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Faculty Dictates Change in Academic Calendar

By CHARLES BANTON

On February 1, the final decision of Southern Tech's fate during the 1996 Olympics will be decided. During the General Faculty Meeting, there will be a proposal made to insert a two week break covering the Olympic games during Summer Quarter.

The proposal will interrupt classes from July 19 through August 14. Summer registration would be June 19th and classes would start on June 20.

Finals would take place September 16th through the 18th. To accommodate the mid summer break, Fall quarter classes will be pushed back from the scheduled September 19 start date to September 26.

A number of professors expect this proposal to be passed at the February 1 meeting.

Although this proposal was discussed among the faculty this fall most students were unaware of any discussions to change the academic

calendar. SGA president Bill Finnick first heard of this in the SGA meeting of January 23.

The SGA president is a member of various strategic planning committees for the school and he was surprised to hear about the faculty's proposal. "In 93 president Cheshier swore that he would keep the students informed, and not drop bombs like this on us," stated Mr. Finnick.

The campus Olympic committee, chaired by Professor Gabrielli, was formed approximately one year ago to find what we can do to expose the campus in a positive way. Soon after the committee was formed, the possibility that GA Tech would integrate its Summer Quarter with ours became an issue.

As reported in the August 15 issue of *The Sting*, Tech's decision not to come to our campus was based on the fact that it would cost them close to 3.2 million to move and new dorms would not be completed by the time the Olympics started.

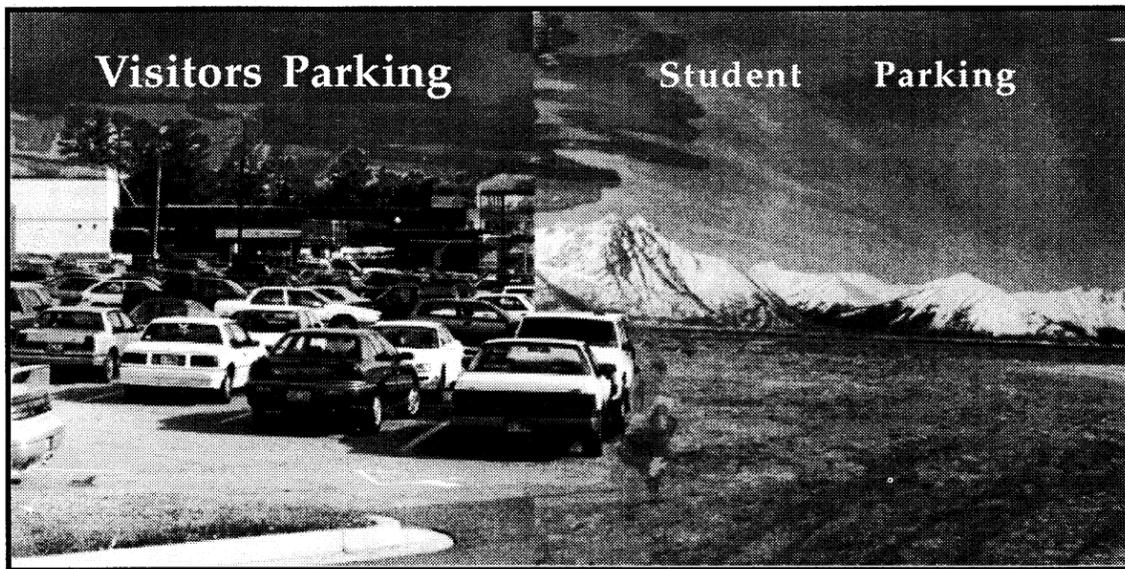


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Olympic visitors get parking... while students are left out in the cold.

Barry Birkhead, Director of Student Activities, related that the ability of students to get to the campus during the Olympic Games was a major concern that led to the decision to postpone classes.

It was discussed by the Faculty

Senate during the early part of the fall quarter, but the final decision will not be made until February 1. This is not a situation unique to the Southern Tech campus.

The students of Kennesaw State College also were informed a

few weeks ago that their summer classes will be postponed. There will be a few other changes on the campus besides the delayed quarter.

The auxiliary parking lot (the old

Please see **Olympic** on 8

ARAMARK Prepares to Close Hot Food Line

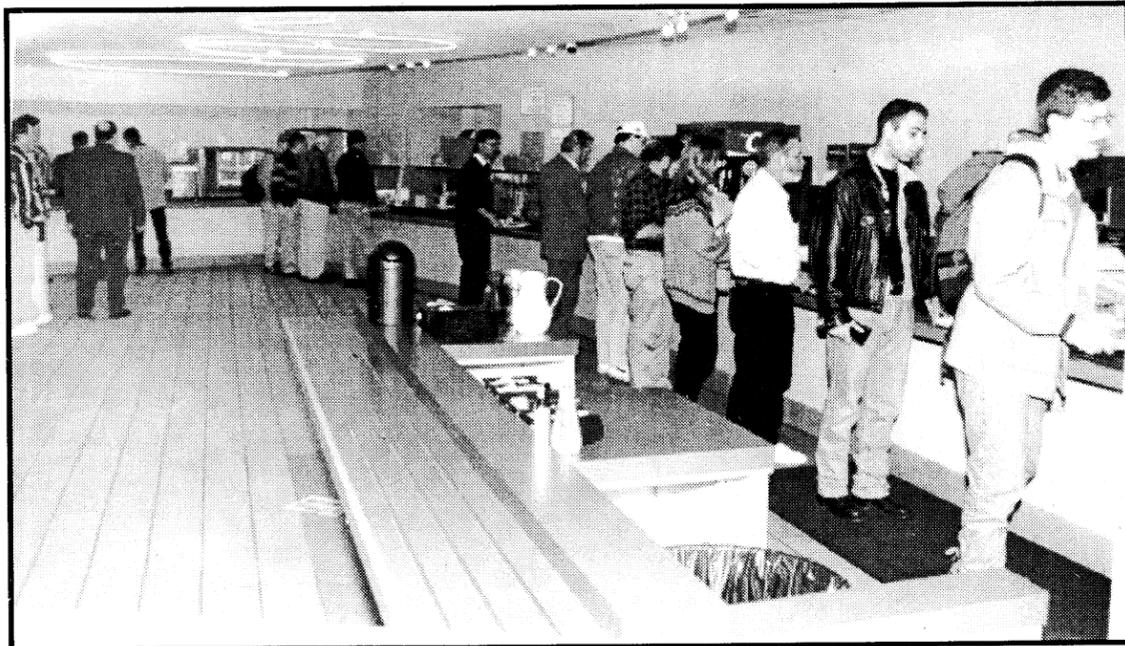


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Spacious efficiency apartment for rent. Convenient location on campus. Free heat and coffee.

By JASON M. HERR
and RAY SMITH

The Food Service Supplier at Southern Tech, ARAMARK, has decided that the Student Body does not fully support two food service areas and has decided to close down the hot bar cafeteria section.

ARAMARK, according to its campus representative Glen Forbes, has found through cost analysis that the hot bar cafeteria is not profitable.

This does not mean that they will only serve pizza and burgers.

Ray Boyd, ARAMARK Regional Manager, says that the items usually available on the cafeteria side will be served in the food court area.

During first weekend in February, the Food Court area will undergo a face-lift for the third time since September

The area will house a center island containing four hot and two

cold wells. This is where the hot and cold entrees from the other food area will be kept

The only difference is that the customer will now have to serve themselves - eliminating the need to employ the servers that the cafeteria side needed.

The beverage stand will be moved to the location next to the Pizza Hut, where they sold doughnuts

The deli area will then be

moved in with the grill. ARAMARK says this restructuring will increase their profit by decreasing their work force.

With all of these changes, the Student Life Committee questioned ARAMARK's ability to serve lunch out a lengthy wait in such a small area.

