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Southern Tech Gets Its Vision Checked

by GARDINE R RYNNE

Southern Tech is trying to discover exactly what its mission is on this earth. A vision statement, mission statement, and list of values have been crafted since January 19.

The mission statement involves what Southern Tech offers academically. Its main purpose is to serve as a guideline so that Southern Tech does not overlap other Georgia school's offerings.

President Cheshier promised that Southern Tech will continue to focus on engineering and technical instruction. He felt that the only major changes that might be included would be the addition of a Construction Technology masters program and a Quality Assurance program. He said that it might also include the addition of more life science programs.

The list of principles and values were drafted to insure that Southern Tech never deviates from its present standards as future changes are made. It also keeps the school from becoming more than it was meant to be. It will, for instance, make sure SCT's emphasis remains on teaching and does not drift into the domain of extensive research.

The vision statement is an overview of any plans the school might have up to twenty years in the future. It is very broad and general, covering items such as plans for becoming the number one engineering school in the nation.

For a peek what a real, honest-to-goodness vision statement looks like, the curiosity seeker can examine the vision statement for the University System of Georgia outside President Cheshier's office. It greatly

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NOMA Co-Sponsors Art Exhibit

By BILL FINNICK

The National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA), in cooperation with Impressive Gifts & Creations, sponsored an African-American Art Exhibit in the Library Rotunda February 13 - 15.

According to Myron Burchall, NOMA President, "the main reason for having the exhibit was to provide Southern Tech with an opportunity to appreciate the School of Architecture from a different perspective." They do not just design buildings.

The exhibit opened with a very powerful presentation on art and African-American art by Lt Col. (ret.) Ernest Varner, one of the artist's whose works were displayed.

Beverly Foster, of Impressive Gifts, introduced Varner and shed some light on African American art in Cobb County. She noted that, "Cobb is turning more ethnically oriented." In the last ten years African American's have gone from purchasing very little of her art to almost 95 percent.

Art is changing the images of African-Americans. She noted that 60 percent of cowboys were African-Americans but no TV cowboys were. She further noted that on TV "all angels are caucasians, there are

black angels too."

Varner's presentation on art started with differentiating between art and illustration. In demystifying art, he said, "basically the purpose is to communicate, and must be personal."

Using several of his own works he drew responses to what his art said.

"Dreamer" shows Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a diverse group of children reading the bible, which relayed the "I have a dream" speech's goal.

In "Wings" he allows that heaven is integrated by the portrayal of a black angel.

Varner further postulated that, "Art is communication - if it says nothing it is not art." He contrasted illustrating to fine art's relationship as "cause-effect" (see-purchase) to how fine art moves people to contribute something for it.

A lithograph that he produced, receiving wide attention is "The Longest Mile", which portrays a Buffalo Soldier. Varner used this piece to demonstrate how the three primary colors and black are used to print lithographs.

When the colonel started to wrap up his presentation he touched on African-American art and its impact on public opinion. He reflected on how three-fourths of African-



Photo of painting by Bill Finnicks

This picture is of one of the artworks presented at the NOMA African-American Art Exhibit. The artist is J. L. Griffin.

American men are doing good but are being overlooked.

Driving home his message of hope Varner concluded, "If you do

not see something good in your future there is nothing to work for. If you don't see it you can't be it. Be all that you can see."

Ga Tech To Share Our Campus During Olympics

by JOHN McALEER

An estimated 2,000 to 2,500 Georgia Tech. students will be joining us on our lovely campus for the summer 1996 quarter.

This is to make room for the plethora of Olympic activities that will be taking place on their own campus.

This is a major change in the relationship between The Southern College of Technology and The Georgia Institute of Technology.

The change is that the two schools are cooperating to achieve similar goals. This hasn't happened since 1980 when the two schools broke ties and we changed our name from The Southern Technical Institute to The Southern College of Technology.

The arrival of an additional 2,000 students to our campus sounds like a major problem but Sam Baker, Exec. Assistant to President Cheshier, says it shouldn't even be a nuisance. Adding the extra students Summer 1996 will make the student population at SCT about the size of

a normal fall quarter.

In addition, Mr. Baker says that the number of students that actually come to our campus in summer 1996 could be smaller than estimated. The students will be a mix of undergraduate and graduate students.

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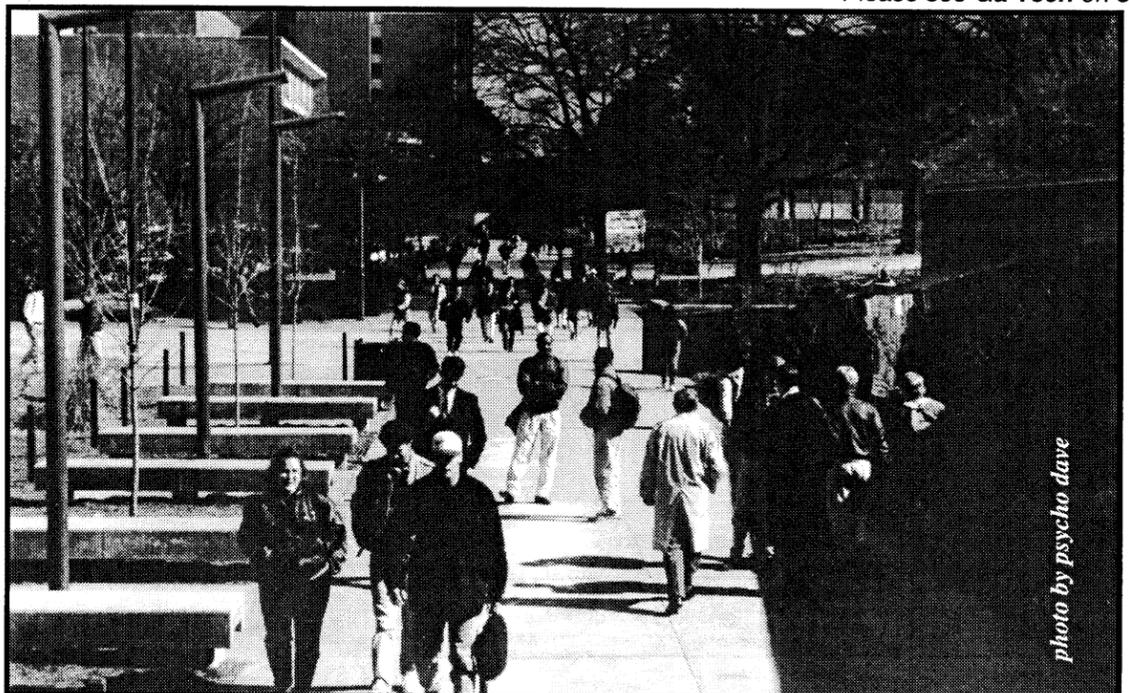


photo by psycho dave

Ecstatic over the news they'll attend classes at Southern Tech summer quarter 1996, Ga Tech students hold an impromptu parade across their campus.

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IEEE Gets All The Cool Toys To Play With

By COLLEEN DESMOND

It is Saturday afternoon and the campus is so quiet even the squirrels seem to know it.

But not in the IEEE 'war room' where five students have gathered to build a vehicle for a regional competition called Slam Fest.

The sole purpose of the autonomous vehicle is to pick up 21 metal balls embedded in a wooden grid and deposit them into a basket at the far end of the course.

Oh, and to liven things up, Slam Fest officials put one of the balls on the top of a 'defender', or obstacle, placed smack in the middle of the grid.

During the competition, the designers cannot govern the robot in any way. An on-board microprocessor controls the vehicle.

"When you hear the buzzer, the vehicle should start by itself" says Danita Knox (ECET 95). "[The processors] main job is to control the vehicles direction.

We are going to use optical sensors." adds Jeff Jones (ECET 95).

The team calls their 15-inch robot *Mobile Ohm*.

Slam Fest will be held during IEEE's southeast conference in Raleigh, North Carolina on March 27. They will be busy right up to the competition.

"We will get there on Saturday

and our competition is on Monday afternoon. And so until that time we will probably just not sleep" Knox says.

Work on *Mobile Ohm* started at the beginning of last quarter. Dr. Castellucis, now retired, offered a special projects class to build the vehicle.

The team gives him a lot of credit for their successes. "He got us on the right track" says Jay McKibben (MET 95).

Dr. Castellucis made them develop Proof of Concepts, Process Design Specification sheets and Time-lines to systematize their work. "He made us go through all the professional hurdles that it takes to conceive an idea and to get there" said Knox.

"He taught us how to limit our goals" says Jones. And Knox adds, "That has been traditionally our problem, especially Southern Tech students, who are pretty capable in design areas, just to design for the impossible. We over-design usually."

When the class ended in December, the bulk of the work was still ahead of them.

"About every day it is a new modification" says Corey Hale (ECET 95).

"Just build, build, build. Get it built, then you will see what your problems are" says Knox. "Some of the things we thought would work

on paper are not necessarily working that well."

Jones believes their two biggest problems, however, are lab space and money. "We are behind on getting the vehicle moving because one of the drivers was \$150 dollars and we had to wait for the money to get it."

The entire cost of building *Mobile Ohm* plus a backup vehicle is budgeted to be \$1,744.

Much of the miscellaneous cost "is coming out of our pockets - or from our findings," says Knox.

