



# The Sting

Official Journal of the  
Nation's Foremost  
Engineering Technology  
College

July 18, 1995

Volume XLVIII, No. ix

1100 South Marietta Parkway

Marietta, GA 30060-2896

## Call 911! Call 911!

By AMY QUILLEN

Safety and security are issues that have long been on the minds of students and faculty. But, finally, this past January, President Cheshier approved one of the longest desired security programs. This program is the call box system.

This system is comprised of nine solar powered, cellular, portable telephone posts. They are located in areas that are either out of normal traffic or are where large amounts of people may need assistance, especially at night.

The phones are easy to use. There is one receiver and one red button. You simply push the red button to be connected to the dispatcher on duty. This system has its own phone line. It also has a computer terminal and keypad designed specifically for the dispatcher to use.

Once the button is pressed, the phone's location appears on the screen including the date and time of the call. This is especially helpful if the caller is attacked before the dispatcher can ask any questions.

If you use the phone, you should stay on the phone until the dispatcher tells you to hang up; there is no reason to send police out panicking.

They are also equipped with a theft/tamper alarm which is connected to the dispatcher's computer.

These phones are primarily for emergencies, but are also for escorts, personal safety, reporting suspicious or criminal activity, and any need of police service.

In an interview with Chief Chasteen, he said that these phones are part of a "continuing effort to ensure the safety of the community." He stressed that the phones are not for personal calls or for locating resident's room numbers, which a few people have tried already.

The total cost of this project is about \$40,000. The funding came from Auxiliary Funds, money collected from parking decals, tickets, dorm fees, the bookstore and the like. Because the phones are cellular, there is a monthly bill. And

Please see **Call Boxes** 3

## Contract Bid Has Us on Tenterhooks

By RAY SMITH

At Southern Tech, when one has to eat and do it fast, they usually dine in the Student Center Cafeteria. The food is served in a quick if not esthetically pleasing manner. A student may not find a culinary experience equal to the Ritz; however, the student will find a meal that is of comparable quality to the restaurants in the area around Southern Tech.

As the academic year comes to a close, the Food Service of Southern Tech will be up for bids. The Food Service is presently handled by Central Food Management. Their contract will end on August 31, 1995.

In June, Central Food Management was informed they would not be kept under the present contract. At that time, Southern Tech gave notice that it would be taking bids from other food service companies.

According to Dan Youngblood, Comptroller, this does not imply that Southern Tech is unhappy with Central Food Management. Mr. Youngblood explained the reason

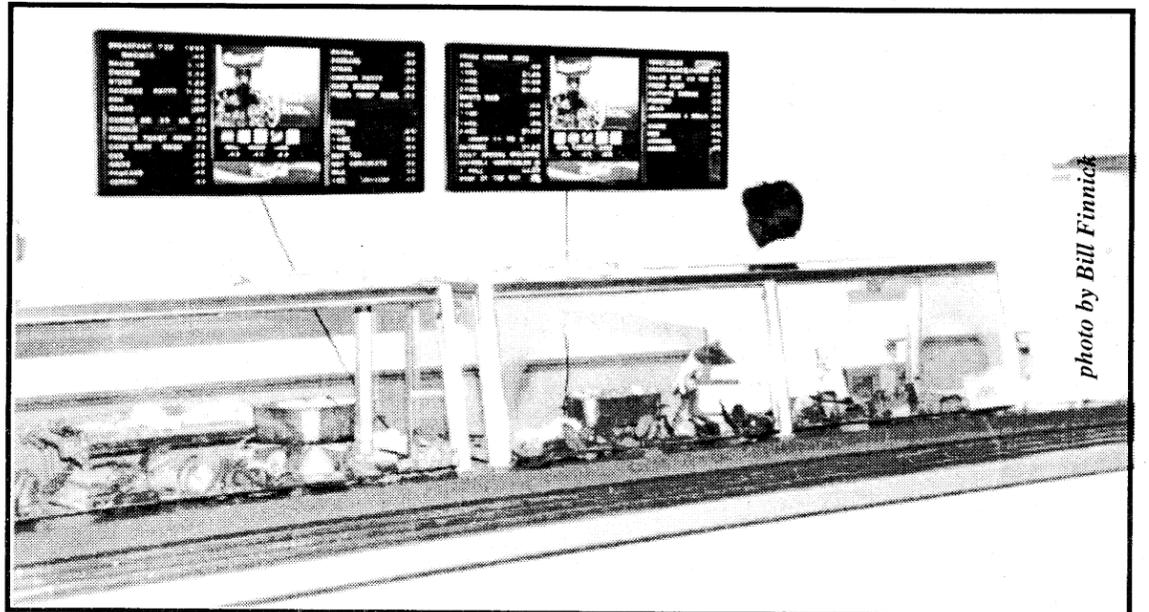


photo by Bill Finnick

**Current Food Service is provided by Central Food Management. Will this still be the case after August 31? Or will someone else feed us?**

for the bids: in any state-run facility when a contract is coming to a close, it is customary to place the new contract up for bids.

Mr. Youngblood is the head of the board which will award the contract. Other members of that committee include Dawn Ramsey, Bill Finnick

(SGA President), Dick Eaves, Ed Vizzini (Dean of Arts and Sciences), Kim Jackson (Assistant Director of Student Activities), and Barry Birkhead (Director of Student Activities).

According to Dan Youngblood, the board has been

working for months on a RFP (Request For Proposals). This RFP is a guide for what the board feels Southern Tech needs in the way of food service. Mr. Youngblood said this is not a wish list. The specifications given must be followed by any

Please see **Food Service** 3

## Financial Aid Climbs Down the Hill



photo by Bill Finnick

**With Financial Aid and the Business Office in the same building, corrals are being built to handle the herds of students. MOO.**

By BILL FINNICK

After over a year of discussion, the Office of Scholarship and Financial Aid has moved to a more user friendly location.

Their new home is with the Business Office on the bottom floor of

Norton Hall.

The Financial Aid Office had recommended that the move be made in January, when most awards have been made and the department is in "down time" between Thanksgiving and the first of February.

The new Vice President of Busi-

ness and Finance, John Hosey, instead gave approval to proceed with the three phase project during June which is the busiest time of the year for financial aid with: the closing of books; the checking of academic progress of students; and the issuing of next year's awards.

While the move was conducted at the worst possible time for the office the main problem of understaffing still exists.

Four and a half people take care of 8000 aid requests, 2500-3000 students receiving aid and process 5000 financial aid transactions.

Dr. McNair's (Director of Scholarships and Financial Aid), people are still working the glitches out of the move.

One of the items her office is waiting for, two additional modem hook-ups, impacts the school's lending programs.

Sharon Davis, who became assistant director of scholarships and financial aid on June 1, has the only modem in the office. All correspondence with lending institutions are

done electronically so the entire office has to work through her one line.

Electronic transfer of funds had dramatically improved students getting their loans in a timely manner. Southern Tech was selected as a William Ford direct lending participant which will really speed up loan processing.

Three years ago nine-out-of-ten problems students had with their financial aid was from loans through a bank.

