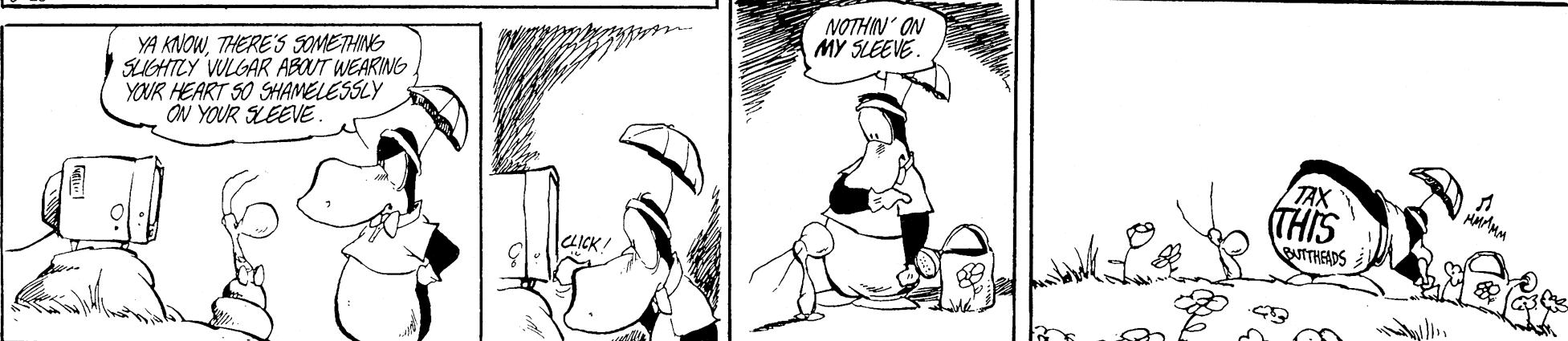
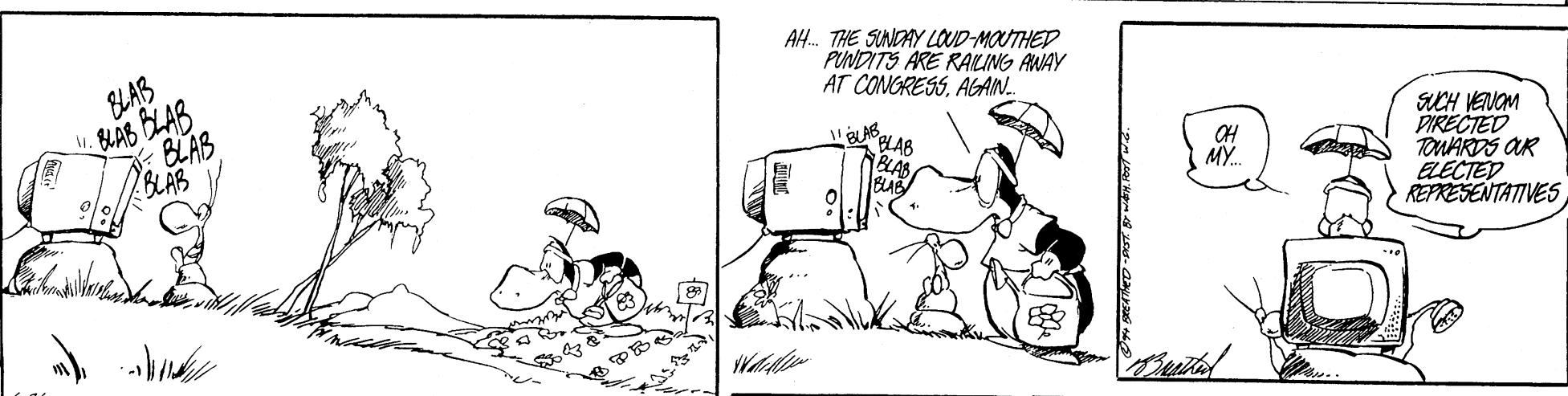
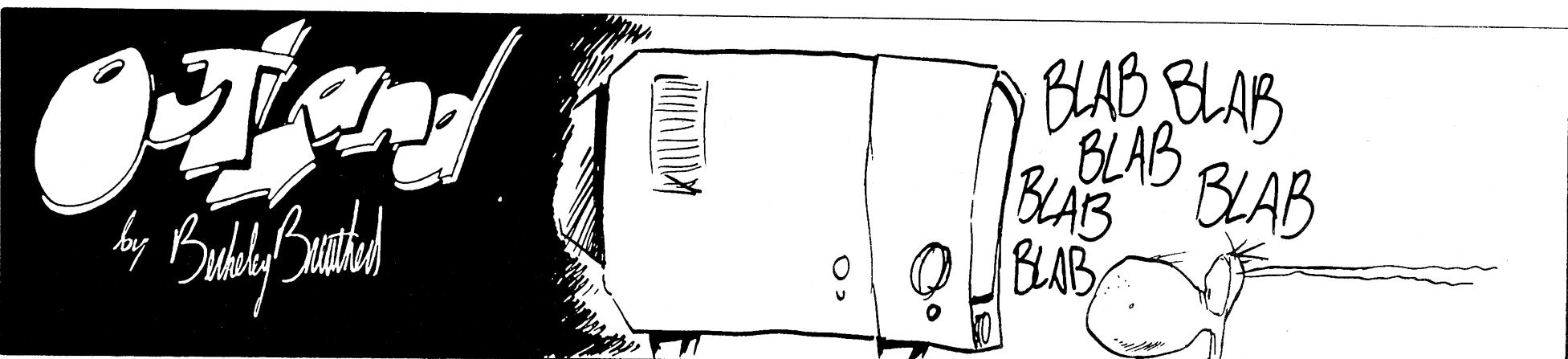
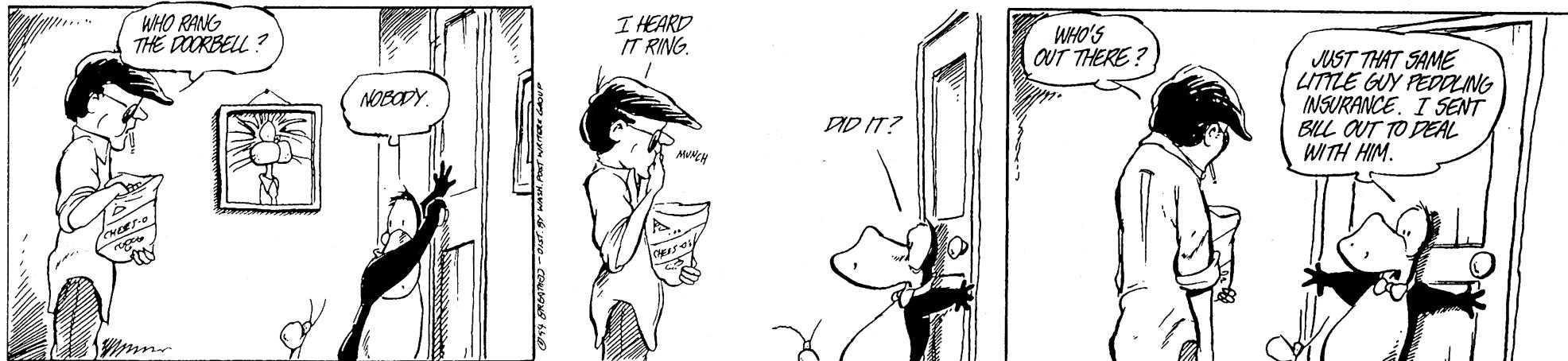