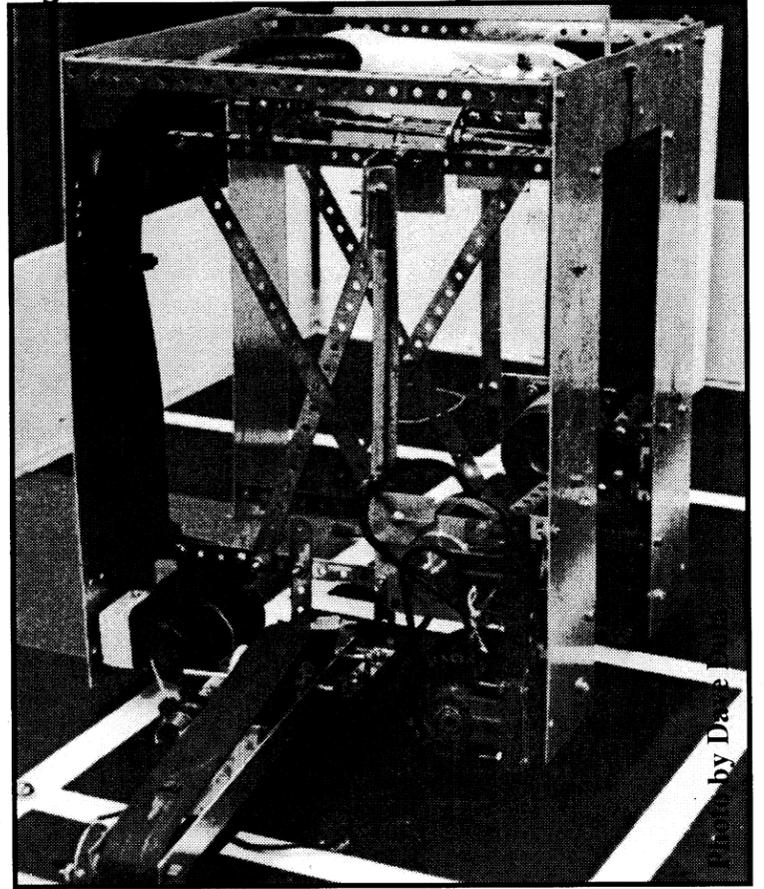
Despite some logistical problems, the group is upbeat. "We think we will be the only team that gets all 21 [balls]" says Hale. "We are finding out that...[we] know a lot more than any of us knew we knew" says Knox.

Learning how to work together and depend on each other has been invaluable.

"You have to have a relaxed environment, and that way the creativity flows" says Hale. "Being an engineer, you spend a lot of your time alone," explains Jones. "It is a really good way to learn to rely on other people."

"Last year, the best vehicle was made by Tennessee Tech" says Jones.

"We think they are going to be our biggest competition this year - that and the University of North Carolina."



This is Mobile Ohm, It picks up 21 metal balls and deposits them into a basket. It is housebroken and makes a very understanding companion.

New Advice From Social and International Studies

By REGGIE WALTON

Dr. Robert Fischer, the head of the Social and International Studies Department, has instituted changes in the student advisement program.

Dr. Fischer is attempting to make student advisement more focused by assigning students to one advisor for that student's entire time with the International Studies Department.

The Social and International Studies Department normally handles students with undeclared majors and students who are part of the Associate of Science Degree Transfer Program.

The effectiveness of assigning one student to one teacher during their entire time at Southern Tech has become an issue in many departments. Dr. Fischer stated "Our goal is to give a more personalized approach to the advising of students."

Changes in the Advisement Program will involve advisors asking students more detailed questions concerning their class and work loads. Moreover, many of the advisors may become very involved with the students assigned to them, including giving advice long before and after the quarters' start.

Dr. Fischer told his advisors that, because this is a small school, they can afford to get closer in knowing and helping the students. No other department has

taken the same step as the Social and International Studies Department in changing their advisement sessions with students.

The Social and International Studies Department's concern is that many of its students have undeclared majors and they hope that personalized advisement will help students with their choices.

Dr. Fischer says that this type of program has been attempted before, to some degree, but he hopes that it will succeed this time. A low turnout of students to the advisement sessions also contributed to the change in policy.

When asked if complaints from students led to this change Dr. Fischer stated that "there were no complaints from the students about how the advisement was being done, this was a change I was making in order to help the students."

The new changes in the advisement program also include reviewing how a student performed in previous quarters and allowing students to meet with advisors past the normal advisement hours.

Students will be encouraged to come in more than once before advisement is to begin for all students with the hope that students will get more details concerning their choices for the upcoming quarters.

This program has just begun so no data on what these changes in advisement policy will have on students is available.

Dr. Fischer stated that "We hope to turn our advisors into full-time advisors."



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SCT Gets Go Ahead for Indoor Recreation Center

By PRESTON GOFORTH

In a memo sent to Southern Tech from the Board of Regents, it was stated a construction contract needed to be awarded for the Indoor Recreation Facility for the base bid, which does not include the deductive alternates.

The deductive alternates include the pool and a few other beautifying additions to the building. According to Faye Barber the pool is the main deductive alternate that may be cut. The amount of the contract with Compucraft Inc., which is the contractor being used, is \$2,962,000. The original building cost was \$3.5 million.

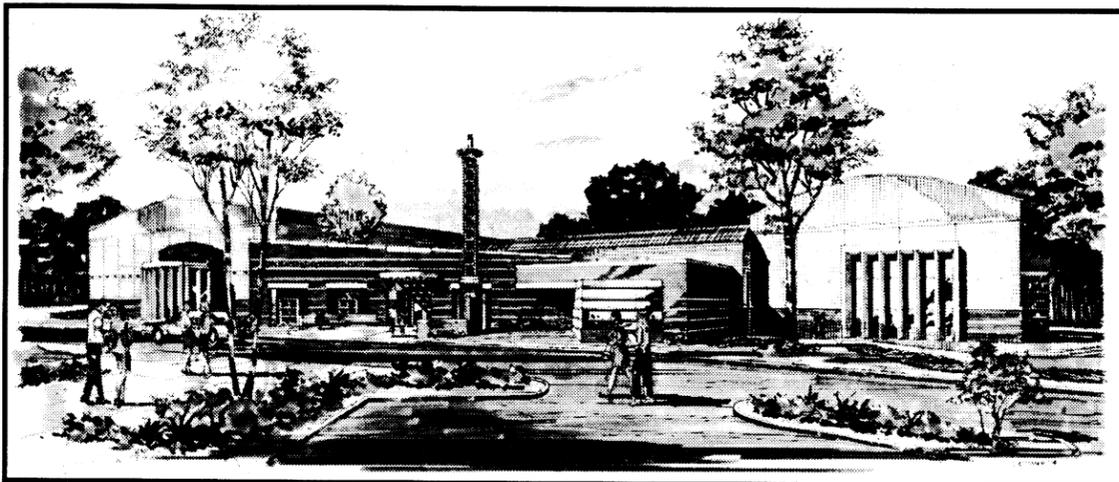
The money for the building was obtained from the Georgia State Finance and Investment Commission's (GSFIC) pay-back bond sale. These bonds are sold to raise money for building construction and they have

to be paid back, hence the name "pay-back bonds." Southern Tech received \$2.5 million from the sale of these pay-back bonds.

The money to pay back the bonds will be collected from the students athletic fees. A total of \$675,000 was also obtained from a fund raiser held by the College Foundation. The total from the sale of bonds and the fund raiser still came up \$500,000 short of the \$3.5 million total needed to construct the facility.

Compucraft Inc. has agreed to hold the contract for an extra 30 days while SCT attempts to raise enough money so the deductive alternates can be added back to the building. Faye Barber stated she was "confident that we will find the money from somewhere but we are not sure where yet."

The money needs to be raised now because as Faye Barber expressed if SCT does not include the



If this picture was clearer you would see far more women than men. Obviously this can't be Southern Tech's Recreation Center.

pool in the contract before the building is constructed then they will probably never get it."

In the memo, the Board of Regents expressed a desire to have the Indoor Rec. Center occupied by June 1, 1996.

The increase in student athletic fees is one factor that made this Indoor Rec. Center possible. The fees have been building up and are used to make the payments on the pay-back bonds.

According to Karl Staber, director of Recreational Sports, the Indoor Recreational Center will contain basketball courts, two racquetball courts, and an aerobic room which can double

as an all purpose room.

The facility will have an indoor jogging area around the perimeter, space for volleyball nets, and badminton. The Rec. Center will also have a weight room with three different kinds of equipment: cardiovascular which includes exercise bikes, and stair masters; free weights; and Nautilus style equipment which will all be available for the students to use.

Usability Lab Films Campus

By CHRIS OLANDER

One of the newest high-tech areas of the Southern Tech campus is the Usability Research Lab (ULAB). It is a state-of-the-art facility outfitted with video and audio equipment. It was established as an educational tool for the students and faculty.

The lab is located in H100 (the lower level of the Academic building). The ULAB is a joint project by the departments of Technical and Professional Communications and Computer Science. The lab was partly funded by a grant from IBM and a segment of a Total Quality Improvement grant.

The ULAB's main functions are to demonstrate the enhancement of product quality, customer satisfaction and support Human Computer Interaction (HCI) through the

use of the lab's technology. This is accomplished with equipment such as: Video Monitoring System (three cameras), Audio Monitoring, Direct Feed Video System, Video Editing System, and Computerized Event Logging System. The lab has two rooms, the Observation Room and the Student Viewing Station Room with one-way glass installed between.