Mr. Boyd said that with the renovations they expect to be able to handle the lunch time rush

In addition to all of the performance changes, ARAMARK will no longer offer free refills on their beverages.

In the Student Life meeting on Thursday, January 25th, SGA President Bill Finnick questioned Boyd about the student involve-

ment in the Food Service Committee that ARAMARK promised last year when they came to Southern Tech.

The Committee met once and wasn't even called by ARAMARK, but had to be called by Barry Birkhead (Director of Student Activities).

On Wednesday, January 31, a Food Service meeting will be in the Faculty Dining area at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting is open to anyone interested, attendance could prove beneficial to the student body.

ARAMARK stated at the Student Life meeting that this is an on-going change process to best serve the student body.

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Cheshier To Rule On Harassment Case

By TOMM PENDLETON

President Cheshier is currently reviewing the results of a sexual harassment case involving Mary Jo Long of Southern Tech's plant operations and Sgt. Dobbins of campus safety.

The incident occurred in 1992. Long claims Sgt. Dobbins came into a men's restroom while she was cleaning it and exposed himself to her.

According to Sam Baker, executive assistant to the president, Long attempted to report the incident to former vice president of business and finance, Faye Barber.

Long, accompanied by another campus safety officer, left a note on Barber's door describing the incident. Receiving no response, she decided not to pursue the matter until last year.

She brought it up at a disciplinary meeting where she was fired for allegedly sleeping on the job.

President Cheshier resolved the matter in her favor and she was reinstated with full back pay.

She was asked by Baker at that time to file formal charges but, again, declined to do so in fear of any further retaliation. "She just didn't want it to happen again," said Baker.

Finally, Long decided it (the incident) needed resolution. Although this matter was a few years old, Baker told her he'd resolve it.

"We're not going to tolerate this type of behavior," continued Baker, "What you do off campus we have no control over, but if you bring that kind of inappropriate behavior to this campus it will be unacceptable and you're going to be on the bad end of a situation when a victim brings it forward."

Baker ordered the director of administrative affairs, Mary Ellen McGee, to conduct a full investigation into Long's allegations.

Her investigation is complete and a decision is pending following President Cheshier's review.

He will make a decision within a few weeks. Dobbins has been moved to a shift opposite Long.

When campus safety was contacted in an attempt to reach Dobbins for comment, they stated it was a matter for personnel.

In an unrelated case, Jacquelyn Payden, also of plant operations, recently received resolution on her sexual harassment case.

Payden claims she received unwanted preferential treatment, unwanted advances and gifts from her former supervisor, Bob Warren.

These claims were substantiated by as many as thirteen eyewitnesses from an investigation conducted by Sam Baker himself.

Baker found evidence that he [Warren] acted inappropriately.

"No sexual actions were proved but there was clear evidence that he was interested in more than just an employer-employee relationship," stated Baker.

Warren denied the allegations in sworn

letter and simultaneously submitted his resignation, citing the reason as "he didn't think he (a white male) could win his case against a black female."

Baker conveyed these results to Payden and informed her there would be no further incidents.

"The case is closed as far as this institution is concerned," said Baker.

Payden's appeal of the decision to the board of Regents was rejected.

"President Cheshier and the Regents decided that they didn't feel monetary damages were justified, or that they (the school) were negligent or that she was harmed by the actions or inactions of the school.

If any employee is not satisfied he or she

has the right to appeal to the Board of Regents. Their decision is final as far as the University of Georgia system is concerned. After that it's the legal system.

A copy of Southern Tech's sexual harassment policy is on file in Baker's office. Student should refer to their student handbook for the school's policy.

When asked if he thought the problem of sexual harassment was rampant among workers in plant operations Baker said, "There are no more cases, percentages wise, than anywhere else on campus.

"The women who work in custodial-plant operations just want to be treated by the same standards as those women who work in other positions on campus."

Accreditation Committees Form

By RAY SMITH

In order for a campus to be accredited in the educational system, they must pass stringent guidelines set up by the Accreditation Board. Every ten years a campus goes through the accreditation process. Southern Tech last went through this process in 1988. At that time Southern Tech was accredited separately from Georgia Tech.

Dr. Becky Rutherford, Director of SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) Self-Study, will be working for the next two years to help assure that Southern Tech retains its accreditation.

The accreditation of any school is important for transferring credits and also in securing an accredited degree. Dr. Rutherford has set up several committees whose duties will be to gather information campus wide and also to interpret that information

The committees are varied and will consist of staff, faculty and students. The committee participants must remain on committee until the Spring of 1997. These members will be volunteers who are interested in the campus and its future.

The committees are as follows:

Steering Committee

This committee will be the administrator of the study.

Institutional Effectiveness

This committee will handle the over all effectiveness of the school. In short, how well the school lives up to its mission.

Education Programs

This committee is concerned with academics and the school performance.

Faculty

This committee will review the credentials of faculty members and give a breakdown on faculty makeup.

Education Support Services

This committee will concern itself with the library, labs and any additional learning resources outside of the classroom.

Organization, Administration & Corporate Entities

The purpose of this committee is to look

at the overall organization of the campus. They will see how the campus communicates either internally and externally.

Financial Support

This group will look at general financial areas on the campus.

Physical Resources

This group will look at the physical layout and the resources of the campus.

The importance of doing a self-study is that the college can anticipate any question the SACC committee might have and to improve the quality of Southern Tech.

Each committee has already been set except for students members. If any student is interested in joining a committee, please contact Dr. Rutherford at 528-7400.



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Find Punk, Rock, Blues or Oldies on the Web

By KEVIN AUSTIN

The Disc-Go-Round where I buy my CD's has a computerized database of all the titles and artists it carries. What it doesn't have is a way for me to find new CDs and artists based on music I already have and like.

Getting good pointers and recommendations on music that I haven't heard but might like is a hit or miss prospect, depending on the person I ask for suggestions - their tastes are not necessarily my own.

Websurfers, however, have an option: The Similarities Engine, a World Wide Web site started last April by David E. Whiteis and ranked in the top 5% of all web page rankings.

The way it works is that the surfer provides the name of his/her five favorite CD's; the ones always in your backpack or in the CD player. The Engine then consults the preferences of all its prior users (32 thousand of them) and provides a list of suggestions

The results are numerically

rated to indicate the odds that you will like the suggested CD.

You can then go to your fave record store, listen to a few tracks off the suggested album and hopefully really synch with it.

As an example I submitted five of my favorite CD's, artists ranging from Bob Marley to groups such as Nirvana.

The e-mailed suggestions recommended obviously other Bob Marley collections and Nirvana CD's, but also works for such works as Nine Inch Nails, Jimi Hendrix

and Tori Amos.

Its ability to take from other 'genres' and make a link to other artists and styles is what makes the Engine truly innovative programming. Whiteis has been working his lists on and off for 15 years.