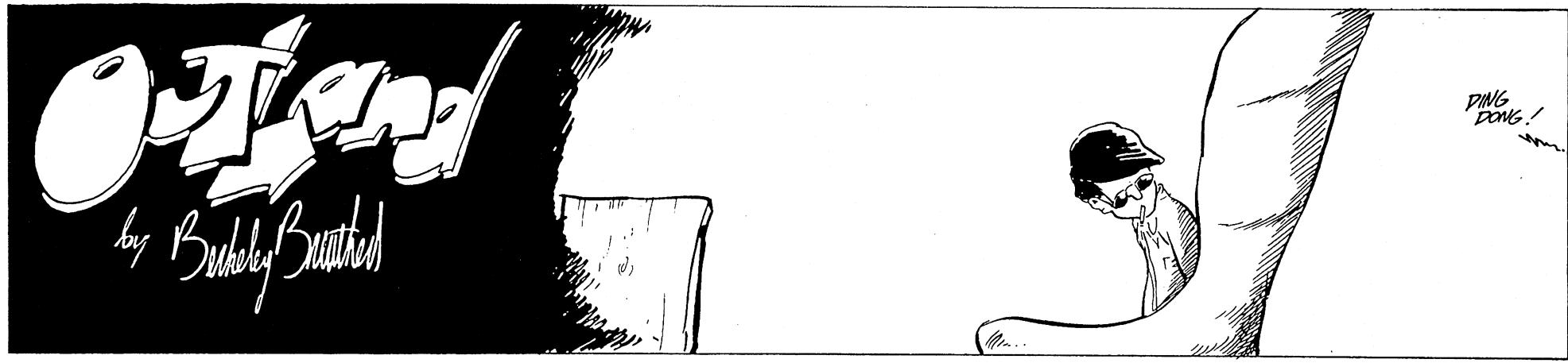
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## Arnold, Jamie Lee Curtis, and Lots of Explosives