Students are able to test and evaluate the usability of products. This is accomplished by observing a person using the product for the first time. The monitoring systems record all aspects of the person's reactions as they occur. This type of usability testing is a valuable tool to industry professionals because it offers an in depth product analysis and quality assurance evaluation. For students, the use of the lab offers a great opportunity to learn the skills re-

quired for product development of user centered products.

One example of the ULAB's powerful research capability is the usability testing of software interfaces; the observers monitor a user's interaction with a computer located in the Observation Room. The researcher sits behind the two-way mirror and has a duplicate computer screen that records all actions of the person using the software being tested. The user is also video and audio taped while trying out the software. This allows a complete study of how user friendly and understandable the interface is in an objective manner.

Presently, students use the lab in CS 340 Graphics I, CS 350 Software Engineering, CS 410 Human Factors, CS 635, ENGL 540 Technical Manuals, and ENGL 615

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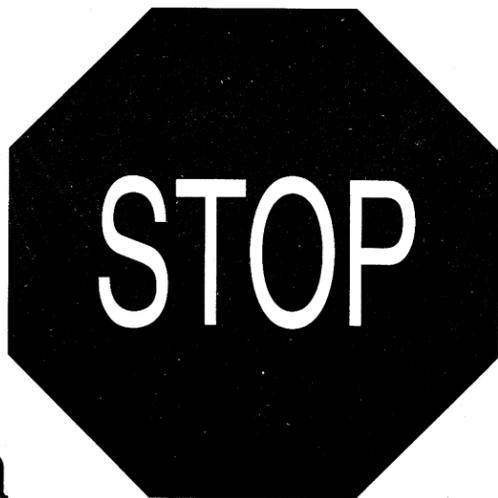
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Government Expands Student Lending Program

by SARAH KRALL

White House officials announced this week that starting in July, more than two million students at 1,400 colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide will become eligible for direct federal student loans.

The program, originated by the Clinton administration to help keep college affordable, allows students to borrow directly from the federal government through their schools instead of through banks and other third party lenders. About 20,000 students at 104 colleges, universities and trade schools participated in the first year of the program.

Observers say the big benefit for students is that they can open Individual Education Accounts (IEAs) which allow them to repay loans in one of four ways, and to switch repayment plans as their financial situations change.

"The reaction to the first wave (of direct loans) was overwhelming," said Deputy Secretary of Education Madeleine Kunin in an interview Wednesday. "Everyone loves it, and it saves taxpayers money."

The Student Loan Reform Act that created direct lending is expected to save an estimated \$6.8-billion by fiscal year 2000. Government officials say that the plan eliminates unnecessary payments to lenders and takes advantage of the government's ability to borrow at a

lower interest rate.

Financial aid administrators have called direct loans a vast improvement over the cumbersome guaranteed student loan program, which involved 7,000 different lenders.

"With one-stop shopping, stu-

dents have been able to obtain their loans in record time," said University of Michigan President James J. Duderstadt. "By the end of the first month of school this year, there was a 43-percent increase over 1993 in loans originated and funds disbursed to students."

Clinton Endorses Education Funding

(NSNS) - President Clinton reiterated his goals of protecting students and keeping tuition costs down in a speech Tuesday before the American Council on Education in San Francisco.

As in his recent State of the Union Address, Clinton pledged to make college more affordable and accessible for all students.

"The fight for education is the fight for the American dream," Clinton told the gathering of 1,200 college presidents. "It is the fight for the American middle class. It is the fight for the 21st century."

Analysts noted that the speech raised awareness about the student aid problem nationally, and some called it a departure point for the President who has been criticized lately for being overly conciliatory toward Republican leaders.

Clinton scorned Republican proposals to cut funding for low-income students, and instead outlined a plan to make college more affordable. Administration proposals include tax

deductions for families with children in college, and public service programs to repay student loans.

"Some in the new Republican Congress see education in another way," Clinton said. "They think education at the national level is just another area to cut and gut. Their proposals will cut investments in our future and increase the cost of student loans to our neediest students to fund tax cuts for the wealthy."

Rebuking suggestions that the Department of Education should be dismantled altogether, Clinton pointed out that his administration has successfully downsized the Education Department since taking office.

"We've abolished 13 of the education programs we inherited. We have cut another 38 programs that we thought were less than essential. We have consolidated 70 more programs in the budget I have just sent to Congress," Clinton said. "And all of this is designed to empower stu-

The new direct lending plan is one of many education programs which could be cut under the Republican Contract With America. Other proposals include the elimination of the entire Department of Education and numerous university work-study programs.

"While the President agrees with the GOPs about streamlining the government and reducing bureaucracy, he doesn't believe this involves cutting student aid," Kunin said.

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dents and working people, not educational bureaucrats; to help teachers to do their job, not to help the federal government to regulate more."

Throughout the speech, Clinton repeated his promise to protect stu-

dents from having to pay interest on college loans while still in school.

Clinton also opposed the Republican Congress for suggesting decreases to the federal direct student lending program. (See related story below.)

Minnesota Students Storm State Capital to Request Tuition Relief

(NSNS) - University sweatshirts and mascots dominated St. Paul on Feb. 8, when students from around Minnesota converged on the State Capitol for the annual Minnesota State University Student Association (MSUSA) Lobby Day.

Lobby Day provides a chance for students to advocate for student issues in front of state legislators, while providing real-life experiences in civics, according to Stephanie Shriock, MSUSA legislative affairs committee coordinator and Mankato State University student.

"Affordable tuition is our mission. That is the theme of lobby day," Shriock said.

Shriock added MSUSA leaders are concerned about the upcoming merger of the state's universities, community colleges and technical colleges into one entity called the Minnesota Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) on July 1.

"Students did not ask for the merger and do not want to pay for it," said Andrea Ruesch, MSUSA state chair and

Moorhead State University student. "We're asking that tuition be kept affordable so that students who want to go to college can do so."

If the state legislature adopts Governor Arne Carlson's proposed budget, MnSCU officials anticipate that tuition could rise by as much as 16 percent, and that some \$40-million will be cut from programs and staff funding.

"Listed among the governor's budget priorities are preparing young people for work, creating jobs and sustaining economic vitality. College students are central to these priorities," said Ruesch.

State university students will return to St. Paul on Mar. 15 to join students from the state's community colleges, technical colleges and the University of Minnesota in a march to the Capitol and a rally on the Capitol steps.

"The impact of this proposal would be devastating to students and the quality of their education," Ruesch said.

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resembles the U.S. Constitution and is at least as long.

According to Shannon Acreman, the SGA President and sole student representative on the committee, at the start of the February 23 meeting, the vision statement was three paragraphs long.

After Dr. Cheshier commented that the statement needed to be more concise (as Mr. Acreman had been saying), the committee went to work. When they walked out, the vision statement had been condensed to "2-3 sentences," said Mr. Acreman.

The Board of Regents have requested mission statements

from all Georgia schools.

In order to fulfill this request, Southern Tech assembled a committee chaired by Barbara Anderson.

The committee included representatives from the faculty senate, staff council, and the SGA.

The first drafts of the statements were presented to Dr. Cheshier by mid-February.

Now that he has reviewed the statements and principles, they are in the process of being fine-tuned by Dr. Pfeiffer of the Humanities Department.

Eventually they will be presented to the Board of Regents for approval.

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Brady Bunch is Almost as Much Fun as Helium But without the high-pitched voice

By **BRENT and KRISTIN TEMPLE**

The Brady Bunch Movie portrays the Bradys as they were in the series but living in the world today. Several of the famous themes done in the series were redone in the movie.

The Bradys competed in a talent show, Cindy was being taught the virtues of not being a tattletale, and who could forget the time when Marcia was hit in the nose with a football?

The movie was a deep counter-culture exposé on how a non-dys-functional family is ostracized by society, without the family even being aware of their oddities. The

director, Betty Thomas, makes a sweeping statement about life in the nineties. She cuts to the core of society and leaves the viewer gasping with admiration for her insights.

Actually, the movie just makes fun of stuff. The most hilarious part of the whole entire movie was when Jan goes Psycho and puts on a 20-inch afro wig and makes her debut on the school dance floor.

People were exclaiming "what is that? is that Jan?" and Jan finally received her own identity and stepped out of the shadow of the lovely Marcia.

Jan got the idea from the school counselor (depicted by Ru-Paul) to seek her own identity. Jan has voices in her head and they become in-

creasingly bitter and one in particular is quite psychotic.

The whole movie was very entertaining and funny. If you watched the *Brady Bunch* series in its heyday, the movie is funnier still because it seems to be self mocking. The movie works because it is well directed and well acted.

Unless you are just a miserable cynic who finds pleasure only in hating things, or a drone with no sense of humor you will like this movie.

Brent and Kristin Temple are zestfully infiltrating American society to help the kindly rulers of Neptune with their invasion, scheduled for summer of '96, to coincide with the Olympics.



Good Bones and Simple Murders a Good Time

By **BILL GREVE**

For those of you who don't know, Margaret Atwood has written over 25 books, short story collections, and collections of poetry. If you are a purveyor of talk radio, you may have heard Neal Boortz say of her novel *The Handmaid's Tale*, that it was too frightening for him to finish reading. Fortunately, *Good Bones and Simple Murders* should in no way similarly affect the sensitive reader.

