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Town Hall Lets YOU Hassle the Man

By CHRIS OLANDER

There are a lot of changes going on here at Southern Tech. Do you have some specific questions about what is going on?

Well, here's your chance to get answers to those questions. There is a townhall meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 8, at noon in the main ballroom of the Student Center. This Townhall meeting is presented by the Student Government Association.

President Cheshier and his staff will be available to answer questions from all students attending. President Cheshier states, "I felt that we needed to have a town hall meeting to clear up any issues that the students have before the summer break."

Students have a great opportunity to voice their opinions and even vent frustrations. Where else are you able to corner the head of a large institution and do that? So, come out and have your voice heard.

Canoes And Bridges And Bears Oh My

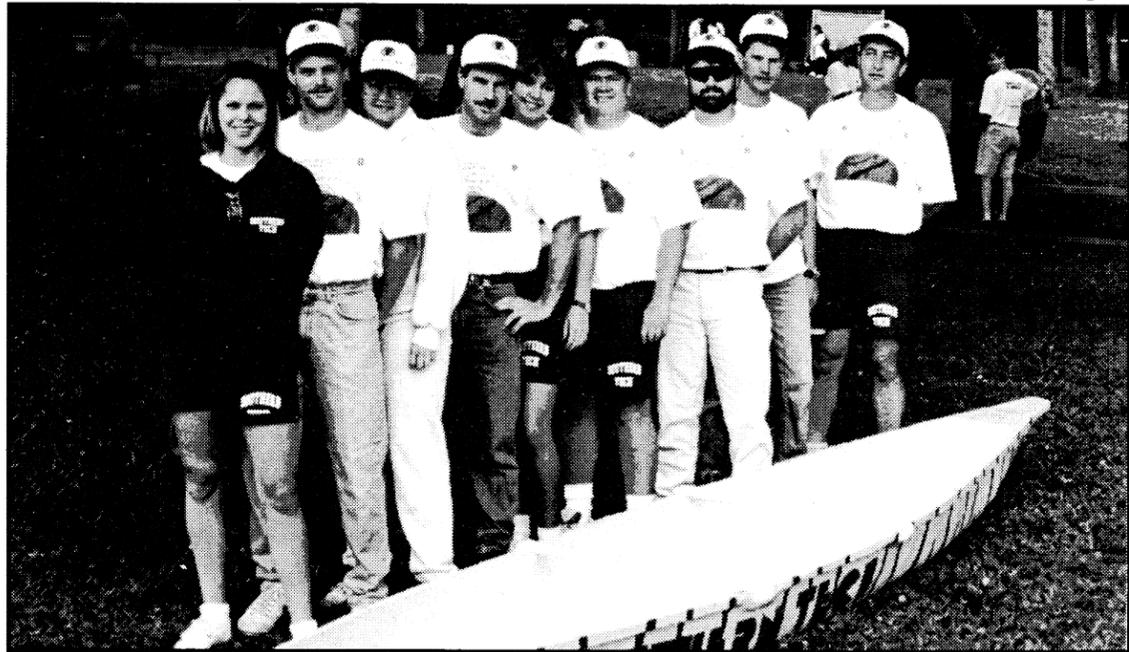
By BRENT TEMPLE

Southern Tech's Civil Department has a longstanding history of being competitive in engineering contests with other schools. The Southern Tech group of ASCE (American Society of Civil Engineers) ranked third overall in the regional competitions held in Florida earlier this year.

The Concrete Canoe team went on April 22nd to a Corporate sponsored event where Scott Kurz and Jamie Brenton won the first place prizes of a \$300 donation and a clock made from the sponsors product. They competed with twelve other colleges. The event was sponsored by Carolina Stalite, manufacturers of a concrete product called Stalite.

The faculty advisor for the Concrete Canoe team, Mehrdad Mesbahi, said that the team does very good representing Southern Tech in spite of a non-competitive budget. Some of the other schools have Concrete Canoe budgets rumored to be as high as \$20,000 (the Canoe Team received \$300 in the next SGA budget).

Professor Mesbahi explained



The vaunted members of the Concrete Canoe team show their faith in the canoe by standing firmly behind their work. Notice everybody has a white shirt except for the person in front. We wonder why.

that with proper funding the canoe could be designed using computer software, and many ideas could be analyzed. For the last competition two molds were made, the second of which was finished less than a week before competition. The canoe was tested in a lake by the hotel the day before the actual race. Much of the time the students spent was trying to get materials or funding donated so that they can compete. The concrete

also requires a long period of time to properly cure.

Since the Concrete Canoe competition is a race, the paddlers are just as important as the design. At the ASCE competitions there are three teams, men's, women's, and co-ed, with two paddlers in each race. Because of the low ratio of women to men at Southern Tech, any female students interested in racing with the team would have a

good chance of being able to participate. Contact Professor Mesbahi.

The Southern Tech Steel Bridge Team placed first in the Regional competition and were therefore invited to compete in the national competition held at the University of Florida this year. The Steel Bridge is judged for six individual awards and an overall performance award which incorporates the other six.

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Circle K Honored



CKI member Matt Gambeski assists with the Easter egg hunt at Cobb Family Services

The CKI (Circle K International) club has recently won two awards for their outstanding community service during the last year. The first award was the "Golden Rule" Award from J.C. Penney. CKI came in fifth in the group volunteer category and was awarded a check for \$250.00. The second award was from the United Way. CKI came in first place in group for Cobb County. The "Heart-in-Hand" Award is proudly displayed in the CKI office in the student center, and is the clubs most important achievement according to past club president Lance Richardson.

What did Circle K do to win these awards? CKI is a service organization, and is part of Kiwanis International. CKI has been volunteering at Cobb Family Resources (CFR) for the last 4 years. During the last year, CKI members have been volunteering in the day care center at CFR every Tuesday and Thursday night, allowing the children's parents to take GED and Survival Skills classes. Members have also worked in the computer room at CFR, setting up old computers and software that have been donated. Members also volunteer for other United Way projects, such as the Free Food Give-Away's during the holiday season. CKI is proof that Southern Tech students can make a difference through volunteering in the community.

