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RA's Paid With Room and Board Not Money

By LEIGH BOROS
and DAVE DULA

At the beginning of summer quarter, the Housing Office implemented a new policy that the Resident Assistants (RA's) would be paid by room and board instead of room + \$81.00 per week. This decision was made over a year ago by Ed Klein and the RA's. The reason the Housing office waited to implement this was to give the RA's who disagreed or needed a paycheck a chance to find another job to support them. The RA's get a two meal a day ticket and an opportunity for a single room. This change effectively increased their salary.

An RA must work two hours a week in the office, check in and check out, plan and run a program for their floor. They also help with the Resident Association activities. In addition, they handle all problems and complaints for the hall. They are also required to be available one night a week from 5:00pm to 8:00 am. They also handle mandatory roommate assignment. They

are allowed to work up to 15 hrs. at another job.

The Sting took a survey of majority of the RA's. There was strong dislike for the room and board payment. Ricky Stewart, who would be on a meal plan whether it was part of his RA payment or not, had this complaint: "At this time we receive no cash. Actually we are owing \$5.00 - \$10.00 each pay period because when they deduct our rent and meal ticket from our check we owe them for taxes." Mr. Stewart also works another campus job which the taxes for room and board are deducted from.

Some of the RA's surveyed said the food service is making money off of them because of the hours conflicting with their classes. Michelle Saenz wrote on her survey "At first [the meal plan] seemed like a good idea, but now that we actually tried it out, I've found the times food service is open doesn't work with my schedule and I therefore lose money. Also the majority of the food isn't as healthy as I like to eat (a lot of fried foods or cheese/

oily food). I therefore tend to eat one or two of the same items offered (due to the lack of variety of food)... As a result I have barely used my ticket and feel like it's been a waste of money I could have used for groceries with to eat when and how I want to."

After hearing these complaints the food service has added salads to the menu and extended dinner to 8:00 pm.

Chris Pickle, Resident Director (RD), does like the room and board and he explains why: "Having the meal plan provided is a great time-saver for me. I no longer have to go to the grocery store, worry about cooking, and most importantly there are no dishes to wash.

The food is good and portions are generous and since the grill is now open to 8:00 pm, it is convenient." Brad McCash Said in his interview "When I was hired I was told that this is how I would be paid. I agreed so there is nothing I can say. I do feel that the food quality should improve."

The director of Housing and



"Here's the story, of a man named Klein, who was bringing up some very lovely RA's"-Photo by Darkroom Dave.

Resident life Ed Klein stated that the decision for this form of payment was made over a year ago. The

delay of implementation of this process "was to give the RA's time to

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Regents Discuss Important Issues at Summer SAC

By KASSIA CATO

Three members of the Student Government Association (SGA), went to the Student Advisory Council (SAC) summer conference held in Savannah on July 28-31.

The three representatives were SGA President Shannon Acreman, Public Relations committee chair Dwayne Thomas, and Budget and Finance committee chair Kassia Cato.

The Student Advisory Council

(SAC) is made up of all the student government associations that are in the senior university system of Georgia. The purpose of the council is to tackle the major problem areas that are affecting students at each college campus. SAC also makes proposals to give to the Board of Regents on behalf of the college students each SGA represents.

Since this was the first SAC conference of 1994-1995, the main purpose of this conference was to give the first time representatives

to SAC a chance to see how it is operated, to let them pick the committee they would like to serve on, and to get them acquainted with other members of SGA from other colleges.

Some highlights of the summer conference were: the speeches made by the new chairman of the Board of Regents Donald Leebern, the new Vice-Chairman of the Board

of Regents Juanita Baranco, the new Chancellor Stephen Portch, and Vice-Chancellor Barry Fullerton.

In Regent Donald Leebern's address, he stated that the senior university system of Georgia needed to challenge themselves academically to improve the quality of education for its students. When questioned by SAC representatives on the issue of which system (quarter or semester) was better for the senior universities, Regent Leebern stated that he personally felt that the semester system was the better of the two because it gave the students more time to study a particular area in their major more deeply than the 10 weeks of the quarter system. He went on to state that the Board of Regents will study this matter in

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Changes Made to Food Service

By CHRISTOPHER ERIC COBB

On Wednesday, July 27, a meeting was organized by Fay e Barber, head of the food service committee, to address the concerns of the students and discuss some of the catering needs of the campus.

The first topic on the agenda was the student's questions. Among the questions was the topic of the irregular hours that are kept by the food service. The food service would close for a half-hour between breakfast and lunch. That problem has been resolved and there is now continuous service between breakfast and lunch. Also the food service closed at 7:00 pm leaving the students who started class or finished their class at 7:30 pm with only the vending machines for dinner. However that problem has basically been resolved, since the food

service is now open until 8:00 pm.

Another subject brought up during the meeting was that food from the lunch was being held over, reheated, and served during dinner. However, Mike Adams, food service manager, denied that the food service ever served the same food over the lunch and dinner intervals and further states in an interview afterwards "If they asked me in a form of a question 'Do you reheat food from one side to the other?' then it would be okay, but when they stated that we reheat food and serve it on the other side, that threw me off and kind of made me angry inside. I don't take food from out there (where lunch is served) and reheat it, put the food in the back and bring it back on the other side (where dinner is served), no way José!"

Another topic in the discussion was the lack of a salad bar and a

request for more variety. The food service has responded with a salad bar but not the kind stated in the meeting. Dwayne Thomas, a student representative on the food service committee, stated "We wanted a roll-out self-service bar with a selection of little extras like fruits and other small items."

The variety of foods, particularly health foods, is thought of as a major problem of the food service, commented several committee members. But the food service stated that they would have to increase their revenues before any real expansion of their menus would take place.

In response to the meeting, the daily specials now have more variety and starting next quarter the food service will sponsor a week of different ethnic daily specials. Food

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For those of you who have been living in caves, this is the Grill Line in Food Service, which is located on the lower level of the Joe Mack Wilson Student Center-Photo by Darkroom Dave

EDITORIALS

Ed's Swan Song Editorial

By ED HARDY

It was the best of times. It was the worst of times. I know that's a cliché, but it's the phrase that springs to mind when I think of my time in college.

I will always remember with great fondness my time with all the different organizations I have been a part of. I would like to thank everyone who made my involvement with *The Sting*, SGA, CAB, WGHR and *The Log* some of the best times of my life.

A special thanks goes out to all my fellow members of Organization X who, though probably very few people realize it, ran every important organization on this campus for several years. For the very first time, I would like to publish a list of the members of Organization X. Alumni: Wes Hetrick, Andrew Newton, Marc Pruitt, Jen Waller, Gareth Williams, and Psycho Dave. Current members: Bill Greve, Kassia Cato, Bill Finnick and our newest members Leigh Boros and Dave Dula. To join Organization X, all you have to do is hold an officer position in more than two campus organizations at any one time and find yourself saying things like "I'm not joining the Underwater Basket Weaving Club because they don't pay their members."

I would like to take this opportunity to urge everyone to get involved in the campus organization of their choice. I promise you, you'll add so much to your college career.

I want to thank Kim Cornwell and Shanna Fernandez, lab partners and friends without whom I probably wouldn't be here.

I want to thank the staff of the Student Center for employing me for almost four years and forgiving me for all my many screw-ups. You really deserve a mention Barry, Vicki, and Kelly (though you've changed jobs). Because this is a retrospective of all my years at Southern Tech, I wish I could thank Liz Devaney for her many kindnesses, but she has gone on to a better world.

Why You Will Never Be Appointed to SGA or Judiciary

By BILL GREVE

The above isn't true for everyone, but for most it will apply. In the not too distant past, members of student government referred to themselves as "a friendly self-perpetuating oligarchy." Up until 1990 only the officers were elected, the council members chose themselves. If you wanted on SGA, you went up to the current council members and said "Hey! I want to be a council member too!"

And then they voted, yes or no. As a result, council members maintained an amazing familiarity with each other.

While council positions are now decided by student body vote, any mid-year openings are by appointment, as are all judiciary positions. The recent judiciary appointments were very educational in this regard.

SGA President, Shannon Acreman, announced at the July 19th meeting that he had five applications for two judiciary openings. "I will meet with these people" he said, and would discuss them at the next meeting.

At the next meeting, August 2nd, Shannon related that he had not met with these people - but had shown their names to Judiciary Chairperson David Nelson; who also did not meet with these people. As a result, Scott Wages and Kirk Voelkel were selected because "Dave knew them and felt he could work with them."

There are a couple of problems here. First, these are presidential appointments - The President can appoint anyone he wants. But he did say he was going to meet with all five. By not doing so, it appears that appointments are

Building I: The Final Insult

By BILL FINNICK

It started innocently enough, a fellow student said, "There's something you should write about Bill!" pointing to a hastily posted notice.

