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Faculty Backs SGA

By COLLEEN DESMOND
and RAY SMITH

The faculty voted to recommend to President Cheshier "that the position Coordinator of Reservations be removed from the Student Activities budget," reads the minutes of the February faculty meeting.

This vote is the latest development in the SGA's effort to direct a larger proportion of the Student Activities budget toward student organizations and away from salaries.

In a January 29 memo to the faculty Bill Finnick, SGA President, wrote "We have reached a point where the number of organizations requiring support and growing salaries will no longer fit within the same budget. The SGA has decided to place its priority for funding on the students and away from the support staff."

The vote to remove the salary was hastily made at the very end of

the meeting and many of the faculty left for class before the vote. Because of this confusion some of the faculty and administration questioned the validity of the vote. "I will not take any action until it is clear to me on what their recommendation was," said Cheshier. "It will have to be brought back up at a later faculty meeting for a lot more clarification," added Cheshier.

Finnick agreed saying "I personally do not feel that those minutes will be approved with the vote in them."

The \$300,000 SGA budget is generated from the quarterly Student Activities Fee and contains three staff salaries amounting to \$119,000 or 39% of the overall budget.

In his presentation to the faculty, Finnick related the history of negotiations with the President to have the salaries phased out over a five to ten year period. He said that President Cheshier was not responsive to any negotiation and so the resolution was

brought before the faculty.

Professor Sam Beadles initially proposed that the \$119,000 for salaries be removed from the control of the SGA along with the requirement to pay those salaries. After it was pointed out by President Cheshier that the Activities Fund is student money generated from a separate fee and cannot be transferred into general funds, the motion was withdrawn.

A motion was then made to recommend that one salary, the Section Supervisor position currently held by Vicki Langston, be removed from the Student Activities budget.

This motion was carried. "We are glad that the first meeting of the student with the general faculty was generally well received and generated a spirited debate about our problems," said Finnick. "We are heartened by the final motion to at least move one salary from the budget," he added.



SGA President Bill Finnick addresses the Faculty.

Summer 96' Olympic Break is Confirmed

By TOMM PENDLETON

The Faculty Senate carried a motion sustaining a proposal interrupting classes from July 19th through August 14 during this summer's Olympic games. Summer registration will be June 19th and classes begin on June 20.

Fall Quarter will be pushed back to accommodate the summer break. Summer finals will take place September 16th through the 18th and Fall Quarter begins on September 26th. This decision will also reduce the break during the winter holidays to just one week.

Two alternative motions were defeated. One by Dr. Doreen Galli. "It could be possible to keep the quarter start date and end date the same, but to eliminate classes during the olympics and thus have a shortened quarter," stated Galli. The second motion was to return to the schedules as originally published. The Senate also voted to approve the Winter 1997 through Spring 1998 schedule.

The rearrangement of the schedule around the Olympics means the schedule as printed in the Fall catalog is void. The new schedule is printed below.

Buffet Opens in Snack Area

By COLLEEN DESMOND

The renovations to the cafeteria snack line were delayed until this past weekend because of the last weekends inclement weather.

The construction crews could not get to Southern Tech last Saturday because of icy roads.

The full cafeteria line will no longer be opened for service. Instead, hot food items will be served

buffet style from a center island in the snack bar.

The soda dispensers have been moved to where the yogart stand was located. Also, the free refill policy on sodas is no longer in effect.

ARAMARK held an informational and student feedback meeting on Wednesday, January 31, where they discussed the changes but only two students attended.

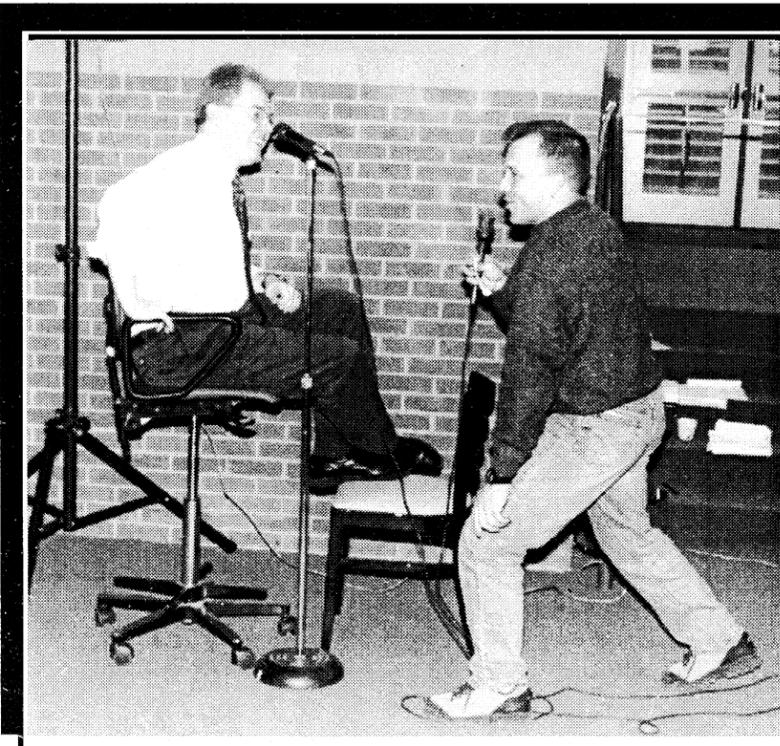
ARAMARK has promised to

monitor any crowding conditions and make any necessary adaptations.

They also said they will be running specials to promote the new buffet.

The changes were instituted because there was not enough demand for the cafeteria line.

There are no immediate plans for what to do with the vacant food area.



TP goes Live!

Glenn Forbes of ARAMARK "Talks with His Mouth Full", T.P.'s new live radio talk show in the campus center.

T.P. includes faculty and student guests, live unplugged musicians from on campus as well as a little "Southern Fried Yankee" humor.

Talk with Your Mouth Full airs from the students center theatre lobby Fridays from 11 am to 1 pm.

Check out WGHR 102.5 FM and get on the radio with T.P.

SUMMER QUARTER

June 19 Registration/Orientation
June 20 Classes begin
July 4 Independence Day
July 19-Aug 3

OLYMPIC BREAK

Sept 2 Labor Day holiday
Sept 13 Last day of classes
Sept 16-18 Final Exams
Sept 18 End of Summer Quarter

FALL QUARTER

Sept 24 New student orientation
Sept 25 Registration
Sept 26 Classes begin
Nov 27- 30 Thanksgiving break
Dec 9 Last day of classes
Dec 10-13 Final exams
Dec 13 End of Fall Quarter
Dec 15 Commencement

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Fantastic Faculty

By LINDA SUN

SCT faculty have three responsibilities: Teaching, Scholarship, and Service, according to Vice President Dr. Travis. In the category of SCT, teaching means dealing with classroom, passing knowledge to students. Scholarship refers to the research work in the professional fields, for example, writing books, presenting papers and participate in professional activities. Scholarship is measured by the peers and professional fields. And services are commitments to the society.