In the hot new flick *True Lies*, Arnold Schwarzenegger screams, "When the sign says the bathroom is occupied, it means the bathroom is occupied!!"

By LEIGH ANN HOLTON  
and ED HARDY

Ed: OK, let's get the dull stuff out of the way. *True Lies* stars Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jamie Lee Curtis. It was directed by James Cameron. So, Leigh Ann, what did you think of it?

Leigh Ann: Well, for unrealistic cheesy-romantic action adventure, it was pretty good. But the one thing that really excited me about this picture was the Harrier Jump-Jet. Way, way cool - if you know what I

mean!

Ed: *True Lies* is what a James Bond movie would be like if every woman Bond slept with didn't die. It was pretty good, but lo-o-ong. Two and a half hours.

Leigh Ann: You know Ed, the length didn't really bother me, it was the #\$\$! cinema club we watched the movie with. And, what about that chick wearing only a jacket with 6 inch patten-leather pumps?

Ed: Hey, I had to sit next to the two New Jersey women who talked through the entire movie. What did you think of the special effects?

Leigh Ann: I loved ALL of the special effects. A definite plus for this movie is the fact that all the bad guys were eventually killed and almost every free standing structure was blown-up. And you know Ed, the Harrier jet involved in the skyscraper scene was specially built for this movie. I think it should be mine because it really turned me on.

Ed: Enough about the Harrier. Let's talk about the plot for a minute. Arnold is a super spy who is trying to juggle saving the world while saving his marriage. Jamie Lee Curtis is his bored and neglected

wife. Personally, I thought these characters were pretty flat. I had no real emotional attachment to them.

Leigh Ann: Ed, I agree with your character assessment. Jamie Lee's character started out as meek house wife looking for adventure and affection. After going through some far-fetched adventures, she became a saucy, outgoing spy with the "perfect" life. On the other hand, Tom Arnold's character was great. He (somehow) manages to portray the perfect wise-cracking, loser-with-

women spy type. I was very surprised that his presence in the movie did not bother me.

Ed: I think he was playing himself. I mean, look who he's married to. But anyway, this movie was surprisingly funny. Jamie Lee was in there mainly for slap-stick comedy purposes. And because she looks really good in bikini underwear. Arnold did his usual good job with the one-liners. But he didn't say "I'll be back"!

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## Smoke On the Mountain Uses 16 Different Instruments

By SHUJEN FANG

*Smoke on the Mountain* is a bluegrass gospel musical play directed and designed by Dex Edwards. The play mixes stories, preaching, and some good old-fashioned country music. The best part of this play is it makes you laugh from the very first minute. There are no fancy dramatic tricks to confuse you, such as time-switching or stage converting. The whole performance clearly and fluently shows how a conservative Baptist Church Reverend adopts gospel music in a comedic manner.

