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## Vision Statement, Part XVII

By COLLEEN DESMOND

Throughout the past academic year, Southern Tech has been developing three major documents to serve as guides for the future of Southern Tech. These three documents are the mission statement, guiding principles and vision statement.

The mission statement and guiding principles have been approved by the faculty. The vision statement has not been approved and is being developed in a three phase process to include participation by students, staff and relevant business and industry leaders.

Phase one is presently underway and involves soliciting campus input to develop a draft vision statement.

Phase two will occur over the summer and will include meetings with representatives of stakeholder groups in the community.

Phase three will begin in the fall to modify the statement and seek final approval of the vision statement.

Two vision statement meetings were held to obtain input from campus members. At the meetings, participants were asked to share how they envision a future Southern Tech.

A melange of replies were offered, from Southern Tech being a technological leader to Southern Tech as a place where human dignity and ethics were most valued.

Participants also discussed with more concord the general tone and style of what a vision statement should be. Some comments which were generally accepted were that the vision statement should be short but substantive; it should force Southern Tech to stretch itself; and it should accentuate the uniqueness of Southern Tech.

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## Greek Discussion Delays SGA Budget

By KASSIA CATO

On Friday, May 5, 1995 the Student Government Association's Budget and Finance committee met to discuss the second cut in the proposed student organization budgets for the 95-96 school year.

Budget and Finance Chairperson Cynthia Clements opened the meeting with the major source of disagreement between some members of the SGA. The dispute was about Greek organizations and honor societies with Greek names receiving funding from the \$300,000 allocated for student organizations.

Barry Birkhead, the SGA advisor, was the first to speak on this issue. Mr. Birkhead stated that the council should give money to whom ever they wanted, and not to make selectivity the main issue about giving money to the Greeks.

He went on to state that the key element was not who receives the money but what that organization does with the money and how it benefits the Southern Tech students and the campus as a whole.

Mr. Birkhead believes that the Greeks are a positive part of the campus and should receive funding, if there is enough money for them.

Paul Elliott, Internal Affairs



Shannon Acreman says Greek organizations should not get SGA funds. Cynthia Clements says they should.

**Who is correct? You make the call!**

chairperson, stated that Greeks and Greek honor societies should be separated into two different categories. According to Mr. Elliott, Greek honor societies should be included in the budget because they honor Southern Tech students for academics. Greeks on the other hand are not based on academics, but personalities. They are social organizations which collect dues and have large budgets. Mr. Elliott went on to state

that they would be wise enough to spend their own money to meet their needs. However, if they should happen to run into difficulty, they should be able to request funds from SGA's student development funds.

Shannon Acreman, SGA President, a strong opponent against giving Greeks money, brought out sheets with some of the Greeks on campus yearly budget based on dues and number of members. Mr.

Acreman stated that, based on these figures, Greeks should not receive money.

Dwayne Thomas, SGA Vice President, stated that going only on a need basis, and not grouping Greeks as a whole, he felt that they did not need money because of their yearly dues collection. Mr. Thomas went on to state that SGA needed to get out of the mode of thinking of

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## Memorial Benches A Year Late But Not Forgotten

By JARRED FEHR

Last year the Southern College of Technology Student Government Association (SGA) approved the purchase of Memorial Benches to honor students who have died while attending Southern Tech.

The previous SGA decided to use extra money that was left over from last year to purchase the benches. The money is usually used to buy office supplies, but the benches idea was spurred by a couple of deaths that occurred last year,

including the highly-publicized disappearance and murder of Claudette Fick.

Although the SGA was ready to purchase the benches last year, "Plant Operations asked that they hold off until the renovation of the campus was completed because they didn't want to risk damaging the benches by moving them around too much," says Barry Birkhead, Director of Student Activities.

The benches are being purchased from the Georgia Wood Company, but are made of concrete.

Plant Ops had planned to have the renovations finished by Techfest '95, but when they contacted the company they were told the benches were not ready yet although Georgia Wood said that they would be delivered by May 12 or May 15 at the latest. Plant Ops will then decide where the benches will go.

Vicki Langston, Reservations Coordinator of the Student Center, said that they are going to purchase six benches.

"They won't just be for the students who died last year, but for all the students who have left this campus," she said.

Edmond McCracken, Horticul-

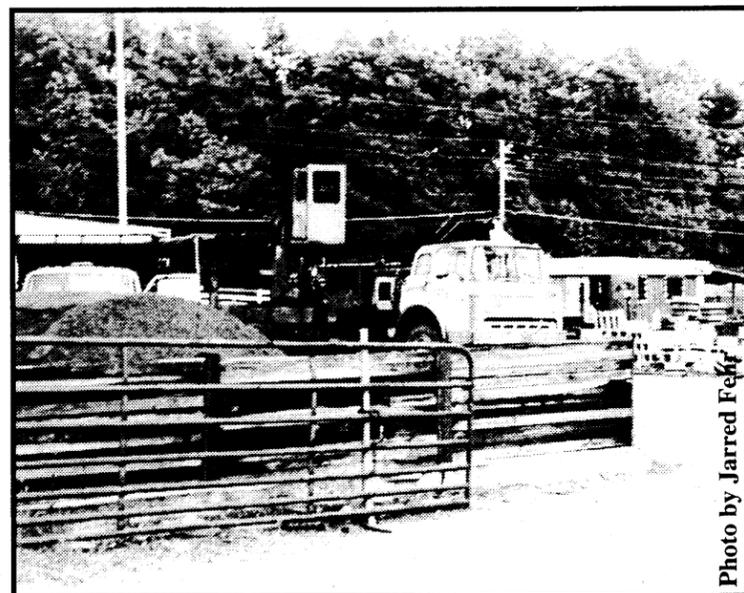


Photo by Jarred Fehr

**This is Georgia Marble. Isn't it amazing that nice looking park benches can come from this ugly industrial mess?**

turist of Plant Ops, said that there will be three benches on each side of the main walking entrance of the main parking lot.

McCracken says that, "There will be three on each side of the walk. Half will be in the shady part and the other half will be in the sun."

Paul Elliott, SGA Internal Affairs Chairperson said, "I think it is about time that some recognition

was given to the students who have died. I'm glad the benches are finally going to be put in."

In front of each of the benches will be a sign which states:

*In memory of fellow students/ Who no longer walk this campus/ Donated by the '93-'94 Student Government Association.*

Please see related letter from the Fick Family in page 11.

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## Formula Car Zooms off to Compete In Michigan

By LEIGH BOROS

The Mechanical Department has been busy preparing for the 1995 Formula SAE (Society of Automotive Engineering) competition May 17 - 21.

Under the leadership of Professor Orren Williams, fifteen students have been working around the clock to prepare the formula car. Particularly helpful was Lee Pickard of the Alumni Association with his personal donation of time to help.

Of the fifteen, seven students are going to the competition in Detroit: Jason Summerour, Dave Hardy, Jason Barnes, Chris Ledford, Lance Staron, and William McClendon.

On top of preparing for this competition, the Society Of Automotive Engineers was recognized by the SGA on April 25.

The Society of Automotive Engineers originally entered the Formula SAE competition four years

ago. In 1993 they entered a formula-style race car. The car that they are entering this year is the 1993 car upgraded. This car will be competing against cars from eighty other colleges.