Controversial Degree Proposed

By BILL FINNICK

Professor Tom Carmichael, IET Department Head, is proposing a Bachelor of Technology Degree for Southern Tech.

The program would serve the needs of industry at the lower end of the Engineering/Technology spectrum: Engineering, Engineering Technology and Technology.

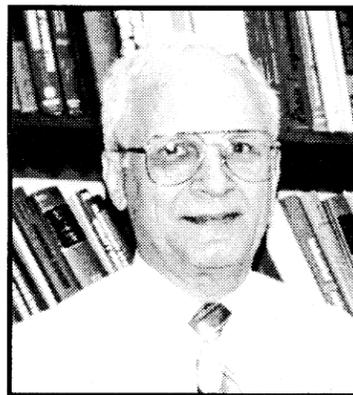
Nationwide, the trend is to this three tier system. Southern Tech has embraced a goal of covering all three disciplines.

Most states, however, call their lower end program "Industrial Technology" and Southern Tech is trying not to use that terminology considering the Bachelor of Science degree program already in place.

To be eligible for this Capstone Program a student would need to complete the requirements of Southern Tech's Associate of Science degree.

The degree would serve primarily an adult market, the majority of whom are already in industry, and be taught state-wide via distance learning.

It would be possible for students to graduate without having



Professor Carmichael

Math 253, calculus. Further there are only four new courses as part of the 94 hours required for the post-associate of science capstone portion.

Several School of Technology faculty members are not pleased with the proposal. Their concern center about:

- People on the outside will not distinguish the BT graduates from the BS graduates; both will simply be considered as products of Southern Tech and diminish our reputation.

- The BT program will hurt the employment prospects of IET graduates by flooding the market with less qualified graduates that will be

cheaper.

- The rigor (quality) of the shared classes will decline to accommodate the BT students.

- The faculty is not ethically bound to create a degree because industry wants one.

The whole idea of tenure is to prevent outside groups, like government or industry, from forcing their will on the academic community.

- The idea of a more general degree is not necessarily bad but Southern Tech should not eviscerate the academic program.

Why not propose an interdisciplinary BS degree program which keeps the rigor in the program and uses courses which any student may take.

Why not put calculus into the program even if they do not use it - just like American History.

All this and the program has yet to clear the School of Technology. From there it has to get through the curriculum committee, Faculty Senate and the full faculty.

If then the Board of Regents approved the concept it would come back to Southern Tech and the program's curriculum would be developed.

FRESH Hopes to Retain and Recruit Freshman

By MIRHONDA STUDEVANT

Are you ever surprised to see a freshman return to Southern Tech after their first year? Aside from the mandatory A&S 101 course, what else can be done to retain our precious incoming freshman population at Southern Tech?

Ed Klein, Director of Housing and Residence Life is the leader of a team that believes they have the answer. Modeled after Georgia Tech's "Freshman Experience" Program, the FRESH Program, which stands for Freshman Residents Experience Success Here, is designed to increase the recruitment and retention of freshmen at Southern Tech.

Implementation of the FRESH program is dependant on Southern Tech getting the funding for the new dorm.

There are essentially two parts to the FRESH plan: the facility and the program. The facility would use a newly renovated Howell Hall. According to Mr. Klein, Howell will undergo a "major facelift" this summer. The renovations will include carpet in all of the dorm rooms and "new furniture that meets the student's need for space." If the FRESH program is implemented, additional renovations to increase meeting space are also likely to occur.

The program component would be an actual year-long program. Resident Assistant (RA) style sup-

port staff would continue. However, the training for the Freshman RAs would be more intensive. The job of a freshman experience RA would have a "different, more decidedly tutorial approach". The RA would be trained to provide more guidance than the current RA who try to maintain a 'here if you need me' type of approach.

Other news is that the new dorms under consideration would be designated for upperclassmen. Mr. Klein believes that the apartment style dorms will better suit the needs of upperclassmen in terms of a more isolated environment where students can focus. These on-campus apartments will feature many of the conveniences of home including full kitchens, cable and washers and dryers. The upperclassmen would have an environment that would complement their lifestyle, including the complex work and class schedules that frequently develop as students get closer to graduation.

By contrast, the utilization of Howell Hall for the FRESH program would ensure that freshman are able to meet a lot of people in an environment that is constructive and more supportive.

Throughout the year, seminars and workshops on enhancing the freshman's total lifestyle would be conducted. Topics such as How to Live with Someone, Lending a Hand (community service), Establishing

Your Network, Maximizing Your Resources, Eating Right and Practicing Success would be addressed during the school year.

Participating in the FRESH program would be like joining a club with an exclusive one-year membership.

Committee Seeks to Improve Food

BY STEVE ROBBINS

Several ideas were tossed around in the latest of a series of meetings whose intent is to improve food services on campus.

One of the main topics was about the serving temperature of the food. This is one of the less trivial items since it would cost a great deal to remove the 110 volt and put in a 220 volt system to supply enough power for a stronger heating system.

Most of the other items discussed were ideas to improve the efficiency of the snack line by using printed order cards so that all a customer would need to do is check the

In addition, FRESH program participants would have a variety of support systems. Participants learn to foster relationships with faculty and upperclassmen as well as their relationships with their RA and tutorial staff. This enables the freshmen to have multiple means

of obtaining information to assist them in their academic success.

Participation in the FRESH program would be voluntary and of no additional cost to the incoming freshman. Ed Klein and his committee are working diligently to have the program implemented in the Fall of 1996.

boxes for an appropriate order.

Also discussed was the possibility of keeping the cafeteria open and serving food from 7 am to 8 pm on weekdays and at least one meal on Saturday and Sunday.

As for other suggested improvements, look for improved signs, cleaner tables, a better tray return system, and a more professional look to the staff.

Look for these and more improvements in the near future.