The Similarities Engine has plans to incorporate new changes such as sound bytes from the recommended albums, video clips, and concert touring dates

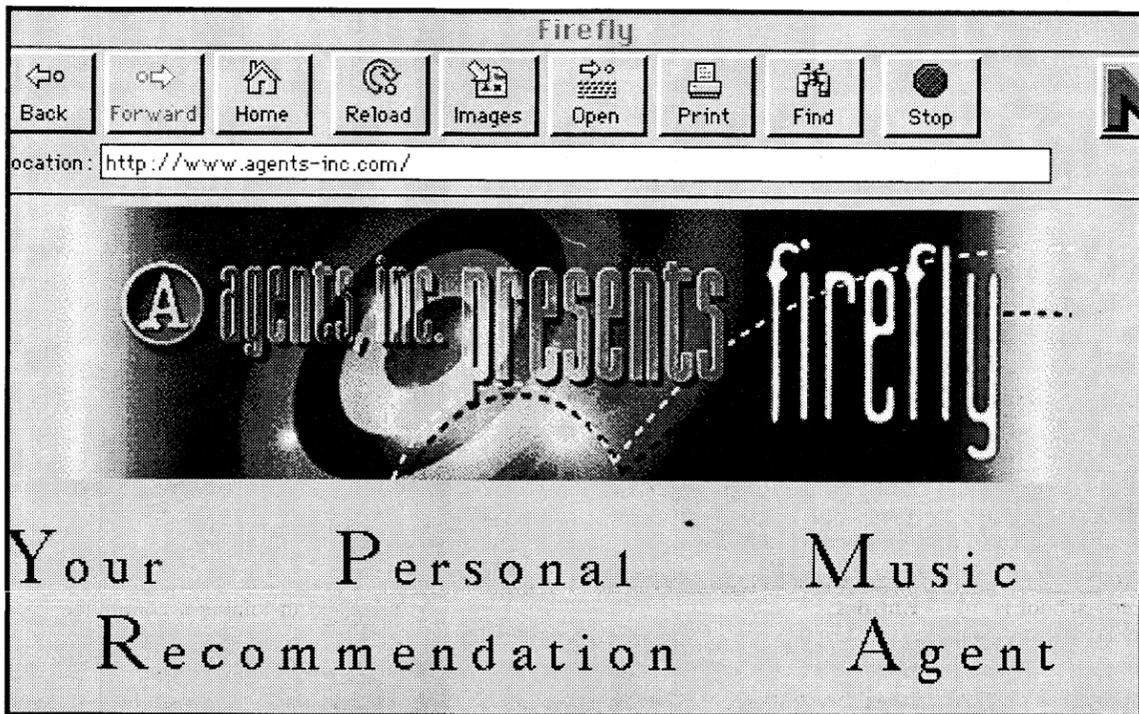
His goals include having the Engine running in retail music stores to help non-surfers discover strange

new oddities as well.

You can reach the Similarities Engine with any Web Browser including Lynx at www.ari.net/se/se_start.html, and choose from either the instant response database or the e-mailed response

Other music recommendation sites on the web are Firefly (www.agents-inc.com) and Hip-Hop CD

Suggestions (www.sci.kun.nl:81/thalia/rapdict/suggest). Try them out, and send me email (kaustin@sct.edu) if you find anything you like.



Ham Radio Club To Broadcast Soon with Newly Built Radio

By BILL FINNICK

Is KF4BMG @ 443.74 MHz a secret code only your dog can hear?

No, KF4BMG is the Southern Tech Amateur Radio Club's FCC (Federation Communications Commission) identification number.

"443.74 MHz is the Ham radio repeater frequency the club will operate on around the end of February," according to Chris Edwards, President of the newly formed club.

The repeater is a receiver/transmitter duo that can constantly receive a weaker signal and transmit at a much higher wattage.

Repeaters help in disaster relief by allowing local officials with hand held radio's at the scene broadcast through a series of repeaters world wide.

Southern Tech's repeater will have emergency power so that school closings could be transmitted when the power is out.

Radio Frequencies are separated into two bands. There is a High Frequency (1MHz to 30MHz) and a Very High Frequency (50MHz to 1.2GHz) band.

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Radio Station, WGHR, is part of the World Wide communications High Frequency Band.

The Southern Tech Amateur Radio Club operates in the Very High Frequency range which is used for local communications, local disaster communications and digital mode.

Their local signal will easily be capable of transmitting throughout Marietta.

Digital mode is a set of ten ways to transfer data over the radio like Morse code. There is even a way to transfer files for your computer over the radio.

The Amateur Radio Club was recognized by the SGA last summer.

With no budget and a small amount of start up cash from the Student Government Association the club has had to pull their site at the Wilder Communications Complex through member contributions.

The radio equipment including a transmitter/reciever, duplexer, control unit and power amplifier is stacked in a rack about three and a half feet tall.

Michael Grisham, an ECET graduate student, is designing the

control unit from scratch using TTL logic devices. Tom Armour and Phil West, both ECET students, built the antenna that will be placed behind the Wilder building.

Phil West is the most experienced Ham radio operator in the club with over ten years experience.

Unlike generic CB (communications band) enthusiasts which use low frequency, AM radios, Ham radio operators are required to become licenced with the FCC. Each operator also has his FCC call number that must be reported within ten minutes of getting on the air.

There are six classifications of operators each of requires a test and/or experience requirements to attain a licence. With each classification, operators have access to broader band frequencies.

To get started they each donated a piece of needed equipment in lieu of club dues. "We've been interested in starting a club for a few years but we all work and couldn't get it together until this year," said Armour.

Now all they need is a major disaster to put their expertise to work.

Check Out These Web Sites

Similarities Engine

http://www.ari.net/se/se_start.html

Firefly

<http://www.agents-inc.com>

Hip-hop CD Suggestions

<http://www.sci.kun.nl:81/thalia/rapdict/suggest>

TVT Records.com

<http://www.tvtreports.com>

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<http://www.rose-hulman.edu/~toroism/ninlinks.html>

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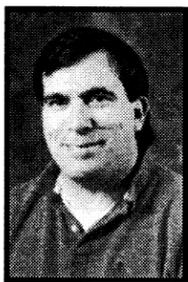
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SGA Kept in the Dark Again

By CHARLES BANTON

The Student Government Association was in session on January 23, 1995 just as it always is every other Tuesday. Although there were not many new items on the agenda there are a few important things that everyone should know.

Virgil Allen has resigned his position with the student council because his schedule did not give him the time he needed to focus on his studies. Allen was elected as a council member at large in last spring. Bill Finnick, the SGA president, will review potential replacements and submit a nomination to the student council for approval.

Southern Tech is scheduled for accreditation evaluation next year by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS). Dr. Rutherford asked the SGA to provide seven volunteers to serve on each of the SACS committees.

Each of the committees will have one student representative to assist in examining the school policies before they are presented to SACS for approval.

College must be accredited every ten years. Council member Ray Smith has taken the responsibility of finding these volunteers.

A few surprises came up, one of which was in the form of an announcement that summer quarter classes will be interrupted for two weeks during the Olympic Games, July 19 through August 4. This was not widely known by the students.

Another surprising announcement was made about the proposal

to shut down the full serve side of the cafeteria and serve hot food items in a buffet style in the snack area. ARAMARK representative, Ray Boyd, presented the proposed changes to the Student Life Committee on Thursday, January 25.

Almaz Kerr the secretary/treasurer reported that the remaining balance in the student development fund is \$1,600. This fund is used to support new student organizations and unexpected activities that organizations want to pursue.

Kerr also reported that the SGA has a remaining balance of \$5,729 in their budget for the remainder of the year.

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Screamers -- A Big Yawn

By TOMM PENDLETON



I should have known that a movie that started with two minutes of graphics crawling up the screen to set up a believable scenario for the rest of the movie would not live up to its name.

Only Star Wars was able to pull that off...and this was no Star Wars.

Screamers, starring Peter Weller and Jennifer Rubin, was made in the same vein as the endless parade of Aliens-type movies we've been exposed to in the last decade.

It was sort of a combination Terminator, the Thing and Child's Play rolled into a sub-culture B movie that didn't live up to its title.

The audience is dragged through the same "we're trapped!" scene over and over until finally the last survivor escapes...or does he?

An abandoned crew of futuristic space workers discover they're trapped on the same planet with machines (which were created by some faceless hi-tech conglomerate back on Earth) that have managed to evolve into intelligent beings.

They come in increasingly more dangerous forms, including humanoid, and threaten to hide among the humans until a rescue is affected and thus return to civilization on Earth and conquer and flourish.

ish. Sound familiar?

Nothing new under the sun here. Same old plot only this one moved slower than most. Too much walking and talking.

And these "screamers", as they were called, were not personified by special effects, but rather quick cut editing. You never really got a good look at them.

The acting was surprisingly good throughout but the weak plot and redundant storyline made it seem out place. Such a waste of good talent. It left me screaming for more. More action!