The faculty from School of Art and Science and School of Management are scholarship-oriented. Most of them write books, publish papers and attend conferences. The faculty from School of Technology often replace their scholarship with services besides writing books and articles, for example, they would go out into the industry field, keeping up with the changing technology or really become update on their field.

SCT is a teaching institution in comparison with Georgia Institute of Technology which is a research institution. There are about one hundred fifty faculty members teaching four thousands students. Their heavy loads far surpass normal working hours. They teach classes and teach labs, tutor the students, correct the homework, and help those students who have some prob-

lems.

"Besides doing the basically what is expected them to do, our faculty did exemplify their strong professional performance and great contributions to the community," said Dr. Travis passionately.

"If we compare ourselves with a research institution, it is an unfair comparison. We will compare with other senior colleges that have been the university system of Georgia", added Dr. Travis.

SCT has an incredible faculty. They work very hard although it may not look that way. This is because most of the work professors do are invisible. For example, a class setting is 13-15 hours per week. As a rule of thumb, for every per hour that a professor teach in the class, he has to spend two hours preparing the lesson. If adding the office hours, homework correcting, after-class tutoring, a professors spends more time doing what they have to do than just picking up the book and walking into the classroom.

"I feel our professors trying to transmit the message 'I care about you' first, and then the knowledge. They are so patient that I have never seen them upset when asked a question since I have studied here," said one student from Humanity Department.

Many outstanding faculty have been awarded as the Teacher

The following faculty members received the Outstanding Faculty Award for 1995:

- Prof. David M. Brani, MET
- Prof. Howard Itzkowitz, Architecture
- Dr. Bernice Nuhfer-Halten, Social and International Studies
- Prof. Mark Paces, Mathematics
- Prof. Barbara Thomas, CS
- Prof. Orren Williams, MET

Just a few examples of recent academic achievements of SCT faculty:

Dean Harry Kaufman, of the School of Architecture, was honored with the Citation of Excellence from the American Institute of Architects at a local Atlanta Chapter meeting. He was recognized for his service to the profession through his commitment to architectural education and his unwavering guidance in successfully seeking NAAB accreditation for the Bachelor of Architecture Program of the SCT.

Assistant Prof. Bill Carpenter, also in Architecture, has been named the recipient of the 1996 ACSA/ AIAS New Faculty Award. The award will be presented in Boston in March 9-12.

Department Head Dr. Sandy Pfeiffer, of Humanities and Technical Communication, taught a technical writing course in England to Sir Alexander Gibb and Partners, Ltd., an environmental science firm in England. Pfeiffer is also a productive textbook writer. His fourth edition Technical communication has been used throughout the United States and English-spoken countries. He is working on his third book now.

Prof. Carol Barnu, also of Humanities and Technical Communication, has been elected Associate Fellow by the Society for Technical Communication

Prof. David E. Hornbeek, of Civil Engineering Technology, was appointed as a commissioner representing the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) on the Technology Accreditation Commission and Technology.

Associate Prof. Ron Schroeder, of computer science, received high praise from Computer editor-in-chief. He was recognized for his detailed, through, insight review of an article. Computer is the flagship journal for the IEEE computer society.

of the year each year.

According to Dr. Travis, SCT's faculty are also very strong in sphere of academic learning besides lecturing. With the help of Leigh

McNichols, a reference archival librarian, and Marilyn Shefveld, an information specialist in Public Relation Department, the reporter found out that, in 1995 alone, there are approximately thirty papers and articles written by SCT faculty, which have been presented at various national conferences or have been published in professional journals and magazines.

Mike Murphy, head of Computer Science, said that he was very proud of having 14 qualified faculty

working together to fulfil the departments procedures. The department has more than six hundred students which take up nearly one seventh of the SCT students. We worked as a unified team, with each member contributing their expertise to the department and community.

SCT faculty teach hard, research hard, and work hard. As students of SCT, we should study hard in studying, understanding and practicing. And respect our faculty wholeheartedly.

Cheshier Speaks at Conference in Israel

By COLLEEN DESMOND

President Cheshier and Vice President Dr. Harris Travis traveled to Israel in mid January to participate in a four day International Science and Technology Conference.

Eighty four countries were represented with over 1,000 people attending the conference. Cheshier was one of the four symposium speakers and Travis moderated a discussion session.

Cheshier's presentation topic, which was assigned by the conference directors, was on the timely issue of how to make transitions between two year post secondary

technical education and four year colleges as seamless as possible.

"This is a hot international issue," said Cheshier, "because two year schools see [uncooperative universities] as closing the door to their continuing their education."

Cheshier spoke about the history of Technology colleges growing out of two year systems.

While the International Conference is an annual event, Cheshier said he only attends the conference every third or fourth year. In addition to international exposure of Southern Tech, ideas are exchanged and sometimes cooperative arrangements are made between schools.

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Brown Brings Lights to Life

By COLLEEN DESMOND

David Brown is spending his last two senior quarters putting all of his learned technology skills into action before he graduates in March. Using a Motorola 68HC11 micro-processor, a motorized movable floodlight and a hand held remote transmitter, Brown is developing a stand-alone 'smart' security system to ward off potential burglars. Brown calls his device a Program Spotlight System.

With this system an operator can program in a pattern of motion for a floodlight to follow when an alarm is activated. The idea is that a dynamic light will frighten burglar away more effectively than if a static light came on as with an ordinary motion detector. "This system has

variable speed as it tracks. It can be turned on and off or can be paused when it gets to a place," said Brown. The combinations of floodlight motions that can be easily programmed in with a hand held remote are limitless.

To program in a motion pattern a remote control is used. The user directs the spotlight to move by pressing arrow keys thereby driving the light in a motion pattern. At any time the light can be made to blink or pause or perform some other action. Even the rate of tracking of the light can be controlled.

The movies, *Shawshank Redemption*, where flood lights swept across the prison, and *Congo* inspired Brown to build his system. "I liked at the end of *Congo* where machine guns were set up to auto-

matically shoot at any motion in the forest," said Brown.

Brown started work on his project last quarter as a two credit special project class under Professor Scott Tippens supervision. He continued his project through this quarter as a one credit class and will graduate at the end of winter quarter with a degree in Electrical Engineering Technology with a General option. Brown plans to pursue a Masters in Engineering Technology at Southern Tech upon graduating.