This competition is sponsored by the big three auto makers: Ford, GM, and Chrysler. The 1995 Formula SAE competition allows each school to have two different cars; one that runs off of gasoline and the other off of M85. In total, there are ninety-one cars entered representing eighty-five schools. Six of these cars will compete with M85 in the gas tank.

The competition is divided into two categories: static and dynamic. There is a minimum of four drivers needed to compete in all events.

The static events are inspection to insure that all safety measures are met. The cost event is judged by how well the teams stay within a given budget. The presentation event is to evaluate the team's ability to make a presentation to the customer within a given time limit. The best presentation, regardless of the quality of the car, will win. The last static event is the design event. In the design event the actual engineering efforts are put to the test.

The second category is the dynamic events. The acceleration event evaluates the car's acceleration in a straight line from rest to a distance of 100 yards on flat pavement. Another



photo by Leigh Boros

Orren Williams is God to all Mechanical students especially these SAE students. See them shaking in their boots. Except the person on the right who is definitely wearing tennis shoes.

dynamic event is the skid pad where the cars are tested on the ability of the car to accelerate on a flat surface while making a consist turn. The turn test is around a figure eight. In the auto cross event, a car's maneu-

verability and handling qualities on a course without other hindrance of the competing cars. This event will test the performance features of the acceleration, braking, and cornering. The last part of the dynamic

events is the endurance track and fuel economy event. The endurance event is designed to evaluate the overall performance of the car and to test the car's reliability. The top speed of the cars will be approximately 65 mph.

## Techfest '95 a Tremendous Success

By TODD E. FUDER

Ask Me! Stickers with this straightforward logo were attached to the T-shirts of most of the organizers of last Saturday's TechFest 95. Southern Tech's open house drew a large number of people this

year, and not just from the Atlanta area.

George Santoni and his parents, from Valdosta, spent the morning walking around the campus and seeing what Southern Tech has to offer him. He will be graduating high school this year, and is looking for a good college.

Robert Michum came to Southern Tech to see if he should transfer from his current college in South Carolina. "I'm looking for an engineering-oriented school," he said, standing in the shade in front of the Burruss building.

In fact, as the day wore on, many people began alternating between the sunny courtyard, where fraternities and other organizations were selling hot dogs, sodas, and other snacks, and the student center.

The day, while beautiful and sunny, had no clouds to break up the heat, and although no visitors were taken to TechFest Central for heat stroke, one TechFest organizer was sent home early because of the effect the heat was having on her.

The Southern Technical Institute's first graduating class, the class of 1954, was shown around the campus. For most of them this was the first time they had seen the campus where it stands today, since when they graduated the campus was on the site of what is now Peachtree-Dekalb Airport.

There were numerous demonstrations out in the courtyard, near the Rock. One in particular, the martial arts exhibition, drew crowds from all over the campus to see them perform. Remarked one observer (more than once), "They are really good!"

The children seemed to be

having the best time of all at TechFest, though. Little Kimberly Watt, of Marietta, spent most of the morning following the roving robot around campus. She was later seen with some other children playing a game of tag with the Marietta Police Department's remote-controlled police cruiser.

Children stood through the line more than once to play with I2, the light-powered organ display from SciTrek. One little boy went through the line four times in a row to play with the organ, which used light sensors on the floor to play notes from a keyboard. Whenever his shadow would cover up a sensor in the floor and a note would sound, a big grin would spread over his face and he would begin waving his arms furiously, making as much noise as he could.

Everyone seemed to be in good spirits, including the volunteers, organizers, and visitors.

Whenever it would get too hot for a visitor, they would simply move to an exhibit that was inside, or just into the shade. A popular resting place was the set of benches in front of the library, where the planted trees provided some shelter for those resting their feet there.

No major problems were reported and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Even the non-appearance of the CH2 helicopter from Dobbins seemed to be of minor consequence to almost everyone. Two brothers, Dan and Dale, from Smyrna, were upset about the missing helicopter, but brightened when they found out about the air show Dobbins was having that same weekend. "This is OK, but we wanted to see the helicopter. Guess we'll have to go over there tomorrow," said one of the boys.

With wonderful weather, helpful volunteers and organizers, and great displays, TechFest 95 was regarded as a tremendous success.

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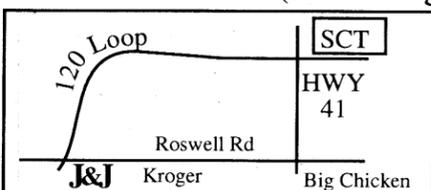
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## Republican Contract Targets Student Funding

By DAVID SIROTA

For College Republicans, the Contract With America has their best interest in mind. Even if it makes them pay more of it.

In order to further reduce the federal deficit, Republican lawmakers have proposed cuts in financial aid programs, targeting the federal funds which pay off interest on student loans while the recipient is in college.

The most significant program slated for cuts and reductions are the Stafford and Perkins loan programs. While students declare the necessity of such programs, GOP lawmakers point to Congressional Budget Office (CBO) statistics

which indicate an unaffordable explosion in costs.

"Without (the in-school subsidy), I could not go to Northwestern," said Beth Hooton, a first year student. "I completely depend on financial aid for school. It would be unfair if the Republicans just all of a sudden stopped the program, because I have banked on it being there."

However, Republicans say the loan programs may run themselves into the ground.

According to the CBO, of the 75 million loans made since the program's inception in 1966, 22 percent have been issued in the last two years. Between 1981 and 1992 the program increased from \$7.8 billion to \$9.7 billion. But from 1992-1994,

the cost exploded from \$14.7 billion to \$23.1 billion — an increase of 57 percent.

"In the last 30 years, the size of the federal government has grown outrageously, and the Contract With America is trying to stop that," said Kevin Frost, president of NU's Conservative Council. "It is not the federal government's responsibility to provide social welfare programs to the extent it does. For students who need financial aid, private resources can provide equal, if not better, funding for education than the federal government currently provides."

According to estimates by C. William Fischer, NU vice president for business and finance, cuts in the Stafford program would cost North-

western \$5 million (about \$1,650 per student).

"It is a very expensive program because the government has to front the interest payments, but it also is significant to people," said Rebecca Dixon, associate provost for university enrollment. "Cutting the Stafford subsidy is going to make the debt for students climb significantly, even though it may only seem small at the beginning. That is absolutely poor social policy."

Democrats on Capitol Hill adamantly oppose cuts in education. Republicans have defended their cuts, saying that conservative spending is the only way to trim the federal deficit. Some, like Frost, suggest that the private sector will pick

up the slack made by cuts in federal education spending.

"For students who need financial aid, private resources can provide equal if not better funding for education than the federal," Frost said. "This will get states and localities back into the decision-making process and shrink the federal government."

In a prepared statement, Secretary of Education Richard Riley condemned the possible cutbacks.

"If ever there was a time that education should remain a national priority, it is now in the 1990s," Riley said.

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## Clinton Lauds Increase in Direct Student Loans

(NSNS) - President Clinton announced Monday that 451 additional colleges and universities have agreed to participate in the new Student Direct Loan Program, which allows students to secure college loans more easily and efficiently than previous indirect lending methods.

"Yes, we should cut the deficit, but one way to cut the deficit that is absolutely wrong is to start charging interest on student loans while the students are still in school," Clinton told the meeting of the American Association of Community Colleges in Minneapo-

lis on April 24. "There is an answer, you know, in education, to the budget conundrum.... It is our direct student loan program."