The mood of the meeting was light as members of the committee chatted over cafeteria conditions at Ga Tech and their parking administration and various other

nonessential things. People were genuinely friendly and appreciative of the coverage that the committee is getting from the media.

Attending the meeting was Charles Smith, Vice President of Student Affairs; Natalie Eberhardt, Continuing Education; Stephen Krosner, School of Management; Manish Vatsayayan, student; Dan Youngblood, Business Office; Dewayne Thomas, Vice President of the SGA; Nancy Fairbanks, Athletics Department; André Willis, President of NSBE; Mike Murphy, Head of the CS department; and Mike Adams, Food Service.

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The results from the national competition are still in question, but at this time it appears that Southern Tech could be in the top five for overall performance. The results

have been the topic for much controversy recently. Mainly because of a large number of penalty points which appeared unexplained on the SCT team's economy score. After a formal protest, the University of Florida has contacted the Teams faculty advisor, Professor Orlandella, and agreed to remove the penalty and recalculate the scores.

Professor Orlandella commented on how hard the team worked and pointed out their impressive construction time. At the national event the bridge was assembled in 1 minute 36 seconds, with 5 builders. Only one school was faster, California State at Long Beach took few seconds less using 6 builders.

This years team designed a bridge which, due to an arch and

cable system, pulled the center of the bridge upward when the weight was applied. The deflection is measured in the center of the bridge. First, a steel grating is placed on the bridge and 500 lbs of angle iron are stacked on the grate. the difference in deflection is measured between the 500 lb load and a 2500 lb load. The team practiced hundreds of times and adjusted the bridge until deflection was within .06 inches. Unfortunately, a different, more flexible grating was used at the competitions and the bridge deflected .405 inches up. Next years bridge will be designed so that the flexibility of the grating will be unimportant.

At the National event, thirty-one schools convened to compete in the steel bridge event and race their concrete canoes. All of them know about Southern Tech, a small but highly competitive college in Georgia.

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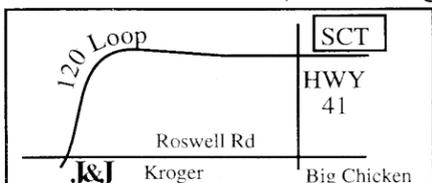
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Student Life Committee Approves Activities Budget

By BILL GREVE

The Student Life Committee met on May 25 to discuss the SGA budget, new organization's constitutions and generally who should pay for what.

Now before Student Life, SGA Secretary/Treasurer Krista Winters explained why only one Greek organization received money: "What we finally decided to look at was need and we agreed to only give money to Delta Sigma Theta."

Concerning the overall budget, Shannon Acreman, SGA President, stated that "Basically, everybody got cut."

Compounding the problem, twelve new organizations were requesting funds and although the amount to be allotted (\$300,000) was the same as last year, there was an increase of about \$60,000 in requests.

Director of Student Activities, Barry Birkhead also brought to attention of Committee members the

fact that there are three professional salaries that are paid out of these funds : Director of Recreational Sports, Section Supervisor/Reservations Coordinator, and Assistant Director of Student Activities. With raises, that leaves \$3000-\$4000 less a year to disperse to students.

Mr. Birkhead suggested that "What this committee can do is give feedback... as long as these salaries are in the budget, there will always be less for the students."

Some of the suggestions:

From one committee member: "A number of students feel that recreational sports should be paid from the Athletic fee."

Professor Lajuana Cochran: "The college could pay a percentage of the salaries and SGA could pay the rest."

Professor Doreen Erickson: "Organizations can do more fund raising and look into getting companies to donate equipment" and "intramural teams could pay fee to play".



Not quite like King Arthur and his Court, the Student Life Committee meets around The Oblong Table.

Finally, the committee decided that the minutes should reflect that salaries are a problem and recommended that the Director of Recreational Sports salary get picked up by the State. Additional options included that all three salaries get picked up by the State and that some Athletic money should go to Recreational Sports. After all that, the

Budget passed 8-0-0.

Next up was a past concern that SGA doesn't properly represent the students. SGA members weren't attending Student Life meetings (only two a quarter) and there was a question as to whether the students attending were "diverse" enough.

Finally, the Committee approved constitutions for three new

student organizations: Soccer club, SAE (Society of Automotive Engineering), and Delta Mu Delta.

Attending for the students: Shannon Acreman, Paul Elliott, and Krista Winters. Representing the faculty: Professors Bill Hodges (Committee Chairman), Lajuana Cochran, Doreen Erickson, and Mike Thackston.

Stick a Fork in Them, SGA is Almost Done

By GARDINER RYNNE

The May 23 meeting of Southern Tech's Student Government Association was an action-packed event, filled with drama and excitement. President Shannon Acreman presented the election results and congratulated the winners.

It was mentioned that the date of upcoming town hall meeting with President Cheshier has been changed to June 8.

The much disputed budget was brought up for approval, and was passed. A representative from ASC questioned why her organizations budget had been cut so drastically. She was informed that even though the amount of money to be allocated had not decreased, the number of organizations petitioning for funds

had increased significantly. It was also brought up that the S.G.A. is not responsible for providing enough funds to support organizations, only to help them. It was said that the budget provides enough money to help organizations recover from a crisis, but S.G.A. Vice President Dewayne Thomas said that the amount of money allocated might "cause a crisis."

A transfer of \$760.15 was made from General Ops to the Student Development fund. This money lasted all of five minutes before it was petitioned away by *The Sting* and the *Log*. The *Log* petitioned for funding to purchase five versions of Pagemaker 5.0 so that the office would not be breaking software licensing regulations by having only one copy for five machines. The

Vice President expressed his approval by saying, "Lets get legal."

The Sting's Bill Greve petitioned for Photoshop, so that campus publications would be able to do more with photographs outside the darkroom. Paul Elliott wanted to know if "the software could be donated?" *The Sting* editor did not know if this idea plausible and the petition was accepted.