On the down side, I would like to forget the four years I spent beating my head up against the Computer Science Department. This isn't intended to be a criticism of that fine department. It just took me a long time to figure out that it takes more than stubbornness to get a degree. It is also important that you like what you are studying.

If any of you who are reading this aren't happy with your major, it is NEVER too late to change. I changed from CS to IET with 155 hours. I had senior status when I cut my losses and started over. Do you really want to get a job in something you hate studying?

I would also like to forget having my heart ripped out and dragged across a parking lot of broken glass, but that's a long story I'm not going to get into here.

And so this doesn't end on a down note, I would like to thank the students of Southern Tech who elected me SGA President and Mr. Southern Tech. I would like to thank the SGA for giving me the Hayes Award for Outstanding Senior and most especially the sisters of Gamma Phi Beta for making me Gamma Phi Favorite Guy.

And no swan song editorial would be complete without at least mentioning all the professors and administrators who helped me during my time. Special thanks go out to Dean Smith, all the IET professors, Bob Harbort, Fred Hartfield and to all the ladies who belong to SecretaryNet, that web of mostly ignored hourly employees who really run this campus. Remember, it's not who you know, but whose secretary you know.

I would like to apologize to anyone I forgot in this editorial.

And so I come to the end. I must turn my back on college and go into the real world. I'm frightened. I'm excited. I hope this brave new world is as half as fun as Southern Tech was.

ED HARDY also thanks everyone who bothered to read this far into a very long editorial.

not open to any interested student. It has become a matter of who you know, not what you know.

Were the three ignored parties any less qualified of serving? I don't know. Were their reasons for applying any less questionable? I don't know.

Second, a judicial appointment is pretty much a lifetime position. A person only leaves judiciary if they quit, graduate, or are impeached.

There are no term limits. The SGA President should take more care in his appointments than was recently taken.

This is a time honored tradition. This past winter quarter, I and a couple other *Sting* members were appointed to SGA. Approached by a current SGA member I was asked if I wanted to be on SGA. I then filled out an application and a half-hour later was voted in. Sure beats the hassle of an election or the appearance of due process.

Another part of the problem is that when a vacancy occurs, it isn't publicized. This occurs with the Campus Activity Board (CAB) as well as the SGA organizations. CAB isn't affiliated with SGA, but has the same problem of repopulating itself with its own.

The solution: if you ask for applications, interview the people. If for no other reason than courtesy. If you take applications, publicize the fact. Only telling your friends or people you know in other organizations only exacerbates this bureaucratic inbreeding.

BILL GREVE recommends listening to the R Show on WGHR for a healthy dose of attitude.

Further prodding, direct and indirect, indicated a need for somebody to do, or say, something. Jason and I felt TNT in two strategic locations could forever solve this building envy problem, but maybe that would be a

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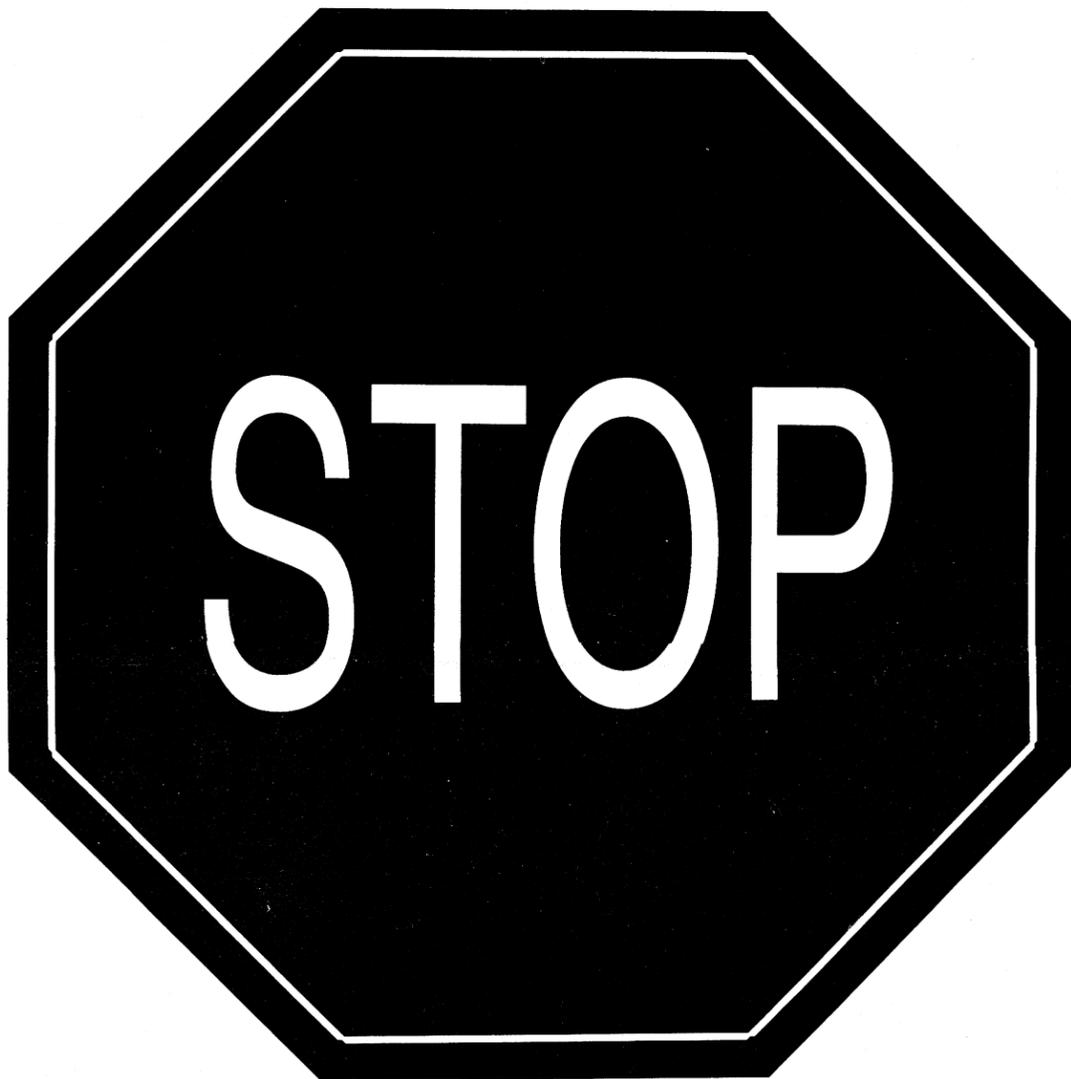
We, the layout staff of *The Sting*, would like to comment on the newly vacated Student Government Vice President's Position. The position was recently made vacant when the elected VP, Kevin Webster, was called up for active duty. Kevin resigned from the position, as he felt that he would not be able to carry out the duties that it held.

Kevin was the only officer candidate who didn't run unopposed. He still won by a landslide. He was qualified for the job and he truly wanted it, too.

We feel that Shannon Acreman, SGA President, should decline to accept Kevin's resignation. The position should be temporarily filled, until Kevin gets back. He had to leave for a very noble cause, and shouldn't have to give up the position.

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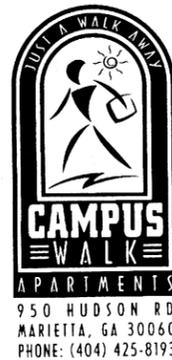
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greater detail and decide what is best for the senior universities as a whole.

When questioned about having health care and insurance available to college students, Regent Leebern stated that he was not aware if those subjects were going to be studied by the board this year.

When questioned about where the money to help Albany State recover from the flood was going to come from and if it was going to in way affect the monies coming to the other colleges, he stated that the money to either help fix or rebuild Albany State would come from the federal government and would in no way affect the other colleges' money.

When questioned about the issue of child care, Regent Leebern stated that he did not know if the board of regents had a position on that issue.

When questioned about the issue of problems with the financial aid offices at each college, Regent Leebern had no comment on that issue.

In Regent Juanita Baranco's address, she stated that she always believed that the universities and colleges set the tone for our world in regards to leadership and business. She went on to state what she believed the purpose of SAC was, which was to act in an advisory capacity to the board of regents, and to develop leadership roles in SAC. Regent Baranco felt that one of her roles on the board of regents was to insure the quality of leadership in SAC.

When questioned about the issue of child care, Regent Baranco stated that she felt that the senior university system needed to seriously look into this issue and evalu-

ate a plan to accommodate those students who are parents in either of two ways: set up a system with a local child care facility to make child care affordable to student parents, or to create a facility on campus where by student parents would pay the college for child care.