U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley echoed Clinton, saying that not only is direct lending easier and faster, but it is less expensive because it reduces bureaucratic costs.

"(Direct lending) offers a range of repayment plans, it makes education more affordable and gives young people wider career options that allow them to serve their communities and their country. And it saves taxpayers a considerable amount of

money as well," Riley said.

Riley said that the most important educational issues now being debated in Congress "are the money issues."

"We will be working with the budget and appropriations committees to preserve educational funding," Riley told members of the student and educational press corps in a conference call Monday. "The President has favored increases in most of the education areas. The House has favored mostly decreases. There is a clear delineation of policy differences. We will be working hard to change policy in the House. The Senate seems

much more inclined to see things in favor of education funding."

With the addition of the 451 new schools in the third year of the direct lending program, the total number of participating institutions will rise to 1,854, and some 3 million students are expected to participate during the 1995-96 school year.

Riley noted that independent surveys conducted by the Association of Community College Trust-

ees and Education Daily found overwhelming positive support for direct lending.

Riley also stated that the affirmative action debate in Congress has spurred a review of relevant programs by the Education Department. He said that programs which help students who have been discriminated against in the past "seem to be among the most favored" for protection.

## Report Says Public Schools Are Too Commercial

By BILL DUNLAP

A new study issued by Consumers Union examines the increasing commercialism in American classrooms and claims that marketers are turning students into captive audiences.

Entitled *Captive Kids: A Report on Commercial Pressures on Kids at School*, the report documents the "enormous and unprecedented amount of advertising in schools." Corporate influence in the classroom takes many forms, from educational materials to contests, single-sponsor magazines, and ad-bearing or corporate sponsored video programs.

The report finds that continuing cuts in education funding are the main cause of increased commercialism in the classroom.

"But the fact that schools can't afford the materials and equipment they need is not a license for the corporate sector to inundate them with commercial messages that exploit the trust kids have in their teachers," said Charlotte Baecher, director of Consumers Union Education Services.

"All sponsored materials should receive a searching critical evaluation from educators before they enter the classroom," Baecher said.

More than 100 samples of sponsored educational material were evaluated in the study. More than half were found to be too commercial, and 68 percent contained biased information.

Mobil Corporation's Critical Thinking About Critical Issues, Unit 1: Freedom of the Press confuses freedom of the press with free enterprise, suggesting that the First Amendment guarantees free-market capitalism.

Procter & Gamble's Decision: Earth teaches that clear-cut logging is good for the environment, claiming that "it mimics nature's way of getting rid of trees."

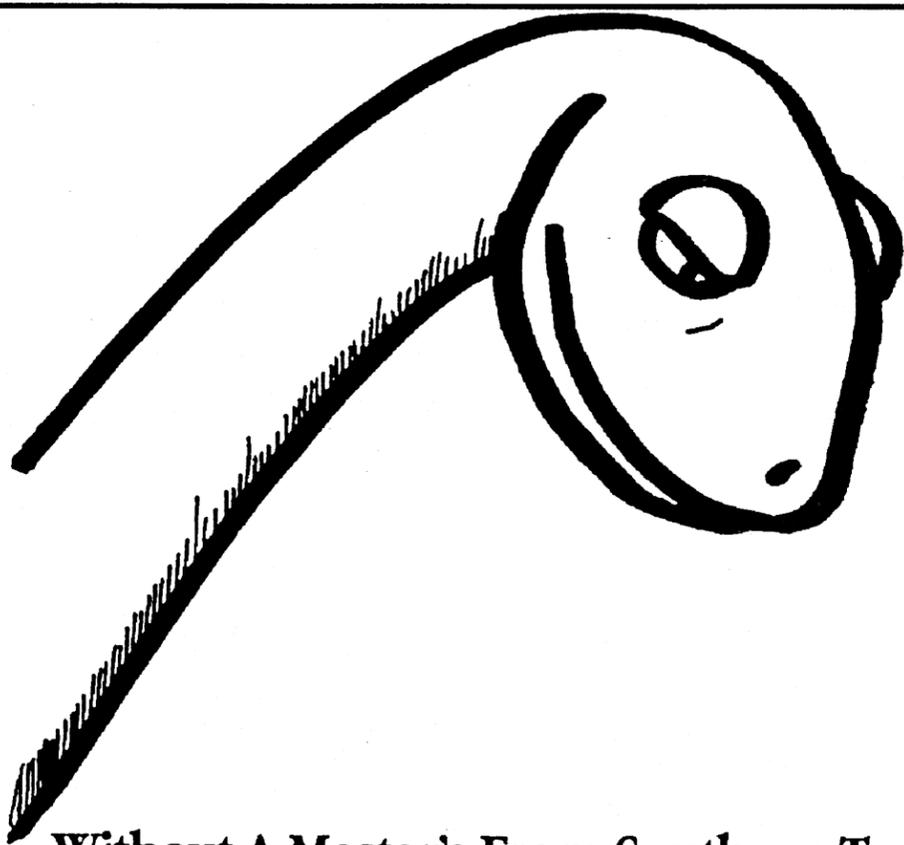
National Livestock and Meat Board materials have a strong bias toward meat, even suggesting that early American settlers were short because they did not eat enough meat.

Cover Concepts Marketing Services, Inc. claims that more than 16 million students in almost 25,000 schools use their free book covers. Nike, McDonald's, and Hershey are among the 50 different advertisers who use the covers to pitch sneakers, food, and other products to elementary, junior high, and high school students.

To eliminate commercialism in the classroom, Consumers Union offers several recommendations to the corporate sector.

The report suggests that corporations assist schools with programs that are empowering and educational, not sales-oriented. Also, corporations should publicly support proper funding of schools to eliminate their reliance on corporate sponsorship and advertising revenues.

*Bill Dunlap is an NSNS Staff Writer.*



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## Crimson Tide: the Movie, not the Football Team

By JARRED FEHR

*Crimson Tide* is the new nuclear submarine movie starring Denzel Washington and Gene Hackman and

it is really awesome. Hackman plays the captain of the USS Alabama which is called into action because of the threat of Russian rebels attaining ICBMs (InterContinental Ballistic

Missiles). Washington is the newly transferred Executive Officer who has had no actual military battle experience but a great head on his shoulders.

### Filter went to School on the Short Bus



This is Filter. Why is one guy so serious and the other smirky?

by SUPERUNGARDINER

Did you ever have one of those really bad days? You get a bad test grade back, have a fight with your girlfriend, or maybe get stuck in Atlanta traffic for a couple of hours. Well, Filter has produced an album that will make all this better.

*Short Bus*, Filter's first full length effort, is great for the music lover with a short fuse.

Even the calmest person can wax violent while listening to the meaty guitars and screaming lyrics that make up the eleven angry songs on this CD. Some of those screaming lyrics sound suspiciously like a certain Trent Reznor, but we can overlook that for now. The entire album was recorded not in the Tate house, but in a small brick house on the outskirts of Cleveland.

### Seek and Destroy the Latest Scorsese Flick Now!

By JOHN MC ALEER

*Seek and Destroy* is the latest offering from the great director Martin Scorsese. The cast includes Dennis Hopper, Rosanna Arquette, Christopher Walken, and a token appearance from the director himself. The movie was shot with a real artsy colorful style. Some of the techniques looked a lot like *Pulp Fiction* scenes.