It was interesting but I wasn't scared, not even once. And the love interest developed between the two stars was also lame. Weller didn't even kiss Rubin until more than half way through the movie.

As an action buff, I wanted more action. More special effects. And more T & A. *Screamers* just never quite built up a sustainable suspense.

At the end of the movie I *tried* to scream. My head went back, my jaw stretched open and my eyes shut tight....but only a yawn eeked out. Funny thing was, it seemed so loud.



These men are shocked there are still people in their seats.

Earnest is a Seriously Good Play

By BILL FINNICK



ear' nest *adj.* 1, serious in purpose or effort; sincere. 2, diligent; zealous. 3, important; grave. *n.* 1, a pledge. 2, christened title for one named Ernie or Arn. In Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, there are neither.

On January 19 and 20 SCT's Drama Clubs presented this Victorian societal spoof to an appreciative, yet sparse, audience.

The lead, Jack/Earnest, was played by Trey Camp with remarkable clarity, diction and manner.

Jack soon learns the math lesson of telling lies. Once one is told; two more are required. His part was that of the playboy who falls for a young society beauty.

The constantly eating second bachelor Algy Moncrief was played by Ray Smith. Ray, normally the best actor on stage, did well articulating his lines while constantly shoving cucumber sandwiches in his mouth but was clearly upstaged by Mr. Camp.

The ladies: Professor Jo Lundy as the Lady Brachell; Carey Dreher as Jack's love interest, Quendalyn Fairfax; and Amy Fleming as Jack's ward, Ceclie Cardeo were a well

cast lot.

Professor Lundy relished her part and one could tell how much she enjoyed many of her lines. She had the definite flair and stage presence required of her part.

Dreher and Fleming each gave a strong performance. Fleming did especially well in the awkward passage where she is modeled for the Lady and characterized as being plump; which she is not. Her part and that of Smith's probably call for a more portly pair yet they played their bits with a conviction which allowed the audience to overlook their lack of plumpness.

Carol Morrison as the ditzy tu-

tor, Miss Prism; and David Patterson in the dual butlering rolls of Lane and Merriment were also quite good at their parts.

One waited for Morrison to squeal, "I don't know nothing about birthing no babies!" Had Patterson once uttered, "You rang," his Lurch demeanor would have paid tremendous humored dividends.

There were the few awkward silences, the jostled microphone act descriptions, and the undimmed lighting; but all in all a pleasurable evening for the Finnick three.

Bill Finnick neglected to provide a current pithy comment for this story.

Cafe Angst

by Hans Bjordahl and Holley Irvine



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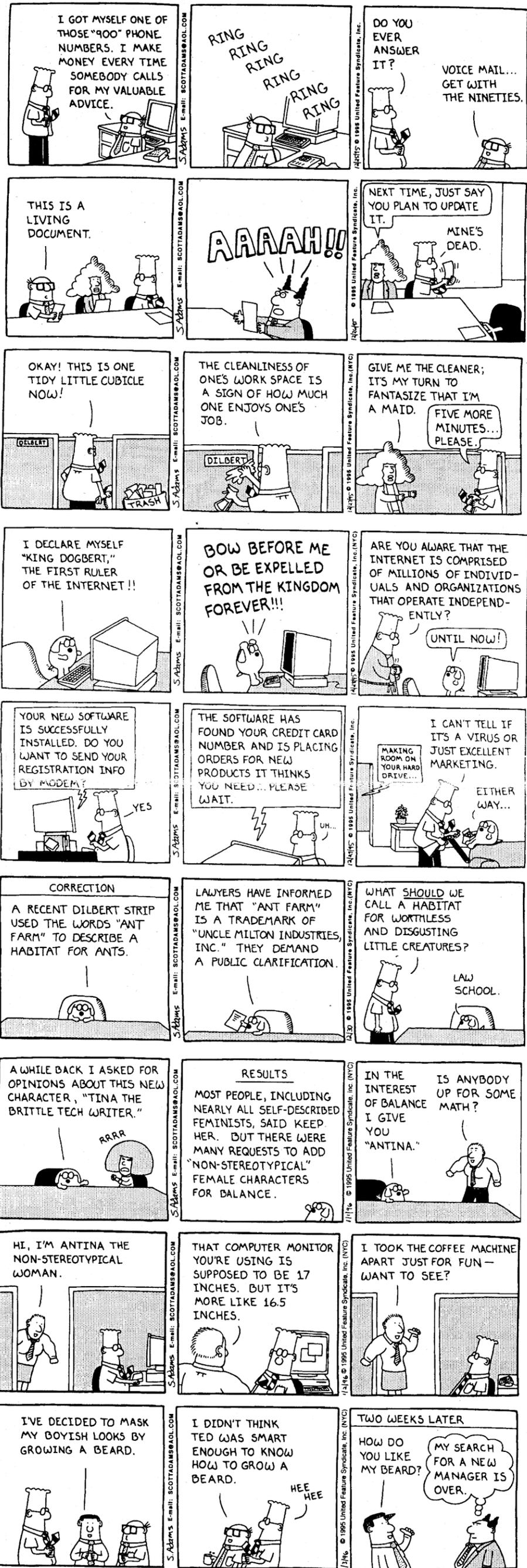
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By Dr. JOEL C. FOWLER

Last issue's puzzle was to find, for that two circles, radii 7 and 1, lying in the plane with their centers 10 apart on a horizontal line, all possible values for the slope of a line that is tangent to both. The answer is $+4/3$, $-4/3$, $+3/4$, and $-3/4$. A general formula for the possible slopes in terms of a = (radius of the first circle), b = (radius of the second circle), and c = (distance from one center to the other) is \pm either $(a-b)/\sqrt{c^2-(a+b)^2}$ or $(a+b)/\sqrt{c^2-(a+b)^2}$.

Correct answers were received from Michael Harris, Thom Sukalac, and Leo Kent.

The puzzle for this issue involves probability. A large urn contains an unknown mixture of blue and red balls. 500 balls are drawn one after another (without replacing them in the urn as they are drawn). All 500 are



Above: Students try their luck at the Black Jack table. Hit me.....OUCH!



Top center: Dealer makes payout at the Roulette Table. We have a WINNER!

photos by Jason Herr & Sam

CAB Hosts Gamb

By RAY SMITH

Casino Night proved to be a great success for the Campus Activities Board. More than one hundred students attended winning a thousand dollars worth of prizes. Thursday, January 25, the Student Center Ballroom was set up as a

gambling Casino with Roulette, Craps Table and several Black-Jack tables. Each student had a bankroll of twenty five thousand bucks. Some lost everything and others made thousands.

The students who won the prizes were viewed as heroes and the ones who lost as champions.

Stayin' Alive.

Pinpoint the Cause Of Your Fatigue

By JULIE SCALA, R.N.

Each year more than 10 million people visit their doctors because of feelings of fatigue. Fatigue can drain your energy and inhibit your ability to do normal activities.

Are you fatigued? If so, review these possible causes:

STRESS. More than half of all cases of fatigue are caused by stress. Lighten your workload. Delegate tasks to others both at work and at home. Ask for help.

POOR NUTRITION. Avoid skipping meals. Limit the amount of

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ound to be blue. Someone who knew the original contents of the urn remarks that the probability of that outcome (i.e. all 500 blue) was exactly 1/2.

Assuming that the remark was correct, find the smallest possible number of balls originally in the urn and the distribution of red and blue balls. Although a course such as Math 260 is useful in finding a solution, it is not essential. Somewhat more difficult, however, is to show that the answer has the smallest possible number of balls. For this second part of the puzzle you should have some knowledge of probability.