The last order of business was a petition for recognition of a new soccer club that has started on campus. Three representatives were present to represent this group. Reginald Walton asked "Why, with all the apathy toward sports on this campus, should you start this organization?" One of the soccer club's members, Mario Stoilovich replied that, "We have the potential of com-

peting and representing this school." Other points brought up by the members is the fact that soccer is an international sport, of which there are none on the campus.

They also brought up the fact that the organization is co-ed, is very willing to help and instruct beginners, and is a great way to achieve personal fitness. Their petition was approved.

FINAL BUDGET

	FY 96 Requested	FY 96 Recommended Allocation
Student Center	\$104,200	\$101,000
Recreational Sports	\$73,506	\$62,500
CAB	\$55,000	\$49,500
LOG	\$32,600	\$22,100
Sting	\$19,500	\$18,600
WGHR	\$13,200	\$11,100
Cultural Series	\$11,000	\$9,000
SGA - Gen Ops and Stu Dev	\$8,500	\$10,500
ASME	\$7,848	\$950
NSBE	\$4,849	\$900
Drama Club	\$4,830	\$800
Delta Sigma Theta	\$4,190	\$300
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	\$500
ISA	\$2,955	\$1,000
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
SVE	\$920	\$300
IE	\$805	\$450
SGA - Judiciary	\$700	\$700
Panhellenic	\$600	\$300
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SGA - Student Awards	\$300	\$300
Total	\$389,952	\$300,000

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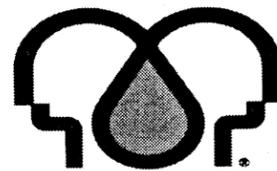
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Die Hard III: No Babes, Lotsa Violence and Cussin'

By ????????

First and foremost there is a major difference between *Die Hard*, *Die Hard 2* and *Die Hard With a Vengeance*. It's not Christmas. Sure you have the reluctant Black sidekick, (Samuel L. Jackson). Yes there is the evil maniacal Villain (Jeremy Irons).

Even the plot is pretty much the same, John McClane trying to thwart the plans of the evil villain. But the one thing that sets this apart from all the other *Die Hard* movies is that the background for this movie is the Naked City herself, New York City.

Simon, the Villain, has it in for McClane. He hates McClane so badly he's willing to blow things up to get to McClane. Not only does Simon want McClane dead, he wants him humiliated in the process.

The New York Police Department offers cash in exchange but Simon insists that it's not about money. It is for revenge. He has McClane dropped off in Harlem with a racial slur printed on a Sandwich sign. Enter Zeus (Jackson) as a bigoted electronics shop owner

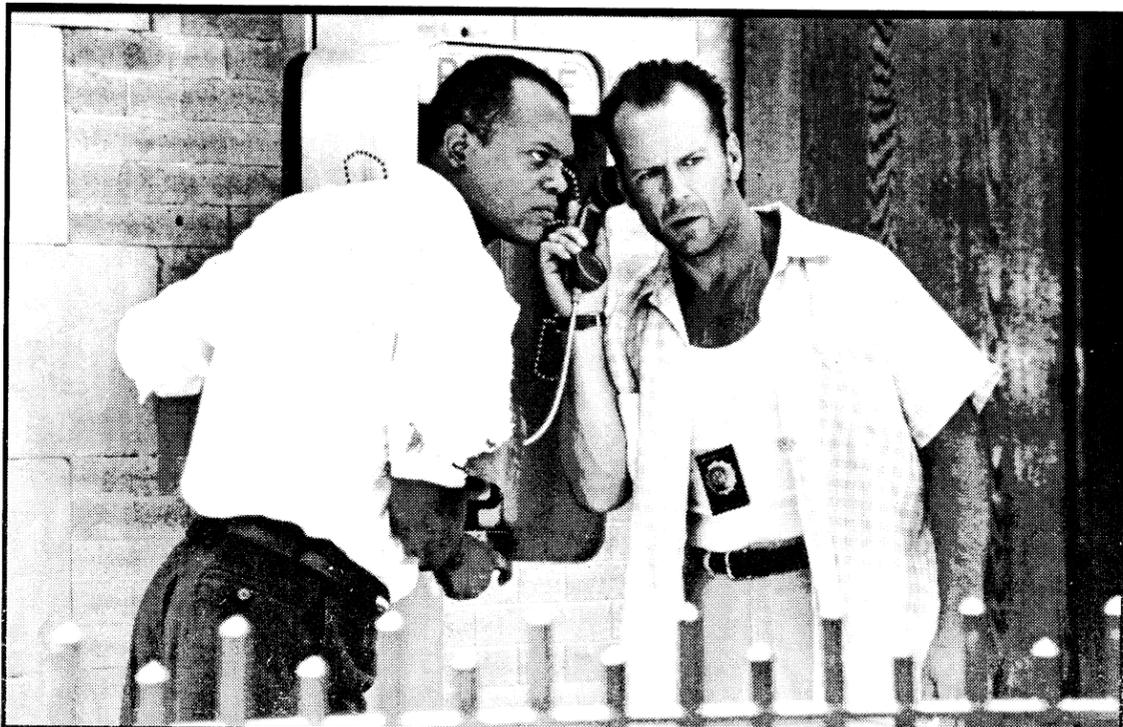
who steps in to keep McClane from getting massacred by a gang.

Simon finds out that McClane has survived thanks to assistance from Zeus and forces the two to play an elaborate game of "Simon Says" in New York to keep bombs from going off in crowded places.

Meanwhile Simon and his gang are committing a huge robbery under the noses of the New York PD who are searching the city for a bomb that Simon says he has placed in a school.

The NYPD is taken "off the air" by Simon so that they cannot use their radios and they only have three hours to find the bomb in a mad House to House Search. McClane and Zeus are forced to solve logic problems and personal differences to keep up with Simon and ultimately end up as buds.

The movie is what you expect for a summer movie, simple plot, simple characters and a lot of violence. Aside from the principals there are several well known actors playing supporting roles, Colleen Camp, Graham Greene and Anthony Peck all appear in supporting roles.