Dennis Hopper plays a self-help guru that uses late night cable to communicate with his following. The scenes of him preaching his beliefs are worth the price of a movie ticket alone. He does violin serenades and lengthy motivation speeches that are hilarious.

One of his best quotes to his followers was "don't ever think that a story about you is interesting to others around you."

Another quote was "don't ever say that you're sorry or apologize because you really don't mean it." His character steals the show.

Filter found the mainstream with their "Hey Man Nice Shot" single off the *Demon Knight* soundtrack. Hopefully, they will be able to rise above "one hit wonder" status and some of the other songs on *Short Bus* will become big hits.

The only thing that stinks about this band is that they did get their start on a movie soundtrack; It seems like soundtracks get pushed as much as movies these days. Usually there are one or two good songs and the rest just suck. Movie soundtrack album albums are the equivalent of those compilation CD's you get when you order *Time Magazine* or something.

Despite the fact that Filter got their start in the red light district of the music industry, *Short Bus* is an enjoyable album and makes great background music for breaking furniture.

The focus of the plot is centered around one of his fans that is totally obsessed with a book that the guru has written. This fanatic wants to bring the book to the big screen and create an even larger following for the guru. It seems like a good plan but he doesn't have the funds to make the movie and Dennis Hopper won't deal with a broke business man. This means that the fanatic must get his act together and raise some major dollars for his project.

Christopher Walken has a small role that has him on stage singing and dancing a jig that must be seen by anyone that respected him for his more serious roles.

Overall the movie was entertaining but the raping of WGHR's budget was the first thing on my mind. This occurrence has distracted me from enjoying anything in my life, much less a comical movie. Hopefully SGA can find it in their hearts to allow us to have the funding that we need just to exist.

The movie starts interestingly with the Captain getting to know his new XO. During the course of the movie Hackman really fills his role as the hot headed fanatic while Washington plays the cautious cool headed by-the-books kinda guy.

After the first 10 minutes the US is already at Defcon 4. On the way to where they are going to be stationed off the Russian peninsula, they receive orders to go to Defcon 3 and Defcon 2.

Then out of nowhere a Russian submarine hunter-killer appears and begins an all out torpedo assault on the Alabama. During this part of the movie we get really cool sub war special effects. Needless to say, the Alabama survives and during the course of the battle the Captain is relieved of duty by the XO.

Why was the Captain relieved of duty? Well, during the sub attack, the Alabama started receiving more orders, but the radio was destroyed and they only got an incomplete order that starts out, "Nuclear missile laun....."

OK, cool quote time. Washington says, "I'm Captain Kirk and you're Scotty. I need more warp speed." (Too long to explain though. Just go see the movie.) And then later when the captain tries to regain control



If you are wondering why Denzel Washington isn't wearing a naval uniform like you would expect for a submarine-type movie, it is because this is really a photograph from *Philadelphia*. We didn't get any pictures for *Crimson Tide* and we're winging it.

of his ship and to get the launch keys from the XO, Hackman has the cool line, "I am the captain of this boat. Give me the god damn keys!"

This movie is definitely going to be one of the biggest hits of the summer. On the fun scale this is about as

much fun as mudwrestling with Madonna.

Note from the writer: I just wanted to clarify that although *Seek and Destroy* has a misleading submarine war title, *Crimson Tide* is the true sub war movie.

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**Strip 1:** Dilbert: "I PROMISE THAT IF I DECIDE TO BUY YOUR COMPANY I'LL GLADLY RECOMMEND A POSITION FOR EACH OF YOU." Boss: "REALLY? YOU'D MAKE SURE WE ALL GOT JOBS?"

**Strip 2:** Dilbert: "MY CONSULTANT WILL AUDIT YOUR COMPANY TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO SURPRISES BEFORE I BUY IT." Boss: "I USE HIM BECAUSE HE'S SEEN SUCH HIDEOUS THINGS THAT NOTHING SCARES HIM." Auditor: "AAAEEET!! OOOUWAA WAAA!! THAT'S NOT THE SOUND YOU WANT FROM YOUR AUDITOR."

**Strip 3:** Dilbert: "YOUR STOCK WAS \$30 PER SHARE WHEN I OFFERED TO BUY THE COMPANY, BUT THANKS TO SOME TIMELY LEAKS TO THE MEDIA YOUR VALUE HAS PLUNGED." Boss: "HOWEVER, IF YOU SELL RIGHT NOW I'LL PAY THE FULL \$30 FOR YOUR STOCK. I RECOMMEND WE DO IT." Dilbert: "DONE \$30 PER SHARE IS MORE THAN FAIR." Boss: "YEAH, 'PER SHARE' WOULD HAVE BEEN FAIR. ANYBODY WANT A COPY?"

**Strip 4:** Dilbert: "AS NEW OWNER OF THIS COMPANY I HEREBY BAN ALL MEETINGS OVER ONE HOUR. THE DRESS CODE IS CASUAL. STATUS REPORTS ARE OPTIONAL!" Boss: "NO MORE MISSION STATEMENTS OR 'VISIONS.' OUR MOTTO IS 'HAVE FUN, SATISFY CUSTOMERS, MAKE MONEY.'" Dilbert: "AND STOCK OPTIONS FOR ALL." Boss: "WE CAN FIT FIVE MORE IN THIS CUBICLE IF WE REMOVE THE CHAIR."

**Strip 5:** Dilbert: "THE RUMORS ARE DESTROYING OUR PRODUCTIVITY. WE CAN'T WORK WITH ALL THIS UNCERTAINTY." Boss: "I PLAN TO BUY PROVEN TECHNOLOGY AND HIRE CONTRACT EMPLOYEES. YOU'LL BE GOPHERS FOR THE CONTRACTORS UNTIL YOU RESIGN IN DISGUST AND HUMILIATION." Dilbert: "IS THERE ANY WAY TO GET BACK TO UNCERTAINTY?" Boss: "I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO."

**Strip 6:** Dilbert: "NOW THAT YOU OWN THE COMPANY, WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO?" Boss: "TRIM MIDDLE MANAGEMENT." Dilbert: "I'LL FIRE ANYBODY WHO GIVES ME A DOCUMENT MARKED 'FYI' THOSE PEOPLE HAVE TOO MUCH TIME ON THEIR HANDS." Dilbert: "ARE YOU SURE THIS WILL SET ME APART FROM THE OTHER MANAGERS?" Boss: "YOU'LL BE SURPRISED HOW QUICKLY."

**Strip 7:** Dilbert: "I HIRED A NEW DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO HANDLE THE DOWNSIZING." Boss: "I NEEDED SOMEBODY WHO ACTS LIKE A FRIEND BUT SECRETLY DELIGHTS IN THE MISERY OF ALL PEOPLE." Dilbert: "WE NEED TO TALK, PAUL. BUT FIRST I'M GOING TO BAT YOUR HEAD AROUND AND SCRATCH YOU." Dilbert: "HEE HEE!! THAT'S SO CUTE!"

**Strip 8:** Dilbert: "CATBERT THE HR DIRECTOR HERE'S THE NEW ORG CHART. MAYBE YOU'RE ON IT AND MAYBE NOT." Catbert: "OOH! NICE TRY! SO CLOSE. TOO BAD." Dilbert: "IT'S FUN TO PLAY WITH THEM BEFORE DOWNSIZING THEM."