Brown describes the system as "fairly unique" and has documented the system in preparation for a patenting bid. For now, the nearly completed Program Spotlight System is currently installed at his house, so it's operating secrets are well guarded.



photo by Colleen Desmond

David Brown poses with his security system

Search to Untangle the Web

By ED HARDY

For the benefit of those of you who have been dwelling in caves, the World Wide Web (WWW) is a portion of the Internet that allows graphics and text to be mixed with insolent ease.

About two years ago there was no WWW, now there are over twenty thousand Web "pages" covering every subject from the American Association of Retired Person to Xylophone repair. But with such a huge variety of information, finding what you want can be almost impossible. That's where WWW catalogs come in handy.

The way you use all of these catalogs is essentially the same. You type in key words and a search engine will go through a huge database of the words that appear on thousands of Web pages, and show you a list the pages that your keywords appear on.

So how do they work? Actually, each index is made up of three parts: spiders, a database, and a search engine. Spiders are clever little programs which "crawl" through the web by starting on a web page, then jumping from that page to all the other pages that the first web page links to, then it follows all those pages' links, and so on, and so on.

The spider reports back all the important information about each page it visits and stores that information in the database. When you come along later, you tell the search engine to go through that database and find pages that reference the keywords you typed in.

WWW catalogs are wonderful, but they do have one drawback. The Web is growing and changing every day. Inevitably, a lot of the information in their databases is out of date. In every query I put in, at least a third of the entries I get are for pages that no longer exists. This isn't terrible (I just move on to the next on the list) but it is annoying.

One great feature that many of

How to Hunt The Web

Lycos -

<http://www.lycos.com/>

Alta Vista -

<http://altavista.digital.com/>

Infoseek -

<http://guide.infoseek.com/>

Net Search -

<http://home.netscape.com/home/internet-search.html>

the catalogs are starting to offer are the ability to search Usenet Newsgroups.

These are the discussion groups on wide ranging topics that people from all over the world participate in. There are also at least twenty thousand Newsgroups, so the ability to search through them is very handy.

Lycos - <http://www.lycos.com/>

Lycos is probably my favorite WWW catalog, and I can't give a better reason than when I'm looking for a specific page that I know is out there but I can't remember the address, Lycos seems to find it when the other catalogs fail.

It has over 19 thousand web pages in its database, and it keeps adding more every day. In fact, Lycos claims it's database is seven times larger than anyone else's.

It also offers the Lycos 250, which aren't the most visited sites, they are the sites that are linked to most often by other Web pages.

On the down side, Lycos doesn't offer Newsgroup searching.

Alta Vista - <http://altavista.digital.com/>

Alta Vista is probably the newest of the catalogs, having just

started up back in December. Its best claim to fame is speed. You can put a query in and get a response back in just a couple of seconds. Of course, none of the other catalogs take more than a few seconds, so this isn't all that wonderful.

Alta Vista does offer the ability to search both the Web and Newsgroups.

Infoseek - <http://guide.infoseek.com/>

One of the best features of Infoseek is the ability to add special characters to your query to better control what results you get. For example, if you are interested in dogs, but not Dalmatians, you could put as your keywords "dogs -Dalmatians" and you would get a list of Web pages that contain the word "dogs" but not any that also mention Dalmatians.

Infoseek also allows you to search Newsgroups.

Net Search - <http://home.netscape.com/home/internet-search.html>

If you are looking for something on the Internet, a useful page is offered by Netscape. It is a list of catalogs, including all the ones mentioned here.

SCT TV Debuts

By KEVIN BRYAN

Southern Tech's new TV station, STTV, is running strong, and is part of the solution to the school's dearth of public relations advertizing.

Southern Tech TV, or STTV, airs in the city of Marietta, and broadcasts to approximately 80,000 homes.

The regular hours are 7 AM to 12 midnight, with pre-recorded programming shown the rest of the time.

At the moment, the station airs several classes and plays them throughout the day.

The courses now on the air are: Fundamental Technical Sales (ID 435), Issues in Information Management (A&S 483), Engineering Law I (ID 343), Engineering Cost Analysis II (ID 433), American Government (POLS 240), and Technical Writing (ENGL 232).

These video offerings shine a light on normally inaccessible material as well as special topic classes given for a quarter at a time.

The video classes give both students and the community an unparalleled opportunity to see what introductory and upper level classes really involve. A few hours of NASA programming, such as

shuttle launches and subsidiary activities, have also been placed in the daily schedule. Talk shows and debates round out the rest of the current daily offerings.

When not airing actual programming, the station shows text showing not only the upcoming classes and programs, but classes for Southern Tech's Continuing Education program.

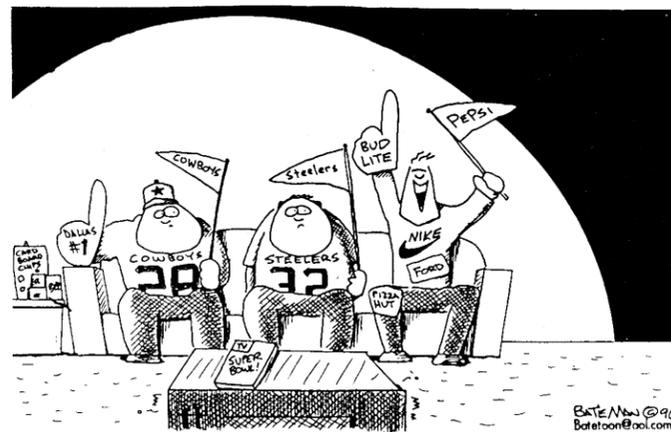
Everything from 'Customizing Windows '95 for Productivity' to 'Business Writing' to 'Japanese I' and 'Storytelling' is offered by the department, and are receiving some needed advertizement through the station.

Included with the regular station is a bonus that will allow students to learn about TV programming.

A subsidiary of the public station is a special closed circuit channel that airs only in the dorms. The door is wide open for student input on this channel, which could include movies, debates and other classroom information.

The station is actively searching for students wishing to initiate programming on this station, channel 19, and to work on the public programming.

Call 528-7219 to contact the station for more information.