The Ford program is a student friendly process where students deal only with their institution. Southern Tech has been selected to participate in the second year of the program has been available.

The new program and the office's proximity to the business office will greatly improve customer service in the area of financial aid.

No more walking up and down the steps from the administration building to Norton Dorm trying to get problems resolved.



**Townhall Meeting**  
Page 2



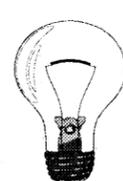
**Dilbert**  
Page 4

**MATH**  
**STINGER**

Page 4



**Review**  
Page 5



**Editorials**  
Page 6



**Cafe Angst**  
Page 8

*Date: June 8. Place: Ballroom. Topic: Southern Tech Townhall. Attendance: Low. What follows is an almost word by word transcript of President Cheshier answering questions. Actually, due to the length of the answers, this will be run in two parts. Part II will be in the August 15 issue of The Sting.*

**Opening remarks, Shannon Acreman:**

I'd like to thank everyone for coming out today to this meeting and I'd like to thank the president and his staff for coming out today and giving their time to answer questions. Before we start off I'd like to introduce you to our new Vice President of Business and Finance Dr. Hosey. . . Does anyone have any questions right now pertaining to anything in particular? I have a couple of things to just get a couple of topics started.

Two topics here, I think we're all concerned about the new athletic center and the new dorms that are supposed to be going up. I would just like to entertain questions about where all the funding is coming from for the athletic center.

**Dr. Cheshier:** Thank you for coming. I'm sorry I'm a couple of minutes late, I just picked up a \$35,000 check from Lockheed 35 minutes ago, so that was time well spent - I hope. And then I was on the phone to the chancellor about the dormitory just before I came over here. The recreational center you all see coming out of the ground over here I hope, some steel should be coming up here in another week

or so. Foundations are all in, it should start looking like a structure before too long. They are still telling us it will for next summer. In fact, we're counting on it being ready for next summer - because of the Olympic summer and Ga. Tech being out here. We want to have that available for our students, their students, all of our summer activities that summer. We are being told it will be. The recreational center is funded as a state payback project. Which means . . . several things: it means we make a down payment, and we made a healthy down payment based on private fund raising. That was on the order of half a million dollars - ballpark. This is about a \$3.5 million building. We came up roughly with a million dollar down payment out of just fund raising we did in the community and our Foundation really is the group that should get credit for that. Because that's how we do our fundraising. And what happens after the down payment, the State advances the money by selling bonds. That allows us to get very low interest . . . maybe 3% points lower interest rate than if you had to do it through a bank. The State does that and then we have to, over 20 years or so, pay it back. Pay these bonds off, hence its called a payback project. And obviously the way it gets paid back is the recreational fee you, as students, pay.

Several Student Governments ago approved doing that, raising the fee, which at that time by the amount necessary to pay back over 20 years

is the recreational complex. So you are already paying the fee, because the moment they approved it, we had to start paying the debt even though it is not built yet. The bonds were sold and the money is there; so it's like when you build a house: if you get a construction loan you start paying even though your house isn't built yet. So your money has been already starting to pay this thing off. Even though it will be a year before you're in it. So there isn't a new fee coming or anything. You have already assessed yourselves the fee to pay for it.

You didn't ask this, but it's going to be a lovely facility: two basketball/general purpose type courts, an aerobic area, a fitness center - I don't know all the terminology but Nautilus, stairclimbers, whatever all that stuff is. You see how much I use all those things. *(Laughter)* That will be in there. Two racquetball courts and a swimming pool. I think it will be a nice addition when you add it to the outdoor recreational complex that I hope the students have had a chance to use or at least see. The tennis courts have been contracted and they are waiting for the right weather conditions for soil compaction or something so they can lay down the asphalt; whatever they have to do up there . . . The city of Marietta put those street lights free for us as a benefit and we appreciate that. While I'm saying that, the new parking lot across from the administration building, which is a visitors and an employee parking lot, except at night, but it does re-

lieve some other places. That was built by the county . . . again at no cost to us. The city and the county have done several nice things for us here, in the last several months. That's a long answer to a short question.

**Krista Winters:** When the center is done will alumni be able to use it?

**Dr. Cheshier:** We haven't set a policy on that. . . Alumni contributors I know we give them library privileges. . . there has been some concern about computer access as well. So that and use of this, we'll deal with this summer at our staff retreat and try to set a policy on that. Hopefully, since the other gym is still there for intercollegiate things and this facility will be just a recreational facility, hopefully it won't be just packed to the gills. The basketball team won't be practicing in there three hours a day, the baseball team won't be doing early spring practice in there, things like that. Hopefully it will be available and there won't be any big space crunch.

**Jeff Jones:** I was wondering what direction Southern Tech is going to go in now. A lot of the faculty are involved in a program to set new standards? I'm not really sure what they are doing. I was wondering what you knew about that?

**Dr. Cheshier:** Is this the Mission maybe you would be talking about? Mission development, that type of thing?

**Jeff Jones:** In the electrical department.

**Dr. Cheshier:** We've gone through a long process, pretty much over this past year. Last summer, the Regents, for the whole system, came out with a vision for the whole university system in Georgia. A system of guiding principles that are going to direct their behavior and then a Mission that they are now working on. That part isn't totally done, but its largely done. So after that, they asked each of the colleges to do the same thing. We did over the year, faculty and staff, spent a lot of time discussing these things and we have now sent to the Board of Regents a new Mission Statement. All these are going to be approved in the early fall, so the fact we've approved it here, and sent it off, doesn't mean it's in place today. The Regents have just asked each college to approve on their campus a Mission Statement, a Guiding Principle, and a Vision. Send them down, and they've hired consultants from around the country to come in and look at this whole thing, so they coordinate - there is some concern among the legislature and the Regents that there is duplication with 34 colleges in Georgia and that the Missions have sort of overlapped. This needs really looked at, cleaned up, and of course we're in better shape than almost anyone because our Mission has always been pretty focused. We're not a broad liberal arts college with a hundred degree programs or something. We focus on technical things, so we are pretty clean in that process. In fact, when we sent the Mission down that the

faculty approved, they didn't even suggest any changes. They said: "for now, this looks good to us, we'll let our consultants give us their final feedback". But in talking to other college presidents a lot of them have been going through hell with changes and "you didn't do this" or "why are you still saying this", so on and so forth. I think our faculty and staff did an excellent job on proposing what we should be. And of course it's because it's a relatively easy thing because we sort of know what kind of institution we need to be. It's pretty hard for fourteen senior liberal arts colleges to find a way to distinguish themselves from each other. That would be pretty challenging. How's Kennesaw State going to look different than Clayton State College or West Georgia or whomever? It's pretty easy, I think, for Southern Tech to say how we want to look different than Kennesaw State or Clayton or West Georgia, we're a different kind of college. That's the way it went. The major directional change proposed in there is to add some engineering curricula. Ultimately, four would be envisioned: The first in the pipeline, because that faculty has already approved something would be mechanical engineering. Second probably would be civil engineering and then at some point after that industrial and electrical engineering. None of the four of these, if the board approves them, would do away with the technology. I mean there'd still be mechanical engineering technology, electrical engineering technology, civil, what-ever. . .