**Strip 9:** Dilbert: "COME SEE THE NEW ORG CHART." Dilbert: "OOPS, CHANGED MY MIND!" Dilbert: "OUCHIE. I'M SORE, BUT I'VE NEVER FELT SO FREE."

# DILBERT® by Scott Adams

## Σ ¥ ø π Math Stinger

By Dr. JOEL C. FOWLER

The puzzles for last issue involved the bus routes in a city in which every pair of routes have exactly one stop in common and every pair of stops lie together on exactly one route. The number of stops and bus lines (given that you are standing at a stop on 17 routes) is: 273 of each, if all routes have at least three stops; and 18 of each if at least one route has only two stops. Only **Thomas Sukalac** submitted correct answers.

For a new puzzle suppose that  $f(x)$  is a quadratic function of the form  $f(x) = x^2 + bx + c$ , where  $b$  and  $c$  are constants, over the interval  $[-1, 1]$ . Let  $M$  be the largest possible distance from a point on the curve ( $x$  ranging from

## The History of So Evolution of a T

By DR. RICHARD BENNETT



Post-World War II America experienced a proliferation of new technologies and industries, creating a demand for technically trained individuals. Historically this had been done through Institutes of Technology which produced research oriented engineers, and in some regions of the country Technical Institutes had long produced less highly trained individuals for roles as supervisors and engineers' assistants. In the late 1940s, however, for every engineer there was

a need for as many as 10 individuals with Technical Institute training. As early as 1940, concern was expressed by some in industry that the South was in danger of falling behind other regions of the country because of the lack of technically trained personnel, and the lack of a facility for such training.

In 1945 and 1946, a series of encounters between the leadership of the Associated Industries of Georgia (AIG) and Col. Van Leer, president of Georgia Tech took place in an attempt to address the situation.

Also during 1946, U.S. Commissioner of Education, Dr. J. W. Studebaker, addressed the need for technicians in his annual report. Accrediting procedures were also developed for Technical Institutes that year.

## Café Angst by Hans

**Strip 1:** "LOOK! SOME SORT OF CHASE!" "DON'T DO IT!" "DON'T ACCEPT THE NEW 60-HOUR WORKWEEK! IT'S SLAVERY! SLAVERY, I TELL YOU!" "CRAZY FOOL. LET'S GO. WE'RE LATE FOR WORK."

**Strip 2:** "TECH SUPPORT... THIS IS DAVE." "YEAH. COULD YOUR COMPUTER POSSIBLY BE MORE MYSTIFYING?" "WELL, SIR, WE HOPE SO. WE'VE GOT RESEARCH TEAMS WORKING ON IT RIGHT NOW." "WITH LUCK, ONE DAY YOU'LL NEED A PH.D. JUST TO TAKE IT OUT OF THE BOX." "TECHIES DON'T TAKE KINDLY TO SARCASM. ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS, EINSTEIN?"

**Strip 3:** "SO WHAT'S UP, GUS?" "YOU'RE SUCH A SMART LITTLE KITT." "AND YOU LOOK SO PENSIVE TODAY." "SOMETIMES I WONDER WHAT COMPLEX THOUGHTS GO THROUGH THAT HEAD OF YOURS."



# SGA Schedules Elections and a Town Hall Meeting

By BILL FINNICK

At precisely noon May 9, 1995 the roll was called for yet another Student Government Meeting. The Vice President instructed the members to read the minutes of the previous meeting and after the spelling of one council member's name was corrected they were approved.

The President's report cited the Town Hall Meeting Friday, May 26 at noon in the Student Center. Petitions for elections were due Friday, May 12 with the election being held between council meetings, the new SGA would be announced at the SGA's next meeting: May 23 at noon in room A-206.

The Vice President apologized for missing the last meeting but mentioned a Food Service Committee

had written something up. He did not have it with him but said he would bring it to the next meeting. Mr. Thomas attended a "Minority Opportunity Conference," recently and stated there was a "big difference in opinion between students and administrators." He noted people had the perception of Southern Tech being, "a lilly-white campus."

Secretary/Treasure Krista Winter reported the funds left in the SGA's two accounts.

Mr. Paul Elliott reported that his committee, Internal Affairs, would start their organization office audit of the Student Center.

The Public Relations chairman was absent but a member of his committee reported the planned work to be done for Town Hall flyers.

The council completed secret

ballots for the SGA Awards as the only Old Business.

Next year's budget plan did not make it beyond the preliminary discussion phase of New Business. Several council members were anxious to approve the budget as it stood. Others pointed out that the Student Development Fund was entirely too low.

Budget Chair Cynthia Clements exhorted the council to find another \$2000 in cuts for Student Development, "to plan for the future."

Mr. John McAleer, General Manager of WGHR, defied the council to find the cuts made to the Radio Station's budget. Operations Manager Dave Dula provided complicated technical descriptions of needed work for the stations frequency move that is being mandated by the FCC.

President Acreman, seeing the logjam, moved to table all budget discussions until the next meeting with the Budget and Finance Committee meeting Friday, May 12 to work the kinks out of the budget.

Five request for Student Development funds were pending. Clements did not entertain deliberations of requests from the two student publications for reasons given that did not accurately portray the motives of the two editors.

The National Society of Black Engineers [NSBE] requested \$160 for awards for a Black Tie Classic which passed 9-1-1.

Delta Sigma Theta sorority requested \$200 reactivating fee which passed 11-0-0.

NSBE had another request for awards of \$330. NSBE President and

Council member Andre Willis stated, "NSBE has never asked SGA to pay for awards before," pointing out that, "NSBE managed to operate this year with out SGA funds." After strenuous debate the request was broken into four parts.

Eight Pre-College Initiative awards for \$120 passed 8-0-3.

Two publication awards for \$30 passed 6-5-0.

Two Member of the Year awards for \$30 passed 7-4-0.

Finally ten GPA awards for \$150 passed 7-4-0.

With the latest disbursements SGA has \$78 left in their Student Development account.

The last item covered was the appointment of two judges to the Judiciary Cabinet. Ryan McCart and Rick Bell were both approved 10-0-1.

## SGA Budget continued from 1

Greeks as social organizations and start looking at their financial need.

After hearing what Dwayne Thomas stated, Paul Elliott reversed his earlier statement and agreed with Mr. Thomas. A vote was then taken and it was decided that Greeks would

be considered for funding on a need only bases.

The Budget and Finance meeting is open to all organizations that requested a budget. The next meeting and time will be posted on campus for those who have questions. Chair-

person Cynthia Clements asks that only one representative from each organization attend, if they so desire.

The following is a list of the recommended budget allocations for organizations that put in a budget request.

## Vision continued from 1

A mission statement identifies current purpose of Southern Tech.

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idealistic and futuristic. "A vision is like a beacon directing a ship," said

Dr. Sandra Vasa-Sideris from the School of Management.

Drafting of the vision statement will continue through this quarter, and is being coordinated by the Con-

tinuous Campus Improvement Committee.

An e-mail address, "vision@sct.edu" has been established to accept any ideas or suggestions from students, faculty or staff regarding the vision statement.