Answers should be sent, via conventional methods or e-mail (j.fowler@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



Bottom center: As is always the case in the art of gambling, there are winners and there are losers!
Above: All bets are in.....students give the wheel a spin.

ing Extravaganza

Several of the Southern Tech faculty and staff who helped out as dealers for the event included Barry Birkhead (Director of Student Activities), Mary Sheffield (Business Office), Linda Mitchell (Personnel) and her husband, and Barry Flannery (Mathematic Department).

her bright blonde hair and sequined vest. She made her table feel that they really were in Vegas being dealt cards by a top show girl.

Casino Night has become an event that students relish and one of C.A.B's most popular and rewarding events.

Mrs. Mitchell was stunning with

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caffeine, alcohol and sugar you consume. Eat more iron-rich foods, whole-grain breads and cereals, and fruits and vegetables to boost your energy level.

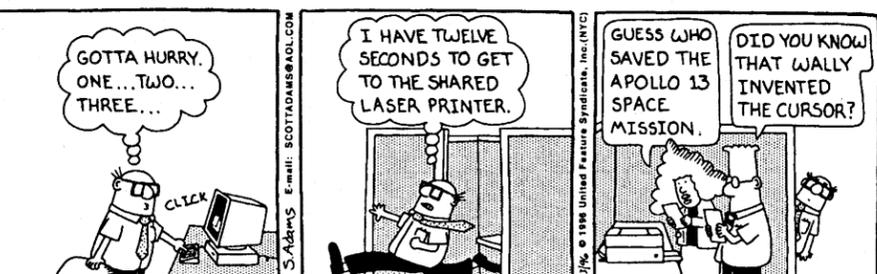
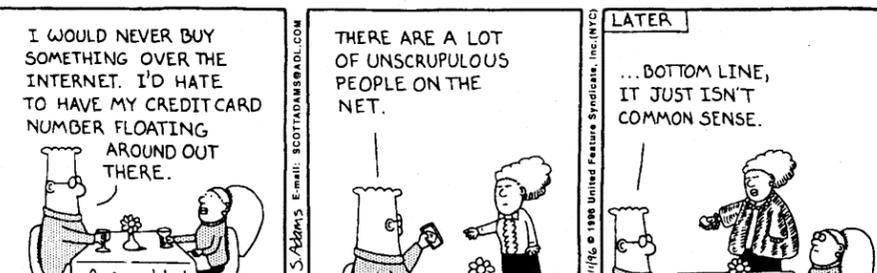
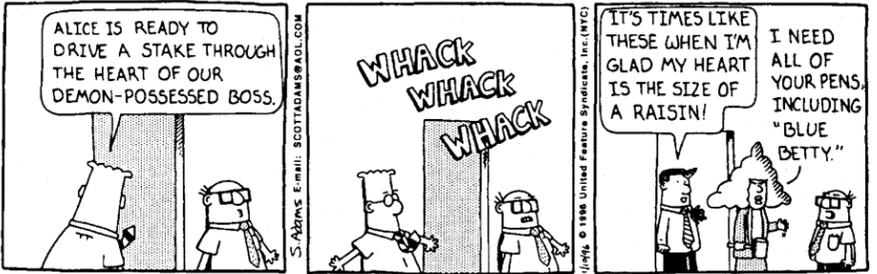
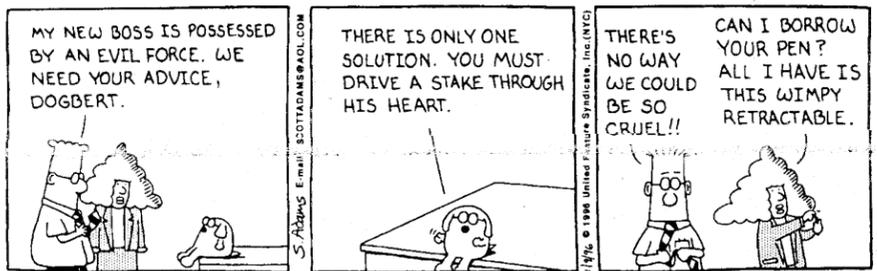
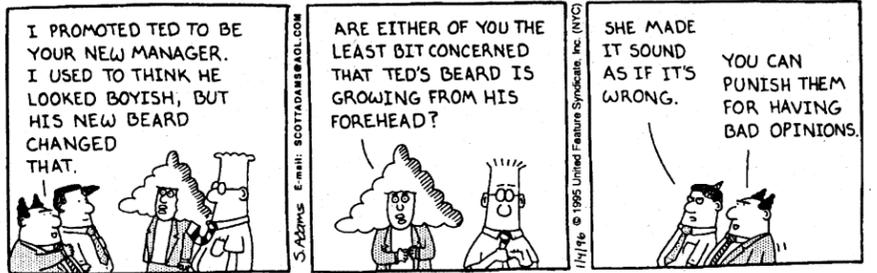
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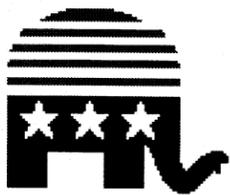
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And the Republican Presidential Candidate is...



By KEVIN BRYAN

Okay everyone, listen up. The New Hampshire primaries are coming up on Feb. 20, and there are no less than twenty-three Republicans running for the nomination. Even if you are a die-hard liberal, you need to keep up to date on the various candidates in order not to look like a boob if/when someone mentions their names. So here they are, the candidates in a nutshell..

STEVE FORBES

The person second in most of the polls is Steve Forbes, with 21% as opposed to Dole's 34%. The Editor-in-Chief of Forbes Magazine has been trumpeting his tax code ideas to the exclusion of almost everything else.

His plan to replace income tax with a flat tax of 17% on everything above \$36,000 in income has the rest of the candidates up in arms..



BOB DOLE

The obvious first candidate is Bob Dole. Far and away the leader of the Republican nomination race, he is the man to beat in the coming primary.

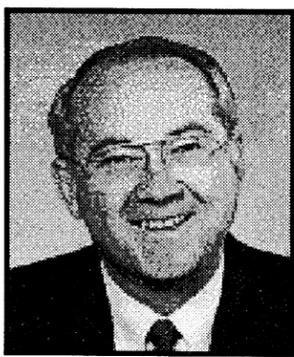
The 72-year-old WW2 veteran has a long list of political accomplishments, including a seven-year run in the United States House of Representatives in the '60s, Republican National Committee chairman in 1971-3 and the current Republican majority leader.

Despite his attachment to his "convictions", Bob Dole seems prone to the same waffling accused of Bill Clinton.

Dole has been found to hold conflicting views on abortion, tax cuts and assault weapons, and it is still unclear how he feels towards the gay Republican group who had their contribution refunded by Dole's campaign in mid-1995.

However, none of this seems to matter at the moment, as his hold on the lead has not even been swayed by the numerous government shutdowns in recent months.

In the end, instead of burning a certain plan or mindset into the minds of his followers, he may simply coast to victory.



PHIL GRAMM

A candidate slipping in the polls is Phil Gramm. The senator has various plans for the presidency, such as removing affirmative action and balancing the budget.

However, most people categorize his attitude towards others as caustic, and a straw poll shows him having only 10% of the Republican vote at present..



PATRICK BUCHANAN

Pat Buchanan, a 57-year-old commentator, is one of the middle-of-the-pack people. Some of his policies, such as halting legal immigration for five years, seem to alienate him from voter's wishes. On the other side, his numerous attacks on big business has made him the target of the other candidates.

The opposition of both voters and other candidates to his plans seem to insure his relegation to third or fourth place in votes.



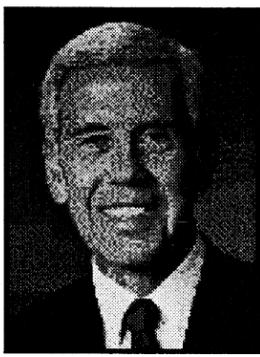
LAMAR ALEXANDER

Lamar Alexander, a 46-year-old lawyer, is yet another candidate looking to take votes away from Gramm and Dole.