When questioned about the issue of health care and insurance, Regent Baranco state that she felt that the students were entitled to some type of coverage since most students are not covered by their parents insurance.

When questioned about what she saw as the common problem among universities and colleges, Regent Baranco stated she thought the common problem was space and not enough facilities to accommodate each major.

The highlight of her speech came when Regent Baranco stated that university and college presidents needed to be dedicated to their students and to have some type of vision for the school to

grow.

In Chancellor Stephen Portch's address, he basically introduced himself and gave his thoughts as to how the senior system should improve and grow to compete nationally with other universities and colleges across the country.

Chancellor Portch stated that he wanted the student governments to grow and get strong. He also stated that he planed to visit he university and college campus, to become familiar with the schools in the senior system and meet the students and faculty.

The highlight of his address came when Chancellor Portch gave

his home phone number to the SAC representatives, and stated that if we called him at home he would know that there was a problem at the school that the president of the school could not handle and he would do something about it.

Vice Chancellor Barry Fullerton, addressed the legislative committee and talked about the HOPE scholarship. In his address he gave the history of how the scholarship came to be.

If there is any indication by the summer conference, this year's SAC delegates are ready and prepared to work hard and get a lot done this year.

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Manager, Mike Adams, also stated that there was a salad bar when the food service moved into the new student center but during the first week they only had fifteen to twenty orders and the following week there were only about ten orders. "We kept making fresh stuff and throwing it out!" Mr. Adams remarked. Despite the initial sales from the salad bar, the food service is now serving a small salad bar based on the advice of the student representatives.

Other topics were the desire for change in the breakfast entrees, the need for a debit system and the need for the appearance of the food served to be appetizing.

The one real ongoing problem with food service on the campus is the prior food service history. Many of the prior food service companies have left the campus because of the lack of student patronage. Even the Central Food Mangement, the current occupants of the student center,

had to survive the recent student center construction period, when few people went to the student center, and even now is basically breaking even. During this time, they stayed with Southern Tech, despite losing money, when other companies left Southern Tech (like the company that ran the ATM).

One of the biggest problems with the food service is the lack of communication. At times the SouthernTech management has forgotten to inform the food service of any special meetings on campus, leaving the food service to feel the brunt of hungry people at their doorstep and thus reflecting poorly on the food service. Ed Klein has made the first move by providing direct communication in monthly meetings between the RA's and the food service management. Also, Faye Barber has organized all functions outside of regular student life under one person who will inform the food service of any auxiliary activities.

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decide whether or not it was for them. And the RA's hired between then and now were told in their interviews."

When asked how this was good for Southern Tech, he responded by saying it gives more of a team atmosphere among the RA's and allows the residents to socialize with the RA's.

Mr. Klein further added that staff members in a financial bind now, do not have to worry about food and their rooms for a quarter.

Mr. Klein is aware that the RA's are not happy with the food service and he stated he was willing to work with the food service and if needed to set up a committee to meet with them.

When asked how were co-op students paid he said they were given money because they could not and are not expected to rush to the food service during their lunch.

Mr. Klein explained that on other college campuses the RA's are paid in this matter and it has worked out fine.



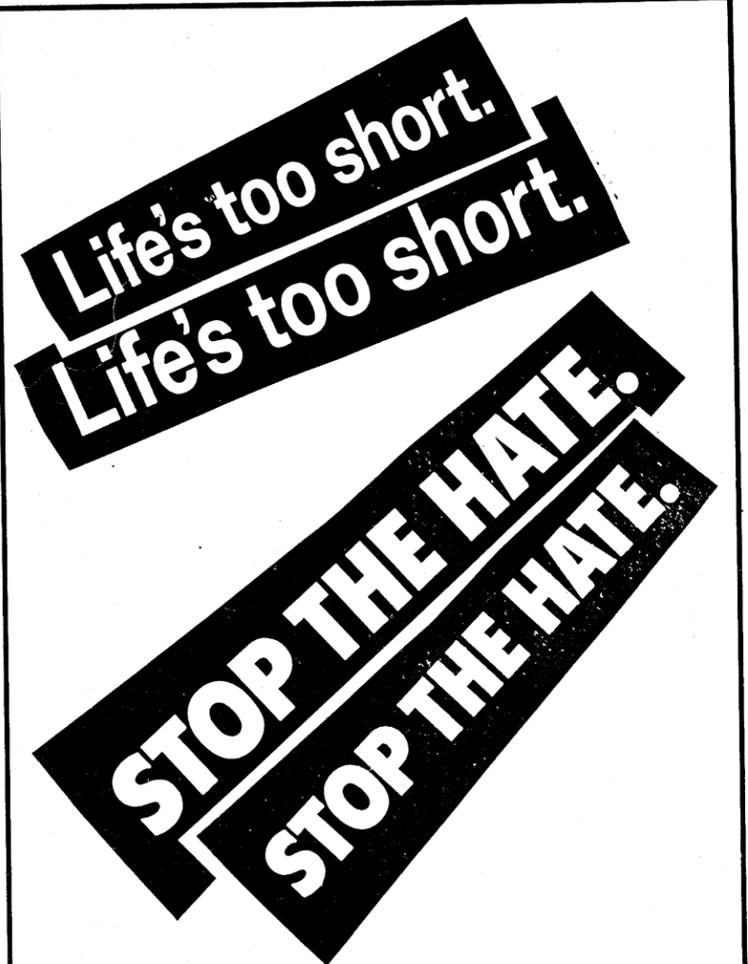
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Council Member Impeached; SAC Trip Over Budget

By BILL GREVE

The third SGA meeting was called to order August 2, 1994 at 12:04 pm.

In attendance (the number after each name denotes number of absences): Shannon Acreman - Pres. (0), Krista Winter - Sec/Tr (0), Andrew Butler (1), Cynthia Clements (0), Kassia Cato (0), Paul Elliot (0), Jon Hamby (1), Matthew Nelson (0), Dewayne Thomas (1), Andre Willis (1).

Absent were Kevin Webster (excused), David Kelly (2) and Matt Duke (3).

Under Officer Reports, Shannon reported that Kevin had been called to Reserve duty that morning

and would be absent until further notice.

Krista reported that the General Operations budget stayed at \$8500.00 and the Student Development budget stayed at \$3500.00.

Kassia reported that Budget and Finance would be meeting to discuss the budget requests and would offer recommendations at the next meeting.

Dewayne gave the Public Relations report. He went through a list of items that had been discussed at the food service meeting.

Public Relations was also working on the upcoming freshman orientation.

Shannon moved to appoint Kirk Voelkel and Scott Wages to the Ju-

diciary. He explained that he had received five applications and had shown them Dave Nelson, Judiciary Chairman. Dave selected Kirk and Scott because, in the words of Shannon "he knew them and felt he could work with them."

Scott Wages is known to the council as the past president of SGA. When Kassia asked who Kirk was, Cynthia responded with "He is a Teke and knows people on Judiciary."

Matthew (Chu) Nelson said to Shannon "The way it sounds, you know who they are; I don't."

A number of council members wanted to know if they could have a chance to interview the five applicants.

It was explained that, as a presi-

dential appointment, the council could just vote on the President's selections. With that, voting proceeded.

The vote for Scott Wages was 7-0-2 (7 voting for, 0 against, and 2 abstained). The voting for Kirk Voelkel went: 4-0-5. Both were appointed to the Judiciary.

Internal Affairs chairman, Paul Elliot brought impeachment proceedings against Matt Duke.

Matt had missed two meetings, in violation of the SGA Constitution.

Paul had sent a letter of due process informing Matt that proceedings would be brought against him, and Shannon said he had personally spoken with Matt.

Matt sent a letter to Internal

Affairs stating that job obligations had kept him from the first two meetings and a previously arranged family vacation kept him from the August 2 meeting. In his letter, he apologized for missing the meetings and said he would be able to rearrange his schedule to attend future meetings.

Matt Duke was impeached by a vote of 7-0-2.

The SAC convention trip to Savannah went over budget and a motion was made to change the General Operations request from \$450.00 to \$487.35. It passed 8-0-1.

The council unanimously approved a motion to donate \$100 from the Student Development fund to Georgia Flood Relief.

\$4662.13 Requested, Approved: \$310

By BILL GREVE

The fourth SGA meeting of summer quarter was called to order August 16, 1994 at 12:07pm. Attending were Shannon Acreman - Pres. (0), Krista Winter - Sec/Tr (0), Cynthia Clements (0), Kassia Cato (0), Paul Elliot (0), Jon Hamby (1), Matthew Nelson (0), Dewayne Thomas (1), Andre Willis (1). Absent were Kevin Webster - V.P. (excused), Andrew Butler (2), and David Kelley (3).