Rec Center Construction On Target

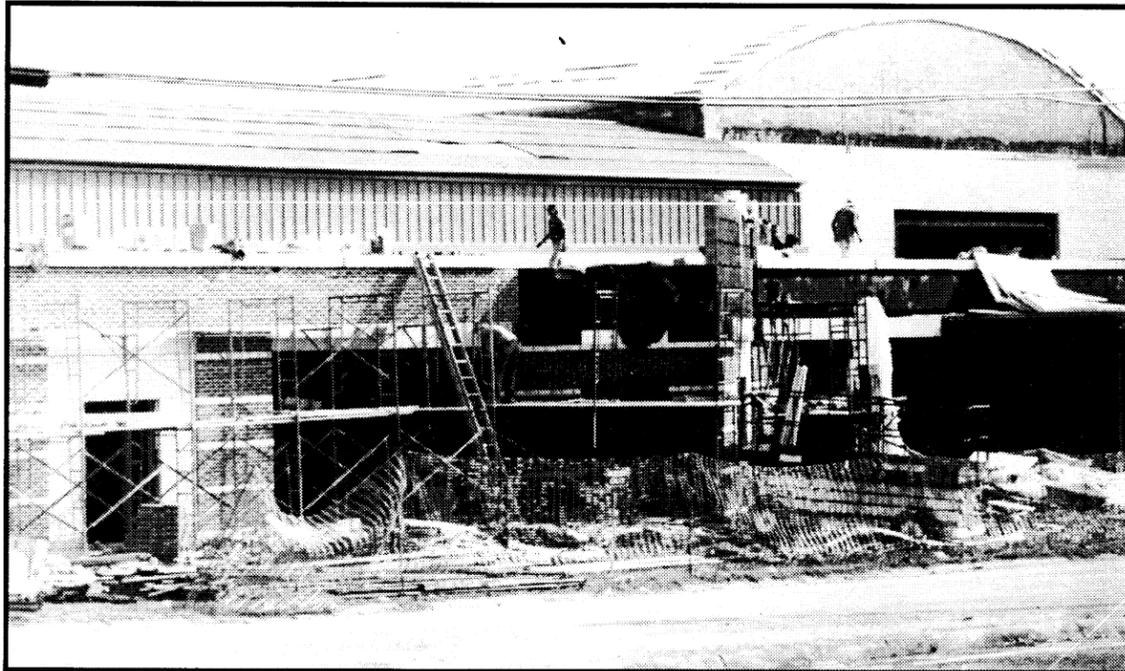
By RAY SMITH

As the cold weather creeps into one's bones, thoughts of warm Spring days and lazy Summer evenings clouds one's mind. Southern Tech's community along with the rest of Georgia's has been experiencing many cold and dreary days of late. These dreary days have not slowed the construction of the new Recreation Center.

The building has been progressing at a steady rate and is right on course for a late June opening. The facility has caused some parking difficulties due to the walkway connecting the facility to the main campus. The walkway took away about seventy parking spaces. These spaces, however, will be returned in a new configuration of the parking lot.

Karl Staber, Recreational Sports Director, has been working hard on a proposed budget for the equipment and staffing budget. Mr. Staber has forwarded the purposed budget to Dean Smith and Vice President Hosey for their consideration.

Staber will be hiring several students to work in the facility as



Have you noticed that this building is going up faster than the elevator in building D

Life Guards, locker room and front desk attendants. His budget for these positions will be based on the funding that can be allocated for the facility.

The facility has had no design changes or cutbacks and will house a competition size swimming pool, weight room, cardiovascular room,

clinic, two racquetball courts, and a gymnasium with two full basketball courts. Staber hopes to have the facility open Monday through Thursday from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM and on Friday from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

The weekend hours will depend greatly on the budget.

The indoor Recreational Center has become a reality and has been one of the most rewarding projects that Jim Brown, Assistant to the Vice President for Business and Finance, has worked on at Southern Tech.

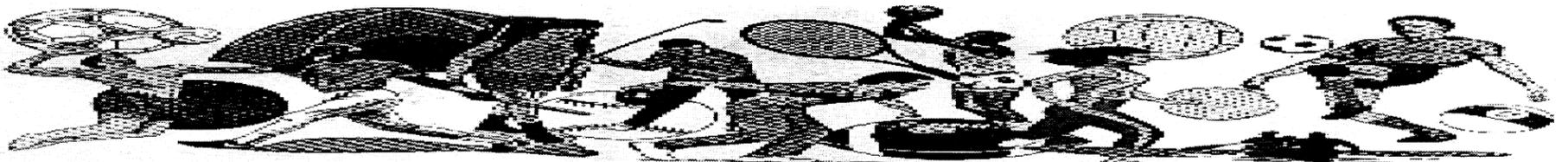
Brown is very impressed with the professionalism of the architect,

Flyn Finderup, and the construction company, Compu-Craft. Both have kept on schedule and on budget. The contingency fund that was set up at the beginning of the project to allow for any overruns has been kept in tact and is now being used to finish out the Racquetball courts.

One of the most important elements of the Recreational Center will be the Health Clinic. At present the Health clinic is located in Howell dormitory. The location of the clinic is beneficial to the residents of the school, but not to the vast majority of students.

The new location will be more assessable, thus more beneficial to other students. The clinic will also be implementing a Fitness Assessment Program.

This program will assess body fat and flexibility and give recommendations for their improvement. Julie Scala, the school nurse, is very excited about the new facility. She feels the new location will be a great improvement over the present location. The philosophy of a Recreation Center is to promote health awareness. The new facility will definitely be promoting that philosophy.



February 20 & 21

10:00am - 7:00pm

Student Center Theater Lobby



Yearbook Pictures

Student Government Association



V. President
Kris Allegood



President
Bill Finnick



Sec / Treas
Almaz Kerr

Council members

Cristina Bolstein
Cynthia Clements
Tamara Davis
Carslile Hall
Roxanna Jefferson

Stephanie Lewis
Michael Moore
Coleman Oglesbee
Ray Smith
Sean Wells

Budget Allocations Near

By BILL GREVE

Another Tuesday, another SGA meeting. On board for February 6, 1996, were three votes, a new council member, an announcement by Charlotte Janis, a rundown of the general faculty meeting by Bill Finnick, and a few other minor details.

First up: Charlotte Janis lobbied SGA to hold a disability workshop session. Christina Bolstein and Public Relations were told to work out the details and report back at the next meeting.

SGA president Bill Finnick then regaled the throng with his report of the faculty meeting. After presenting the SGA resolution that the salaries of Karl Staber, Vicki Langston, and Kim Welch no longer be paid out of the Student Activities fee, the faculty

voted that Vicki Langston's salary should not be paid from the activity fee. Finnick said that Dr. Cheshier was shocked that the faculty would side with the students.

Under new business, Finnick nominated Michael Moore to fill the seat vacated by Virgil Allen.

When asked to tell a little about himself and why he wanted to be on SGA he responded: I'm in Pi Kappa Phi, I'm always on campus. I don't know what you want to hear; don't make funny faces at me." Moore took a seat on the council with a unanimous vote.

Finnick also reported that Safe Passage, a student organization formed last spring to provide safe escorts to students on campus, was closing up because they were unable to get started. In a letter to SGA, Safe Passage authorized SGA to

transfer the \$450 that SGA gave to Safe Passage back into the Student Development fund. SGA voted to make it so.