The play takes place in the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Mount Pleasant, North Carolina in 1938, where the Sanders family is

scheduled to perform. The Sanders family is expected by Reverend Oglethorpe to honor God by singing Christian songs and witnessing. The cast of the Sanders family are Shelly McCook, Glenn Rainey, Karen Howell Griffin, Scott Depot, Denis Wilbanks, and Thomas E. Brady. Reverend Mervin Oglethorpe, played by Eric Ferguson, is the pastor of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church.

The performance of this play is impressive. Actors not only interestingly deliver the story, but also capture the true spirit of Christian music. In the proper sense of Christianity, it is worthwhile to note how a southern Baptist church adjusts itself in the revival era. The type of

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# The Client Closely Follows the Book

By BILL FINNICK

 *The Client: a suspense-thriller based on the John Grisham novel starring Susan Sarandon, Tommy Lee Jones and Brad Renfro.*

Yes, yet another literary masterpiece brought to you via the big screen. Thankfully this time the screenplay, by Akiva Goldsmith and Robert Gethell, stayed within the confines of the original work.

If Grisham's fourth has yet to get around to you in the intraoffice reading pool a short narration may be helpful.

Kid tries to stop suicide, kid nearly gets killed himself, kid learns of a killing, kid is tracked by good

and bad guys, kid meets heroine, something happens to kid.

Brad Renfro plays the street smart kid. Susan Sarandon the kid loving lawyer. Tommy Lee Jones the politically ambitious District Attorney.

You may have read where two outstanding talents are taking a back seat to a 11 year old making his acting debut, but the film is about *The Client*, not The Lawyer or The DA.

The only draw back to the whole picture is that I had a mental image of Roy Foltrigg as this fat, obnoxious, pig of a bureaucrat that should be easily hated and it is hard to think that way of Tommy Lee Jones. Don't get me wrong. It is yet another great



"Why yes, Your Honor, this is a really dull picture. All the press pictures for *The Client* were boring."

performance by Jones but I pictured the guy who squealed like a pig in *Deliverance* as the Federal Prosecutor.

Get yourself a dose of jurist

prudence reality and leave OJ for *The Client* this Summer.

Oh, by the way, the moral of the story is: Smoking may be harmful to your health.

Barry, Vicki and Bill eagerly await the release of *A Time to Kill*.

BILL FINNICK wishes to thank Vicki Langston who contributed to this review.

# Seven Brides for Seven Brothers Better as a Movie

By SHUJEN FANG

 *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, a musical comedy play, is directed by Tony Parise. The play shows a dramatic and fairy-tale-like love story. Director Tony Parise excellently controls the conversion between stages and the timing of each scene. The length of each scene is just right to keep your attention and not bore you.

The play takes place in 1850, in the Oregon Territory. A handsome backwoodsman Adam Pontipee, played by Stephen Lehew, the eldest of seven brothers, goes to town to hunt for a wife. Milly, played by Victoria Mallory, falls in love with Adam at first sight. She agrees to marry him right away and goes home with him all in the same day.

A series of shocks are waiting for Milly. A ramshackle cabin and six unruly Pontipee

brothers are what she has to live with. How she handles this situation is the fun part to see. You will laugh as she tries to bring the house under control by tempting the brothers with food.

After learning manners from Milly, the six brothers go to a church social in town. There, they meet six girls. The six Pontipee brothers get love sick when they go back home. How they get married to these six girls is the climax of this play. They kidnap them. As fairytales go, we all know that the seven princesses and princes live happily ever after.

This play is very interesting to me. One of the reasons is that the whole performance is under very precise control, and the other reason is that this love story was always my day dream when I was a teenager. If you like this story, you can find the video tape, an MGM film, or, get the book "Seven Brides for

Seven Brothers" written by Lawrence Kasha and David S. Landay.

Next up at The Fabulous Fox Theatre is *Hello, Dolly!* starring

Carol Channing. This is the original Tony Award-Winning Production. *Dolly* will be at The Fox Tuesday, August 16 through Sunday, August 21.

*Hello, Dolly!* won ten Tony awards when it opened in 1964. SHUJEN FANG is The Sting staff member of the week. Congratulations.

## Financial Aid continued from 1

it's back to the lines and any money still owed won't be disbursed until after the drop/add day.