The former eight-year Governor of Tennessee wants to see more federal money relegated to the states.

Some uses would include more choice in school and school vouchers and state-controlled welfare.

His depiction of himself as a Washington outsider, however, is belied by, among other things, his two-year position as President Bush's Secretary of Education from 1991-93.



RICHARD LUGAR

Richard Lugar is a long-time political insider with terrible luck in nominations, namely losing out on the Vice-President nomination three times (1972, 1980 and 1988).

His political accomplishments include twenty years as a Senator and two terms as the mayor of Indianapolis.

The current thrust of his campaign depends on his foreign policy skill, as he was chairman of the Foreign Policy Committee as a senator.

Despite his experience, the 63-year-old candidate is far back in the polls, and is left hoping for fallout moderate votes from Dole to stay alive.

There are other players as well. Three candidates have almost ridiculously low voting rates, but continue on anyway for their own reasons.

BOB DORNAN

One is Robert Dornan, the current Representative of Orange County, California. The 62-year-old candidate is almost politically invisible due to a severe lack of funds, and often shows a fiery temper that appears to have left him too hot for most political backers to touch.

ALAN KEYES

Another is Alan Keyes, a radio talk show host and apparently the first ever black Republican presidential candidate. While he emphasizes his pro-life position in his political rallies, little else seems to come through at his campaigns.

MORRY TAYLOR

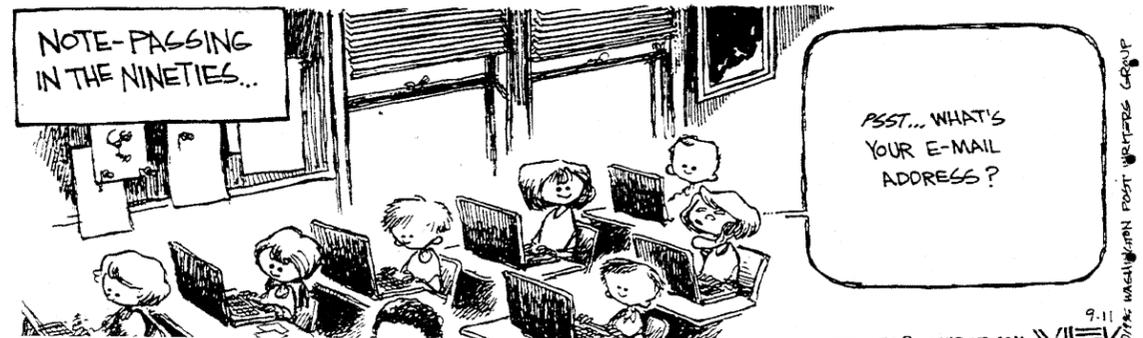
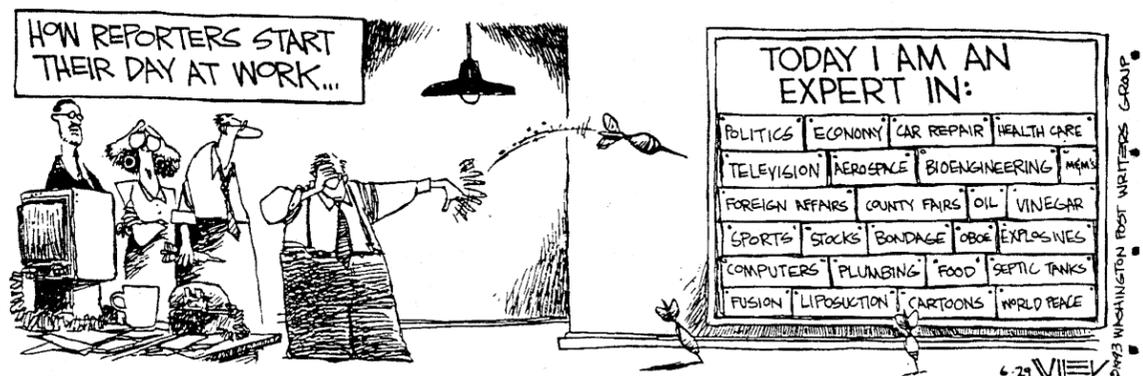
A third candidate absurdly low in the polls is Morry Taylor. Tay-

lor, a multimillionaire rim and wheel manufacturer, is a no-nonsense businessman who plans on balancing the budget by, among other things, randomly firing one third of all the bureaucrats.

While he has the money to broadcast his statements, he is still in the bottom of the polls, with no signs of pulling out any time soon.

There are even more candidates that deserve honorable mention for at least running in the race, even though they may not be running in every state and have virtually no chances of winning.

- Billy Joe Clegg
- Charles E. Collins
- Richard Bosa
- Georgiana Doerschuck
- Susan Ducey
- William Flanagan
- Russell Formwalt
- John Hurd
- Michael Levinson
- Gerald McManus
- Hubert Patty
- Tennie Rogers
- Tom Shellenberg
- Richard Skillen



Olympic Break continued from 1

drive-in theater parking) will be rented out as a park-n-ride.

The dorms that are available will house displaced GA Tech graduate students. None of Southern Tech's students living in the dorms will be affected by the displaced students.

The campus is focusing on finding ways to generate revenue such as renting out available meeting spaces, according to Mr. Birkhead.

Proposed Adjusted Calender

June 10-13	(M-Th)	Spring Final Exams
June 13	(Th)	End of Spring Quarter
June 19	(W)	Summer registration
June 20	(Th)	Summer classes begin
July 19- Aug 4		Summer break for Olympics
Aug. 5	(M)	Summer classes resume
Sept. 16 -18	(M-W)	Summer Final Exams
Sept. 25	(W)	Fall registration
Sept. 26	(Th)	Fall classes begin

ORGANIZATIONS



Sigma Nu

These men are a worthy addition to the Legion of Honor.

Those seeking initiation this quarter are Brad Bernard, Daniel English, and Kevin Taylor. Brother Reed is going to teach these guys the way of the Knight. Good luck Candidates, and stay dedicated to pledge class, and to your academic studies.

If you see a guy on the street corner selling doughnuts in the cold, buy a box or so. It'll make your morning to have a fresh glazed Krispy Kreme.

It'll also help your friendly

neighborhood Sigma Nu. We appreciate any patronage.

Once again, the men of Sigma Nu would like to apologize to the women of Gamma Phi Beta for an incident at Purple Passion. How do you ladies keep putting up with us?

Hey Gamma Phi Beta 160, I said I wouldn't hurt your car didn't I (unrelated incident).

Be sure to read the next Sigma Nu Sting for important news you won't want to miss.

Kiss a Greek and live forever

Sigma Nu rules



Tau Kappa Epsilon

By: #384

Everyone get ready for the "South of the Border" social with the ladies of DFE at Kennesaw, on February 2. On February 17, we have our annual formal, the Red Carnation Ball in Chattanooga, and on February 24, TKE celebrates twenty three years of raising hell on campus!

We would like to thank the

former officers for their time and effort and say congratulations to the new officers, they are as follows: President John Sherman, Vice-President Jay Wilkes, Secretary Shane McTigue, Treasurer Doug Butler, Sargeant-at-arms J.D. Farmer, Historian Todd Sumption, Rush Coordinator Mike Gozdzick, Educator Paul Brannon, and Chaplain Joe Scott.

We would also like to welcome our new candidates: David McGahee, Chris Jenson, Matt Schouffer, Joe Hughes, and Keith May.

Congratulations guys for making the choice to belong to the biggest and best fraternity in the world! Now accept the challenge to become! Hope you enjoyed Friday night!

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Gamma Phi Beta

school and go skiing or surfing!! (maybe not.)

First of all, I hope everyone had fun at the Auburn conference, and those of you who missed it, really missed out. We had joy, we had fun, we had seasons in the... Ooops, I've spent too much time around Michael Moore!!