One of the motivations for this, is that states our size around the country tend to have anywhere from 7 to 25 engineering schools, public. We've got one - Ga. Tech. So 7 million people here are under-served by the one engineering school and especially when Ga. Tech is very, I would say ultra-selective with the highest number of merit scholars of any college in America. An SAT average of their engineering students of 1250. That's not the Southern Tech average as you probably would guess, although we're third in the system with the average we have, which is well under 1250. So we're still very, very selective in terms of the system. Ga Tech is so skewed in that high SAT range that we would argue that they can't possibly meet the whole spectrum need for engineering education. . .

That's the major change, I think. I don't mean to ignore other changes. A more broadening in the sciences would be envisioned. We don't do much in the life/biological science area, we want to broaden some course offerings there. Chemistry, I think we plan to broaden that some. These are things the schools are talking about. What's the one in the Humanities area? . . . A bachelors degree in sort of the human side or the development of the science of technology.

*Part II begins with Bill Finncik asking "Who's going to pay for the athletic center?"*

## CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL

**NOW HIRING**  
**ALL POSITIONS**

**Apply in person (Mon - Sat) between the hours of 10 am to 7 pm. Carrabba's is located on Barrett Parkway, between I-75 and Cobb Parkway (Hwy 41).**

**Carrabba's Italian Grill is a new dining experience brought to you by the people from the Outback Steakhouse Inc. Carrabba's is a dinner only restaurant that features a wonderful mix of traditional and contemporary Italian cooking.**

**404-499-0338 1160 Barrett Pkwy  
Kennesaw, GA 30144**

*"Non c'e amore piu' sincero di quello del cibo."  
"There is no love sincerer than the love of food."*

# Food Service continued from 1

company wishing to bid.

One of the changes put forth in the RFP is a seven day, twelve hour service schedule. At present, food service runs 7:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., closes and then the fast food side opens at 4:30 P.M. and closes at 8:00 P.M.

The down time between 2:30 P.M. and 4:30 P.M. was one of the students complaints addressed in the RFP.

Other RFP guidelines include renovations and Branding food items. What Branding means is that a chain restaurant or nationally known food would be set up on campus in a kiosk situation.

The RFP was sent out to twelve food service companies; moreover,

an invitation was sent for a pre-bid meeting on July 11. Of the twelve companies, five came to the meeting including Central Food Management, ARAMARK, Chick-Fil-A, MSE Branded Food Services, and Professional Food Service Management.

The meeting was a question and answer type centering around the RFP. Most questions were about students and enrollment. The other question most asked was about Branding and its importance.

During the meeting, the new Vice President (Business and Finance), John Hosey, interjected that he wanted the bidders to be creative in their proposals and to include ways to improve Southern Tech Food Ser-

vice.

He also asked for a statement to be included in the proposals concerning the bidders commitment to higher education in general.

Mr. Hosey also stated that he would like some form of financial input toward renovation of the facility. The meeting ended with a tour of the kitchen and serving line conducted by Charlie E. Hartfield, the representative of Central Food Management.

### ARAMARK

Jay Faircloth of ARAMARK (Campus Dining Service) said that his company had at its disposal several Branded Companies and would include their names in the proposal.

He stated that ARAMARK is the number one Food Service provider in the world, serving eleven countries, and has been in business since 1926.

Locally, they serve several colleges and corporate facilities. The company is also an Olympic Food Service provider and has been since 1962. The reason they are interested in being at Southern Tech is the tremendous growth potential of the college.

### Central Food Management

The present Food Service provider, Central Food Management has been at Southern Tech for the last three years.

Sherry Crammer of Central Foods explained their position on the bid situation. She said she realized in a state run facility bidding was standard procedure and is aware of no reason why Southern Tech would be

dissatisfied with the service. However, if Central Food does lose the bid, they would be sad to leave. She went on further to say that Southern Tech is one of the company's favorite accounts and they will work hard to retain the school's business.

Central Food is a local company and has been in business since 1959. They service several private schools and corporate facilities. When asked about the recent changes in the present food service she stated that the salad bar and other changes were requested by Mike Adams and to contact him.

Mike Adams, the Food Service Director, said that the changes came about because of the Food Service Committee's suggestions. The changes did not come about as a way to sway the bid. He went on to say that Central Food Management is well aware that bidding is to make sure the institution is getting fair market value.

His initial reaction when he heard that Food Service was to be let for bid was an empty feeling, but he realizes it is all part of the food service business.

He is also stated that Central Food Management has provided, in his opinion, a quality product. Several letters from organizations that have used the catering service back him up on that point.

Judy Rigbey, Mr. Adam's assistant, was quite upset when she heard the news. She said that she was disappointed and feared the loss of employment.

MSE Branded Food Systems, Inc.

Account Executive Larry Preston, of MSE Branded Food Systems, Inc., gave a little background about his company: "We are a local company that has been in business since 1987 and have placed food courts in several locations. At present the company manages forty-four units in twenty-eight states." He ended up by saying, "We would love to go in partnership with Southern Tech and would do our best at all times."

### Chick-Fil-A

John E. Fetherston, Jr. says that Chick-Fil-A has been in business for forty-nine years and has locations in fifty colleges nationwide including Harvard, Georgia Tech, Arizona State and several others.

He further stated, "In a situation such as Southern Tech, what is usually done is a small food area is set up with a limited menu. At present we are investigating the feasibility of a Chick-Fil-A at Southern Tech."

### Professional Food Service

The remaining firm, Professional Food Service Management, was unavailable for comment.

Once the bids are received, the reviewing of the bids begins. Barry Birkhead says that the firm chosen should provide not only quality and good service, but also a creative and dynamic presence on campus.

Mr. Birkhead is of the opinion that a customer oriented service that puts the customers needs above the companies is the best choice for the job.

The final bids must be turned in no later than 5:00 P.M., July 18th. The decision will be made by the end of the month.

# Call Boxes continued from 1



photo by Bill Finnick

The Call Box phones may be conveniently found under the sign that reads "Call Box". Picking up the phone connects you directly with the dispatcher.

like. Because the phones are cellular, there is a monthly bill.

In a feasibility study conducted by Michelle Cochran, Maria Massengale and Patrick Flaherty in November of last year, "91% of students felt a need of having a call box system on campus." In a survey conducted two weeks ago, only 75%

of students and faculty even noticed the call boxes. Of that 75%, only half correctly assumed their purpose.

So, if you use the call box system, make sure it is for a legitimate reason, and spread the word. Maybe their existence will scare off potential perpetrators.