Good Bones and Simple Murders is a collection of 35 short stories in 164 pages.

Actually, they aren't really short stories - more like literary whimsy, or story nuggets or improvisational jazz riffs with the words bounding

across the page like Gillespie bebop. If you enjoyed Richard Brautigan's *Trout Fishing in America*, you'll probably like this book. If you never heard of Richard Brautigan, you'll still like this book.

In *Good Bones and Simple Murders*, you'll overhear Gertrude tell Hamlet who actually killed his father and of Hamlet's girlfriend: "If you ask me, there's something off about that girl. Borderline. Any little shock could push her right over the edge." Or

In "Women's Novels" you'll learn that "Men's novels are about men. Women's novels are about men too but from a different point of view."

A number of the stories play off fairy tales: Evil stepmother's shout

libel - if not for them there would be no plot. The Red Hen tells what really happened. In "Making a Man", gingerbread men are offered as method 2.

Unfortunately they have the tendency to run off, rob convenience stores, get tattoos, and sing "Run, run, as fast as you can, you can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!"

Many of the stories are about the differences between men and

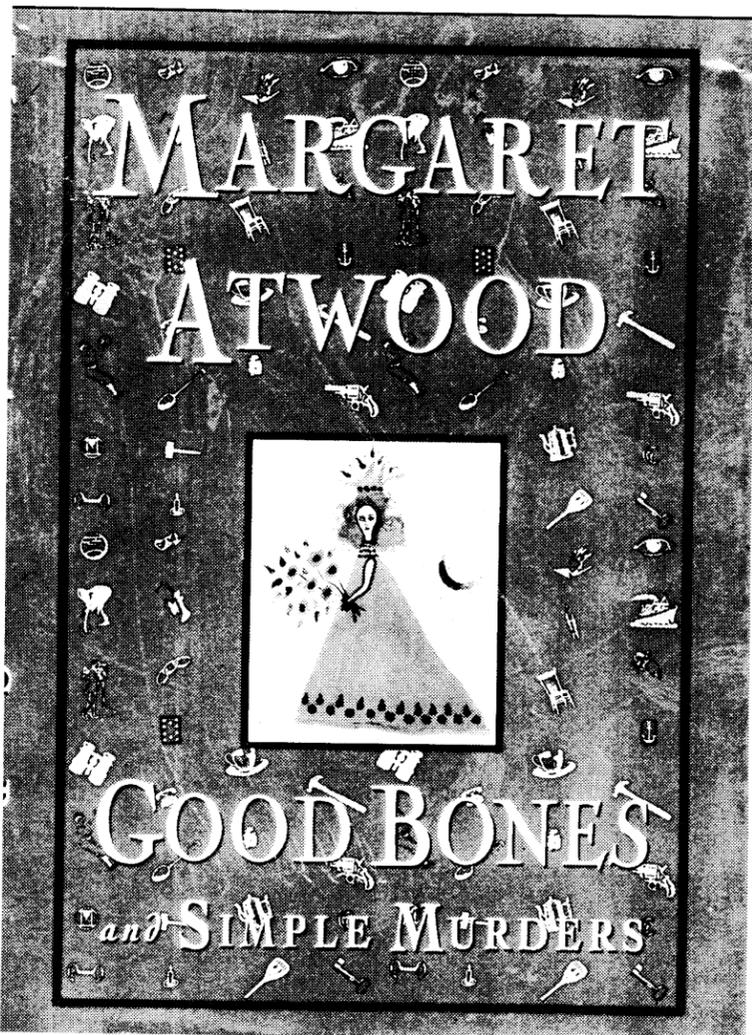
women such as in "Liking Men" where she says "It's time to like men again. Where shall we begin? ... I give you the feet, pinkly toed and innocuous. Unfortunately you think of socks, lying on the floor, waiting to be picked up and washed. Quickly add shoes. Better? The socks are now contained, and presumably clean."

Or the insight that if not for the women stupid enough to find them seductive, men would never

have written love songs. Well, maybe it isn't about the differences, but how women tend to tolerate men because they find the men humorous?

Find your own answers - Margaret Atwood provides plenty of questions, lots of chuckles, a few melancholy moments, and deserves a well earned spot on your bookshelf.

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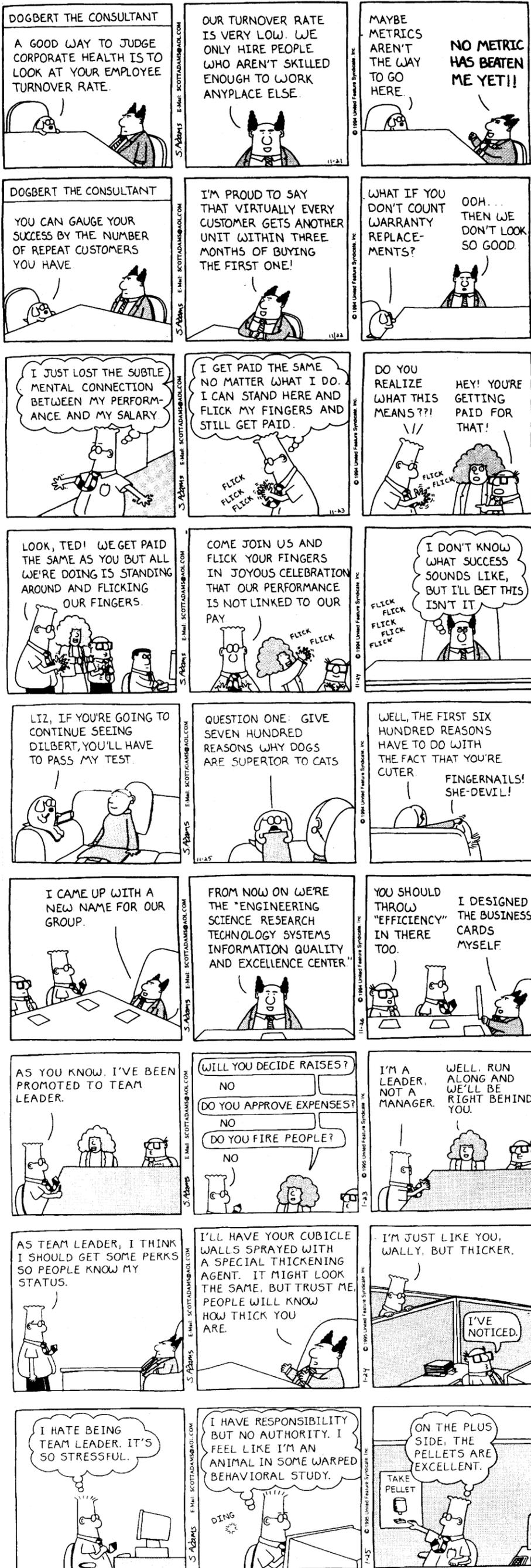
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By DR. JOEL C. FOWLER

The puzzle for last issue was to find a formula for all pairs of distinct (i.e. different) positive rational numbers, x and y, that satisfy: $x^y = y^x$. The answer is $x=(1+i/n)^n$ and $y=(1+i/n)^{(n+1)}$ (or vice versa) where $n=1,2,3,\dots$. Correct answers were received from **Michael J. Harris and Alan Gabrieli**. This issue's puzzle is as follows. Two brothers sell a herd of sheep. They receive for each sheep an amount in dollars equal to the number of sheep in the herd. They split the money by taking \$10 alternately, starting with the

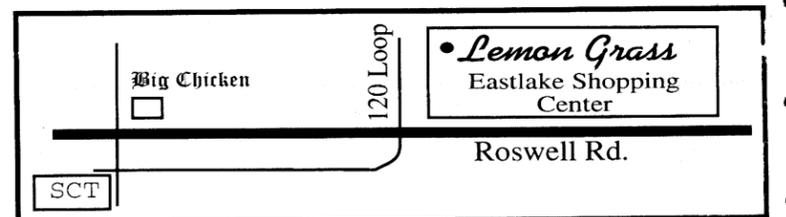
Local.Internet.New

By Phil Collins

This week we explore some of the neat things on the net that are available either on campus or pertain to local events and happenings. Two commercial companies have set up Atlanta area web pages with all kinds of things that are meant to be of interest for people who live in the city as well as people planning on moving or visiting. www.peachweb.com and www.atlanta.com both are able to point to many of the sights and attractions in the Greater Atlanta area. Both pages point you to local media sites like 99X, 96rock and Channel 5. Atlanta.com also has links to sites outside of the metro area including links to web games and National and international media (Time,CNN). Like any WWW page these can be viewed with either lynx or mosaic, however, the Peachweb page is full of graphics and some options may be unavailable if you do not have a graphical viewer like mosaic.

Southern Tech has it's own little place on the web now. <http://www.sct.edu> will take you to the Southern Tech Page. On this page you will find various instructional type pages for various commands available on the rs6000. Also included are maps of the campus and other Southern Tech information. Southern Tech still maintains its gopher server on the rs6000. Gopher offers a lot of information about Southern Tech including faculty e-

The Lemon Grass I



By BRENT TEMPLE

Have you tried Thai food yet? Whether you have or haven't, one of the best places nearby for Thai cuisine is the Lemon Grass. Hidden in a little corner of the East Lake shopping center (see map), the Lemon Grass looks small and unassuming. The interior is larger than it would look from the outside, pleasantly quiet, and the staff is very friendly. The food is even more friendly. The menu features authentic food with such names as nam sod, nuea num tok, pud thai, and the exotic larb. Larb is an appetizer, made from ground beef with hot spices, mint leaves, onions and lime juice, served with fresh cut wedge of cabbage. When I say hot spices I mean HOT spices. A lot of Thai cooking is really spicy. Not just hot, the spices used are very flavorful. Fortunately the menu has a little * beside each of the potentially hot items and you can request how spicy you would like it.