Other points of information: Carrington has joined our small, but oh-so powerful group of young ladies. And we're so happy, that we are going to boycott school and go

skiing or surfing!!! (maybe??) Ok, I'll stop about the boycott issue. Don't forget about some upcoming events...2/9-Siserhood retreat (PACE cancelled 2/11), 2/23-Mixer (TBA), 3/1-Big/Little (7:00).

Finally, a moment of silence... Michelle S. went alumni this quarter and we want her back now!! Seriously, we will miss you. I think that's it, congrats to our personal nomination for Miss S.Tech- Lorie Aldridge (she's green and orange through and through)!!!



Baptist Student Union

to those who participated in the BSU State Basketball Tournament. This was the very first year we had a ladies team to play — Great Job Ladies. Our Winter Formal is Feb. 2 in the SCT Ballroom. Tickets are \$ 5.00 and are available at the BSU Center. A Murder Mystery party will be Feb. 7th. This is a dinner theatre activity, which will be held at the BSU Center and for more information call 428-0986. Stop by for Free Lunch on Tues. at Noon, and join us on Thursday Nights at 7:30 pm for our weekly meetings.

We Hope to see you soon. God Bless



Pi Kappa Phi

I hope that everyone had a great time at the dinner and that all the alumni that came back will continue to come around and participate.

Congratulations to Josh & Shiela, Peter & Chrissy, and Ralph Kern & ___ on their recent engagements over the holidays.

Also congratulations to Mike & Kelly Melillo on having a baby, I guess will call him "Puppy".

Well Rush is over and congratulations to Mark Anderson and Stagg Shelton on making the choice to join Pi Kapp Phi.

I hope this quarter works out well for you.

Well big/little went well even though it was spent in the Heated Tent. Rick I hear you need to find

your own bed to puke in, but that is just what I heard. Everybody remember:

Nuts-N-Bolts February 2
Red Rose Pageant February 10
As Always OΥΔΕΝ ΔΙΑΣΠΑΣΕΙ ΗΜΑΣ and **ENOUGH SAID !!**

Well it has been another great quarter so far. At Our weekend retreat earlier this month, we had fun with BSU students from other colleges around North GA. Thank you

By Top Gun

15 years of setting the Standard of Excellence and Brotherhood at Southern Tech. Yes, **January 31st**, Pi Kappa Phi celebrated it's 15th year anniversary at Southern Tech.

Cafe Angst

by Hans Bjordahl and Holley Irvine



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EDITORIALS

Students Left Out... Again

By BILL GREVE

A year ago, I was grateful not to be at GA Tech. At that time committees were formed to look into this other Tech having Summer 1996 classes here. For numerous reasons, GA Tech backed out. While GA Tech students would have to deal with a screwed up Summer Quarter, I felt fortunate to be at Southern Tech. Because Cobb County was viewed as homophobic and racist, summer 1996 at Southern Tech would be relatively unaffected by the Olympics. Color me wrong.

Under a proposal from the Faculty Senate, Summer Quarter will be violently deflowered. See article on page one and proposed dates on page eight.

One professor, just back from a Student Life meeting, suggested that the proposal was made because not many professors wanted to teach this summer and there probably wouldn't be many students in classes anyway. To follow this argument to its logical conclusion, the Faculty Senate believes it is okay to do something really stupid - if it doesn't affect a lot of people. If Southern Tech can't find teachers that want to teach, let's just annex of our property to Life College and start offering courses in phrenology and numerology.

I have a few questions to ask: (1) What does Southern Tech gain from shutting down for two weeks (2) since 12-month employees would have to work, why shouldn't the faculty (3) Students will be in the dorms - do we kick them out for two weeks (4) If not, does Food Service stay open to feed a handful of people - probably at a loss (5) Isn't the publishing of the academic calendar similar to a contract and entail the same legal obligations (6) Whose stupid idea was this and what were you thinking?

The following dialogue is an imagined session of the Faculty Senate.

Faculty Member #1: I just heard that the Olympics will be in Atlanta next summer. Traffic might be bad so I propose we take two weeks off in the middle of the quarter.

Voice of Reason: Wouldn't it be easier to just warn everyone that they might just have to leave home earlier?

Faculty Member #2: Absolut not. I need that extra time just to sober up.

Voice of Reason: The academic calendar has been out since September - students have already made plans. If we wanted to do this we should have done it last summer.

Faculty Member #3: Screw 'em. They're just students. They'll either graduate, transfer, or dropout. Either way we won't have to worry about them.

Faculty Member #4: You can't expect us to have the insight or the foresight to deal with this in a timely manner. We would have needed to form a TQM committee to discuss this and not come to a decision, which would have detracted from everything else we met about and didn't come to a decision on.

Voice of Reason: Is it fair to expect twelve month employees to show up at work when we don't?

Faculty Member #5: Screw 'em. It's not our fault they made bad career decisions: Administrators gotta administrate and somebody has to water the plants and empty our unused wastebaskets while we're away.

Voice of Reason: What about our dedication to teaching? Doesn't that mean anything?

Faculty Member #6: Screw 'em. We have nine month contracts. The administration should consider themselves lucky we even agree to show up Summer Quarter... for only extra pay.

Faculty Member #7: Yeah, if we want to take two weeks off to watch synchronized swimming in our underwear, who's to say we can't?

Faculty member #8: Screw 'em. What are they going to do - fire us? HA! We have tenure.

Faculty Member #9: I second the proposal. Screw 'em! Screw 'em all!

To voice your opinion on Summer Quarter call Dr. Cheshier at 528-7230.

BILL GREVE would like to state that while the above dialogue is fictitious, he believes the appearance of the Voice of Reason is the most unlikely of all.

Keep Focus on Technology

By KEVIN MARKS

There exists in any business a thin line between providing a specified service and making a profit. Obviously, there are many factors to be considered requiring the employment of mathematicians, actuaries, consultants, etc. Like a function generator, data goes in and out comes the magic answer, effectively defining this narrow line of demarcation. Unfortunately, many businesses fail miserably, despite these various inputs, and this failure can usually be traced to a single cause: A loss of focus on the primary goal.

When one looks around the campus of Southern Tech, one sees progress, or at least the trappings of progress. New buildings are going up; earth moving equipment is everywhere; new programs are being instituted or are in the planning stages. What is the function of all these artifacts of progress? Presumably, they are designed to make life more pleasant for the SCT student or to otherwise attract new students. All of these projects are worthy causes but some of them beg the question, "Do we really need this new thing?"

Let us first consider the new recreational building. It will certainly be a fine facility worthy of some architectural accolades and it will surely provide the SCT student a place to relax and remain fit. However, was a multi-million dollar facility needed? Does the student body really require such a facility when something less pricey would provide the same benefit? Are we losing our focus on academics in lieu of attracting a small percentage of new students?

Let us further consider the recent story regarding the new Bachelor of Applied Sciences degree program offered by SCT. Ms. Desmond was correct in her recent editorial that the curriculum is too easy for SCT standards. However, I would question the need for any occupational degree at our school. Southern Tech has carved out a unique place among Georgia schools and

even among schools nationally. We tout our technology degrees, and rightfully so, as the best available. During my first quarter orientation, I was very impressed with the high spirit and attitude of SCT's administration and their exuberance toward our achievements, all based upon our unique programs. I heard how we became independent from Georgia Tech and have since specialized to a point of national renown. I am very proud to be a student at SCT. Yet, we turn on the same heel and offer a watered down occupational-based degree in a non-technical field where mathematics and science are absent and dub it visionary.

A similar argument could be presented for the push to offer "pure" engineering degrees at SCT. If we are providing such a valuable technology service to the community, why do we wish to become like other colleges? Are we prepared to sacrifice quality teaching for research grants? What is the driving force behind these proposals? These and similar concerns reside along that fine line.