General Operations: \$8012.00
Student Development: \$3400.00

Shannon reported that Kevin will officially resign. He has been called up to the Reserves until at least November. Because he wouldn't be able to fulfill his duties, Kevin said he would resign. Shan-

non said he was considering one of two people to fill the Vice President position and would make that appointment at the August 30th meeting.

Paul Elliot (Internal Affairs) read a letter from David Kelley stating that David was resigning as of August 11.

With David Kelley's resignation, and last meetings impeachment, there were two open positions on SGA. Shannon decided, since it was so early in the school year to select his nominees from the election records. Dave Czarnecki and Reginald Walton were next in line by vote totals.

In response from a query from Shannon, both stated that attendance wouldn't be a problem. Questioned by council members, Dave Czarnecki said that he had been "on

campus for eight consecutive quarters and thought there were issues that could be addressed." He was approved by 8-0-0.

Reginald Walton stated that he wanted to work as part of a team to accomplish things on campus and "As I live on this campus, I have an interest in what takes place on this campus." He was approved 9-0-0.

Next up were budget request from five organizations.

Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) requested \$750.00. Budget and Finance, didn't feel that SGA should pay for travel, refreshments, or checking fees. After deducting these fees and noting that SME does collect dues, B&F recommended an expenditure of \$35.00. Budget and Finance Chairperson, Kassia Cato, said this was a budget request for the year, not an

appropriate Student Development request. Paul Elliot requested, since SME does represent Southern Tech in competition, that this motion be tabled until next meeting so the council could find out what their dues are. Motion passed.

GSPE requested \$190.00. After deducting meeting expenses, food and office supplies, Budget and Finance recommended \$60. The motion passes 8-0-2.

IEEE requested \$2822.13 for the year. Listed expenses were \$1,037 for travel, printing costs, printer and monitor, supplies and competition fees for five teams. Noting that IEEE receives some support from the electrical Dept. and that a separate request should be made for the registration fees, Budget and Finance recommended

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See Your Student Fees in Action Watch SGA



Meetings are open to the public. Every other Thursday at NOON, Room 206 in the Student Center

ENTERTAINMENT AROUND CAMPUS/MARIETTA

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
- Chancellor Stephen Portch visits Southern Tech campus
- Patricia Franklin's Retirement Party. Library Rotunda. September 1.
- Buy back period for books starts August 29

September 3-5

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

September 6th-9th

- Last day of classes. September 6th
- Final Exams. September 7th- September 9
- Last day to pay fees for advance registration. September 9th
- 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.
- The Student Center will be closed.

September 11th-12th

- Pi Kappa Phi: Give P.U.S.H. weekend.
- The Student Center will be closed. September 11th

September 15th-17th

- Summer 1994 Student Grade Reports Mailed. September 15th
- Student Center Break Hours will be posted

September 18th-22nd

- Orientation September 20th
- Student Center Break Hours will be posted. September 18th-September 19th
- Registration September 21st
- First Day of Classes. September 22nd

This Entertainment Calendar is intended as a service to the students of Southern Tech. To submit a meeting or event for the next calendar, drop off a note at *The Sting* Office on or before September 14.

IT SEEMS ALMOST UNNATURAL FOR ME TO HAVE AN ACTUAL GIRLFRIEND.

WHY?

IT'S LIKE WHEN THE CAPTAIN ON "STAR TREK" FALLS IN LOVE, AND YOU KNOW THE WOMAN WILL DIE IN AN UNLIKELY ACCIDENT.

HEY! WE JUST SAW OUR FIRST SHOOTING STAR!

A HUSH COMES OVER THE CROWD. THIS WOULD BE RATBERT'S MOST DIFFICULT DIVE.

I GIVE IT A TWO.

THE JUDGES WERE CRUEL BUT RATBERT CAPTURED THE HEARTS OF THE AUDIENCE. ENDORSEMENTS WOULD FOLLOW.

FROM NOW ON, TWENTY PERCENT OF YOUR PAY WILL DEPEND ON THE COMPANY MEETING ITS SALES TARGETS.

IN EFFECT, WE'LL CUT YOUR PAY AND TELL YOU IT'S YOUR OWN DARN FAULT.

WILL THE SALES TARGET BE BASED ON A COMPLEX FORMULA AND INVOLVE NUMBERS THAT CAN'T BE ACCURATELY MEASURED?

YOU BROKE THE CODE!

OUR CEO WILL VISIT HERE NEXT WEEK. YOU ALL KNOW WHAT TO DO.

WE SHOULD STOP ALL PRODUCTIVE WORK AND CREATE OVERHEAD TRANSPARENCIES THAT EXAGGERATE OUR VALUE.

AND A FEW OF OUR UGLIER CO-WORKERS WILL BE REPLACED BY ACTORS.

AS LONG AS IT'S NOT GERARD DEPARDIEU.

HAVE YOU SUMMARIZED YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR OUR CEO?

ALMOST DONE.

OKAY — MY BODY CONVERTS TOXIC WASTE INTO PENICILLIN, I'M CLAIRVOYANT, AND I INVENTED WOOL.

I THOUGHT SHEEP INVENTED WOOL.

WHO ARE YOU GOING TO BELIEVE, THEM OR ME?

OUR CEO CANCELED HIS VISIT. HE'S SENDING HIS TOP AID, ZIMBU THE MONKEY, IN HIS PLACE.

ISN'T THAT TYPICAL? I SPENT A WEEK EXAGGERATING MY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THIS. NOW HE SENDS A STUPID MONKEY!

WHAT COULD BE MORE HUMILIATING THAN TRYING TO SUCK UP TO A MONKEY?

FAILING AT IT?

HEY, MATT. HOW'S OUR FAVORITE MANAGEMENT FAST-TRACKER?

GREAT! I'VE GOT TWO MINUTES TO DELIVER MY BIG REPORT TO OUR CEO. CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE THE FAX IS?

BZZZZZ

HE'LL GO FAR IN THIS COMPANY.

I SPENT THE ENTIRE DAY GETTING NEW ASSIGNMENTS WHICH LEFT NO TIME TO ACTUALLY WORK ON ANYTHING.

TOMORROW I'LL SPEND THE ENTIRE DAY EXPLAINING WHY I DIDN'T FINISH YESTERDAY'S WORK.

SOMETIMES I DON'T KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ME AND A HAMSTER ON A WHEEL.

HAMSTERS DON'T DEPRESS ME.

OUR TWO GOALS THIS YEAR ARE TO DOWNSIZE AND TO IMPROVE CUSTOMER SERVICE.

QUESTION: HOW CAN YOU IMPROVE SERVICE IF YOU'RE GETTING RID OF SERVICE PEOPLE?

WHO DO YOU THINK IS SCREWING UP THE CUSTOMER SERVICE? DUH...

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YOU'RE FIRED, WALLY. BUT SINCE WE CARE, WE'VE CONTRACTED AN OUTPLACEMENT AGENCY TO HELP YOU.

YOU'LL GET YOUR OWN CUBICLE. AND YOU CAN MAKE ALL THE PHOTOCOPIES YOU WANT!

WHAT WOULD I WANT TO PHOTOCOPY?

FOOD STAMPS, DOLLAR BILLS, THAT SORT OF THING.

WELCOME TO THE DOGBERT OUTPLACEMENT AGENCY, OR "DOA" AS I CALL IT.

HERE, NOBODY IS "UNEMPLOYED." YOU'RE FREELANCE CONSULTANTS WHO SIT IN CUBICLES AND EARN NO MONEY!

EVERY CUBICLE IS EQUIPPED WITH A PHONE AND A REFURBISHED EGO.

I WILL NOT WORK WITH THAT THING.

I DISCOVERED I CAN LOOK INTERESTED IN WHAT PEOPLE SAY BY MAKING MY EYES BIG.

GO AHEAD — SAY SOMETHING. I'M READY.

I'M TRYING TO GET SOME WORK DONE HERE.

WORK, YOU SAY? VERY INTERESTING.

THE ONLY WAY TO FINISH THE PROJECT ON TIME IS BY ADDING FOUR ENGINEERS.

THERE'S ONE OTHER OPTION. YOU COULD MAKE MENACING STATEMENTS ABOUT DILBERT'S JOB SECURITY UNTIL HE WORKS FIVE TIMES AS HARD.

JUST KIDDING. HEE HEE!

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT REDUCING HEADCOUNT.

GENETIC RESEARCH

I'D LIKE YOU TO CLONE AN ARMY OF OBEDIENT SLAVES FOR ME. I PLAN TO CONQUER THE WORLD AND HAVE DOMINION OVER ALL LIVING THINGS.

I MOSTLY WORK ON GIANT CUCUMBERS.

MIX IN SOME ARMS AND LEGS AND GIVE ME TWO PACKAGES OF SEEDS.

WHAT ARE YOU PLANTING?