John McClane (Bruce Willis) and Zeus (Samuel L. Jackson) order a pizza from a New York City pay phone while an evil midnight bomber blows up a local city school. What a day's work. Kind of a Nietzschean morality play combining elements of *Candide* and *The Little Engine That Could*.

Mad Love, Be Drawn Back Again and Again...

By BRENT TEMPLE

According to the advertising *Mad Love* is a movie about what drives us to the edge and then draws us back again. What does that mean? *Mad Love* is a movie about two upper-middle class kids in high

school who fall in love and run away from home.

Well, actually there is a little bit more to it. Kasei has two parents, a nice mom and a controlling dad. Kasei is wild, energetic and manic-depressant. Matt has one over-worked father, a little brother and

sister who are twins, and a telescope. We learn many things from this movie, one of which is that telescopes are great for learning things about people.

That is where the resemblance to *Sliver* ends though, Matt uses the telescope to look at the stars. Matt is

an academic responsible type of person while Kasei is not. That's what makes this movie so unpredictable, who could have thought of two different types of people falling in love?

Guess where *Mad Love* takes place? Seattle! Another big surprise, how many movies are set in Seattle? And it isn't raining, how often does that happen in Seattle?

When Kasei gets into trouble at school she is sent to a sanitarium. Matt breaks her out and they get into his International Harvester Scout and take off.

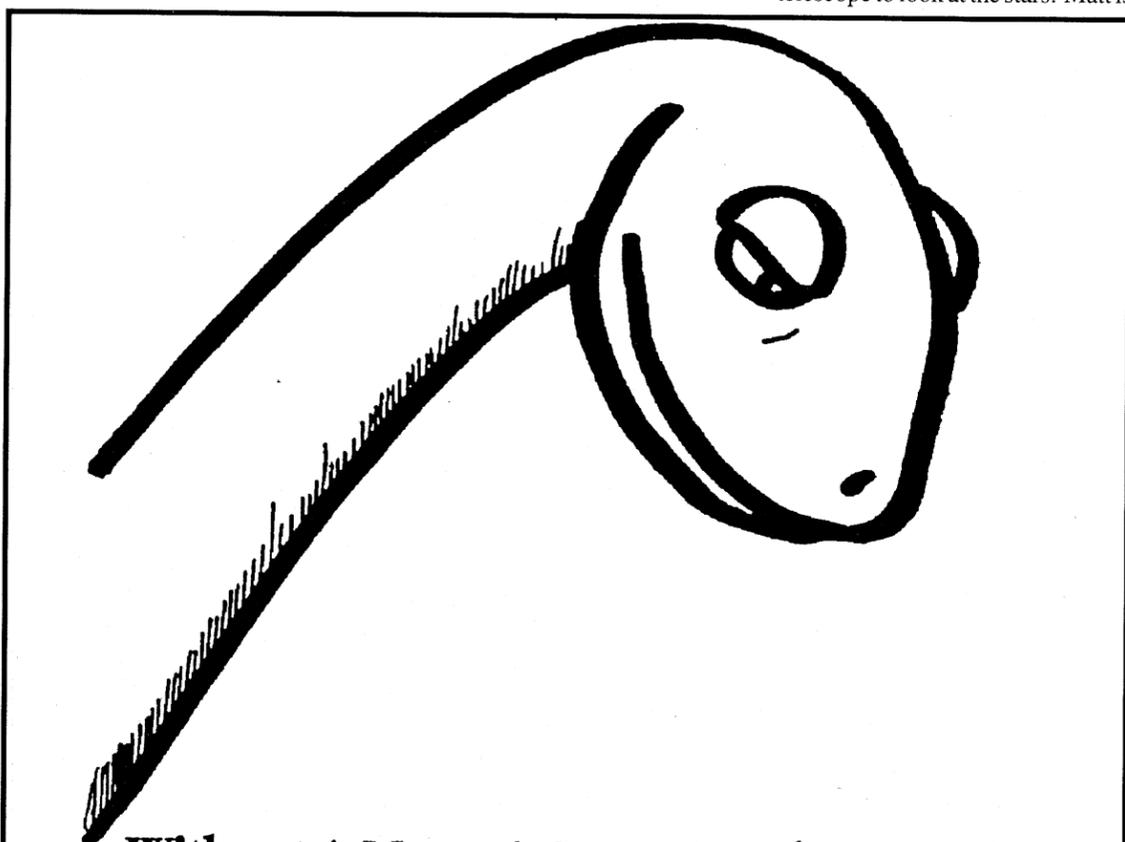
We learn that high school students can get beer and even get served in bars. We also learn a fun game to play while driving, one person covers the drivers eyes and gives directions on how to steer, this game is even more fun on steep mountainous roads. A more important lesson would be that sometimes when you

break someone out of an institution they might actually be crazy.

This is not an action flick, nor do Drew Barrymore or Chris O'Donnell gratuitously reveal their bodies for the prurient interests of the theater audience. In fact, one line substituted Frigging for the actual curse word! There is one car crash, a low to mid-speed chase, one fight, and between 3 and 6 gunshots.

I can see people really liking this movie, but I remained neutral, It had more plot than I expected but the romance contained just a little too much fromage. On a scale of 1 to 10 with a -10x10^9 being the latest budget approved by the SGA, I give *Mad Love* a score of Turquoise.

Brent Temple began his career by being a body double for Sean Connery, Marlon Brando, and Denzel Washington. He forthwith pontificates illogically for *The Sting*.



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Renaissance Festival Will Rocket Thy Face

By COLLEEN DESMOND

Spring in Georgia demands that weekends be spent outside, far away from the books and computers that swamp us during the week. The Georgia Renaissance Festival, set in a lightly wooded and well kept park, provides the perfect escape. At the festival, extravagance is favored over refinement, expert craftsman are valued more than intellectuals and people are revered instead of machines.

The short trail from the parking lot to the festival is flanked by medieval flags and ribbons leading back to a simpler time. As you enter the village, people dressed in medieval garb mingle through the crowd as though they are native to this fantasy land. Most of these anachronistically clad people are guests who simply enjoy pretending for a day.