As with any business, profits must exceed losses and nobody would argue that SCT needs to have business savvy. We have an outstanding group of professional faculty on this campus and their continued service is directly proportional to SCT's fiscal success. However, our goal is not providing an athletic heavy environment. Our goal is not providing degrees in basket weaving or other non-technical areas. Our goal is not to look like everybody else. Our primary goal is to educate, and train, men and women in the art of today's technology. The workings of maintaining profits and achieving our true goals are not mutually exclusive. We must have both but we must emphasize the latter, or that fine line will become indistinct, and we shall surely cease to function as a bastion of higher learning.

KEVIN MARKS, a CpET student, is very serious about learning with minimal distractions. He rarely exercises and isn't a member of the Georgia Tech fan club.

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EDITOR'S EDITORIAL

In the past two weeks, two decisions that directly and primarily affect students were made without consulting students. The first is the decision to interrupt summer quarter for two weeks during the Olympics.

The student government was informed (not consulted) of these plans just last week. Whether the idea is good or not is not the point. The point is that the issue seriously impacts thousands of people whose opinions were not only disregarded but not even solicited.

The second is the decision to restructure the food service line. While ARAMARK believes that these changes can better serve Southern Tech's unique student body, they did not ask the students.

Students deservedly feel alienated by these impositions. We deserve better.

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Jayanti Lahiri
Professor of Physics
Study Abroad Co-ordinator

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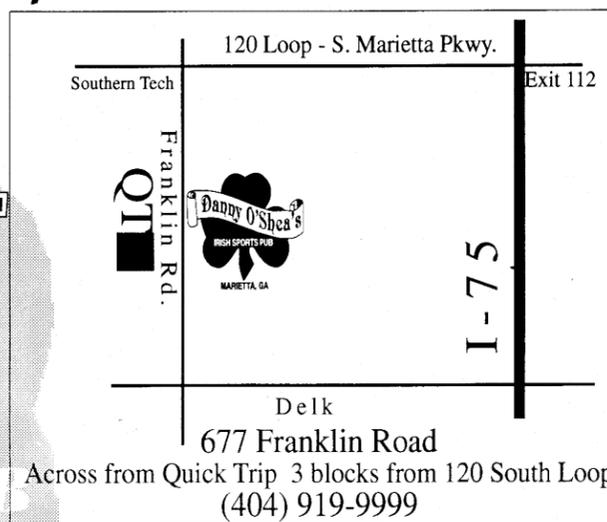
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Still in the Hunt Despite Losses

By KEVIN BRYAN

The Southern Tech Hornets are in a hard struggle for a good position in their current conference games.

Southern Tech was defeated by North Georgia 39-45 on Jan. 17, and lost to LaGrange College three days later 53 to 56, pushing their conference win-loss record down to 2-5. The slumping Hornets have been hit hard losing their last five games in a row. They came up short again against Berry College Saturday night losing 64-47.

However, the standings are extremely tight, and first place is still up for grabs by any of the eight teams involved.

Georgia Southwestern has been disqualified from conference postseason play because an ineligible player was on their roster last season.

In all, Coach Perides has been impressed with the team's eagerness to play, and is optimistic about the final results.

"Two of the players that have stepped up and played well have

been Heath Paige and the freshman Aaron Gage.

"Aaron has played a lot more than I thought he would play as a freshman.

"Kevin Williams has been the most consistent player. Comes to play every night. Casey George has been a big plus on defense.

"Troy Hill had a great game against Georgia Southwestern. 17 pts., 7 steals, 12 rebounds. We need this kind of production every night from Troy.

"Larry Walton who has only played in 6 games since Christmas has been up and down but with more practice time and game experience in our system he will definitely help us by tournament time.

"Our record does not indicate a great season, but it does not indicate the real problems, such as our health situation and number of players."

"If we stick together, we will have a chance at the end."

The Hornets play Piedmont College at home Wednesday January 27. "It will be good to play at home again," said Perides.



Griggs drops two on a fast break.

photo by Samir Vaghmar

95-96 Conference Basketball Stats

As of 1/21/96

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

	FG	FGA	PCT
Georgia Southwestern	716	1364	.525
Berry College	500	998	.501
Piedmont College	471	945	.498
Brewton-Parker	516	1066	.484
Southern Tech	441	914	.482
Shorter College	445	927	.480
North Georgia	463	987	.469
Emmanuel College	502	1087	.462
LaGrange College	471	1109	.425

SCORING DEFENSE

	W-L	PTS	PER GAME
Southern Tech	7-13	1296	64.8
Brewton-Parker	9-10	1461	76.9
Berry College	10-8	1386	77.0
Georgia Southwestern	17-4	1666	79.3
North Georgia	8-8	1294	80.9
LaGrange College	7-10	1408	82.8
Shorter College	4-12	1379	86.2
Emmanuel College	7-10	1519	89.4
Piedmont College	6-9	1359	90.6

3-PNT FG MADE

	G	3FG	3FGA	PER GAME
Emmanuel College	17	135	368	3.9
Berry College	18	135	356	7.5
North Georgia	16	118	331	7.4
LaGrange College	17	117	363	6.9
Georgia Southwestern	21	130	374	6.2
Shorter College	16	94	222	5.9
Piedmont College	15	88	223	5.9
Brewton-Parker	19	107	293	5.6
Southern Tech	20	50	154	2.5

1996 WINTER BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

JAN	9	TUES	*EMMANUEL COLLEGE	WIN	64-59
	13	SAT	*BREWTON PARKER	WIN	57-54
	17	WED	*NORTH GEORGIA COLLEGE	LOSS	45-39
	20	SAT	*LAGRANGE COLLEGE	LOSS	56-53
	22	MON	*SHORTER COLLEGE	LOSS	67-47
	24	WED	*GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN	LOSS	79-65
	27	SAT	*BERRY COLLEGE	LOSS	64-47

	31	WED	*PIEDMONT COLLEGE	HOME	7:30 P.M.
FEB	3	SAT	*NORTH GEORGIA COLLEGE	AWAY	8:00 P.M.
	7	WED	*LAGRANGE COLLEGE HOME	HOME	7:30 P.M.
	10	SAT	*BREWTON PARKER	HOME	7:30 P.M.
	12	MON	*BERRY COLLEGE	HOME	7:30 P.M.
	14	WED	*PIEDMONT COLLEGE	AWAY	7:30 P.M.
	19	MON	*SHORTER COLLEGE	HOME	7:30 P.M.
	22	THURS	*GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN	AWAY	7:30 P.M.
	26	MON	*EMMANUEL COLLEGE	HOME	7:30 P.M.

*- Conference Game Conference Standing 2-5 Overall Standing 7-18

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Intermurals Get Underway

By JASON HERR

The Department of Recreational Sports is currently running at full force. Headed by Karl Staber, Rec. sports is always hosting intramural activities that are open to any member of the student body that wants to join.

Currently there are three main group activities that are going on right now. Basket Ball is the main sport of the quarter.

There are currently two leagues, Fast, which has seven teams and a Rec. League that has four teams in it. Each team is al-

lowed to have up to fifteen players, most average between 8 and 15.

Any group of students can form a team if they desire. The current teams are, Augusta Green Jackets, Bulls, Cringe in Fear, Dawgs, Dont Ask, Final Design, Winners, (Fast League) and, BSU, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Nu, Tke (Slow League). These teams all play Monday thru Thursday from 6-8pm.

Another Basket Ball League that is currently playing is the Three on Three league. This is a smaller league consisting of four teams which are, Arthritis, B-Squad, Pi Kappa Phi, and Sigma Nu. These

teams all play during the week at noon.

The newest sport in the Rec. Games Department is soccer, this is the second year that the Dept. has offered it. There are currently four teams in the soccer league, side-kicks, Team II, TKE, Advantage. The soccer season will start on Tuesday, the first game will be at 4:00 pm.

For more information about Recreational Sports or for game schedules and times, call (770) 528-7349. Games are open to all audiences and student support is welcomed.