It worked "great" this quarter said Mr. Youngblood, but this "Fall will be the real test. Last fall about 2500 students were on aid." Many of the fall students won't have advance registered though, so the check release may be moved to another site.

The goal of this new procedure is to reduce the number of trips a financial aid student makes to the Business Office. This would also reduce the number of people in line

paying fees, resulting in shorter waits for everyone.

As Comptroller, Dan Youngblood's responsibilities are mostly accounting-payroll, student accounts, and working on the check-cutting end. So if you have questions with your financial aid, go to Financial Aid. If your financial is in order, and you advance register, expect shorter queues.

After learning about the new system some of the "customers" remarked on this new service. One student said it was very convenient for her to buy books before classes

began, and she even saved money because she was able to buy them used.

"I asked the cashier to repeat the date that I was to return, just to make sure I heard her correctly. This is a convenience that was long overdue, and I believe it will encourage more students to advance register to avoid any further delays in our financial aid."

A few co-ops said they are looking forward to seeing this system work in the Fall. "This would definitely make it more convenient and less stress for all persons involved."

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## ΠΣ Math Stinger ΣΠ

By DR. JOEL C. FOWLER

The last puzzle was to find all possible points on the surface of the earth from which a person can walk 1 mile south, then 1 mile east, then 1 mile north and be back where they started from. The correct answers are at the north pole and at any point located exactly  $1 + s$  miles north of the south pole where  $s$  is any number of the form  $4000 \times \arcsin(1/(8000k(p)))$ ,  $k=1,2,3,\dots$ . Correct answers were received from Alan Gabrielli and Leo Kent.

For a new puzzle suppose that the diagram below represents the longhand (pre-calculator) multiplication of a two digit number and a three digit number. Suppose that the p's represent only prime digits (but not necessarily the same prime digit). Thus only prime digits occur throughout the entire multiplication.

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Find the two numbers that were multiplied together.

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*.

DR. JOEL C. FOWLER is an Assistant Professor of Mathematics.

# ORGANIZATIONS



By CYNTHIA CLEMENTS

Fall quater is just around the corner, and Panhellenic is planning a spectacular Fall Formal Rush. Formal Rush is when both sororities, Alpha Delta Pi and Gamma Phi Beta, treat women who are interested in joining a sorority to exciting and informative parties. Formal Rush begins on September 22, the first



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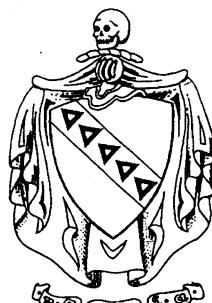
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day of Fall quater classes.

If you are interested in going through Rush, look for the Panhellenic table between 11:00 AM - 1:00PM out near the flag poles the first three days of class or go to the Student Activities Office in the Joe Mack Wilson Student Center and ask for Kim Welch or call her at 528-7374. She will give you all the information you need and answer any questions you may have.

Also, Panhellenic is planning a dance for fall quater. If you have any questions or ideas see Wendy Harper.



By the TEKE TRACKER  
Prytanis #338

The other day someone asked me "What is TKE?" So for the next couple of issues I'll try to answer that question.

## Landscaping continued from 1

the area outside the double doors of the dinning hall with the tall roof. Steps are going to be made there so students will not need hiking shoes to surmount the 45 degree incline.

Eddie asked *The Sting* to tell its readers to, "Please bear with the crew while construction is under progress." Things are going to get messy, but every effort is being made to avoid unnecessary discomfort to everyone.

The memorial benches and decorative lighting will also be part of this year's project. The decorative lighting will look like the fixtures around the Administration Building and the old Bookstore building.

The recent purchase of six memorial benches by SGA will be placed along side the main sidewalk from the main parking lot. Eddie said that with this arrangement three benches will be in the shade and three will be in the sun during the summer while all benches will be in the sun during the winter.

There is also a plan to have that sidewalk connect directly into the new athletic building.

There are currently nine permanent positions on the landscaping crew and three temporary positions. Eddie said that three or four more temps will have to be hired when the project gets into full swing.

## Architecture continued from 1

some of the standards they will need in industry.

But for now, the School of Architecture awaits the results of the National Architecture Accreditation Board to see if they met all of

the standards set by the board.