**SAFE CAMPUS**

**TAKING A STUDY BREAK?**

Purse  
Wallet  
Keys  
Backpack  
Pocket calculator

**TAKE YOUR STUFF WITH YOU.**

**TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME**

**MasterCard**

This message from the National Crime Prevention Council made possible by a generous grant from MasterCard International

Blimpie on 41

# Blimpie

**SUBS AND SALADS**

**WE DELIVER! On & Off Campus 426-1007**

497 COBB PKWY S.  
Next to Hodge Army & Navy Surplus  
426-1007  
FAX 424-5582

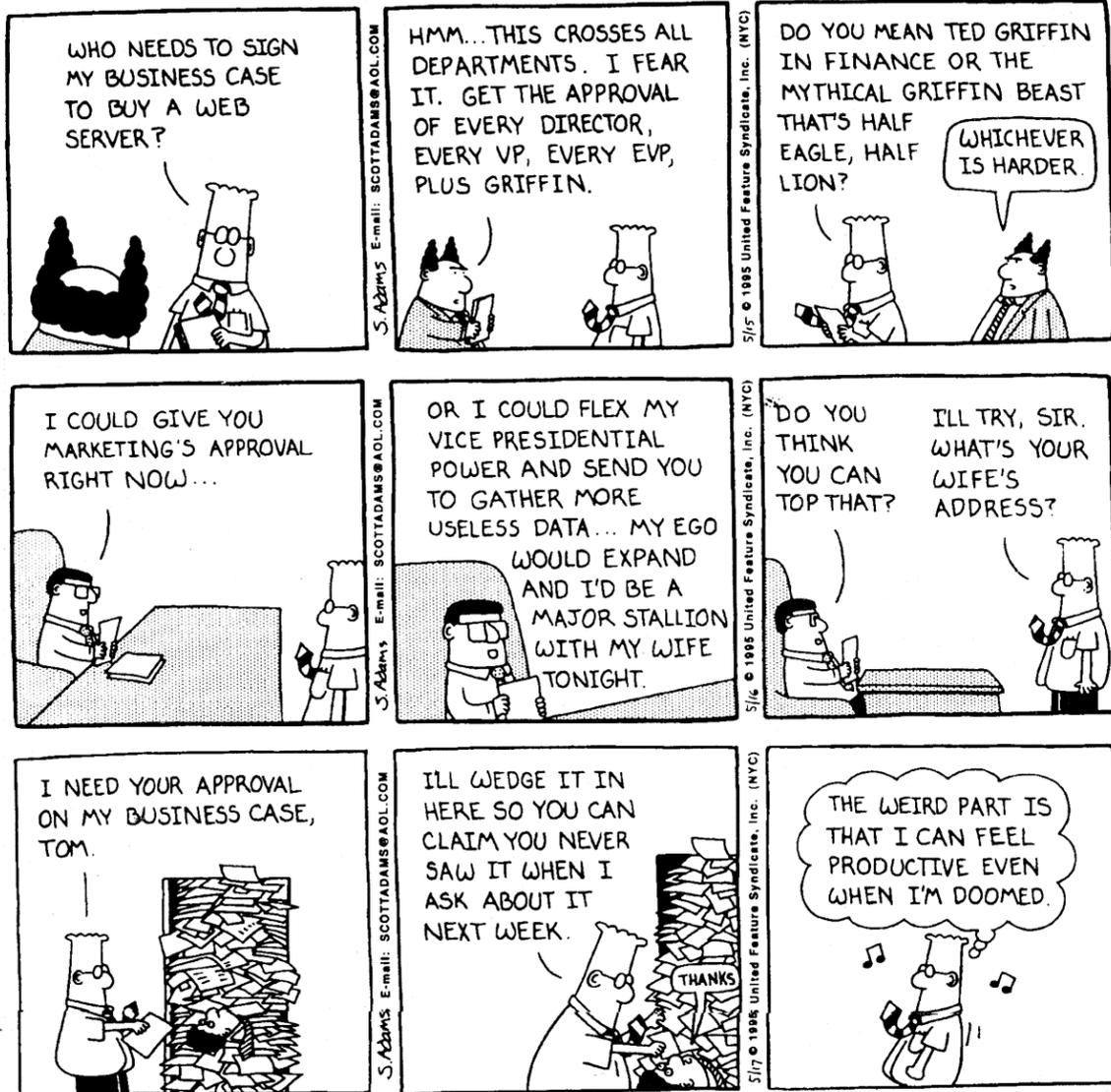
**WE CATER CLUB & OTHER EVENTS 426-1007**

**\$2.99 MEAL DEAL**  
Any 6" Cold Sub Sandwich, Chips and 22 oz. Drink  
Blimpie on 41

**\$1.00 OFF any 6" or 12" sub sandwich**  
\*Value & Bigger Bite Not Included  
Blimpie on 41

**Blimpie**

## Dilbert™ by Scott Adams



## Math Stinger

By DR. JOEL C. FOWLER

There were two unsolved puzzles from last quarter. The first was to find the function of the form  $f(x) = x^2 + bx + c$  that deviates as little as possible from the x-axis on  $[-1, 1]$ . The answer is  $f(x) = x^2 - .5$ . The only correct solution was from **Stephen Lux**. The other puzzle was to determine the first six digits of  $2^{1000000}$ . They are 990065. The only correct solution was from **Michael J. Harris**.

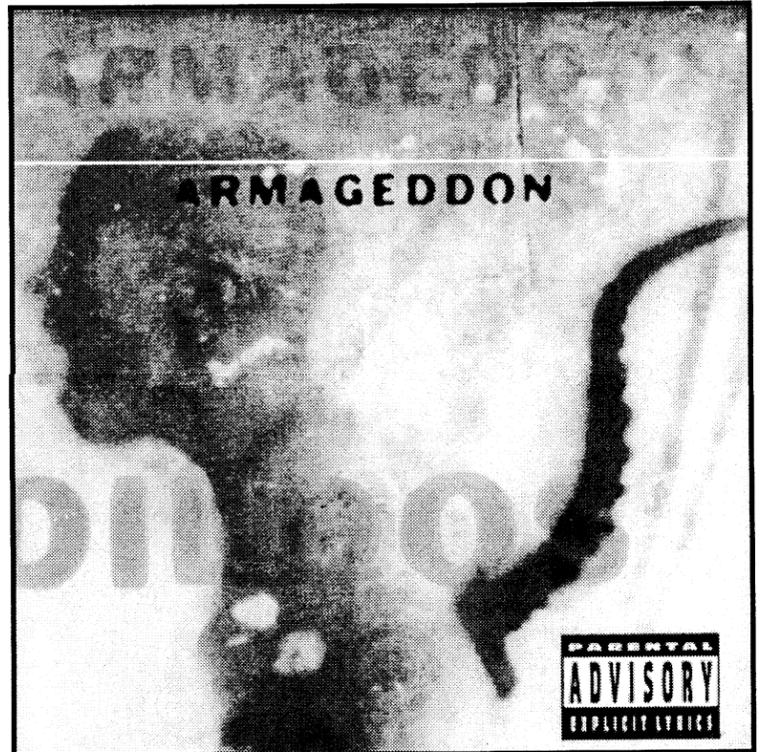
pyramid with a square base of height 30 feet. The slanted sides are four identical isosceles triangles each of which has area 600 square feet. Find the exact length of the base sides.

Answers should be sent, via conventional methods or e-mail (jfowler@st6000.sct.edu), to Joel Fowler in the Mathematics Department. Correct answers and the names of the first to find them will be printed in the next issue of The Sting.