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Student Center	104,200	101,500
Recreational Sports	73,506	62,500
Cab	55,000	49,500
Log	32,600	22,000
Sting	19,500	18,500
WGHR	13,200	11,000
Cultural Series	11,000	9,500
SGA - Gen Ops and St. Develop.	8,500	8,650
ASME	7,848	950
NSBE	4,849	1,350
Drama Club	4,830	1,000
Delta Sigma Theta	4,190	500
Alpha Delta Pi	4,010	0
Student Handbook	4,000	4,000
IEEE	3,650	450
AIC	3,850	400
BSA	3,505	400
RHA	3,400	550
ISA	2,955	1,250
Gamma Phi Beta	2,920	0
ASCE - Gen Ops	2,220	200
ASCE - Canoe Team	2,892	300
ASCE - Steel Bridge	3,080	1,000
SAMSOG	1,820	400
Tau Alpha Pi	1,738	250
GSPE	1,630	300
Safe Passage	1,332	450
Tau Kappa Epsilon	1,267	0
Delta Mu Delta	1,150	250
Constructors Guild	1,050	250
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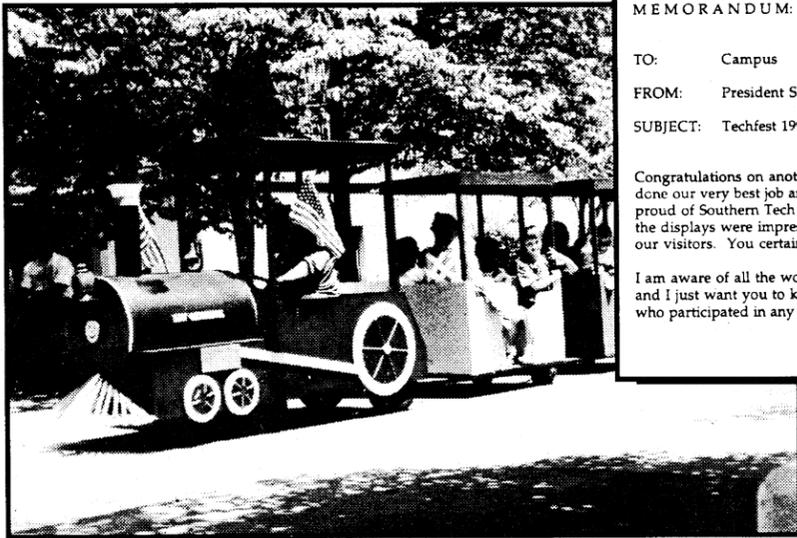
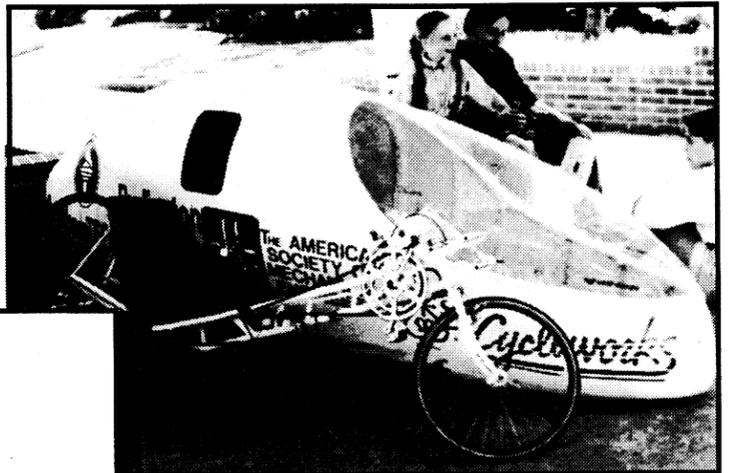
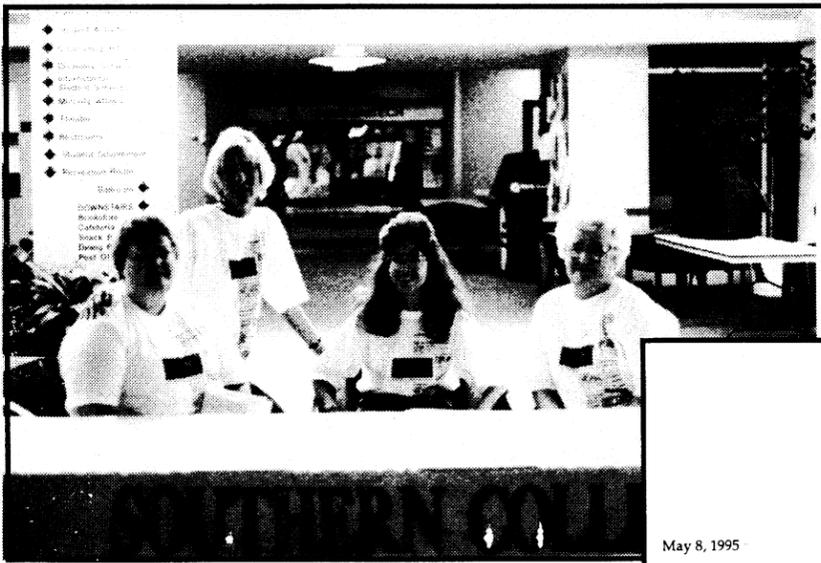


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May 8, 1995

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TO: Campus

FROM: President S. R. Cheshier *S.R. Cheshier*

SUBJECT: Techfest 1995

Congratulations on another outstanding Techfest. Every year I think we have done our very best job and then we do even better the next year! I was so proud of Southern Tech last Saturday. The campus grounds were beautiful; the displays were impressive, and all of our people were so very helpful to our visitors. You certainly showcased Southern Tech in a wonderful fashion.

I am aware of all the work involved in making Techfest the success it was, and I just want you to know how much I appreciate the efforts of everyone who participated in any way.

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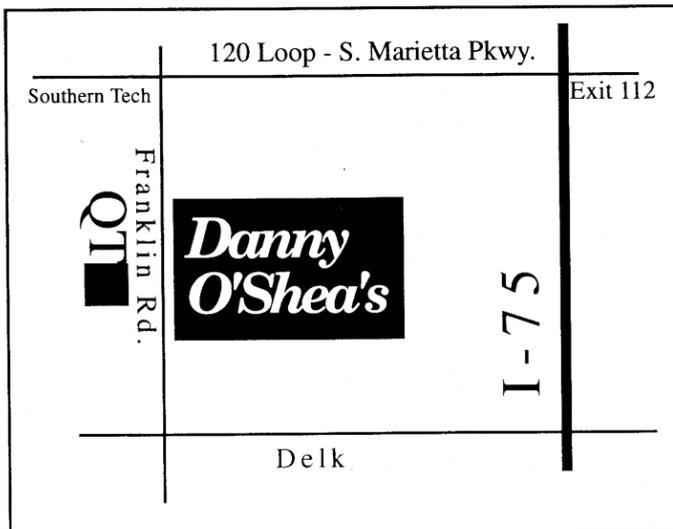
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# EDITORIALS

## No Funding For Greek Clubs

By BILL GREVE

Organizations that discriminate and have the ability to exclude people from joining should not receive funds from SGA.

Let's say I wanted to start up a new student organization. Let's also say that while anyone could apply for membership, meeting all the requirements would not guarantee membership. In the end, membership would be based on approval of other members.

This organization would never receive (based on past history) recognition from SGA, nor would it be able to petition for funds. Yet the SGA has been debating whether or not to allocate budget requests for organizations that are discriminatory and non-inclusive in exactly this fashion.