According to Dean Kaufman, Southern Tech's Architectural program should receive full accreditation in 1995 if everything goes well.

## ENTERTAINMENT AROUND CAMPUS / MARIETTA

### August 1st-5th

- CAB movie this week is *Grumpy Old Men*.
- SGA meeting is at noon in the Student Center Room 206. August 2nd

### August 8th-12th

- CAB movie this week is *Age of Innocence*.
- Academic Advisement for Fall, August 10th - 11th
- *Cyrano* at Cormier Coffee House. August 11-13, 18-20, and 25-27

### August 15th-19th

- CAB movie this week is *The Firm*.
- Advance Registration for Fall. August 15th-26th
- For petitioned Graduates there is an alumni Reception in the Library Rotunda from 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM and 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM. August 18th
- SGA meeting is at noon in Student Center room 206. August 16th
- *Of Mice and Men* playing at the Theatre in the Square. Starting August 17th

### August 19th & 22

- Freshman Orientation August 22nd-26th
- CAB movie this week is *Wayne's World II*.

### August 29th-September 2nd

- CAB movie this week is *What's Eating Gilbert Grape?*
- The next *Sting* will be released. August 30th
- SGA meeting is at noon in Student Center room 206. August 30th
- Advance Registration for those who forgot to get advised. August 31st-September 1st

### September 3-5

- The Library and Student Center will be closed for Labor Day weekend.

### September 6th-9th

- Last day of classes. September 6th
- The CAB movie will be *Threesome*.
- The Library will extend hours to make up for being closed Labor Day weekend. The hours are 8:00AM - 11:00PM for September 7th and 8th.
- The library will be open from 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM on September 9th

### September 10th

- The Library will be open from 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM.

To submit a meeting or event for the next calendar, drop off a note at the *Sting* Office on or before August 23 or E-mail wgreve.

Did you know that since 1934, over 11,000 men have been initiated into fraternities every month. And on average, national fraternities grow at the rate of 12 chapters a month.

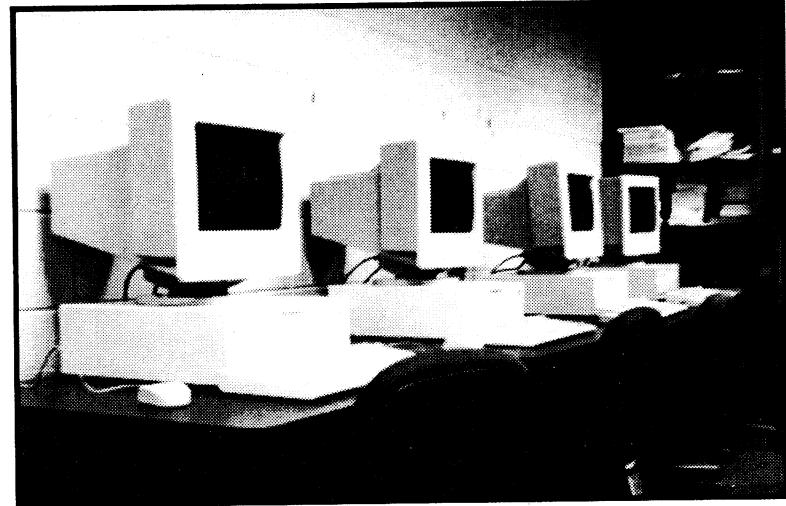
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100 Committee members, 22 professional employees and 10 clerical employees that provide services to chapters. TKE has lifetime membership granted upon initiation and has no restrictive membership clauses.

The brothers of Tau kappa Epsilon, Xi Chi Chapter would like to invite everyone to check out our Fall Rush.

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The new computer lab. Wubba wubba wabba. - Photo by Dave Dula

## Computer continued from 4

with the 15 PCs via a 10-base 2 Ethernet network. This network will eventually be connected to the SCT backbone network.

A rich complement of software will be installed on the PCs. Along with DOS and Windows, there will be Word Perfect, Word Perfect Presentations, and Quattro Pro. However, the main use of software will probably be the software found in the back of many management books. That software includes problems,

solutions, and exercises that go along with the text. There may also be a game (of sorts) in the lab. The Management Department is currently evaluating SimHealth, by the makers of SimCity. Don't bring your joysticks however, because this is a game centered around the effective management of available resources.