*Dr. Joel C. Fowler is an Assistant Professor of Mathematics.*

This issue's puzzle concerns a

## God, I hope the Administration doesn't notice this band's name



By STEVE ROBBINS

I like metal, and I like most techno, I also like hard rock. Armageddon Dildos seem to be able to combine a heavy metal sound with a techno beat and hard rock lyrics. Though the beat is simple and the lyrics a little repetitive, their CD *Losris* pretty decent.

The Armageddon Dildos hail from Germany with a techno and industrial background which probably explains the good back beat and heavy pounding guitars.

One of the songs, "To far to suicide", came from one of the members as his own struggle against suicide nearly took him down seems to really hit home with me.

## The Reader's Digest® Condensed Judge Dredd

By ED HARDY

I can sum up Sylvester Stallone's *Judge Dredd* with one short phrase: "It is exactly what you think it is."

There is a plot, but it is quickly gunned down in a hail of bullets just like a bunch of bad guys, good guys, innocent bystanders, etc.

When I first heard this album I thought "Oh sheese, another suck CD, with no variety and no personality. Then after listening to it a few times I realized that it was not really all that bad and I completely changed my whole outlook on this genre of music. This album isd worthy of the Masquerade and Fetish night. With only two members in the band it is impressive that they can get as much variety as they can. So hat's off to Uwe Kanka and Dirk Krause.

So if you like a good back beat, a little German softly screamed in your ear and thrashed guitars gently rocking you to sleep, I highly recommend this CD.

*Steve Robbins wrote this.*

Characterization exists entirely of old Sly Stallone yelling, "I am the Law!" There aren't really any other characters, just targets. And no Judge Anderson.

Just rent this complete no-brainer is you absolutely have to.

*Ed Hardy is a close personal friend of Rufus Xavier Sarsaparilla.*

## EARN EXTRA \$\$\$ ! BLOOD DONORS NEEDED NOW !

Serologicals needs donors of all blood types to assist in the development of a variety of diagnostic and therapeutic products.

You will be compensated for your donations.

Enjoy the satisfaction of providing a uniquely human resource while you earn extra \$\$\$ in a short amount of time!

Please call today for information without obligation:

404-952-4238



**Serologicals**

*Creating a Healthier World*

2550 WINDY HILL ROAD, SUITE 219  
MARIETTA, GA 30067

# Jeffrey Will Have You in Hysterics, Not Tenterhooks

By RAY SMITH

I had the pleasure of seeing Paul Rudnick's off Broadway smash hit *Jeffrey*, at the Actor's Express. As an actor the experience of seeing others perform always scares me because I analyze every move; however, *Jeffrey* proved to be a thrill from beginning to end. Imagine a play that starts with seven men and one woman in a bed and continues to poke fun at every thing from religion to masturbation (is anything sacred?).

*Jeffrey* is such a play. *Jeffrey* is not a play that Gordon Wysong would enjoy; consequently, it has more to offer than doldrum. The main events of the play circle around gay relationships and how one man deals with the AIDS crises. That one man is Jeffrey (Brik Berks).

Mr. Berks was enchanting and totally believable as a man in search of a way not to have sex when all he wants is sex. Jeffrey's love interest Steve (Michael Wallace Jr.), had more than just Jeffrey's heart

swooning. Mr. Wallace is everything a love interest should be: tall, sexy, and understanding, to a point. That point is one of the most intense parts of the play. The only female in the show is Cathe Hall Payne who plays everything from Mother Teresa to "Women in Bed". Ms. Hall is a true comedian. One of the funniest moments in the play is her confession at the Sex Anonymous meeting. The rest of the cast is also excellent.

The play was directed by Chris Coleman whose sense of timing and understanding of the Mr. Rudnick's words is amazing. The play is poignant and hysterical. I am not saying go see this play because it is gay oriented; I am saying go see this play because it is damn funny and enlightening. At Southern Tech humor is something that is not offered as core, so get away from school for an evening and visit the Actors Express and laugh, laugh, laugh!

For more information call Actor's Express at 607-SHOW. The theater is located at 887 West Marietta Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30318.

# God Jams With The Band at Watkins Glen, July 28, 1973

By BILL FINNICK

In the Summer of '76 I had some really great seats to The Band's show at the Omni. Unfortunately they canceled the entire tour and played just one gig known as The Last Waltz. I didn't have tickets to that show.

Now comes the wonderful people of Capitol Records with the Band's performance at Watkins Glen, New York July 28, 1973 praying that music lovers will forgive the cancellation missive.

The event was to be a modest music festival less than half the size of the famous Woodstock Arts & Music Fair four years earlier; instead it turned into the largest rock music festival ever.

*Live at Watkins Glen* is Robbie Robertson, Rick Danko, Garth Hudson, Levon Helms, Richard Manuel and 600,000 total strangers

# English Sex Fiend Starring in a Romantic Comedy

By JEN WALLER

*Nine Months*, a Twentieth Century Fox Release directed by Chris Columbus, starring Hugh Grant.

To start with, I will try to refrain from using the words "hot" and "babe" in this review. Too late. Anyway, my overall opinion is that this is one great movie.

Samuel (Hugh Grant) and Rebecca (Julianne Moore) have a perfect life together. Everything is going right until one day Rebecca realizes that she is going to have a baby and Samuel realizes that their lives, together or apart, are getting ready to change drastically.

Also in the movie are Tom

at their purest, no holds barred best. Just as at Woodstock rain interrupted the show except for an artificially stimulated organ solo by Hudson accompanied by God, on thunder.

Definitely not what disco's turned out nightly; this is exactly what was best about the seventies, with the possible exception of the end of the war.

Great rock shows, this one triple billed The Allman Brothers Band, The Band, and The Grateful Dead were once spectacles students and other youngsters eagerly awaited every summer, now they have but the Fall.

For those not yet rocking yet in 1973, The Band was a sixties, Grateful Dead kind of blues based yet not quite psychedelic sort of borderline Eagles, oh never mind just buy the CD and figure it out yourself.

*Bill Finnick has found it in his ears to forgive The Band.*

Arnold and Joan Cusack who are a married couple expecting their umpteenth horrible child, and Robin Williams who plays a Russian veterinarian-turned-OB/GYN without a way with words.

Overall, this is a very warm, fuzzy movie. As the crowd was filing out of the theatre, one could actually hear the bells and buzzers of every reproductive clock in the theatre sounding simultaneously. It made my date and me discuss how we both want lots of kids. Maybe we need to check out *Omen* and *Pet Semetary* to change our minds.

*Jen Waller is former Editor-in-Chief of The Sting and she says, "Go see this Movie! Hugh Grant is hot and the guy who saw it with me is a babe!"*

# Dilbert by Scott Adams

TODAY I DISTRIBUTED 36 COPIES OF MY BUSINESS CASE TO VARIOUS MANAGERS FOR APPROVAL.

BY MY COUNT, 20 ARE BEING MISPLACED, 6 MANAGERS WILL TRY TO KILL IT FOR PERSONAL GAIN AND 10 WILL COME BACK WITH IRRELEVANT QUESTIONS.

WHEN I DIE I WANT TO BE BURIED, NOT CREMATED, SO I CAN AT LEAST MAKE ONE LASTING IMPRESSION ON THE EARTH.