At issue are the budget requests for the Greek organizations: Alpha Delta Pi, Gamma Phi Beta, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Delta Sigma Theta. Traditionally, Greek organizations have not received funds requests from SGA. Reasons given range from "Greeks are social organizations" to the question of if they received student activity money would they have to open member only functions to the general student body.

It is that last point that is at the heart of the matter.

It is also what I mean by "discriminatory and non-inclusive". Any student that is interested in joining a Greek organization cannot become a member by simply showing up at meetings and paying dues. Most meetings and functions are closed to non-members.

While I am neither black, Muslim, or female I can still join NSBE (National Society of Black Engineers), MSA (Muslim Student Association), or Women in Architecture. Meetings of non-Greek organizations are open to the public (or at least should be).

If organizations wish to discriminate and remain private entities, that is their business. As long as they do not receive funds from the student activity fee. The instant a private organization receives public funds, the equation changes. They should lose all claim to hold closed functions or have selective membership.

The main argument offered in support of Greeks receiving money is that "there is nothing in the Constitution that says they shouldn't receive funds". And there is nothing that says they should.

Apparently, the SGA Constitution is in need of amending to prohibit discriminating, non-inclusive organizations from receiving funds.

*BILL GREVE wants everyone on campus to attend SGA meetings.*

## You're Just Putty in the Hands of Mass Media

by GARDINER RYNNE

What was the biggest news of April? No, not the two headed cat. "Terror In The Heartland!" Does that ring a bell? The Oklahoma City bombing was the biggest news of last month. For that matter, it was probably the biggest story of the last several years.

Or was it? It seems to me that not so long ago a certain World Trade Center was rocked by a huge explosion that had just as much potential for destruction as the Oklahoma tragedy.

After the World Trade center bombing, though, you didn't hear people saying, "Lets bomb Iraq!" or, "Let's find out who did it, and put them in a small building and blow it up."

When it was discovered that the Oklahoma bombing was an attack from within, everybody just went ape, pointing fingers at everybody else. Apparently, this act of terrorism was an attempt to retaliate against the United States government for something or other.

Granted, the criminals who performed this act of violence committed terrible wrong against our country, but why do you agree with this? Is it because you feel that the taking of human life is wrong, or because your

favorite news anchor told you to shed tears for the children who were mercilessly exterminated? What I am getting at is that public sentiments were controlled like a puppet on a string.

If one objectively evaluates the World Trade Center bombing and the Oklahoma city bombing together, it is easy to see that authority dishes out its anger based not on what sort of crime is committed, but who commits it.

The President is practically tripping over himself to pass all kinds of anti-terrorism measures and dump truckloads of money into any program that sounds good on TV. The commander-in-chief did not hesitate to point fingers; his particular target being right-wing "hate radio." All sorts of important people are saying that such "hate speech" is dangerous and should be curbed. To heck with our first amendment rights.

If right wing radio has so much influence, then what about other wings of media? If I remember correctly, there were at least three movies last year about mad bombers blowing things, and people, sky high. But that kind of violent imagery is okay, right.

*Gardiner Rynne was recently voted the safest car in Sweden.*

## Bill Agrees with Julian Walker ΩΨΦ

By BILL FINNICK

Have you ever been behind the guy in line at the Business Office who is raising hell about Financial Aid not being available? Yes, yes he filled out his forms just yesterday, why isn't aid available today?

Another favorite is the gal whose rent is already late and is in front of you at the financial aid office window applying for assistance. Yes, yes she mailed the amendments off to correct her records two weeks ago why isn't her money here yet?

There is not a college in this nation that these very same scenarios do not play themselves out year after year; day after day.

At the Southern College of Technology our dedicated Financial Aid staff is constantly barraged with complaints which many times are based on situations beyond their control.

You see, its not that I hang out in Building B's upper hallway, its that I'm constantly walking past there to have a seat in Southern Tech's electric chair.

You didn't know we had one did you? Oh yeah! In the Vice President of Student Affairs office is a luxurious chair close to and facing the Dean of Students.

Here straying students and *Sting* members are sat

for a chat to have them explain what they did. Many times, possible a record, I've fought off the truth serum injected into my veins in vain attempts to extract the exact meaning of my latest editorial.

But anyway; the Financial Aid office works as our official weaver of the United States' and Georgia's red tape. Hands tied to bureaucratic regulations binding most of their actions.

In every story I have ever read about John Q. Public beating the system he did so with persistence.

This is how I deal with Financial Aid. I occasionally check in with the three full-time employees of our Financial Aid office and their assistants to ensure my records are complete.

Yes, occasionally some item has been misplaced, but we always find it. Yes my life has changed and by keeping them informed I am never behind the government's financial aid power curve.

The last time I visited with Ms. Serena Hyche I noticed a plaque a student had given them.

Mr. Julian Walker ΩΨΦ publicly thanked Dr. Emerrelle McNair, Ms. Marsha Calhoun, and Serena Hyche [and others] for, "their patience, guidance, and assistance."

*Bill Finnick concurs 100% with Mr. Walker.*

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## CONSENSUS EDITORIAL

SGA blew it. They missed the budget deadline of April 14. SGA did not submit a budget request for Student Development funds. Any other organization would have been told: "Sorry, a deadline is a deadline." But not SGA - In an attempt to cover their butts, SGA held a meeting May 12 for the sole purpose of further cutting budgets that had been submitted on time. Rather than accept their mistake, SGA would rather abuse other organizations.

There is one benefit though: If SGA is considering their own tardy budget request, they must consider yours as well. Did your organization forget to submit a budget and thought it was too late? No problem, apparently the deadline was in spirit only. Since SGA is finding funds for a budget they forgot to submit a month ago, they should have no problem looking at yours.

One final note: Look at page 8. If you would like an explanation for the recommended allocation, Budget & Finance chairperson Cynthia Clements said the Budget committee would be available May 19 in the SGA office.

## Techfest Letter From PR Person

Dear Editor:

TECHFEST SUPPORTED BY OUR FOUNDATION - COLLEGE AND VOLUNTEERS—NOT THE STATE.

We would like to make sure credit is given where due. In the May 2 issue of *The Sting*, it was stated that TECHFEST has been supported completely by the state until this current event. This is in error: TECHFEST has been supported from its beginning days in 1986 by the Southern Tech Foundation which recognized its value in bringing many new friends onto campus, including potential stu-

dents and referral sources, community and business leaders. Contributions to our Foundation help support activities and needs that cannot be funded by state funds.

The college is deeply appreciative of the Foundation's continuing support over the years in helping TECHFEST grow into the kind of event we saw May 6.

TECHFEST makes it possible for Southern Tech activities to achieve high visibility, and also to reach between 9,000 and 10,000 targeted people—including potential students, teachers and advisors who are interested in technology—at a cost of approximately \$2.00 each! This

wouldn't be possible without donations and campus-wide efforts.

Volunteerism on the part of many students, faculty and staff, is a major part of being able to make TECHFEST happen, as is the time and talent given by our special guest exhibitors.

A big thank you to everyone, including the students who participated by manning departmental exhibits, volunteering at activities all around campus, and providing refreshments and food to our visitors.