Another lab paid for by the grant is the Usability Lab. This has three to four cameras in the room to observe a person's movements.

# CAMPUS FORUM

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## The Students Come Last! The Students Come Last!

Dear Editor,

Last year during the basketball season, my girlfriend and I went to the Athletic Center at 8:30 am in the morning and proceeded to play basketball. However, at about 8:50 am we were thrown out of the gym because of basketball practice. I said "fine, so they practice in the morning." At about 2:00 pm that same day I came back to the center only to find them practicing again. So being a gentleman, I kindly asked when are the designated times for students to play and his response was "the gym is for school functions like family night, then comes the basketball team, then comes the baseball team during baseball season when it rains, and during the summer

it is held over for the summer youth programs." He NEVER answered my question.

In other words we the students, who are currently shelling out BIG bucks for a new Athletic Center, come last or not at all when we want to use athletic facilities. I have on many occasions gone to the gym (the basketball court) and it was unavailable. The students come last!

On July 26th I and many others tried to play basketball at around 3:00 pm but the center was reserved for the summer youth program. The students come last!

On Saturday, July 23rd, the gym was supposed to be open but the person who usually unlocks the doors conveniently forgot to show

up. Since there was no SCT basketball practice, no summer youth program or any other reason other than for the students. It really didn't matter. The students come last.

Even on other occasions when I go in the morning the lights are off and they stay off even when I've been there for more than an hour and they see me practicing. The students come last.

On other occasions I have not been able to receive any help when I needed it. The students come last!

I'M NOT ASKING FOR THE WORLD or even for respect. All I'm asking for is to have the facility available at SPECIFIC TIMES for the students to play and to have

somewhat better hours than my bank.

At Georgia Tech and Georgia State the facilities are open to the students until 11:00 pm and the students actually like going to their respective schools. Even at Dekalb College and Gwinnett Tech the students have designated times and better hours so they can play. Is it too much to ask that we the students be able to use the facilities we paid for.

Furthermore, I feel it is a slap to face of all Southern Tech students

that we are paying for MORE athletic facilities when we can't even use the existing facilities. You're a student, so tell me how many weekly activities are there for the students? Well if you said hardly any then consider this. Why not have a few weekly activities in the athletic facilities. You know indoor soccer, volleyball, basketball and soon. Too bad the students come last!!

Sincerely,  
Christopher Eric Cobb

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## Arnold continued from 8

**Leigh Ann:** I found much humor in the bathroom brawl - that little man in the stall just cracked me up. The bedroom dance that Jamie Lee did pretty much made me fall out of my seat.

And Arnold surprised me with his ability to be damn funny despite his previous movies. Overall, I give it a thumb up. So, GO SEE THIS MOVIE! At least for two and half hours, you will be entertained.

**Ed:** I think the whole thumb thing is silly, so I'm using my thumb to hit you on the head.

**Leigh Ann:** Are you giving ME or the MOVIE the finger?

**Ed:** That isn't what I mean and you

know it. Isn't it just like a woman to turn this whole thing around so it seems like I'm a ...

**Leigh Ann:** ...guy who writes no more than three words on every 1.5 X 1.5 stickie in sight and sticks to everything in the info desk for me to find the next day!!!

**Ed:** Hey, I LIKE little stickees!

**Leigh Ann:** Yes Ed, we know you LIKE little stickees!

**Ed:** All right, that's done it! I hope you die of a debilitating brain aneurism, you freak!

**Leigh Ann:** Well Ed, you mutant male piece of kaa-kaa, may you die of some long, lingering, painful, debilitating, deep-under-spy, covert,

secret-ninja caught disease with one Andrew at your bedside til your last day finally arrives and God graciously lets you die but does not let you to heaven where all the "Leigh Ann's" of the world are!

**ED HARDY** now lies awake at night dreaming of maiming Leigh Ann.

**LEIGH ANN HOLTON** used to be called Dorothy Parker, but no one knew who that was. And neither did she.

## Smoke continued from 8



"Maybe they had a ridiculous statement to make about something they hadn't experienced. Possibly Sam had a different opinion that nobody ever considered important." - Caption by Meat Puppets (*Sam*)

music and the topic of witness are the main parts to look for in this play.