'Cause Why? Just

By REGGIE WALTON

Why Why Why did they make this movie??? It hurts me to see a movie start out strong and then dive tail into Hollywood's version of "Hey He's The Big Name Star let him take over the script too!" Who the hell told Sean (Make The Movie My Way Or I Walk) Connery that he was a writer, and a movie director needs to have done to them what was done to the plot. Let me say that Ed Harris would have done an excellent job of it!!! Oh yeah, the movie begins strong with a man accused of murder, Blair Underwood in a small southern town and he seeks a college law professor Sean Connery to defend him.

There is an initial, yet small, great performance by Laurence Fishburne as the evil police officer who obtains a forced confession out of Blair Underwood's character. Ed Harris could have gotten an Oscar nod for the way he portrays the typical murderous religious (Christian) villain in the film. As the movie goes along a strange thing happens that loses you. It seems as though an ego maniac took over the film, taking it with his career in a downward spiral (I won't name names). The end result is a film that borrows from the news headlines and the A-Team. You can't guess which news story they copied from, but it rhymes with O.K. I strongly recommend you spend your time somewhere else, like Dekalb County at night, for real excitement.

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oldest. That is, first the older brother takes \$10, then the younger takes \$10, and so on. They continue this process until eventually the younger brother finds less than \$10 in the pile. He takes what remains and, in order to make the division fair, the older brother gives the younger his pocket knife. What is the value of the pocket knife?

Answers should be sent, via conventional methods or e-mail, to Joel Fowler in the Mathematics Department. Correct answers and the names of the first to find them will be printed in the next issue of the *Sting*.

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mail and phone lists, department telephone and fax numbers and the e-mail addresses for all standing faculty committees.

New from the department of information technology are the Student Inquiry Terminals (SIT). By accessing a SIT, a student can change his address, view an unofficial copy of his or her transcript, receive a graduation evaluation or review courses that he or she has taken. These terminals are available in the H and E buildings (where you register) or via modem by choosing option 5.

A bit of advice from someone that e-mailed me. Even if you are only planning to be away from your terminal for just a second, never leave your terminal unattended. Many people have found out the hard way what can happen when you leave your terminal unattended. Some people think that it is funny to send flame bait to newsgroups or mailing lists (i.e. sending a hail satan message to any of the alt.christnet.* hierarchy). This same advice goes for not giving out your password to anyone. If someone from the school needs access to your account your password is the second to the last thing that they need. Not only is this a waste of time, (tampering with someone's account), but it is illegal and can get you kicked out of school and can cause you to lose your account.

Questions, comments, complaints, tips??? email me at mcollins@sct.edu.

ally Grows On You

In the first trip, soon after they opened, a "fairly spicy" request was very hot on my innocent young taste buds, and the "very spicy" larb, ordered by a malicious friend of mine, really burned. Recent orders requested as "hot" were not nearly as fiery as when the restaurant first opened. My advice to you, is to ask for extremely hot food, simply because I want to see you cry.

As of yet, I haven't tried every item on the menu, but that is my new mission in life. The three appetizers that I have tried so far have been excellent. Nam sod is similar to the larb and the nuea num tok is mouthwatering. It is made from grilled beef strips, (still fairly rare, like a fine steak), with Thai herbs, onions, tomato, lime juice, and pepper. Excellent.

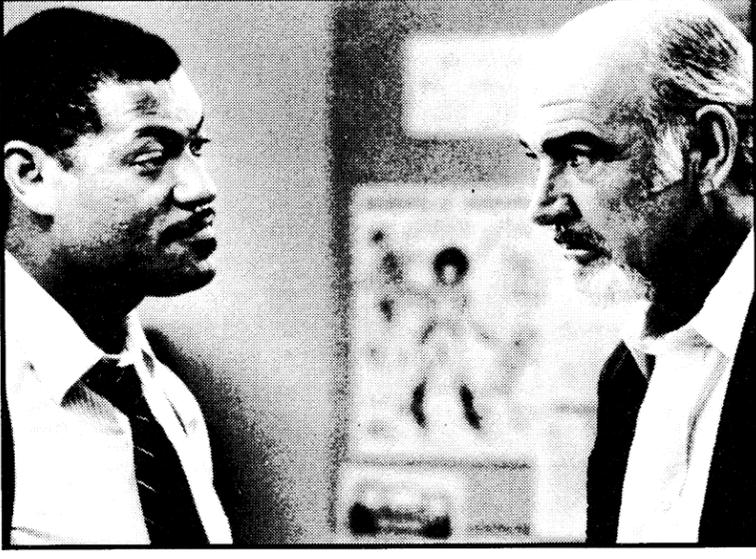
The only soup tried so far is the chicken coconut soup. This is a spicy, rich soup made with coconut milk. It is very flavorful but was too rich for me to eat all of the large serving, take a date and get two spoons if you want to try it.

The Lemon Grass is friendly to your wallet as well, the entrees start at \$5.50 on the dinner menu and don't exceed \$7.95, (ginger fish is market price). The lunch specials range from \$4.50 to \$5.75 and include a salad, and a crispy spring roll with a delicious peanut sauce.

Next time you feel like eating something spicy don't go Mexican, think Thai. You won't be sorry.

Brent Temple would barely be considered a human being in many societies, and wouldn't survive a week in the rest.

Cause. Thats Why.



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TELL ME AGAIN WHAT YOUR PROJECT IS ABOUT. THEY MIGHT ASK.

I'VE ONLY WORKED HERE ONE DAY BUT I THOUGHT OF A GREAT IDEA.

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SPROOBY

THE FIRST IDEA IS ALWAYS THE TOUGHEST.

THE URGE EVENTUALLY GOES AWAY.

THIS LAPTOP COMPUTER WEIGHS TOO MUCH. DO WE HAVE ANYTHING LIGHTER?

WHY DON'T YOU JUST DELETE FILES TO LOWER THE WEIGHT ON THAT ONE?

THAT'S A THOUGHT.

TECHNICALLY, I ONLY ASKED WHY NOT.

YOUR IGNORANCE SEEMS TO HAVE NO LIMIT. YOUR OPINIONS ARE IDIOTIC.

YOUR PERSONAL HYGIENE LEAVES MUCH TO BE DESIRED. YOUR FAMILY IS UGLY.

SEND E-MAIL

YOU'RE MIGHTY BRAVE IN CYBERSPACE, FLAME-BOY

STEP INSIDE

MY STATUS REPORT IS A BIT LIGHT THIS WEEK BECAUSE I'M HAVING AN E-MAIL FLAME WAR WITH WALLY

WALLY REFUSES TO ADMIT MY TECHNICAL SUPERIORITY OR HIS SEMIAN ANCESTRY. IT IS MY OBLIGATION TO SET HIM STRAIGHT.

NEVER!!

I'M THINKING THIS SOMEHOW ELEVATES MY RANK IN THE HERD AND IMPROVES MY MATING POSSIBILITIES

WE'RE VICTIMS OF HORMONES

I'M PROTESTING THE COMPANY'S DRESS CODE. I REFUSE TO DRESS LIKE A WOMAN

HIGH HEELS AND PANTY-HOSE ARE DESIGNED TO MAKE WOMEN LOOK LIKE HELPLESS LITTLE ORNAMENTS FOR THE PLEASURE OF MALE VIEWERS!

I'VE NEVER HAD PLEASURE VIEWING YOU. I SWEAR.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

I'M DRESSING LIKE A MAN TO PROTEST THE COMPANY'S DRESS CODE.

SO, WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY A WOMAN. IS THAT YOUR CLAIM?

THAT'S NOT EXACTLY THE POINT.

I SAW "THE CRYING GAME" DON'T DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD MAKE ME HEAVE.

I RANKED ALL OF YOUR ASSIGNMENTS BY PRIORITY SO YOU WON'T WASTE TIME ON UNIMPORTANT STUFF

EVERYTHING IS AN "A" PRIORITY EXCEPT FOR "PERSONAL LIFE."

THIS HELPS A LOT.

I'M STILL WORKING ON THE LIST OF "MUST DO" "B" PRIORITIES.

SGA Grants Funds For Cars and Bridges

By **BILL FINNICK**

On February 21, the Student Government Association held its largest meeting of the academic year. Seven members of IEEE's car team and two members of ASCE's steel bridge team joined the three SGA officers and nine council members.

President Acreman reported that Councilman Andre' Willis would be working on a Financial Aid services review. He further mentioned that the College's Vision Statement was in re-write, with an emphasis on "keeping it short."

Vice President Thomas announced his involvement, as a student representative, on a campus-wide committee looking at Food Service.

Invoking TQM he stated that the committee's "structure is set up to help Food Service move into the future, not to work on current problems."

Thomas added that the Resident Student Association's constitution has been completed and would be reviewed by the Internal Affairs committee.

Secretary-Treasurer Krista Winter, arriving late from a Thermodynamics test, reported the current balance in the General Operations and Student Development accounts as \$4966.78 and \$2895.00, respectively.