I WAS PLANNING TO MAIL YOUR CORPSE TO SOMEBODY I DON'T LIKE.

WE NEED TO BOOST OUR RETURN-ON-ASSETS RATIO.

LET'S ELIMINATE THE SECURITY DEPARTMENT. THAT WOULD CUT EXPENSES WHILE ALLOWING FOR A BRISK REDUCTION IN ASSETS.

WHEN ARE YOU PLANNING TO TELL HIM YOU WERE JOKING?

AFTER I FURNISH MY DEN.

YOU NEVER ANSWERED MY E-MAIL.

MY SECRETARY IS OUT, SO THERE'S NOBODY TO PRINT MY E-MAIL FOR ME. BRING ME YOUR MESSAGE ON HARDCOPY.

I WAS OUT OF PYPHRUS SO I CHISELED MY MESSAGE ON A LITTLE PYRAMID.

DID HE WORK ALONE OR WERE UFOs INVOLVED?

## HELP WANTED

## STING THOSE FINANCIAL WOES

- Convenient location near the Southern Tech Campus
- Flexible hours day and night so that you can work and still maintain your grade-point average
- Order picking & stocking - current Southern Tech students average over \$10.00 per hour and are very happy with our arrangement.

Please contact Julian Vann and leave a message at **436-0411 Ext. 200**

# EDITORIALS

## Finnick vs. The Atlanta Urinal

By BILL FINNICK

Kevin and I share a copy of the Atlanta Journal every evening at work. It was a habit I picked up last summer while in Dr. Bennett's World History class.

Every evening I read through the entire issue except certain editorials, Mallard Fillmore, and any sports article referring to baseball.

Granted these people are reactionaries, why they will only add good cartoons to their paper after a successful trial run at The Sting (Outland and Dilbert).

Now our friends down town may not be quite as clueless as our Representative would have you to believe but the trashing of Southern Tech in their unsigned editorial of Tuesday, July 11, 1995 begs to open debate.

Until now I have allowed them to insult my intelligence, I must however draw the line at my institution.

The editorial's title is "Regents should deny dorm funding scheme." If they read their own paper they would have noted that under EDUCATION "Regents get new chairwoman today:" they reported the matter had been killed and quoted the chancellor as moving the idea back to the General Assembly next year.

The unnamed authors do not like public funding authorities but do not call for their abolishment? They question the legitimacy of our need for a dorm. They cheer Governor Zell Miller's efforts at privatization wherever practical. Our plan they find to be cost effective but lacks competitive bidding. They even state

that government financing allows the project to escape the severe scrutiny that private sector financiers impose.

First if it was the funding mechanism the school is using that the AJC did not like they should have attacked that. There is a hungry pack of Steveavours that would chew our president to pieces if anything was not proper with anything he tries to do.

Second. To question the need for another dorm at Southern Tech shows their cluelessness. No visitor has ever left our slightly upgraded military barracks wishing their child to learn there.

If they knew anything about Southern Tech they would realize our place in the state. There are two colleges with state wide missions and they are not Georgia for Football and Georgia Tech for Basketball. We are not a local college belonging to Cobb alone but the State's Engineering Technology source.

Privatization through government process is nearly as good a oxymoron as Military Intelligence.

Proof that Jim Wooten, whom I once admired, and company are truly perched in an Ivory tower comes from their insistence on competitive bidding. If it is good for us why don't they try it.

Competitive bids work good if all you care about is money. There is no penalty clauses for contractors being late. Let the AJC bid the ink they waste and learn the true joy of waiting for months past a deadline for work completion or material delivery.

*Bill Finnick still puzzles at why the Sunday paper has that 3-D eye print on the comic page when they can never get the color separation aligned.*

## Reforming Government

By BILL GREVE

June 30 was the end of the last fiscal year. As of July 1, student organizations could begin spending the niggardly funds they received from the Student Government Association. It is only a few short months until this budget process begins all over again. And while the interaction between SGA and petitioning organizations was generally pleasant (except for a couple of malcontent media organizations), changes could be made to make the process run even smoother.

These suggestions, WHEN implemented, will result in a friendlier - ney, a more harmonious relationship between Us (the innocent bystander student organizations) and Them (SGA - out of touch career politicians). Shall we begin?

### 1. Start Earlier

Request for organizations to submit a budget are sent out during the end of Winter Quarter. Many people don't check their mail over the break, and at the start of Spring Quarter find they havemaybe a week to complete their request. Also a number of organizations always claim they never received notice from the SGA.

So . . . Mail requests out at the beginning of Winter Quarter and have them returned by the end of finals. This gives everyone three months to prepare their budget and get it in on time. It also gives SGA three months to remind everyone to submit a budget. SGA does have a Public Relations wing, it would be nice to see them flap it once in awhile.

Also, anyone who claims they forgot to turn in a budget has even less of an excuse than before and should receive heaps of public ridicule (see SGA Public Relations).

### 2. Detailed Budgets

Members of the past Budget & Finance committee complained that certain organizations just submitted a dollar amount they wanted. So make each organization submit an itemized budget. List supplies, office expenses, national dues, phone, etc.. Also list any incoming funds from member dues, fundraising, etc.. Then list your total budget for the entire year, minus projected income, to get to your actual budget request. Then, when the Budget Committee goes to cut your request (and the heartless bureaucrats will), they will have a better idea of your needs.

### 3. Review Process

If SGA receives the budgets earlier, they can start evaluating them earlier. The Budget Committee should set 3-4 days aside for Q&A.

During this set aside time, organizations could sign up for 10-15 minutes to explain their budgets. And the Committee could ask for an explanation on any questionable requests (see detailed budgets). Of course this would be completely voluntary on the part of each individual organization - SGA would be required to attend. Of course, anyone would still be able to attend all the budget discussion meetings and be heard.

Hopefully, this would make for a better informed SGA when it came time for them to butcher your budget.

### 5. Employee Salaries

Currently, there are three Southern Tech employee salaries that are paid out of the student budget. The total for these three salaries is close to \$100,000. At the Townhall Meeting Dr. Cheshier said, as a goal, he would like to get these salaries off of the student budget. SGA should push the President to turn this goal into an accomplishment.

### 6. Hidden Funds

The fiscal year is a use-it-or-lose-it deal. Any money allocated to an organization that is not spent is turned over to the school. Some organizations get around this by keeping personal checking accounts to store donations, fund-raising - basically any money not given to them by the school. While this seems perfectly reasonable, many of these same organizations also request many thousands of dollars, claiming overwhelming poverty. The fact that they have raised thousands of dollars on their own does not get mentioned.

The solution is to request notarized bank statements to see if the request is legitimate or if they are just fattening themselves up like a pig for the Iowa State Fair. SGA should make sure the money they give out goes to organizations that truly need it.

There you go - six easy steps to a simpler, more informed budget process. It is possible to add a few more suggestions, but at the risk of being too nitpicky, these should get you started. SGA should easily be able to install these improvements in the Budget process and have it up and running by the first of January.

You're welcome.