Shows, theatrical performance and exhibitions run continuously. Two of the largest and best exhibitions are the Royal Jousting and Birds of Prey but these are certainly not the only entertainment. If you are into theater, comedic performances include Shakespearean Shorts, The Adventures of the Three Musketeers and Cirque du Soil. A potpourri of other acts include belly dancing, juggling, burlesque singers and magic acts.

Just as impressive as the shows are the artisans displaying their wares and demonstrating their skill. Are you into candles, potpourri, jewelry, pottery or flowers? Although it is not cheap, the European Crafts Market is the most diverse craft market I have ever seen. Craftsman from glassblowers to wood carvers to sword makers to ceramicists to

leather makers to painters show off their crafts.

What would be a festival without food and drink? There is plenty of that. Among other things, food stands offer Turkey Legges, Meat Pie, Fried Peaches and Baklava. There is plenty of soft drinks and beer. After a day of browsing the

shops in the sun, these small retreats make a nice midday break.

The Renaissance Festival attracts every type of person and is assorted enough to provide a good time to everyone. Children were often encouraged to participate in exhibitions and there are small rides and a playground to entertain them.

Enthusiastic actors can lose themselves for the day in this small kingdom. The adventurous are encouraged to throw themselves into the revelry to make the party that much bigger. Or, if your like me, the more reserved can amuse themselves just by watching all the action from the safety of the pub.

The festival is open every Saturday and Sunday from 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM until June 11. Adult tickets are \$10.95, children under 12 are \$5.25 and those 5 years old or under are free. The Renaissance Festival is a place to have fun, lose your inhibitions and escape to a mythical land for a day.

Soffel's Maverick Mad Max Braves a Lethal Road to Return a Bounty

By STEVE ROBBINS

Aside from the nitpicky-non-historically-correctness of a few scenes that my fiancee did not seem to like, this is a great movie! Even if you are a Scotland history buff you will like this movie. Not only did Mel Gibson star in it, he also directed it and did an excellent job.

And those little nitpicky things I mentioned earlier were things like somebody used a clay bowl instead of a bread bowl that was more common to peasants in that time period, the style of Wallace's sword was English not Scott, and things like that. Though the housing was perfect and the mannerisms of the soldiers was well nigh exact to how the real highlanders acted. Though I doubt that a British sword could be thrown into somebody's chest an around 30 feet with any hope of accuracy but I could be wrong.

The story revolves around William Wallace, son of a farmer who died fighting Edward Longshanks, King of England, Wallace stands up for what he believes in and is ultimately betrayed by ... well you'll just have to see the movie to find out.



Mel Gibson as William Wallace in *Braveheart*.

The plot is basically a tragic love story with a goodly measure of blood and sword fighting tossed in to add flavor. Wallace possesses a sharp wit that if a lesser man attempted his smart remarks he'd slit his own throat. The phrase "Any boy can fight, but a man uses his

wits" fits Wallace and this movie to the proverbial T. His [Wallace] one fault is that he is too trusting of his own people to see that some will try to survive even without freedom.

You'll find that he does not take kindly to nobles as they betray him and Scotland once too often. As

limbs and heads fly about as if they were leaves in a storm, you can appreciate the realism that Mel was trying to achieve. You truly see the attention to detail Mel paid to each scene as dirt seems to get more and more caked on and nobody is ever in a perfect light.

MATH STINGER

By Dr. JOEL C. FOWLER

Last issue's puzzle remains unsolved. It was to find the quadratic function of the form $f(x) = x^2 + bx + c$, where b and c are constants, that has the least "distance" from the x -axis on the domain $[-1, 1]$. The "distance" from a function to the x -axis is the distance from the x -axis to the point on the curve that is farthest from the x -axis (on the domain $[-1, 1]$). I will keep the puzzle open. If you wish to work on it you may wish to become more familiar with "distance" by examining the graphs of several specific quadratics to see what their distance to the x -axis is.

The puzzle for this issue is to determine the first six digits of $2^{1000000}$.

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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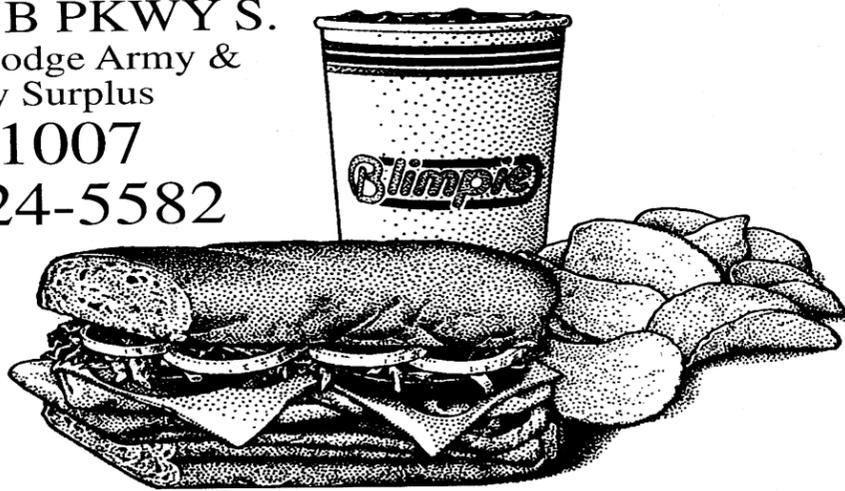
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EDITORIALS

Mr Everything, Scott Wages Graduates

By SCOTT WAGES

Good morning, afternoon, evening, which ever applies. Welcome to the Swan Song show. (Formerly the "He's graduating, let's give him an editorial.") Different title same filth flam filth.

When I first started college, I heard a statement that I used several times when talking to incoming freshman. It went something like this, "Your college days are what you make of them, make the most out of them." For some reason that stuck with me and I tried to live by it, and by doing so I met different types of people. Some were the kindest people that you'd ever meet while others you wouldn't piss on if they were blazing in flames. It is with these very same people that I have had many a pleasurable as well as not so pleasurable experiences. Through these acquaintances and experiences, I have learned a few things.