Acting Internal Affairs Committee Chairman Carl Hawthorne reported the appointment of the fourth of five members to the Judicial Review Committee.

Public Relations Chair Reggie Walton recommended advertisement for the Teacher Evaluations to be attempted at the end of the quarter. President Acreman stated the "need for everyone's help the last week of the quarter," for the project to be a success.

Old business consisted of council appointments, IEEE's funding request and the Escort Services Constitution. Acreman delayed the council appointment until to the next meeting.

Budget and Finance Chair Cynthia Clements recommended \$475 for IEEE. Councilman Matthew Nelson added that the committee had "no outline on allowable percentages," to use in arriving at the figure.

IEEE members offered that, "The Electrical Department is the largest on campus but nothing binds EET to the campus... the car can do

that." A motion passed allocating the \$475 recommended unanimously.

Passage of the Escort Service's Constitution was tabled until some wording could be refined to reflect, "Harder standards to become a member," and some minor typographical errors.

Under New Business the SGA considered a budget request from ASCE's Steel Bridge Team. Citing the "International publicity for SCT and last year's allocation," Clements recommended allocating \$1000. Nelson added that, "tax laws are

reducing contributions so companies are not giving as much as in the past. We wanted to cut the amount but thought it would be good to keep it at \$1000."

Acreman added how he was, "impressed with last year's team." The motion then passed with Councilman David Czarnecki abstaining.

After the meeting, Acting IEEE Chairperson Danita Knox said she was relieved the SGA authorized the funds so that the team can now register.

The next SGA meeting is March 7 at noon in room A-206.

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2000 Yellowjackets will share space with Green Hornets

They will be assigned their own classrooms and there will be plenty of classes for everyone. The schedules for SCT students should stay the same.

The benefits from this cooperation between SCT and GT are promising

The GT staff will need extra office space Summer 1996. It is possible that 20,000 sq. feet of modular buildings would be brought for this purpose.

These buildings could be used for our Plant Operations Department that is currently renting its space, or a continuing education center, or architectural studios that are currently needed on our campus.

GT also offered to help us meet the \$ 550,000 difference in funds for the indoor recreation center.

This let the Board of Regents give us the green light for proceeding with plans for the center.

The Board of Regents must still decide were the money will come from.

In addition, GT has also assisted SCT with the Attorney General's office in getting approval for a private developer to build a 500 bed dormitory that is needed for SCT students.

The future of the relationship between the two schools brings a lot of possibilities.

A joint math degree and our manufacturing department have been points of interest.

SCT faculty and staff have been working with their Georgia Tech counterparts and will continue to do so to establish the future of the relationship.

Usability

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photo by Dave Dula

After placing the human inside the glass box and training three cameras on them, watch on the bank of monitors as they slowly go insane from an ever increasing sense of paranoia

Usability Testing.

These courses integrate the use of ULAB by studying methods of usability testing, methods of evaluation, user interface evaluation, rapid prototyping, research methodology, and quality assessment.

The Computer Science department's contact person, Barbara Thomas, has established a Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) project to incorporate graduate and undergraduate CS courses utilizing the ULAB.

The project involves incorporating product interface development and usability testing.

Professor Thomas states, "The

Usability Research Lab is an opportunity for faculty and students to acquire industrial and real-world experience in the design, implementation, and testing of usable products for the future".

The ULAB may be utilized for other courses as well. Because of the audio and video monitoring capabilities, it is a wonderful tool for presentation development

SPCH 240 Public Speaking classes are held in the ULAB and this gives students a chance to polish their communication skills by watching themselves during presentations.

Students may go in anytime the

ULAB is open and with the help of the student assistant on duty they may practice and view their presentations to get a more detailed look at their progress.

Generally the hours of the ULAB are: Mon - Thurs 11:00am to 9:00pm and Fri 11:00am - 2:00pm. There is a current schedule posted outside the door.

Also it would be a good idea to check with the student assistant on duty prior to coming to make sure no classes have reserved the ULAB.

The ULAB was formerly just a video taping facility without this extremely high quality equipment and viewing room.

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By DEWAYNE R. THOMAS

THE 21ST NSBE NATIONAL CONVENTION AND THE REGION III SPRING CONFERENCE.

The NSBE national convention provides a unique opportunity for students and professionals seeking career alternatives. The convention enhances the professional development of NSBE members by providing opportunities to (1) make professional contacts with representatives from corporations and universities with direct hiring authority, (2) network with industry and government representatives

who provide access to scholarships and fellowships, (3) build the technical knowledge base of the African American community, (4) celebrate positive African American achievement and excellence, (5) contribute to the further organizational development of NSBE, and (6) network with NSBE peers to reinforce a collective commitment to academic achievement, personal development and cultural awareness.

"Showcasing Opportunities: A Prototype for the 21st Century...Spotlighting the Future", is the theme for the 1995 national conference.

The Region III Spring Conference was held February 17-19 in Huntsville, Alabama. "United by Diversity: The Differences Among Us Empower Us As One" was the celebrated theme for the conference.

The conference provided a variety of valuable workshops (Afrocentric Engineering: Your Unlimited Potential, The PE and the EIT, How To Become A Successful Small Investor, Black Enterprise,

etc.), a career fair (companies: Raytheon, U.S. Department of Energy, Ashland Petroleum, Rust Engineering, MartinMarietta, Tennessee valley Authority, IBM, And NASA), a college awareness day for high school students, and a number of other programs, competitions, and awards.

Their were 18 representatives from the Southern Tech Chapter who attended the conference. Five of our students received regional academic awards, three of our students were accepted as national torch bearers, one student received a graduation award, and one of our students participated in the USTR competition. Our chapter was recognized as one of the eight schools in the region who submitted a chapter development progress report (the region has 37 chapters). The conference provided a excellent experience for every student who attended, and also exposed first time conference participants to the enormous opportunities that NSBE has to offer.



BY VICIOUS

We had a wonderful crush party. Sorry about the turned over vehicle on 285 but you all made it there. The before party was enjoyable especially for the newer sisters, it gave them a chance to meet a lot of alum from far off places.

Alpha Delta Pi

Don't forget, sisters, that March 9th is our active/alumni get together.

We just had our elections. We are looking forward to a fruitful year. Special good luck to our new President Angie, our Vice Presidents Stephanie and Jessica, and Vice President Of Panhellenic Leigh. We are behind you all 100%.

Our other officers are Treasurer Cynthia, Formal and Open Rush Leigh Ann, Historian/Reporter Leigh, Sprit Angie, Alum Relation Amy and Panhellenic Delegate Stephanie.

Just to inform ya'll Fraternity guys Leigh Ann is in charge of all our socials for the next year. Sigma Pi, we are looking forward to our 50's Social with ya'll March 2. We can't wait.



By: POPEYE'S NEW REPLACEMENT HISTOR #397

On February 24th, 1973, 56 men bonded together to become Xi Chi chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity at Southern Tech. On February 25, 1995, Xi Chi chapter celebrated its 22nd annual Red Carnation Ball at the Marriott Hotel in Chattanooga, Tennessee. With over

Tau Kappa Epsilon

22 years and over 400 members, the Tekes still know how to throw a party with style.

Congratulations to our new officers for 1995-96:
President- Alex Panos
Vice President- Chuck Hardin
Secretary- Brent Frey
Treasurer- Chris Klardie
Historian- Warren Stansberry
Educator- Jay Wilkes
Sergeant-at-Arms- Alan Bates
Chaplain- Joe Wyatt
Rush Coordinator- Charles Bryan

A big thanks to last year's officers for a job well done. We would also like to congratulate Jarret Simmons for choosing the best fraternity in the world. Good luck to you.

"Not for wealth, rank, or honor ...but for personal worth and character."
TEKES RAISE HELL!!



Pi Kappa Phi

By Ek 208 & EK CH

First, we would like to congratulate Scott Wolfe for making President of IFC council. We would also like to congratulate Pat may for

Vice - President and Craig Thompson for Sec/Treas. Good luck guys!! Our Big/Lil Campout was lots of wet & cold fun. Lots of people had a great time even though they were not all dry!! That is the best kind of brotherhood!!

All the Pi Kapp's had a great time at church this past Sunday. We all went up to the big Calhoun church and had a great time! Hopefully, soon, we can go again.

Happy Birthday to Nestor Ortiz, Chris Cody, and Louis Gospodareck!!! May you have many more!!

The Annual Nuts & Bolts Party went real well. All the ladies looked

great and, apparently had a great time. The brothers also really enjoyed themselves!! We also appreciate the DJ's for doing such a great job and thanks to everyone who helped clean up!

The Alpha Omicron class seems to be doing a bang up job on their PUSH fund-raisers. They raised over \$1000 for the cause. Way to go Guys!!!

Look out though, the brothers have their toll road March 4th, so look out!!!

Last week IFC Officers were selected. Scott Wolfe(PKF) : President, Pat May(EN) : Vice President, and Craig Thompson (LCA) as Secretary/Treasurer. Congratulations Gentlemen. This is an excellent cross-section of Greeks here at Southern Tech and we trust that you will work together to achieve common goals.

Upcoming Events: Sigma Nu Pool Tournament is March 4th; see Jason Reed for details and sign up information. We have a Toga!! Toga!! Toga!! party, a mixer, and our infamous St. Patrick's Day Party left. Then we have, let's see, ...um..... oh, yea, finals. Start allocating time for all of these events and let's have a big turnout on retreat.