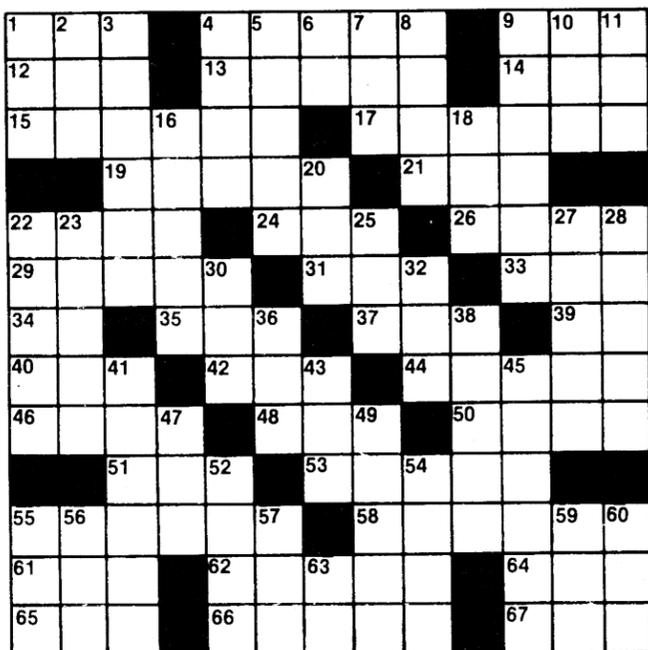
Under Budget and Finance news, Ray Smith reported that they would begin preparing for the next budget soon.

Finnick suggested that Budget and Finance hold a meeting with the heads of every organization on campus.

He also suggested that the organizations be given a "thinly veiled threat" that if they didn't show up at the meeting they wouldn't know what was going on and their budget wouldn't get as high a consideration.

In a non-Bill Finnick announcement, Smith related that Admissions wished to reinstate "ambassadors" to travel around with admissions to schools and malls to recruit new students.

Crossword Companion



ACROSS

- 1. Doctor's group (abbr.)
- 4. China bear
- 9. 7th Greek letter
- 12. Light brown
- 13. Great achievement
- 14. Insect egg
- 15. Small hole
- 17. State of spirits
- 19. Edible fruit
- 21. Quiet
- 22. Servant (woman)
- 24. Color
- 26. Mechanical (abbr.)
- 29. Indian tribe
- 31. Defeated
- 33. Rest
- 34. 7th scale note
- 35. Tree
- 37. Fall month (abbr.)
- 39. Southwest state (abbr.)
- 40. Time zone (abbr.)
- 42. Experimental place (slang)
- 44. Devil
- 46. Jump
- 48. --- Angeles
- 50. Leaves
- 51. Behind
- 53. Map
- 55. Egg preparation
- 58. Rows
- 61. Covered truck
- 62. Dead language
- 64. Time period

- 65. Painting
- 66. Fixed look
- 67. Introduced

DOWN

- 1. Pinch
- 2. Might
- 3. Hemoglobin deficiency
- 4. Banana skin
- 5. Performer
- 6. National League (abbr.)
- 7. Beaver barrier
- 8. Smallest unit of an element
- 9. Opaque covering
- 10. Sesame plant
- 11. Gorilla
- 16. Narrow shelf
- 18. Pirate's alcohol
- 20. Unused
- 22. Motorist's hotel
- 23. Next to
- 25. Put on clothes
- 27. Indian's boat
- 28. Church songs
- 30. Building wing
- 32. Move head
- 36. Bad (prefix)
- 38. Las ---
- 41. Skill
- 43. Snake
- 45. Islam believer
- 47. Friend
- 49. Step
- 52. Comes together
- 54. Continuous mark
- 55. Ovum (plural)
- 56. Damage
- 57. Make handmade lace
- 59. Before (poetic)
- 60. Sit (past tense)
- 63. Tantalum symbol

Scholarship Opportunity for Women

The East Cobb Branch of **The American Association of University Women** is awarding two **\$500.00** scholarships to qualifying female students at Kennesaw State College and /or Southern College of Technology for Fall, 1996. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Offices at both colleges. The deadline is May 1, 1996.

For additional information please contact Membership Chairman, Donna Laird at 587-9571 or Scholarship Chairman, Pam Manion at 977-6987.

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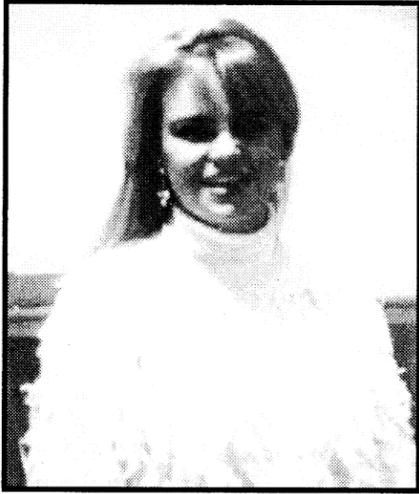


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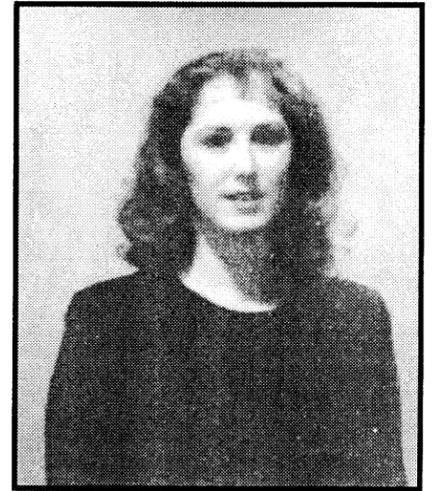
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THE Mr & Ms Southern Tech

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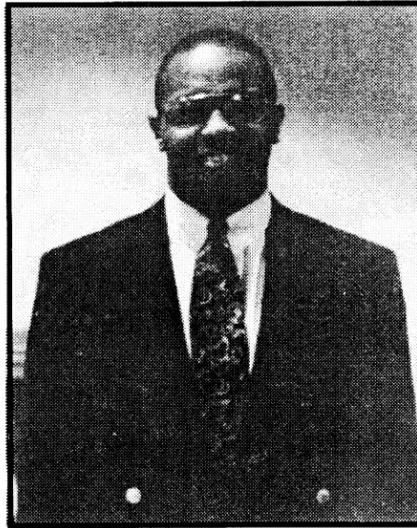
John Schuler



Helen Gavrikova



Christina Bolstein



Abraham Wright



Tanica Smith



Lori Aldredge

Vote for Mr. & Ms. Southern Tech In the Student Center Lobby on Feb. 13th, 14th, & 15th.

Broken is Boring

By BILL GREVE

ters, half of Utah.