I'M GROWING AN ARMY OF GENETIC MUTANTS TO DO MY BIDDING.

HALF MAN, HALF GIANT CUCUMBER, THESE UNTHINKING BRUTES WILL HELP ME CONQUER THE EARTH!

DIDN'T YOU TRY THIS WITH SEA MONKEYS LAST YEAR?

NONE OF THEM SURVIVED BOOT CAMP.

I CREATED YOU CUCUMBER MUTANTS TO ASSIST ME IN MY BID FOR WORLD DOMINATION!

BULLETIN

I INTERRUPT THIS STRIP BECAUSE THE WHOLE GIANT CUCUMBER THEME ISN'T AS FUNNY AS I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE. LET'S GO DIRECTLY TO THE BIG FINISH.

Scott

SUE WAS HIRED TO RUN OUR NEW "DIGNITY ENHANCEMENT" PROGRAM.

HER CHARTER IS TO HELP THE EMPLOYEES FEEL GOOD ABOUT THEMSELVES WHILE THEY WORK HARDER FOR LESS MONEY.

HOW CAN WE AFFORD TO HIRE SOMEBODY NEW?

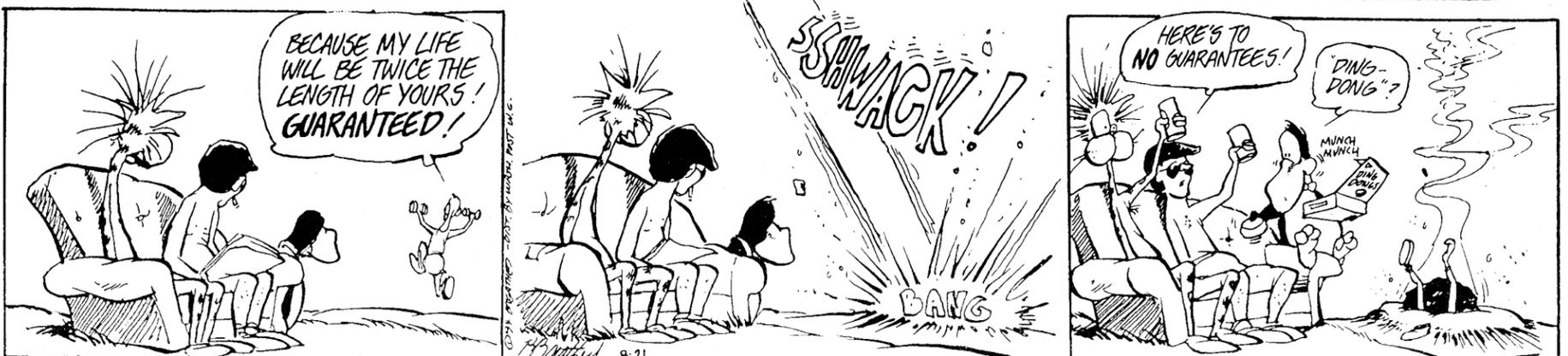
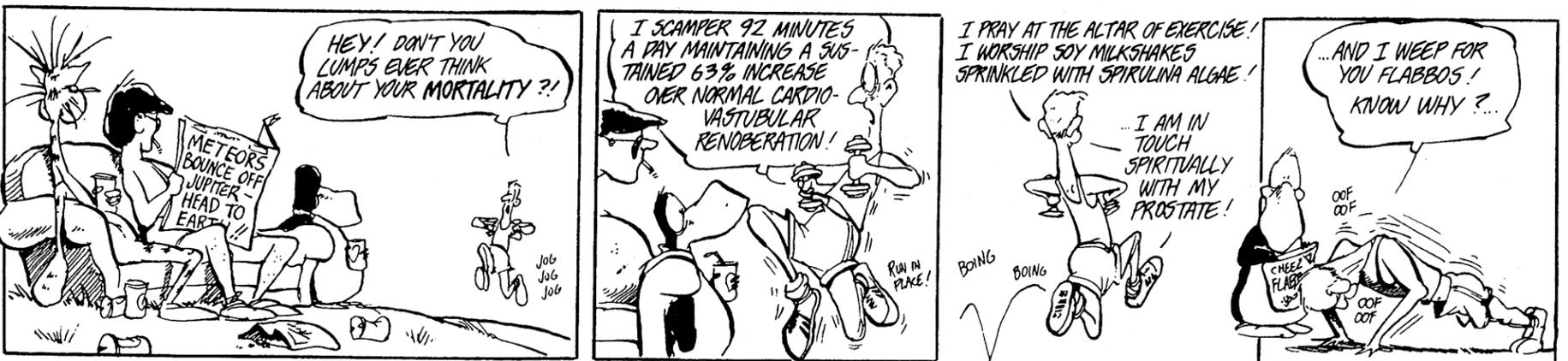
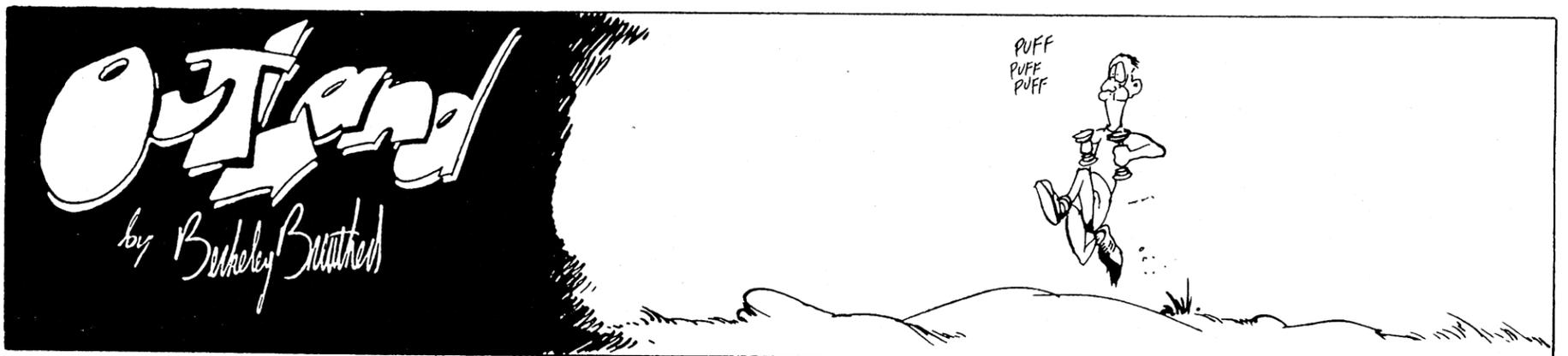
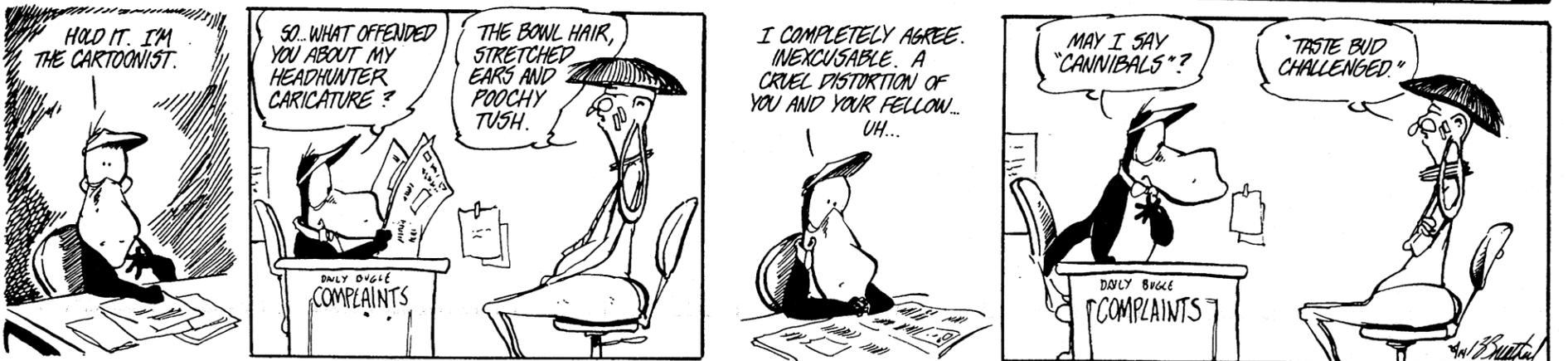
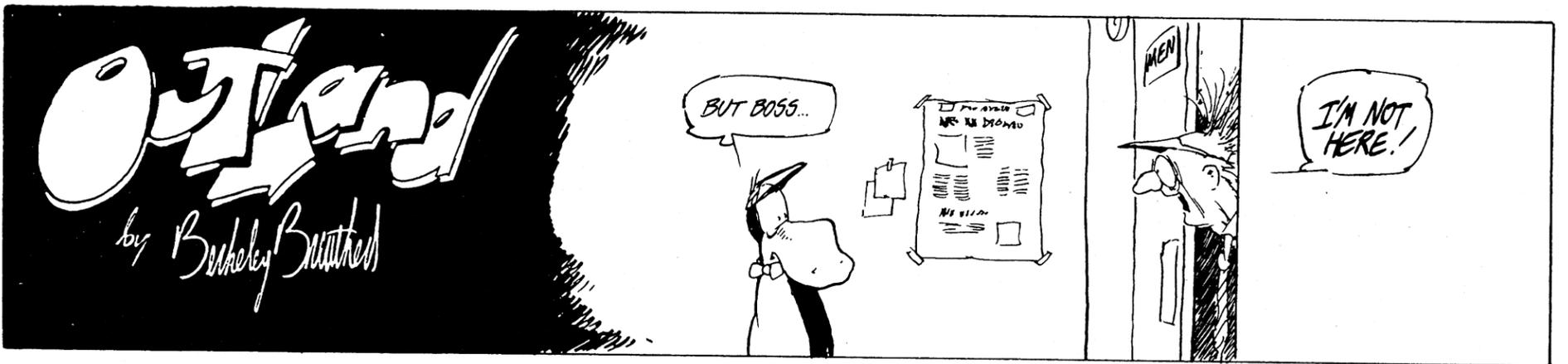
DO YOU REMEMBER THOSE CO-WORKERS YOU USED TO HAVE?