Faternally



Sigma Nu

KNAPPY

Once again, congratulations go out to the Knights of Sigma Nu basketball team. We finished with a record of 4-2(undefeated in Greek competition), and start the playoffs next week. Good luck and a job well done. Did I mention that in football and basketball we own all Greeks?

C.A.B. Band Search

The Campus Activities Board is looking for Southern Tech students in a band that would like to play at a C.A.B. sponsored event. The band must have a minimum of one Southern Tech student. Fill out the below application and return with a demo tape of the band to the Student Activities Office in the Joe Mack Wilson Student Center Room 228 by noon April 4.

Campus Activities Board Band Search

Bands Name _____
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EDITORIALS

Appoint Students Through SGA

By BILL FINNICK

From the ashes of the French Revolution public colleges developed their management styles. Enormous egos could not stand for centralized management. So today's campuses are run by committee. Leadership is judged by one's ability to drag the wagon loaded with committees; all the while dodging special interest groups.

In the wake of the student activism during the 1960's, students became a part of the governing process. No longer mere SGA officials, they became a part of the normal committee demographic.

Having stated my intentions to run for SGA office this Spring, my hypocrisy does not stoop to the level of criticizing this institution. Actually when asked last week, "how much authority does the SGA have," my response was, "not enough."

Recently the involvement in several important committees has been less than beneficial to the students' interest. One of these committees is led by a man of great character with a genuine interest in the students' opinions. Another leader was less than open to student input.

The reasons for a collapse in the student involvement toward directing this school are many, but two rise quickly to the top of the list.

First, for one reason or another, student members of long standing committees leave and are not replaced.

Second is that the students really are not welcome in the inner circle where important decisions are made.

Vice President Smith is where nearly every committee chair goes to for student panelists. While positioned at the top of the student rights chain of SCT, his personal contact with the student body is probably no

more than one to two percent. It is not reasonable to expect for him to know which students are interested in what issues.

Even further the requirements mandated to him tie his hands, e.g.: 1-white; 1-minority; 1-traditional; 1-nontraditional; 1-resident; 1-commuter; 1-male; 1-female;...all to be represented in two students.

A mind can be an impossible thing to change. In a limited number of faculty and administrators there permeates an attitude that students, like children, should be seen not heard.

If student involvement is requested then our input should be weighed with equal value to other committee members. Should a campus leader not be able to accept this ideology then maybe he should abdicate his chair.

The SGA should develop and maintain a list of students willing to serve on these committees, the data based on their personal interests.

When a campus committee requiring student involvement is developing the requirements should be sent to the SGA.

The SGA then acting as the students' elected representatives would assign student panelists. When those students do not attend scheduled meetings replacements would be assigned by the SGA, when practical.

If nothing else when something the student body does not like is put in place at least they will know that they had an opportunity to express disagreement proactively, rather than reactively.

Should this come to pass administrators would have to learn to send these committee chairs to the SGA instead of acting in their behalf.

Bill Finnick sits placidly on the bank watching the water flow under the bridge.

When Does The Hurting Stop?

By REGGIE WALTON

The top ten reasons why being at Southern Tech can be a reason to kill or be killed.

10) If I took you on a tour of the barracks or rather the dorms you would find stalls scrawled with racial attacks from both directions and they are not being removed in a timely manner by the Housing Department.

9) You will also find no bacterial soap to clean your soiled hands with the Center for Disease Control right up the street and the wide spread of super deadly viruses.

8) If you are in need of advisement you will usually find a very unconcerned well paid faculty member giving you little attention and slack advice; that's after you've been waiting for twenty minutes to talk to this God like being.

7) The open and loving communication displayed between various student organization concerning each others functions.

6) Dealing with some of those kind and caring people serving the food only helps me want to reach out and touch the individual or evil corporation raising the prices on the fine cuisine. Well at least the fries are better.

5) The library is also staffed with the most sensitive of human beings but I still can't operate that user killer Ollie and his mind bending cousin The Library Journals.

4) When I encounter the Campus Police I am always reminded of one night where I was followed around campus even after I waved repeatedly! When I go running at night I know I will be safer than the females on Southern Tech's campus because I will continue to have a police escort even after this editorial.

3) The pleasure I get from other students as they try and figure out that there is a college radio station called WGHR 102.5 FM, that gives away free CDs,

tickets, and posters to it's listeners. I'll bet you that the reader can't write the Editor of *The Sting* and tell him the name of the school that WGHR belongs to and what type of format it is. Thank the Lord that the local people and the hill critters enjoy the station.

2) Personal note: I wish more women would seek a degree in Technology Engineering because math is hard and women are smart and make excellent tutors! "I'm just saying how helpful for us males that a good tutor could be."

1) I'm personally giving thanks that the Georgia State Flag will be around for the 96 Olympic's because it will always be a reminder to me that the whole world will see Southern Hospitality up close.

PS. I give certain Georgia Counties the W.E. Love Award for daring to be subtle in joining various national organizations in bringing back the good old days of the Forties and Fifties when America was a happy place for everybody, NOT!!!!!!

Another W.E. Love Award goes out to DeKalb County for showing Atlanta that it has competition for the number one spot as murder capital in America. Let's get back to the Southern Tech and say that I love the new decor given to the campus, sort of a "we're still fixing it." Questions: What is happening to the trees in front of the Student Center? When did we start growing straw for campus horses? What happens to former basketball and baseball players from Southern Tech?

In a vision I see Cobb County getting it's revenge on ACOG revealing it's terrifying secret weapon; the dreaded Team Wooger! As Team Wooger takes the field at the 96 Summer Games President Cheshire, Dean Smith, and Dean Yancy head towards the nearest exits as they realize that it's really Southern Tech Students lead by Team Captain Bill Greve and Co-Captain Phil Collins!!! (W.E. stands for Welcome Everybody).

Reggie Walton even confused The Sting staff with that last paragraph, so don't worry about it.

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CONSENSUS EDITORIAL

We, The Sting staff, would like to recommend that it is time for a town hall meeting. The last town hall meeting was Spring Quarter 1994, and since then:

Georgia Tech has been given permission to invade us in 1996; the Indoor Rec Center has been approved - with the Regents promising \$500,000 from . . . somewhere; new dorms might be built by an outside contractor; a change to a semester system is possible; a vision statement is under construction, Athletic Director Perides is proposing changes; a new Budget and Finance V.P. is being hired.

It's time to hold a public meeting and so everyone can ask a few questions. With so many changes, it's getting hard to keep track of everything.

Another suggestion: this time publicize it so students can show up, and please be kind enough to let SGA know about it more than two days ahead of time.

Technical Writing II: The Wrath of Pfeiffer

Dear *Sting*:

The Sting's last two issues have included editorial comments about my book being used in courses taught by some of my colleagues. Because the first editorial was inaccurate at best, I sent a response to faculty colleagues (which also was printed in the last *Sting*) and met with the paper's staff. The writer of the editorial, Bill Finnick, sent letters of apology to me and other faculty he had mentioned, and I considered the matter over.

The appearance of the second editorial—this time by Bill Greve—requires another response, for several reasons. First, Greve did not acknowledge that Finnick had expressed regret about the original editorial. Second, Greve replaced factual errors of Finnick's editorial with his own misguided preaching about the "need to

avoid the appearance of improprieties." And third, some serious issues about academic freedom and good journalism have been largely ignored. My letter covers three points I think should be remembered and ends with a suggestion for improving the paper:

1. Although faculty should consider book prices, they should choose texts mainly on the basis of content and presentation of material. Whereas both Finnick and Greve noted the price of the two English 232 books used this quarter, neither wrote a word about the content of either one. For the record, my book is a textbook in technical writing, whereas the other book mentioned is a handbook. Textbooks in my field contain many examples and assignments (and, in the case of my book, an extended case study about com-

munication in a technical firm). Handbooks generally contain little if any teaching apparatus and usually are cheaper than textbooks. The mix of textbooks and handbooks used in English 232 varies from quarter to quarter, depending on what faculty are teaching the course.

2. Whether singly or in committee, faculty members should have the academic freedom to choose any book written by anyone—including a department head—if that book is their choice for meeting the needs of a course. Our faculty have the good sense and integrity to make such decisions on their own. And they should not be restricted from using a book simply because a department head wrote it.

3. An important issue to students, understandably, is the cost of college books and their use in the

classroom. I suggest the *Sting* transcend phantom issues and consider doing some genuine investigative journalism. Here are some possible topics: (a) surveys of the cost and content of the top ten or twenty books on the market for a number of courses, (b) the degree to which professors at the college effectively use the books that students are required to buy, (c) the criteria by which college publishers price books and bring out new editions, and (d) the profit margins of bookstores. There are lots of issues waiting for enterprising reporters.

In closing, I'll comment on what I see as an underlying problem here: the quality of our student newspaper. Greve misses the point in suggesting that the paper needs faculty to help "proof and edit" copy on weekends. Grammar-checking software and English 110 should solve those prob-

lems. He's closer to the point when he asks for help with story ideas, a few of which I provided above. I suspect faculty would be willing to help the paper if they thought their suggestions would be heeded. I, for one, would volunteer—as long as the editors would accept constructive criticism about research, writing, taste, and libel. With someone to say an occasional "no" to poor writing while still encouraging provocative and interesting journalism, I think the paper would improve. I know our editors may recoil at the politically incorrect suggestion that someone should rein them in, so I am not expecting a call. But the offer stands.