Direction: John Woo has an incredible visual style that will have me checking out his earlier Hong Kong productions.

Despite all this Broken Arrow is so utterly uninteresting. Maybe this type of movie as been so overdone that even when done well it's become too predictable.

Written by the same guy who wrote *Speed*, *Broken Arrow* has many of the same elements: Villan using an explosive device to ransom money, a cute female helping out the hero. Samantha Mathis fills in admirably in the Sandra Bullock role and even gets to do stunts. And while Travolta beats up on Slater, Mathis gets to kick some major booty.

Also in the *Speed* mode, hero and girl fall for each other at the end.

I really can't figure it out. I can't point to a single thing that is really wrong with this movie other than that it is just plain dull. Sorry, I don't know what else to say.

The trailer for *Independence Day* was more interesting than *Broken Arrow* (Opens July 3, apparently aliens invade and blow up lots of cities).

BILL GREVE would rather hang out with the friends from the Drew Carey show than the friends from Friends.

Broken Arrow. Starring John Travolta, Christian Slater, and Samantha Mathis. Directed by John Woo. Written by Graham Yost.

I like a good action movie as well as the next person. Actually that isn't true. I'd rather watch *The Lion in Winter* than a Jean Claude Van Damme movie.

I'd rather shovel snow than watch a Claude Damme Van Jean movie.

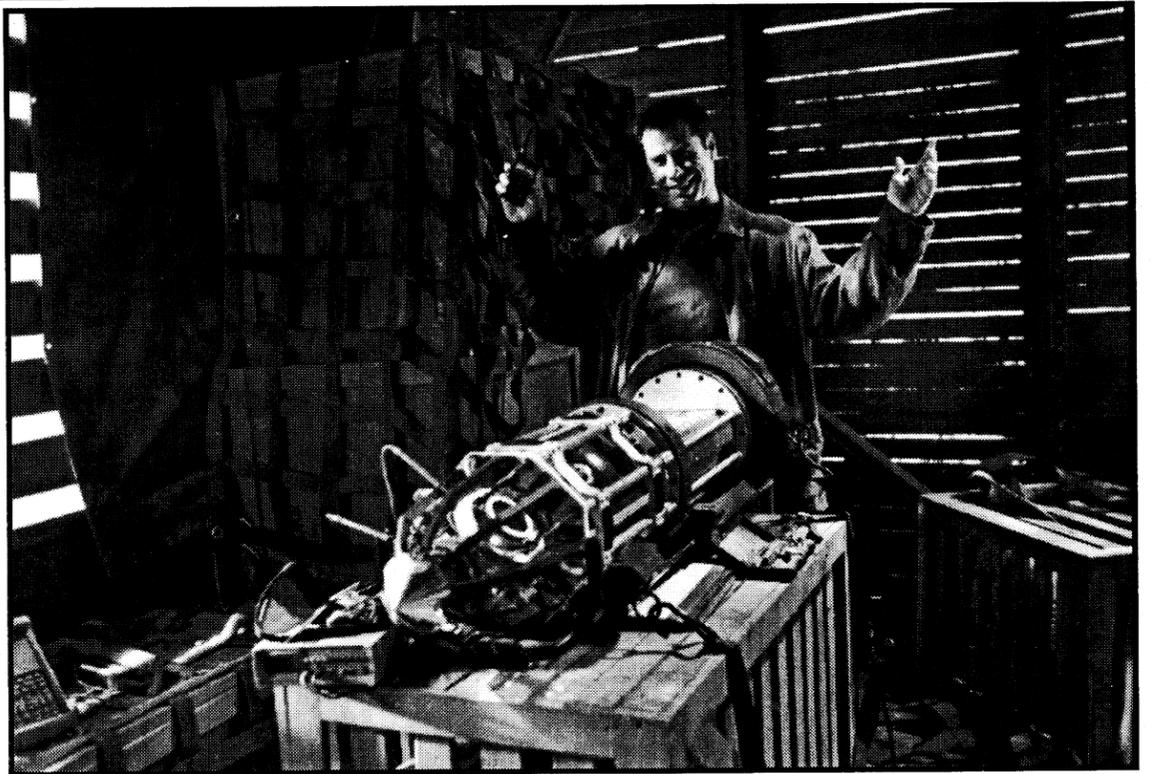
Not that I don't appreciate a good action movie: *Speed*, *Point Break*, *Aliens*, *Die Hard*, *PeeWee's Big Adventure*. All I want is an interesting story (only slightly believable), a decent script, and actors who seem to know what they're doing.

Broken Arrow has all that and more. Slightly believable story: John Travolta steals two live nukes and Christian Slater hunts him down with the aid of a Park Ranger. Sure. Could happen.

Decent acting: Travolta is hammingly evil and Slater is using his best Jack Nicholson voice.

Great stunts: falling off trains, helicopters; being dragged behind trains, hummvees.

Special effects: Stuff blow up real good. Bombs, planes, helicop-



Baby, when this things goes off you'll feel the earth move.



Cafe Angst by Hans Bjordahl and Holley Irvine

HELP needs help!

By KEVIN BRYAN

their last CD, *Dummy*.

Massive Attack stripped their song, "Fake the Aroma," to even less than the bare essentials, leaving nothing more than a glorified bongo beat and their voices.

Needless to say, it wasn't enough to keep a person's interest for long, as it seemed to drag on forever.

Most of the other bands would have done well to follow the lead of The Stone Roses, who simply recorded a live version of their played-out one-hit-wonder single "Love Spreads."

The only standout was the unexpectedly pleasing Stereo MC's. Their song "Sweetest Truth" showed, if not the most innovative, the catchiest beats heard for a while now. In fact, it almost made me forget the other drek. Almost.

I hold the names of the rest of the bands back to protect both innocent ears and their reputations.

Oh yeah, and Terrorvision gets points for the title of their track, "Tom Petty loves Veruca Salt". Heh.

Rumor has it KEVIN BRYAN spent two days recalibrating his equalizer after listening to Help.

Bands all over Britain got together to do a charity project for Warchild, an organization supporting an orphanage in Bosnia, and called it *Help*.

Judging from the music, though, the bands on this CD are the ones that need *Help*.

There are twenty tracks on this CD from 20 different British-based bands, and I couldn't find a single one that would make buying this compilation worthwhile.

Both Blur and Oasis put decidedly substandard "songs" (I cringe to call them that) on their respective tracks that were so bad I started to wonder what made them famous in the first place.

Radiohead's song, "Lucky," is a dreamy mix of guitar and voice that, while not spectacular, didn't lower my expectations of them.