By the way, TECHFEST (Yes, editors, it is named ALL caps!) has missed one occurrence in the last 10 years—thus the mathematical puzzle of a 9th annual event in 1996! (The missing year was during the renovation and construction of the new Student Center.)

Ann Watson  
TECHFEST Chair

## Claudette Ficik's Family Thanks *The Log*

To The Staff of the *Technicians Log* and Students of Southern Tech:

About 2 weeks ago we received a copy of the *Technicians Log*, Volume 45. On behalf of Claudette's family, her father, Craig, her brothers, Craig and Chad and myself, her mother, we wish to thank you. It was the most beautiful tribute to her. I know it had to be extremely difficult to write. We want every one involved in the planning and writing to know how deeply we were affected upon reading it.

The book is now on display in our home for all our friends and visi-

tors to read. It will always be there as a reminder to us, how much she loved Southern Tech and all the good people she met and worked with there. It also stands as a reminder of how hard you all tried to find her for us. We know how upsetting it had to be having the investigators in and out all the time. We thank you all for everything you did to help us.

As you go through life, once in a while stop and think of her smile and her deep ambition to be an architect, for as you are thinking of her, we will always be thinking of all of you.

The Ficik Family

# ORGANIZATIONS



Pi Kappa Phi

By EK 201

I hope everyone had a fun time

at Big/Little. Congratulations to Red Hot Chili Peter and Kato for winning the Big/Little Olympics.

We would like to thank Jeanna, Hilary and Jaqueline for their help at the toll road and Christina and Jeanna for breakfast that morning.

We would also like to thank everyone for showing up for Praters Mill, I hope everyone had a great time.

**News flash :** Rare kills Wilbur with a flying food tray.

I hope everyone is looking for-

ward to Roseball, May 27th.

Get ready to party in Savannah, the town will never be the same.

Pi Kapps get ready to defend our **Greek Week Championship**, May 30th- June 3rd, lookout everybody we're back!

Everybody get ready for the party of the quarter, The Luau Blow-out Party on June 10th at the house.

A little reminder from Rugburn, lookout for flying bats.

See you at Roseball, ENOUGH SAID!!



Tau Kappa Epsilon

By RACCOON  
Histor #397

Beach Trip was a blast!!  
Panama City will never be the same.

As we recovered, we hit the softball feild undefeated. That's right, undefeated.

With the highest fraternity GPA for the past two quarters, and the Acquisition of our new TEKE HOUSE it is should be no surprise that Tau Kappa Epsilon is on top at Southern Tech.

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Gozdick and T-Bone, good luck in completing your candidate quarter. To all of our competition—See ya' at the softball field!!!!

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# ELECTIONS

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## President



**Bill Finnick**

I think the role of the SGA is to represent the concerns of the student body and individual students as student life at Southern Tech impacts their lives. I should be elected

because I am not allergic to work.



**André Willis**

As the student governing body of Southern Tech, SGA has to deal with issues ranging from organizational budgets to any and all students conflicts. I should be elected SGA

president because I can effectively lead this organization in its efforts to resolve these issues. My leadership accomplishments on this campus proves that I can handle the job of SGA President.

## Secretary/Treasurer



**Akram (Ike) Awaida**

I think SGA should be a student organization that joins all the clubs and fraternities on campus, serve their need and help them develop into

bigger and better and that in terms help the students and their leadership role on campus, I should be elected for SGA council because of my interaction with students on campus, the leadership role that I've played in the organizations I am in, and my international background.



**Almaz (Al) Kerr**

I feel the role of SGA is to accommodate the ideas and needs of the student body and to make their stay here at Southern Tech a

pleasurable one. I feel I should be elected because I am a hardworking, assertive, dedicated female who is committed to doing her best at any and everything she does.

## Vice President



**Kris Allegood**

Student Government Association is a group of elected students to represent the entire student body in the decisions made by the administration. In order

for an SGA official to effectively to make these decisions, he/she must have real world experience with problem-solving situations. I have gained this experience over the past three years working for an engineering firm and in Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity.



**Mirhonda Studevart**

The role of the SGA is to take positive actions to enhance the student community. The SGA is needed to represent and act in the the best interest of the campus. I want to

be elected to SGA because I have a sincere interest in the progress of the Southern College of Technology. I would be an active and competent representative of the student body.



**Reggie Walton**

The role of the S.G.A. is to build a bridge between students and faculty. I didn't inhale either! I am on loan from God also!

## SGA Council

**Christina Bolstein**

I believe the role of SGA on the Southern Tech campus is to keep all students, on-campus and commuter students, informed on all the events, changes and special interests occurring on and off campus. If you choose to elect me as a council member of student government, I will do my best to represent the views and opinions of the students at all meetings. Remember, if you do not speak out on the issues you believe in, nothing can be changed or accomplished.

**Daniel B. Carter**

To represent the student body at Southern Tech and voice their concerns. I have served on the SGA before and I feel that there is still work to be done.

**Tamara Davis**

I feel that role of a SGA council member is to be the voice of the student body. I should be elected because I am willing to listen to students and voice their opinion.

**Paul Elliot**

The role of the SGA is to serve the students and put them first in every way.

**Chris Fretwell**

To voice student views and take action on student issues. I will work for student issues and exhaust all avenues to make student issues heard.

**Carlisle Hall**

I feel that the role of SGA is to help make important decision that will help support the students as well as the campus affairs. I plan to interact more with the students to make sure that their needs are met.

**Roxanna Jefferson**

I believe SGA is here to voice the opinion of the students at Southern Tech. My role in SGA would be to make sure all the students get a chance to be heard and to be treated fairly.

**Stephanie Lewis**

SGA should be an organization that reflects the ideas of the students here on campus. I should be elected for SGA because of my past experience on campus and my willingness to make Southern Tech campus a better place.

**Ryan McCart**

I feel SGA's purpose is to look after the needs and interests of the SCT student. I feel that I am just that person to represent you.

**Shenandra McCollum**

In my opinion, the role of SGA is to listen to and express the concerns of the student body. Being an upcoming sophomore I feel that will bring bright ideas to council and express the ideas of my peers; therefore providing a delightful environment for Southern Tech students.

**Allen Moe**

The Student government gives the student body a voice here at Southern Tech. I have experience as a leader and I am willing to serve.

**Luis Morquez**

Southern Tech is moving into the 21st Century Technology and the students' opinions and voice will be an integral part of any results that we as a society achieve.

**Ray Smith**

To me SGA is an organization that should place the student body's needs above any others. If elected for council I will work tirelessly to insure the student needs are heard and answered. The best thing I do is kiss ass!!

**Gene (Coleman) Oglesbee**

The sole purpose of the SGA on this campus, or any other for that matter, is to give the student body a voice in matters pertaining to the welfare of the school and the students who attend. As a member of SGA council, my primary focus will be on representing the various organizations on this campus equally. For those of you who keep up with SGA business, you know that this has not always taken place. I plan to change that!

**Joseph Wyatt**

I feel that the role of SGA is to make sure that every point of view is covered and considered when making decisions that affect the student body. I feel I should be elected because I want everyone to be treated fairly.

Also running for SGA council are **Cynthia Clements, Virgil Allen and William Stewart**. Efforts by *The Sting* to contact these candidates were unsuccessful.

To assist students in making an informed decision when voting for SGA councilmember candidates, *The Sting* asked the candidates the following question:  
What do you feel is the role of SGA and why should you be elected?