Dr. Sandy Pfeiffer,
Professor and Head
Humanities & Technical
Communication

NSBE Accused of Misrepresenting Former Officers

Dear *Sting*:

I was informed by friends that in the last issue of *The Sting* there was reference made to myself and several other former NSBE officers.

To the author I have this to say. As the new vice president of NSBE you have a responsibility to act as an intelligent adult and represent NSBE with NSBE's best interest in mind. Any statements or assumptions that you make in print after stating your position is a direct reflection of NSBE.

Although I personally could care less what you think my motives were for

becoming an officer of NSBE, my feelings that you need to be corrected are stronger.

Of the officers you were referring to, two of them worked very hard last year and basically placed NSBE in a better position on campus. We actually began to develop and participate in various programs and had every intention to continue this year.

As you well know our situations, mine in particular, kept us from continuing in our SERVICE of the organization.

Which brings me to the state-

ments that moved me to write this article. The lines as printed in *The Sting* are as follows: "none of the previous officers (presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, or treasurers) attended the coronation or any other events that were sponsored. This gives the organization reason to believe that they used NSBE to place themselves in the lime light for personal use."

My actions as well as my fellow former officers' actions were not severe enough to justify a public comment. As I can only speak for myself, unless I am notified of

an event, I will not be able to offer my support. This is due to the location of my co-op job NOT my lack of a "decision making position."

Due to my good nature, I would like to offer a word of advice from one aspiring engineer to another. NEVER ASSUME ANYTHING!!!

You have no idea why any of us were not at the Black Coronation. Besides, it really looks bad when the vice president makes himself an example of the hidden meaning of ASSUME.

Marcia Griggs

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Varsity Sports

By MICHAEL PENROW

The Southern Tech Baseball Team has had several rainouts to start this season, and has only played one game. Their first win was 7 to 6 over Bridgewater College. The Hornets have an eleven game homestand including five double headers.

First, on March 2 at 1:00 p.m. two games against Tri-State University, IN; Saturday March 4 at 1:00 p.m. a double header against Brewton-Parker. This is the first conference games of the season. Next, on March 7 against Southern Wesleyan, SC a double header starting at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday March 8 will bring Kennesaw State College to campus, game time is 2:30. The Hornets then play a double header against IUPUI, on March 11 starting at 1:30 p.m.

Finally, on March 18 at 1:00 p.m. the Hornets continue the conference schedule against Georgia Southwestern.

The Hornets last home game of this homestand is a double header on March 27 at 1:30 p.m. versus Minnesota-Duluth.

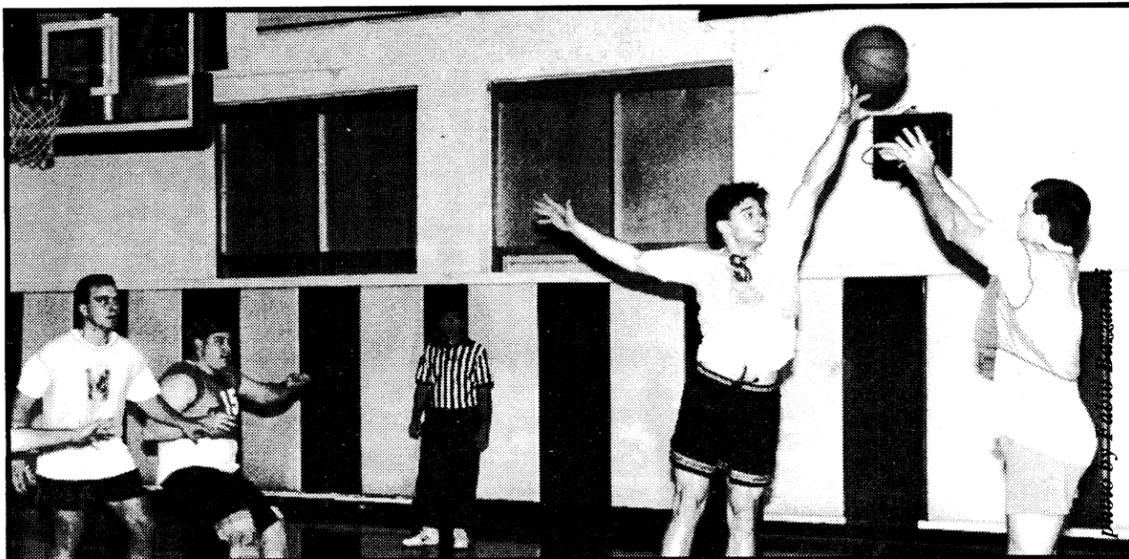
The Southern Tech Hornet basketball team's record now is 18 wins and 11 losses with an 8 and 7 record in the conference. The Hornets won 67 to 39 at LaGrange on February 8. Ricardo Pierre lead all scorers with 15 points playing only 20 minutes. On February 11, the Hornets battled with Brewton Parker

College at Mt. Vernon and came up short by a score of 49 to 48. Jabar Dozier led the Hornets with 14 points. Next for the Hornets was a home game against Piedmont on February 15. The Hornets again fell a little short by a score of 64 to 61. Ricardo Pierre lead the team in points with 19 and in rebounds with 7 in the losing effort.

Three days later on February 18 the Hornets traveled to Morrow, Georgia to face Clayton State College. This was another disappointing night for the Hornets as they fell short again by a score of 50 to 47. Heath Paige had an impressive night by scoring 14 points and grabbing 7 rebounds. Finally, on February 20 the Hornets faced Shorter College in Rome, Georgia.

This night the Hornets were able to get back on track with a 59 to 45 win. Maurice Holifield lead all scorers with 22 points and added 5 rebounds to the Hornets winning cause. Southern Tech's last home game is Saturday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m. against Georgia Southwestern.

The Southern Tech Tennis Team is also gearing up for their season which starts on March 30 at 2:30 p.m. against LaGrange College at Laurel Park. The tennis team is looking for a couple of more players. If you are interested, call Dr. Lee Tucker at 528-7357 or come out to the court on any weekday between 2:00 and 4:00.



An exciting, last second shot during a rec league game. Stay tuned until next issue to find out if he made the shot. Unless we finally get some decent pictures of a Hornet's game.

Rec Sports is Fun For Everyone

By MICHAEL PENROW

Right now Recreational Sports has both basketball and soccer leagues in progress.

The Basketball portion has two separate leagues a Fast League and a Recreational League.

The Augusta Greenjackets are leading the Fast League with a record of 6 and 0.

The Hard Heads are second with a record of 4 and 2.

In the Recreational League four teams are battling for the top spot.

The two teams tied for first place are BSU and Final Design with records of 4 and 1. Pi Kappa Phi 1 and Sigma Nu Knights both have records of 4 and 2.

In the Soccer League, two teams are in hot competition for the top spot. International FC is in first with a record of 3 and 0.

They are followed closely by National FC with a record of 2 and 1.

Some of the upcoming events scheduled for the Department of Recreational Sports is an 8-ball tournament scheduled for March 1 with an

entry deadline of February 28. Some of the events scheduled for next quarter are Softball, Wiffleball, 9-ball Tournament, Softball Long Hit Contest, 5K Tech Tour Road Race, and Golf.

The entry deadlines are April 13 for Softball, April 20 for Wiffleball, May 2 for 9-ball Tournament, May 9 for the Softball Long Hit Contest, May 23 for the 5K Tech Tour Road Race, and May 24 for Golf.

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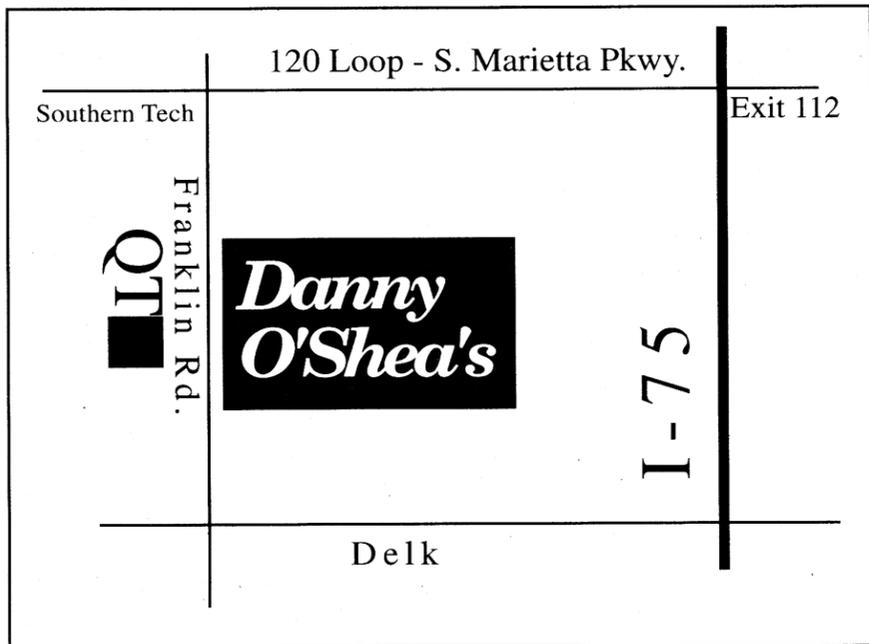
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