I'll start by stating the grievances or complaints that I have about my college experience. I don't know if you all know it, but there is a conspiracy. Yes a conspiracy! Your local bookstore is in cahoots with the one across the street. Why else would the store attendant from across the street be at the Southern Tech Bookstore? I'll tell you why, price fixing!! Don't believe me, look around you'll see what I'm talking about.

Although I hear students talking about how great their department is, well, mine sucks!! Granted they are trying to improve, but my god, MGT should be the front runner in TQM. My last complaint, or more of a disappointment is with the student body in general. I say to the student body, WAKE UP!! It makes me sick to see how apathetic you are. You guys are so complacent to accept whatever is hurled to you. Form an opinion, fight for something, get a cause. If you don't they will walk all over you.

Now that I am off my soapbox, I would like to say goodbye and thank you to a few folks. I'll start with a few professors, Fischer and Weeks, you guys are the

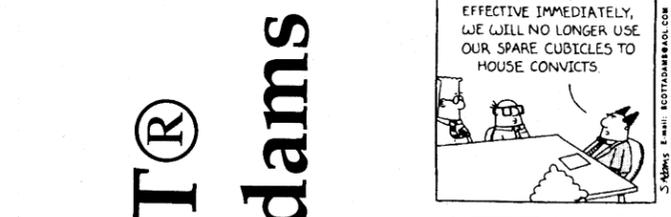
best, your enthusiasm and opinions (Fischer only) delighted and inspired me to learn one of the most mundane subjects. As far as math goes Abusaid and Vinelli take the cake. To all you freshman, take these guys, they know it, live it and breath it. In my department, I would like to thank, and give special thanks, to Professors Lucas and Obiedst. They are two men who have a genuine concern for all the students. Without them, I probably would not have stayed in management. To the above Professors, my hat is off to you. You are proof positive that there is still some good and hope in the educational system.

Outside of Professors, I would like say thanks to a few others. Dean Smith, a special thank you goes to you for all the help and guidance you have given me. I know it was tough dealing with the likes of me, but now I'm gone, and you can rest easier now. Barry, Vicki, Kim what can I say? It's been real! I would also like to say thanks to Ruth Compton, who although retired, will never be forgotten and will always be missed.

The place just isn't the same. A quick thanks to Regine Doyle for getting me the lead on that job. I can now buy food!!! Lastly I would like to thank all the people who choose to live at the Student Center, most of which are on the *Sting* staff. To the staff of the *Sting*, thank you for the opportunity to write and do layout. I just love looking at a monitor for twelve hours. To you I say, Don't Change! You guys are about the only one who have an opinion. Send Wiseman my love. To the staff at my former place of employment, don't graduate, the real world sucks!! You have a cush job, keep it!! In leaving, I say one thing : K MAGYOYO, Kiss My Ass Goodbye You're On Your Own.

And Lastly I would like to thank all of my brothers of Pi Kappa Phi. This is what dreams are made of. Nothing shall ever tear us asunder.

Scott Wages, in addition to an occasional turn as a *Sting* member was also SGA President, and involved himself with just about everything on campus. The *Sting* will miss a truly OUTSTANDING STUDENT.



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CONSENSUS EDITORIAL

Recently staff person, Colleen Desmond, stated that, "*The Sting* should publish a reading list for the summer." What a good idea. Unfortunately Colleen isn't present to grace us with her choice, so we'll recommend a dictionary for her.

Here is a partial *Sting* personal summer reading list: Mike Aurand - "Advanced Speaker Cabinet Design"; Leigh Boros - "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Universe"; Colleen Desmond - wasn't here so we're getting her a dictionary; Brandon Emard - "A Maze of Death"; Bill Finnick - "Conduct Unbecoming"; Bill Greve - "Godel, Escher and Bach"; Steve Robbins - "Wheel of Time"; Ray Smith - "Taltos"; Brent Temple - "Atlas Shrugged".

For the incoming SGA we suggest the SGA constitution. This will put you a step ahead of the outgoing SGA. For everyone else - any book not by an author the name of Waller, Grisham, Clancy, or Steele will be fine. While they have learned the task of applying words to paper, it would not be proper to affix "write" or "book" too near their efforts.

No thanks are necessary, we appreciate being able to help you.

TKE Calls For a Forum on SGA/Greek Funding

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the fraters of Xi Chi Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, we would like to clear up what seems to be a misunderstanding or miscommunication to the Student Government Association and the nongreek community on this campus. This stems from recent discussions concerning allocation of Student Activity Funds for the Fiscal Year 1995 budget.

Our organization has not been in the yearly budget for several years, but we have received some funds from the Student Development Fund in the past. We did not receive an allocation this year either.

If the decision was made because we are in fact Greek organizations we question that decision. Greeks on this campus have long

supported this college. From our beginnings as Delta Tau Phi (a local fraternity) in 1953, our organization has long supported this college and its surrounding community.

From its conception as a social organization at that time Delta Tau Phi sponsored school events, participated in bathtub races, and contributed countless hours of service to this college. In 1973, when Delta Tau Phi became an International chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon; this chapter continued its backing of this college. TKE has long sponsored the quarterly blood drives, adopt-a-highway and cemetery programs, annual runs for Cystic Fibrosis, Special Olympics, Food Drives, and more. We have helped with orientation days, visitation days, secretaries day, and more.

Last year alone Xi Chi Chapter volunteered over 1,500 man hours of

service and over \$900 to the campus and community. Not to mention we have about 400 initiates since founding in 1973. Many of them are active alumni of this school, donating time and resources.

Our chapter is no exception. Thousands of fraternities and sororities have donated much to campus and community. Not to mention the spirit and enthusiasm many bring to college life.