I AM THE KING OF MY CUBICLE, THE ABSOLUTE RULER OF THIS TINY REALM.

AND THESE ARE MY LOYAL SUBJECTS: MISTER COMPUTER, MISTER STAPLER, AND THE BINDER FAMILY.

WHO SPILLED THE COFFEE?

THE BARBARIAN IS THWARTED AT THE MOAT.



Bloody, Funny, Violent and All Too Realistic

By BILL GREVE

Tarantino's *True Romance*.

Here's the movie's pedigree: originally a script by Tarantino it was largely rewritten by Oliver Stone (*JFK*, *Platoon*) and a couple others. Oliver

Stone also directs and takes what was originally a story of a mass-murdering couple in love and expands it into a satire on our obsession with violence.

Satire might be too kind.

It's more of a violently phantasmagorical, sadistic exposure of a part of American society. Much as you might discipline a dog by holding his nose in a "bad deed" and telling him "bad dog", Oliver Stone takes our rubber-necking curiosity and rubs our face in it.

Mickey and Mallory, Woody Harrelson and Juliette Lewis, solidify their love for each other by murdering 50 people in three weeks (this all takes place along Route 666). But they do have a soft spot. When a truckload of drunk guys yells at Mickey and Mallory during

their self-styled wedding, M&M stop for a second then proclaim "We don't kill anyone on our Wedding Day." That's so romantic.

Always leaving one victim alive to tell their story, M&M become media celebrities appearing on the covers of all the magazines. Interviewed by a news show, a teenager admits that "killing people isn't cool, but Micky and Mallory are the best thing to happen to mass-murder since Manson." Filming their eventual capture, a Japanese reporter tells her audience that "Mickey is very virile.

Please see *Killers* on 10

This ain't no date movie. Not unless you're the couple from Quentin



Guns don't kill people, but they sure do make it a helluva lot easier.

Another Tom Clancy Movie

By BILL FINNICK

Clear and Present Danger is an action-thriller based on Tom Clancy's best-selling novel, starring Harrison Ford, Willem Dafoe, Anne Archer and James Earl Jones.

Take the Ronald Presidency as it might have been and add that nice couple from *Patriot Games* who unfortunately find themselves involved.

Yes, and thank God they have found a use for some of the military excesses of his empire - the paper mache smart bomb.

Hold it, *Patriot Games* wasn't about our government's drug con-

nection; but will we ever really know if Ollie snorted?"

Wait, please, let us start over: when Ford and Archer are the couple something exciting has to happen. Add the death bed plea of American hero, Mr. JE Jones, and you're ready for excitement.

Yes a nice piece set in yesterday, today and what you hope from public servants tomorrow. And as an added bonus you get Hollywood's version of Escobedo cartel's demise.

The best casting call, and my nominee for best supporting actor, goes to Dafoe as the caring and sensitive CIA field operative.

Joaquim de Almeida brings a new sinisterness to evil, he looks a bit like a young Mike Wallace from *60 Minutes*.

America's favorite male voice ends his run as Admiral James Greer when James Earl Jones' character dies of cancer.

The screen play leaves out some of the more gruesome carnage, but we at *The Sting* all agree that there will never be another *Apocalypse Now*.

Should you desire some excitement - *Clear and Present Danger* gets an eight on the girlfriend squeezing your knee scale. Yes, it is worth the full price of admission.

Bill Finnick hopes they develop a three-D backdrop so that the star looks like he really is hanging on to the skids.

Sweet, Swedish Coming of Age Story

By SHUJEN FANG

An innocent age with a young mind on the world, Roland, a ten-year-old boy, faces a life growing more colorful but bitter. This is the story of Ake Sandgren's new film *The Slingshot* which won the Swedish Academy Award for best picture.

The Slingshot is based on a true story of Roland Schutt. In 1920's Stockholm, Sweden, Roland was a ten-year-old child. Every person that appeared in his life brought him different life experiences. These experiences became challenges in his life, and created a bitter but comical adventure around him.

The unique life experience of Roland results from his being the son of a Jewish mother and a socialist father. Because of this unique combination, Roland is always treated either as a dirty Jew or a Socialist. People around Roland always tell him who he is, and what he is allowed or not allowed to be. This causes Roland's confusion of what he should be.

Bertil, Roland's brother, is an aspiring boxer. He practices boxing by reaching his fist close to Roland's nose. He claims he will only hit where he wants to during practice. However, this often ends up putting a bandage on Roland's nose.

In the park, Roland meets Stickan, a young boy who is a bike thief. He is impressed by Roland's skill fixing bikes and proposes to sell his bike to Roland. What Roland has to do to keep the bike is to pay a little amount of money and help fix Stickan's friends' bikes. Roland thus innocently becomes the person who fixes every bike Stickan and his friends steal.

Roland also meets Margrit in the park. Margrit is a sad teenage prostitute who works in the park. Some children told Roland that he can look up her skirt by paying a small fee. Both Margrit and Roland become friends after Roland paid such a fee.

Roland sees a thing called CONDOM when watching his mother selling them. Condoms are illegal in Sweden. Roland does not understand what they are but creates several inventions by using them.

His inventions include the "Underwater Sock", "Balloon With Knob", and a slingshot known as "Schutt's Condom Catapult." His inventions earn him some money, but also cause him trouble and punishment in school.

Roland's life encounters a big change when he signs a paper in the police office that admits he stole the bikes he fixed for Stickan.

Roland insists on his innocence and is thrown into jail overnight. His father comes to pick him up and tells him he believes he is innocent. However, it is too late. Roland is sent to a juvenile home.

This is a very interesting but bitter story. The emotions of the audience are brought forward in every scene of this film. Although the ending seems sad, Roland is sent to a juvenile home, it may be a kind of protection of Roland from prestige and mistreatment.

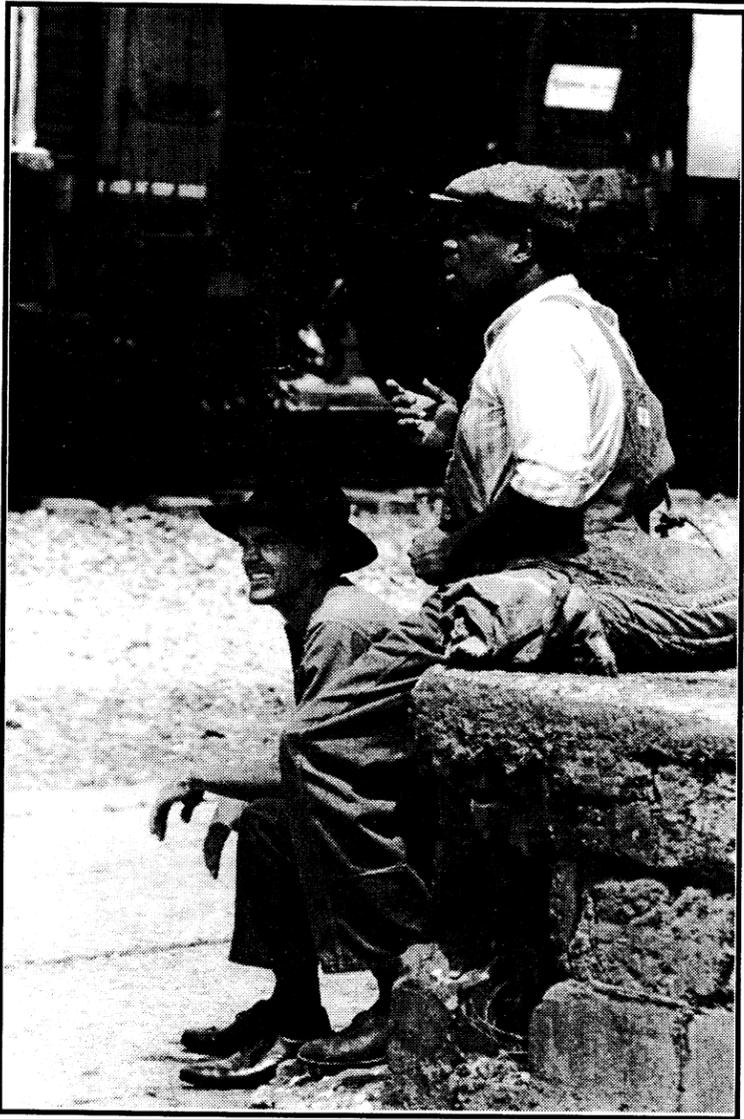
The director Ake Sandgren does not use special effects to clutter this