The same feeling is garnered from Portishead's effort, called "Mourning Air." The song uses their usual combination of lazy beats and haunting vocals to captivate the listener. More than anything else, it sounds like a missing track from

COLLEEN DESMOND would like to have family values but she keeps getting pushed around by former editors

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8+3=12 MATH

By DR. JOEL C. FOWLER

The probability puzzle for the last issue was to find the distribution of blue and red balls in an urn if it is known that the probability of drawing an all blue set of 500 is 1/2. The answer is that the smallest number of balls in the urn is 1000 with 999 blue and 1 red. The only correct answer was received from Michael Harris.

Stayin' Alive

Your Guide to

By JULIE SCALA, R.N.

Experts have agreed that exercising and stretching your back regularly is one of the best ways to have a healthy back. The following exercises will both strengthen and stretch your back muscles:

- * Double-knee bend. Lie on your back with your legs flat on the floor. Using your hands behind your thighs for assistance, bend your knees and bring your legs up toward your chest. Hold for a few seconds and lower your legs one at a time.
- * Chair stretch. Sit in a chair and slowly bend forward until you can feel a mild stretch in your back. Stay at this position for 20 seconds before raising back to a normal position.
- * Pelvic tilt. Lie on your back, bend your knees and keep your feet flat on the floor. Put your hands at your hips, hold in your stomach and lift your buttocks slightly off the floor. Hold for 10 seconds, lower back to the floor and repeat.
- * Spine extension. Lie flat on your stomach with your palms on the floor at your shoulders. Push up your upper body using your arms and leave your lower body and hips on the floor. Hold for a few seconds and repeat.
- * Abdominal curl-up. Lie on your back with your knees bent and

The Continuing Saga

By PROFESSOR RICHARD BENNETT

By March 1958 the physical campus location of Southern Tech was becoming increasingly tentative.

The Navy had vacated the property of the Naval Air Station, and what property did not belong to DeKalb County was expected to be tied up in final disbursement disputes for up to five years.

Pressure was also being felt by the Board of Regents, both concerning the desire for a school within the University System of Georgia to be located in Marietta, and by Southern Tech concerning its future location.

The nature of the situation almost seemed to dictate that the best possible solution for all concerned was the move of the Southern Tech campus to Cobb County.

In a speech to the Marietta Kiwanis Club in March 1958, Governor Griffin pledged a sum of \$600,000 from the state reserve fund for such a move, if an adequate parcel of land could be offered for the campus.

The activity in Cobb County moved into high gear while DeKalb County officials were caught off-guard.

A study by the Board of Regents had to be done, but the initial perception by DeKalb officials was that it seemed a fait accompli had already occurred.

Shortly after the Governor's speech, the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce took up the fight to keep Southern Tech in DeKalb County - but it really was too little, too late. Cobb officials crafted a proposal which offered the grant of sufficient land for the campus at any one of three possible sites, with county concessions for utilities. Meanwhile, DeKalb prepared a statement listing the reasons why Southern Tech should remain in DeKalb County.

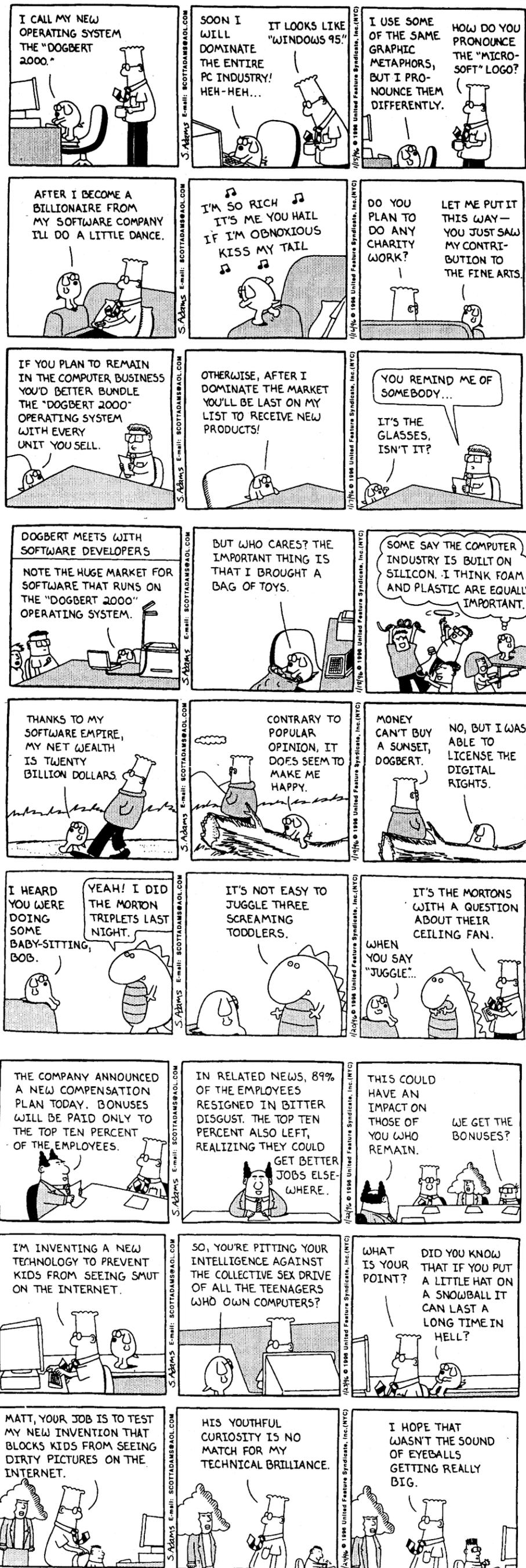
Cobb Representative Harold Willingham persuaded the Governor to raise his commitment of funds to \$2,000,000.

However, the Board of Regents remained concerned that this sum would only cover the erection of facilities without funds to secure the land.

Cafe Angst by Hans Bjordahl and Holley Irvine



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STINGER 3/0=?

For this issue's puzzle suppose that an isosceles triangle has its altitudes of length 5, 6, and 6. Find the exact area of the triangle. 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 Associate Professor of Mathematics

Stayin' Alive

Healthier Back

your feet flat on the floor.

Place your hands behind your neck and slowly raise your upper torso toward a sitting position. Attempt to touch your right elbow to your left knee and vice versa. Alternate sides and repeat several times.

* Hip extension. Lie on your stomach and raise your right leg while keeping it straight. Hold this position for five seconds and then lower your leg. Alternate with your other leg and repeat 10 times with each leg.

* Partial sit-up. Lie on your back with your knees bent and feet flat on the floor. Stretch your arms toward your knees. Slowly raise your head and shoulders and reach your arms toward your knees. Hold for a few seconds and relax.

* Cat stretch. Assume a position on your hands and knees. Let your back and abdomen drop toward the floor. Then, curve your back and arch it away from the floor like a frightened cat. Repeat the motion several times.