With regard to Greek finances, many Greek letter organizations do have large budgets in comparison to other organizations. However, this does not have anything to do with their need or use of funding. Unlike other organizations most Greek organizations receive no outside funds. About 20% of our annual budget goes to membership and insurance fees to our International headquarters. Approximately 38% goes to

general quarterly operating expenses and about 40% goes to annual expenses. This leaves about 2% for social events. Most of our money comes from membership dues, but about 35% or more must be gotten from annual fund raisers or some other financial source just to break even. As you can see we don't have money just lying around- we work for it just like anyone else.

Mr. Greve, our organization was founded on January 10, 1899, "...not for wealth, rank, or honor, but for personal worth and character." We do not and have never had any discriminatory membership clauses.

Anyone fulfilling our membership requirements can join our fraternity. We adhere to every national, state, and school regulation concerning membership recruitment. Our very existence at this school will attest to this. SGA conducts "annual

reviews of all officially recognized organizations, the SGA, the SGA Constitution..." We have passed this review annually. So why does the Constitution need to be amended to be discriminatory toward Greek letter organizations? Is not the fact that SGA's limited number of voting members make it a "non-inclusive" organization.

Mr. Acreman, we would like to invite you and the faculty, staff, and students of this campus to an information forum (date to be announced) with representatives of each Greek organization to discuss concerns and questions about Greek organizations and their role on campus.

Faternally,
Alex Panos
President, Xi Chi Chapter
Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity International

ORGANIZATIONS

ΔΣΘ DELTA SIGMA THETA

Delta was definitely "in Bloom" during May Week which was held from Sunday, May 21st until Saturday, May 27th. Thanks to all of the students and sorors that attended our events. The activities for the week included the following: an Ice Cream Social, a Safer Sex Party, a Political Analysis: the 1960's vs. the Present, an Eco-

nomie Empowerment Seminar and the Crimson and Cream Affair. We wrapped up our busy week by co-hosting the second annual Black Top Classic. It was some pretty hot competition (and sun!) out there.

A special thanks to Keith Willis, Wendell Hornsby and Michael Graves who participated in our Slam Dunk Contest. All the guys were great, but Michael won the trophy. Last Sunday, our BYOB-Bring Your Own Books-study session gave everyone a chance to see if that "Intelligence is the torch of wisdom" motto is contagious. Let's work hard to make the grade!

ΣΝ SIGMA NU

Congratulations to those who survived another HELLEN weekend. Thanks to Paul for a great job.

White Star highlights: Paul wins the cylinder toss (AGAIN); Pierce takes the short cut (HEAD FIRST DOWN THE MOUNTAIN); Everybody go to Jordan's hot tub; DeWayne- no more GOING OUT with sorority girls; Dillard flips a coin for a formal date; and last but not least, Matt White and Jason Schmidt- Do you have a license to drive the golf cart TO THE HUDDLE HOUSE ??

Greek Week is here. That's all we've got to say about that!

The forth annual Sigma Nu volleyball tournament will be held on June 3 & 4. Party on the 3rd., but remember you must have an invitation.

Extra special thanks to the guys who put out flags at Marietta National Memorial Cemetery. Thanks to Dillard for organizing the event, Paul for driving the tractor, and Snoopy for keeping the boy scouts in line (Snoopy finally found someone he can beat up- ???).

Summer is almost here. Don't forget to keep in touch guys. Almost forgot, divisionals are June 28-July 2. Good luck with finals. See you next year !!

TKE TAU KAPPA EPSILON

By THE TEKE TRACKER #338

Xi Chi Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity is gearing up for Summer Quarter. Congratulations to our fraters who went to the State Intramural Softball Competition. On Saturday, June 4th, The

Alumni Association held its Bi-monthly meeting at the new TEKE HOUSE. Actives and alumni enjoyed food and fun in true Teke style.

Happy Founder's Day to ADP on May 15, 1851. Happy Founder's day to AXA May 30, 1975.

Congratulations to all Southern Tech Seniors graduating on June 17th. A warm welcome to our newly initiated fraters - Frater Mike Gozdick and Frater Tim Madeiros.

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ΠΚΦ PI KAPPA PHI

By EKs 597

Well one more time for this quarter. First we would like

congratulate David "Archie" Nelson, Brent Collier, Rob Carmichael and Scott "Homey" Wages for graduating this quarter. We hope everyone had a great time at Roseball.

The stories seem to be endless: Date Swapping, Toilet Hugging, Toilet Missing, We saw a star and several Moons, BFBs, Hickups, were you BUFAR or FUBAR or

Smammered? Did you sleep on the dock or on the bathroom floor? What is the Boat Passing light for anyway? What a weekend, Savannah will never be the same.

Everyone get ready for the Party of the Quarter, the Pi Kapp Luau Blowout on June 10th. I hope everyone has a great summer and get ready for a great Fall Quarter. The Legend continues, Enough Said!!

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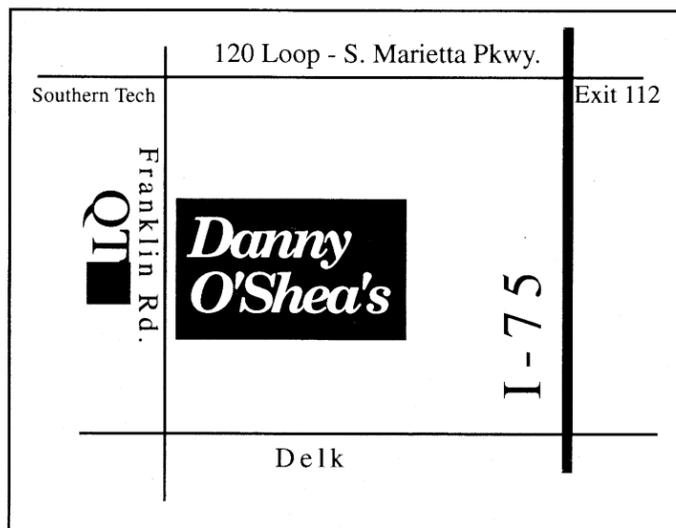
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