story. The climax is built up step by step from the start of the film. The use of camera angles in this film also plays an important role. It brings you to see Roland's world and affects your feeling toward every situation Roland encounters. In the words of the director, "I hope that after you see this film you will never forget the face of this child." Don't miss this movie, the best picture in the Sweden Academy Awards.

SHUJEN FANG is going back home to kiss her nieces and nephews.



It's a story of a lovely lady who was bringing up three very lovely girls. All of them had hair of gold, like their mother, the youngest one in curls.



Go See This Play. It's Good

By BILL GREVE

 Opening Theatre in the Square's 1994-95 season is a stellar rendition of John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*.

Ostensibly the story of George (Chris Kayser) and Lennie (Frederick Strother), two drifters in depression-era California, it is also about relationships, prejudice, and intolerance.

Just wanting to work enough to build up a stake and buy his own land, George is constantly taking care of Lennie ("he ain't too smart, but he works hard"). Though he sometimes tells Lennie that life would be easier without him, George sticks by, and sticks up for Lennie.

Showing up at a new ranch with

only \$10, George just wants to work and earn some money. Unfortunately, everything they do gets them in trouble. They show up late, upsetting the boss. The boss's son, Curly, has a Napoleon complex and likes to pick fights with bigger guys. Curly's bad attitude is furthered by his new wife who has a "wandering eye". While all the ranch hands try to avoid her, Curly is convinced she is with one of them.

George tries to keep Lennie in line by telling him he'll get to take care of the rabbits when they get to buy their land. Lennie has this thing for soft things. He likes to touch them. Unfortunately, he doesn't know his own strength. Lennie likes to pet mice, but ends up squashing them.

This liking for touching soft objects got Lennie and George in trouble at their last job when Lennie liked this woman's dress. She screamed and they got out of there in a hurry. We learn this at the beginning of the play - this would be called foreshadowing.

This is a very good production, from the actors to the sets there aren't any weak spots. Thankfully, since *Of Mice and Men* is ultimately very depressing. George and Lennie, who have no hope and only a small dream, have even that taken from them in the end.

Of Mice and Men runs through September 24. For more information call 422-8369.

BILL GREVE and The Sting would like to say "Hi" to Jean!

Pauly Shore Does Stripes 1994

active duty and is shipped to a desert in the mid-east whereby a Saddam Hussein look-a-like threatens to use chemical warheads against U.S. bases (sounds familiar, that's right he even rips off Desert Storm, no joke!).

Somehow Pauly Shore gets captured and escapes. He and three of his friends then hold off an entire Army (yeah, I was thinking the same thing) while Pauly Shore in his infinite wisdom finds a way to blow up the Chemical warheads.

I really tried to like this movie but to no avail. In the

Lisa, Lisa continued on 10



"You kids realize, marriage is a big step for any young couple. By the way, which one of you is the girl?"

"Hey George, can I have President Clinton? I'll hug him and squeeze him and hug him and squeeze him. I will George, I really will."

By CHRISTOPHER ERIC COBB

 *In the Army Now* is about this really annoying guy who can't seem to hold onto a job so who's going to take him, the Army. Wait that's too hard so he joins the

Army Reserves as a water purifier (I'm serious, really no joke).

Once in the Army Reserves, he still is the annoying guy but he actually gets more annoying as he does the old incompetency act (rip-off of *Stripes*).

Next, he gets called up to



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TKE

By 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.

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.

Tau Kappa Epsilon was founded January 10, 1899, at Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois.

It is the largest college social fraternity with over 320 chapters and colonies. TKE has over 5000 men initiated annually with over 181,000 total initiates since founding.

TKE National has a staff of 8 volunteer International Officers, more than 300 District volunteers, 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.

"..... a friend is someone who will do anything for you if you ask, a brother will do anything for you without needing to be asked."

Loved or hated, but Never Ignored!



BSU

By SCOTT BRIGHTWELL

The Baptist Student Union is exploding into Fall quarter with TNT. Thursday Nights Together is our main meeting where we can all come together, worship, and hang out in God's name.

We meet every Thursday at 7:30pm at the BSU Center.

Starting again this Fall, the BSU will offer a free lunch to all students and faculty every Tuesday at noon. Please come by and visit with us, have lunch, and enjoy an inspirational mes-

sage.

The Baptist Student Center is located between the main Southern Tech campus and the Campus Walk apartments.

We have a free pool table, ping pong table, and TV room available for student use. The BSU sponsors a drama team inspiring high school students and church youth groups, intramural teams excelling in most sports offered to the campus, and volunteer efforts giving something back to the community.

For years the BSU has jointly served both Southern Tech and Kennesaw State so Christians from both schools can meet each other and share in God's love.

You don't have to be Baptist to join.

You just need a desire to experience God and meet some new friends.



Panhellenic

By CYNTHIA CLEMENTS

Fall quarter 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 join-

ing a sorority to exciting and informative parties. Formal Rush begins on September 22, the first day of Fall quarter 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 quarter. If you have any questions or ideas see Wendy Harper.

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beginning, his friend who was blond, skinny and weird looking just kept reminding me of Garth in *Wayne's World* (another rip-off).

During the course of the movie, everyone started liking him for no reason and the plot (pretending it had one) was boring and extremely predictable. Most ratings would be

on a scale from 1 to 4 but my scale is based on the amount of money I would be willing to spend on a movie. So this movie was a quarter for me and 15 cents for my friend.

My advice is to wait until this movie comes to TV but I can guarantee you won't have to wait very long.

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He has a very large gun."

Once in prison, Hard Copyish Brit reporter, Robert Downey, Jr., talks the prison warden, Tommy Lee Jones, into allowing a live interview with Micky. Promoted during the Superbowl and promising higher ratings than the Manson interview, Mickey explains why he kills.

Swirling images from color to B&W to old stock documentary footage to animated bits to rotating P.O.V shots, *Natural Born Killers* has a visceral feel, falling somewhere past *Blue Velvet* and *Liquid Sky*; with a touch of *Jacob's Ladder* de-

mon shifting imagery. Don't miss Mallory's flashback showing her father, Rodney Dangerfield, as a physically abusing, incestuous, spittle-flying monster done as a kitschy sitcom, laugh track included.

Ending with a reel of our own media demons- Menendez brothers, Tonya Harding, Rodney King, Lorena Bobbitt, and OJ Simpson, *Natural Born Killers* might be more fact than fantasy. Oh yeah, the music is great too.

BILL GREVE liked only one other movie this summer; *Forrest Gump*.

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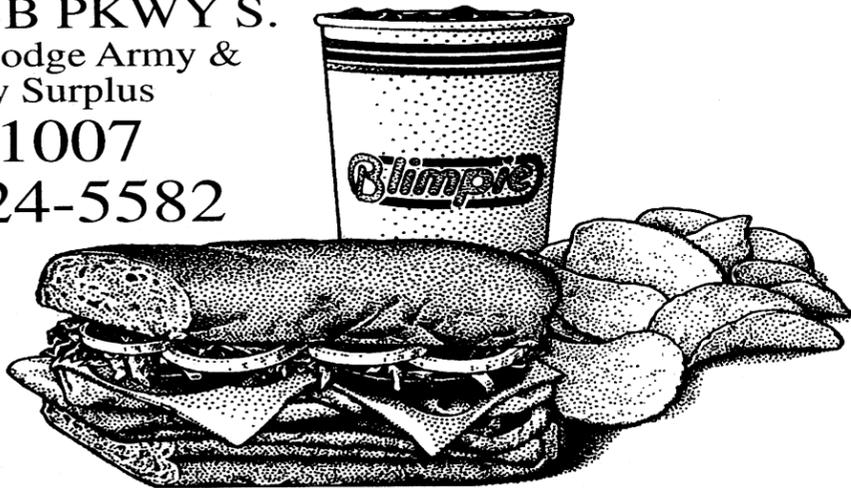


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ALL ORGANIZATIONS & CAMPUS DEPTS

Guess what? Fall Quarter begins September 22th, and the Freshman Issue of *The Sting* hits the newsstands September 20th. This is a great opportunity to reach new students. Ads can be purchased for half-price and letters for the Campus Forum section are always welcome. For further information call *The Sting* at 528-7310.