*Bill Greve is spending the summer learning to play the didjeridoo.*

## Sting Staff

### Five Lonely People

Bill Greve Bill Finnick Amy Quillen Ray Smith Leigh Boros

With assistance from former *Sting* editors: Andy Newton, Network and Server God; Ed Hardy, Mac God; Jen Waller, Goddess of *Cosmic Wimpout*.

*The Sting* is published bimonthly for the students, faculty and staff of the Southern College of Technology. *The Sting* is an official publication of the Southern College of Technology. The ideas expressed herein are those of the editor or of the individual authors, and do not necessarily reflect the views of students, faculty or staff of Southern Tech or the University System of Georgia. All material in *The Sting* is property of the Southern College of Technology and cannot be reproduced in any manner without the express written consent of *The Sting*. No advertisement in *The Sting* represents an endorsement of the Southern College of Technology or *The Sting*, and neither *The Sting* nor the Southern College of Technology are liable for any claims for products or services made in advertisements herein.

### ADVERTISING INFORMATION

The local advertising rate of *The Sting* is five dollars per column inch for ads smaller than a quarter-page, and four dollars per column inch for all others. Ads for service and professional organizations on campus are free, but a run-date is not guaranteed. To guarantee one, ad rates are one half the local advertising rate. Classified ads are \$5.00 for the first 33 words and 17¢ for every additional word. Advertisements must be submitted by the deadline printed below. To reserve space or for more information, contact *The Sting* at (404) 528-7310.

Represented nationally by:  
**CASSCOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**  
Corporate Headquarters  
1800 Sherman Place  
Evanston, IL 60201-3715  
Tel 708 475.8800  
Fax 708 475.8807

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*The Sting* welcomes letters on any topic. Letters should be typed or neatly printed, double spaced and should not exceed three hundred words. Letters must include a name, address and phone number for verification purposes. But names may be withheld on request. *Unsigned letters will not be printed.* *The Sting* reserves the right to edit letters for style, content or size. All letters are run on a space-available basis. Please send all letters to *The Sting*, Southern Tech, South Marietta Parkway, Marietta GA 30060-2896, or E-Mail [wgreve@st6000.sct.edu](mailto:wgreve@st6000.sct.edu), or drop them off at *The Sting* office - Room 252 in the Student Center. All letters must be in before the deadline printed below.

### ORGANIZATION ARTICLES

Articles written by organizations to inform the campus of activities and events are welcome. Articles must be submitted by the deadline printed below and typed on a 3.5 inch Mac. computer disc. Please limit articles to two hundred words. All such articles are subject to editing for style or content, and are run on a space-available basis.

### JOINING THE STING

Any student paying Activity Fees is eligible to join *The Sting*. We prefer creative students who have passed English 110. Come to our meetings Thursdays at Noon, in Room 220, upstairs in the new Student Center, or call 528-7310.

### THE NEXT DEADLINE

All organization articles, letters-to-the-editor, advertisement requests, and public service announcements must be turned into *The Sting* by August 9 to be considered for the August 15 issue.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions to *The Sting* are \$3 a quarter or \$12 an academic year. All subscriptions start with the first issue of the succeeding quarter. Checks for subscriptions should be made payable to *The Sting*.

### PRICE

*The Sting* offers to every student, faculty, staff member, alumni, and official visitor of Southern Tech complimentary copies of each issue numbering up to 0.25% of the print run for the respective issue. Every copy above 0.25% is to be purchased according to a price set by *The Sting*. Taking more copies of an issue that constitutes 0.25% of the print run of that issue is THEFT and a criminal offense.

## CONSENSUS EDITORIAL

With the start of the new Quarter, *The Sting* visited the Food Service Area. "What's this?", *The Sting* was heard to exclaim, while scrunching up their face in that inquisitive, yet so cute way. What had they found? A salad bar, bright new signs, a suggestion box, capaccino, and the food even seemed better. Interesting.

Wasn't it just last summer (in fact: *Sting*, August 30, 1994) that Food Service manager, Mike Adams, said, in response to a request for a salad bar that there were not enough orders and "We kept making fresh stuff and throwing it out". He also stated that revenues would need to increase for any menu expansion. If it wasn't profitable last summer, or during the school year, why the sudden improvements? It couldn't be because their contract is up and Central Food Management might be replaced, could it? Hmmm.

While improved services are always welcome (no matter how delinquent), a cynical last minute attempt to create a positive image should not be ignored. Throwing tinsel on a log does not make it a Christmas tree.

## IEEE Golf Tournament

*To The Sting:*

Some of us are reaching the end of the academic journey, while others are just starting the journey at Southern Tech as green hornets. Whether building a computer, designing a structure, or constructing a bridge, we are working hard to gain the necessary knowledge and ability to succeed in our chosen fields.

As we prepare to face the uncertainty of the outside world, we at IEEE realized the importance of camaraderie among students, faculty, and alumni.

So, we would like to invite you to participate in a friendly competition, on the golf course, which is

sure to provide a day of fun and companionship among the 46 active student organizations of Southern Tech.

The date is tentatively set for the beginning of the Fall quarter. The fees, golf course, and the format of competition will be announced at a later time.

Please send your list of all possible participants to IEEE by Friday, August 4.

Reply to: Jeff Jones, Chairman IEEE - Student Branch or e-mail: **jjones1** or come by the IEEE office G121

Sincerely,  
Tournament Organizing Committee

## Staff Council Awards

The Staff Council would like to congratulate the recipients of the "Above and Beyond" Award:

Mr. Roy Ford  
Plant Operations

Ms. Mary Phillips  
President's Office

Ms. Sandy Lloyd  
Microcomputer Support

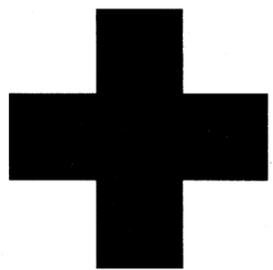
Ms. Vicki Langston  
Student Activities

Ms. Jennifer Munro  
Housing Department

Ms. Krista Winter  
Student Activities

If you would like to nominate someone, please forward the nomination form to Vicki Langston, Student Center.

### Congratulations



**A  
BLOOD  
DONOR  
IS  
GOOD  
FOR  
LIFE**

**American  
Red Cross**

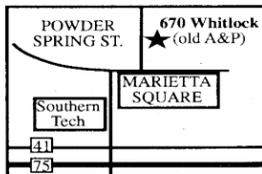
On Wednesday, July 26th, and Thursday, July 27th the American Red Cross will hold its quarterly Blood Drive. TKE is again hosting this Quarter's Blood Drive. We need your help! Blood supplies are at crisis levels.

If you would like to help by giving blood, please visit the **Student Center Ballroom on Wednesday, July 26, or Thursday, July 27, between 9:00am - 2:30pm.** Extra nurses will be available. If you would like to sign up for a time to give, come by the Student Center Information Desk and sign up on the sign-up sheet.

### HELP!

Our expanding wireless communications company seeks a **student organization** sponsor to assist us with marketing, advertising and selling our product at the Southern College of Technology. Examples of such organizations could include: clubs, fraternities, sororities, IFC, student council, honor societies, residence halls, etc.