I personally like some of the witness presented in this play. They provide some insight into how Jesus lives inside people's minds.

Get a chance to go see this play next time it plays.

Unfortunately Smoke on the Mountain ended July 31, so you missed it this year. It will be back

next summer.

But the next Theater on the Square production will be Of Mice and Men, based on the same named John Steinbeck novel about life during the depression.

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**SHUJEN FANG** smiles even though she needs a root canal.

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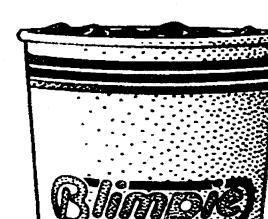
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# Students Seek Alternatives to Official College Bookstores

(NSNS) - The spiraling costs of tuitions and fees often overshadow another nagging price to pay for college — the price of textbooks.

Increasingly dissatisfied with the high prices of new books and the low sell-back rates of used ones, many students are seeking ways to offset their book costs.

The struggle can be a difficult one, especially at the many universities which have entrenched financial interests in the school's "official" store.

Simply put, bookstores reap enormous profits for their colleges, often at the expense of their students.

*Campus Marketplace*, the newsletter for the 6,000-member National Association of College Bookstores, recently reported that prices of 100 widely-used textbooks rose 91.5-percent between 1983 and 1993.

A second study in the NACB newsletter reported that the cost for nearly 87,000 textbook titles jumped 7.8 percent between February 1992 and February 1993 — more than twice the national inflation rate.

"The high cost of textbooks at Tulane is something all Tulane students have been forced to accept," wrote the editors of the Tulane University Hullabaloo newspaper in a recent editorial. "But while textbooks are always expensive, our bookstore has a position of monopoly to keep prices, and profits, high."

Editors at the Hullabaloo esti-

mate that each student pays more than \$100 extra per semester due to the monopoly situation on campus.

The Tulane bookstore, run by the conglomerate Barnes and Noble chain, is the only place where Tulane students can purchase their textbooks.

Because university officials only release the authorized list of books ordered by professors to the contracted Barnes and Noble outlet, a rival bookstore which attempted to compete with the university store did not know which books to stock and soon after closed.

University of Southern Louisiana Bookstore Director Henry Barker said that the USL store follows the NACB national guidelines for book pricing.

Barker said that textbook prices are controlled by publishers. Bookstores have a 20-to-25-percent profit margin, but after shipping and overhead costs, Barker estimated that most stores usually clear a net profit of about 12-percent.

Often the large chainstores will lower their prices to eliminate competition when they cannot do so by withholding booklists.

At Clarkston University in Potsdam, N.Y., the Barnes and Noble bookstore dropped its prices on textbooks by up to 40 percent when a rival store opened nearby.

At Texas A&M University in College Station, competition among bookstores is encouraged, creating significant savings for students. College Station has successful bookstores on many street corners,

and observers there say that the competition creates more local jobs, which is good for business and students.

Students across Oregon are benefitting from bookstore cooperative programs in which members receive a percentage of revenues as a rebate.

At Oregon State University in Corvallis, 12,500 students out of approximately 14,000 belong to

their co-op. Over the last fiscal year, OSU students paid 50-cents each for membership, and received a half-million dollars in return.

"We are going to give all the money away (to members)," said Jim Weikart, OSU general store manager. "The fewer the people who turn in receipts, the bigger the share will be."

At the University of Oregon in Eugene, students receive a nine-per-

cent discount on books at the time of purchase, and over the last 20 years they have saved \$8-million in discounts, according to Jim Williams, general manager of the OU bookstore.

"The more successful the store is, the better it will be for students," said Williams.

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One day a few years ago, these poor, downtrodden, students got so tired of overpricing in the Southern Tech Bookstore that they had to be talked down from the roof of the Student Center. Soon after arriving back on solid ground, they climbed back on the roof and demanded that "S" be stricken from the alphabet. -Photo by somebody a long time ago.

## Saturday Nights



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