Open Call For Cheerleaders

CHEERLEADING sign-up will be held in the gym beginning September 21 through September 28, 1994. All students are encouraged to participate regardless of previous experience. A sign-up sheet will be in the gym Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. After the initial sign-up, additional

information will be provided regarding tryout dates, requirements and other information. Plans are to have everything in place for the opening basketball game in November.

For additional information call the Athletic Department at 528-7350.

Coach George Perides

Budgets continued from 5

\$100.00 to start back up on campus and get them on their feet. Motion passes 10-0-0.

ASME originally requested \$6900.00 to fund the Formula Racecar Competition.

A second breakdown came to \$900.00. They said they do fundraising and receive corpo-

rate donations and were really looking for any amount SGA could give. Budget and Finance recommended \$150.00.

Jon Hamby questioned the amount saying "We wouldn't give this money to the Greeks." Shannon said "this brings PR to Southern Tech" and is what the

Building I: Civil Hassles

little too harsh. That leaves the only forum in which a student has to speak out, *The Sting*.

Sadly I must now report yet another milestone in Southern Tech's "Student needs were not considered" legacy. Add to it a new lack of concern for professors' offices.

The Architecture department has long held the reputation of destroying students through impossible demands. Now they have extended their web of contemptible indifference to the Civil Department's students and staff.

Let me spell it out for you.

Last weekend was the ninth weekend of the quarter and the CET computer lab was closed for relocation. Students found out on Thursday that their lab would be closed on the last available weekend of the quarter. Labor Day covers the last weekend.

As covered in an earlier edito-

rial only one lab has AutoCad version 12; so there is only one lab where Civil Cad students can finish their final projects.

A student in the darkroom of the building was rudely interrupted from his work when a brick came crashing in, nearly smashing a \$10,000 computer system.

A professor's office was destroyed before he vacated it to make room for a Storage Closet.

All of this so that the School of Architecture can start preparing for their umpteenth try at accreditation. Yes they can have building I but can we, CET students finish our quarter?

We, Civil and Construction persons, have put up with the world's ugliest structures and mounds of trashed arts supplies littering our common grounds.

Now the administration and architecture department has with one last insult ruined the last quarter in



By DR. JOEL C. FOWLER
Despite the typographical error two solutions to last issue's puzzle were received. The only (two digit)x(three digit) multiplication problem involving only primes is 33x775. Correct answers were received from Tony Panzarella and Alan Gabrielli.

The puzzle for this issue involves probability. Suppose that a standard die (faces numbered 1-6) is thrown repeatedly and a running total of the numbers that result is kept. The throwing continues until the sum is 1,000,000,000 or more. What is the most likely final sum? 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.

Campus Forum exists to provide a place for students, faculty, and staff of Southern Tech to discuss campus issues. *The Sting* welcomes all letters praising or criticizing editorial policies or opinions. Letters should be typed, double spaced and should not exceed three hundred words. Letters must be signed and must include a phone number for verification purposes. See *Letters to the Editor* in the staff box on Pg 2.

Student Development is for. Motion to approve \$150 passes 10-0-0.

The NSBE request is tabled until next meeting to give Budget and Finance an opportunity to speak with Charmaine and Marcia, NSBE officers.

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our old home. We deserve better and should be able to expect better.

Some final points I would like to make are:

The needs for a storage closet do not outweigh the needs of a professor.

The Civil Cad students paid for a full quarter.

This is the Nations Foremost Engineering Technology College, architecture should get over it.

Bill Finnick feels a Q of 10 through 1/8 tubing will solve the problem.

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UW-Madison Reinvents Student Government

By ERIC HEID

(NSNS)- More than a year after students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison voted to kill their student government due to mistrust and indifference, they have revived it with a new constitution and a fresh attitude.

"There were a bunch of scandals in the last couple of years over elections, and also with people in (government) who were dominating it. They had been in there for years and years, taking like one credit just to stay in student government, and they got so used to knowing how to play the game that they could just completely discourage people who came in to get involved," explained Matt Blevins, one of the students involved with the creation of a new government.

Blevins said another problem with the former government was a lack of communication between students and elected officers. Few students knew that the late night bus service or the rape crisis center were funded by the student government, which has an annual budget close to \$1-million, according to Blevins.

"Students were just getting sick of dealing with the whole thing," he said. "They didn't see what student government was doing for them and didn't really care, so it just culminated. It was the right time, the right place, and it happened."

Last summer, the dean of students sent a letter to students ex-

plaining that there was no existing student government, so after visiting the dean in the fall, Blevins and others started drafting a new constitution.

"Fortunately or unfortunately, I don't know (which), none of us are constitutional scholars," Blevins said. "In that sense, we're going by the seat of our pants."

A core group of some 75 students set up guidelines, timelines, a constitutional writing committee and an election committee. Every Tuesday they held open forums for student input on the new constitution. The group gathered 6,100 student signatures in support of the constitution, which was ratified by a 61-percent majority.

The stated goals of the new government are to be more action-oriented, to communicate better with students, to encourage more student participation, and to focus more on student issues.

"We opted for the parliamentary-democracy style with a council, really to get rid of a lot of the infighting that went on between the different branches, which was one of the biggest problems of (the former government) and bogged it down," said Blevins, who is running for a council seat in mid-April.

The constitution also requires that a full-time staff of non-students be hired in order to provide continuity and training to new officers. The elected members have a two-year term limit in order to avoid domi-

neering factions that plagued the previous government.

In addition, newly elected members must attend a training retreat before their term in office, to set agendas and create committees. Any student interested in an issue will be encouraged to join a committee and vote along with council members, explained Blevins.

The new constitution forbids

Students Active in Politics

By JON BEDER

(NSNS)- The College Republicans, a student group at Indiana State University, does more than simply talk about politics—members actually work to elect Republicans to local, state and national offices.

"The College Republicans promote the victory of Republicans in elections," said Robert Guell, an assistant professor of economics and

Raising Awareness of Genocide

By J. PATRICK SHANNON

(NSNS)- The World Federalists last week launched a nationwide "Never Again" rally in 12 cities, including one at the Kent Plaza Theatre near the famed Kent State University campus in Ohio.

Participants at the rally carried signs calling attention to genocide around the world, specifically in Bosnia. They also called for govern-

the listing of party names on the ballot, so each person essentially has to run on individual name recognition. Also, besides two guaranteed freshman seats each fall, class representation is no longer a requirement as in the former constitution.

The group has faced some growing pains, including accusations by local papers of illegal campaign funding, or neglect for certain mi-

faculty adviser to the group.

ISU College Republicans President Doug Hess said that getting to know area Republicans and helping in elections is a major goal. Hess said the group also plans to sponsor fundraisers to support campaigns of local and state Republican candidates.

Recently, members were able to aid in the 1992 re-election campaign of U.S. Rep. John Myers by

ment support of U.S. involvement in an international criminal court proposed by NATO.

"We believe the federal court system in this country is very good," said Howard Taylor, treasurer of the Akron chapter of World Federalists. "But there's nothing comparable to that on the world level."

Rally organizers hoped to raise awareness about the genocide going on in the world today by encouraging people

to see "Schindler's List," the award-winning film about the Jewish Holocaust. Demonstrators stood outside the theatre for several hours as drivers slowed down to read their signs.

However the bigger problem for the new government is an old one.

"The biggest problem would be the same problem it's always had. It's student apathy or indifference," Blevins said. "One of our biggest challenges for the future is to really get students back into the swing of things and getting them to acknowledge what power they have."

passing out fliers and stuffing envelopes.

Hess said he hopes to get more students involved. The group now has 35 members at ISU, which is an increase of ten members from three years ago, he said.

Last semester the College Republicans won a seat on the student government association, an accomplishment that the group hopes will generate a higher campus profile.

The international court supported by the group will be used to punish current acts of terrorism, genocide and drug trafficking. Taylor said he was concerned that a counter demonstration would take place at the theatre, but no such event occurred.



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