In return your student organization would receive a percentage of the sales. This funding could be used to supplement existing programs or for new purchases, events, parties, etc. Call John at (800) 972-0222 for more details.



670 WHITLOCK AVE. NW

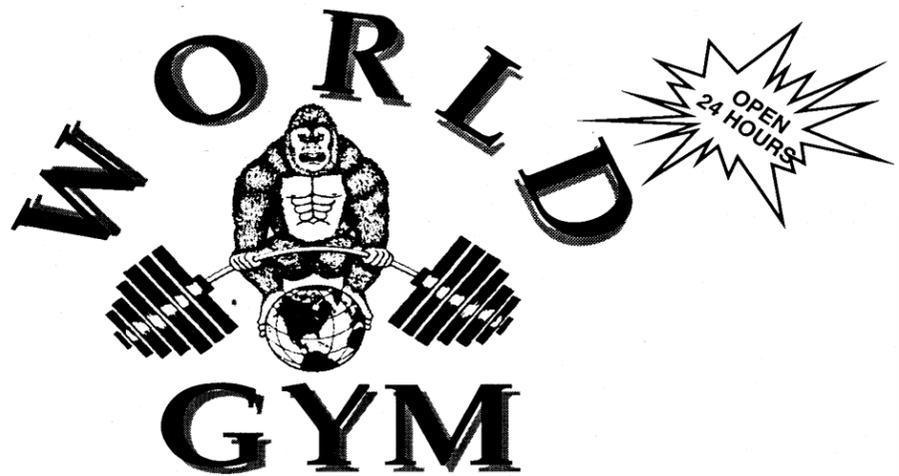
**919-8877**

**30,000  
Sq. FEET**

30,000 Sq. Ft.  
Open 24 Hours  
Free Weights/Ivanco  
Aerobics on the Hour  
Body Master  
Flex  
Hammer Strength  
Trotter  
Butt Blaster  
Cardio Theater  
Stairmaster

Sky Walker  
Treadmills  
Fitness Testing/Bodyfat  
Nutritional Counseling  
Supplements  
Personal Training  
Pro-Shop  
Tectrix Virtual Reality  
Tanning-41 Bulb Beds  
Ladies Only Area  
Seniors Only Area

Toning Beds  
Chiropractic Center  
Massage Therapist  
Nursery  
Aroma-Steam Therapy  
Whirlpool  
Deli/Juice Bar  
Billards  
Arcade/Video Games  
3,000 Sq. Ft. Youth  
Workout Area



# SCT History III: Of Improvisation and Pioneers

By DR. RICHARD BENNETT

When the Technical Institute, as Southern Tech was first known, opened its doors on March 28, 1948, no one knew what to expect. The administration hoped that there would be students who would come. The faculty hoped that the programs and curricula would be effective in meeting the needs of industry. And students hoped that this "fast-track" approach to higher education would prepare them sufficiently for a career in business and industry. That first quarter, 116 students did enroll, and the number increased every year for almost two decades.

Starting a new school is difficult financially, especially with a technical curriculum which necessarily involves smaller student/teacher ratios and the expense of laboratory equipment.

This was one of the major hurdles with which the Technical Institute had to deal just to get off the ground. Fortunately, Georgia Tech was an established school, and its president

saw the creation of the Technical Institute as one of the important events of his tenure. However, even as a branch of Georgia Tech funds were limited and improvisation was the order of the day.

The concept of a Technical Institute was to condense college by focusing just on what a student needed to know to successfully handle the supervisory level positions in industry.

As such, neither the research competence of an engineering degree, nor the expertise of the craftsman were part of the training. But in 18 months to two years, students could complete the program and be employed by industry. This was ideally suited to the needs of returning veterans, many of whom had family to support, and limited benefits under the government sponsored GI Bill. Rather than a diploma, a certificate was the reward, and 10-15 job offers.

The Technical Institute offered eight programs of study (building construction, electricity, electronics/radio, heating and air conditioning,

industrial safety, mechanics, production and supervision, surveying). For such programs, there were generally no established curricula, no academic degrees tailored to prepare instructors for these programs, and sometimes no textbooks appropriate to the coursework. A number of the first instructors were drawn from industrial arts programs, or from industrial experience. Lab equipment was mostly donated, and the first classes essentially assembled the lab equipment which later classes would use. The first library was primarily comprised of books which instructors had donated from their own shelves. Classes lasted all day long, Monday through Friday, and continued for a half day on Saturdays.

If improvisation was the basis for the classroom, the same could be said of the physical facilities. Georgia Tech had already secured the use of part of the Atlanta Naval Air Station in Chamblee for an annual rental of \$1.00 a year. There were nine buildings, mostly old wooden barracks, which had to be refash-

ioned into classrooms, a cafeteria, bookstore, dormitories, administrative and faculty offices, and library. In the summer they were hot, in the winter cold. Located at an airfield, there were the interferences of aircraft (and the occasional crash landing), and always the danger of fire (Larry Johnson, the Director, identified which bush he would jump on if he had to make a quick escape).

But amid the uncertainties and in-

conveniences of those early days faculty, students and staff shared a good rapport, sensing that they were building something unique. Ball teams were organized, clubs developed, and a campus newspaper and yearbook were under publication. Within months, improvisation and questionable resources were being transformed into a college experience which would benefit Georgia and the entire Southeast.

More Fall Quarter.

by Hans Bjordahl and Holley Irvine

Café  
Angs!



## CLASSIFIEDS

### NEED A JOB???

We are hiring telephone operators in the Cumberland Mall area. Typing and data entry required. BILINGUAL (SPANISH) a plus! Leave name and number at 801-7276. Great job for students.

### W M ENTERPRISES

For customized T-Shirt and Screen Printing. Fraternities, Groups, Teams, Clubs, and Organizations. Call (404) 533-2904

Students interested in part-time work in video and multimedia production with flexible schedules? Contact Mike Brown in the Instructional Technology Center at 528-7219.

Classified ads are \$5.00 for the first 33 words and 17¢ for every additional word. Call 528-7310 for more information.

Karaoke  
Tues. and  
Fri. Night  
Amateur  
\$Night\$

677 Franklin Road  
across from Quick Trip  
3 blocks from 120 South Loop  
(404) 919-9999

Danny O'Shea's  
IRISH SPORTS PUB  
MARIETTA, GA

Danny O'Sheas Casino Connection  
We Book Gambling Trips.  
Gamble, or Just Get a Tan at the Beach.

- Billiards
- Darts / Electronic and League
- Satellite Dish
- Great Deck
- 6 TV's - 60" Big Screen
- Party Room - have your next Business Meeting, Party, Etc. with us
- Great Music
- Friendly Staff
- Easy to find

All Games  
(SSN)  
Satellite  
Sports

Casino  
Magic!

Getaways...

Discover the Magic of  
The Mississippi Gulf Coast  
Gaming Trips!

July/August - One  
Night / Two Day trips

**\$109** pp

(based on double occupancy)

- Package Includes:
- Direct Jet Service - Express One
  - Round Trip Airfare
  - Transfers
  - Hotel Accommodations at Casino Magic Inn
  - Food Bucks

Bone Crushing  
Wing Prices!