In addition to these stretches, practice good posture when you stand, walk, or sit; get the proper amount of rest each night; maintain a healthy weight; quit smoking; and find stress relief.

JULIE SCALA is the head of Campus Health Services

a of Southern Tech

Dekalb officials were willing to help the Regents to locate suitable parcels of land for the campus within Dekalb county, but only for purchase by the University System at a discounted price.

The final act which determined the outcome of these negotiations came at a breakfast meeting between the Governor and Cobb officials. The Governor had a bill pending in the legislature for which Cobb officials offered their support, in exchange, the Governor was asked to condition the release of the \$2,000,000 on the move of Southern Tech to Cobb County.

To further strengthen this, pressure was applied by the Governor on the Board of Regents, who also had other projects pending before the state for consideration.

On June 11, 1958, the final vote was taken approving the move of Southern Tech to Cobb County.

The final arrangement that was developed was to build the new campus at the site it presently occupies, and during the evening when Southern Tech offered no classes, the facilities would be used by the Off-campus Center of the University of Georgia.

In addition, construction of a library serving both the campus and the community was proposed.

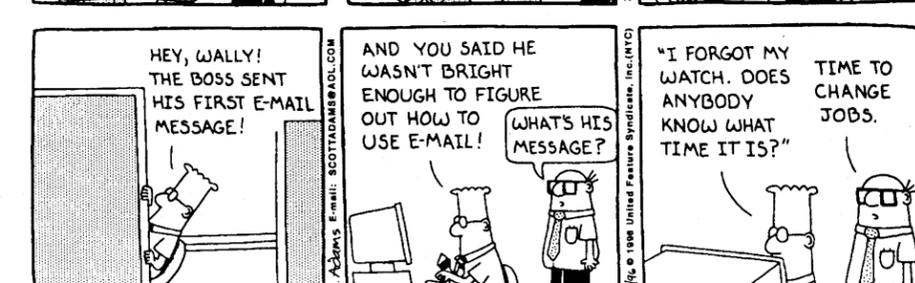
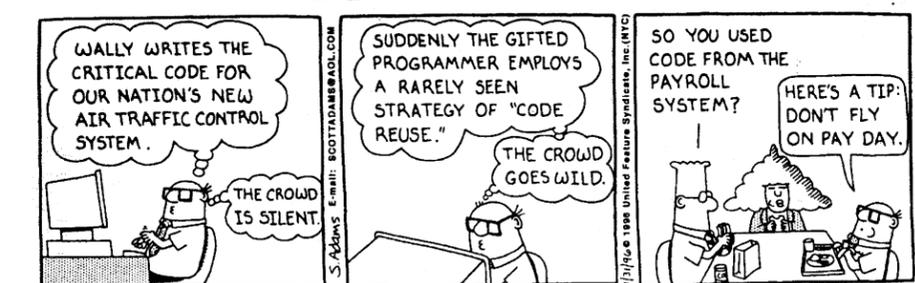
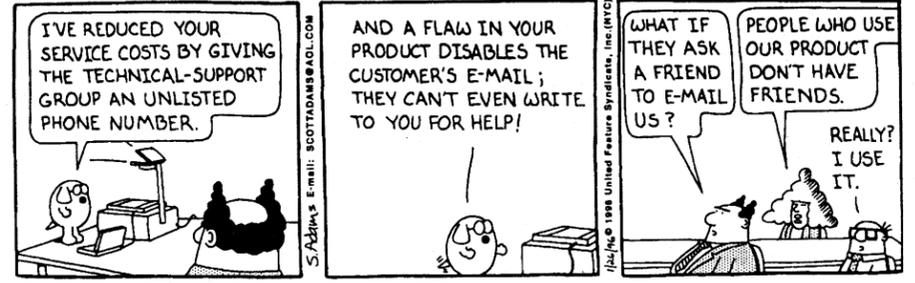
Except possibly for Dekalb County, the final decision was largely a win-win decision for everyone involved. Perhaps it was really inevitable that Southern Tech would move from Dekalb County. Both Agnes Scott College and Emory University were also located within Dekalb, and this made it difficult for Southern Tech to get the recognition needed to build its program.

When it was clear that the decision had been made, Dekalb officials offered to permit Southern Tech to remain at its present location until the Cobb facility was ready. At the same time, Dekalb officials were already embarking on the remodeling necessary to build their industrial airport adjacent to the site.

More next time...



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Student Senate Takes Control of Campus Press

By DENA M. VENEGAS

student government.

NSNS - Journalism students at Eastern Illinois University got a real life lesson in censorship recently when the Student Senate passed a resolution placing all student publications under the control of the

The resolution passed the Student Senate Jan. 16 and was sent to the president's office for final approval.

If approved, the resolution will require all student publications — *The Daily Eastern News, Warbler,*

Minority Today, Heartland and Vehicle — to submit their budgets to the Apportionment Board for approval.

The Apportionment Board is made up of students and faculty appointed by the school president. Critics say the board is just a rubber stamp for the student government.

To journalism students, the resolution equals censorship, but to the Student Senate, it is a cost-effective decision.

"It was a bad idea, not to mention unconstitutional," said John David Reid, director of student publications. "This is America. We don't want to have the government in charge of the press."

At Eastern Illinois, Student Publications automatically receives \$7.30 per student annually from mandatory student activity fees. Depending on student enrollment, the budget adds up to about \$76,000 a year for all five publications.

Supporters of the resolution

say that figure is simply too high.

"I'm concerned with lower costs for the students," said Byran Gutraj, the author of the resolution and a Senate member. "They're spending too much money."

Although Student Senators say they are trying to save Student Publications from spending in a "frivolous manner" by making them accountable to the Apportionment Board, editors at *The Daily Eastern News* tell a different story, saying the paper is barely getting by.

"We don't make any money, we don't pay most of our student employees," said Reid. "And we're unable to upgrade our equipment to keep in touch with new technology."

The Daily Eastern News only receives less than 10 percent of the paper's \$840,000-a-year budget from student fees. The large majority of revenues are generated by advertising, according to Heidi Keebler, the managing editor of the paper.

"We pretty much sustain our-

selves on ad revenue," said Keebler. "The paper has 70 percent ads a day."

Keebler said the budget resolution passed after the paper printed a controversial rumor that black fraternity members must rape a white woman in order to be accepted into the fraternity. The rumor recently surfaced when a white female student was attacked in the student dorms.

"(Critics) said we gave the rumor validity," said Keebler. "But we clarified that (the incident) wasn't a rape and had nothing to do with a black fraternity."

The negative prattle about the article, however, convinced Senate members to vote in favor of the budget resolution.

Keebler said members of the newspaper staff will continue to fight the Senate decision.

"We made it clear that we would go to court," said Keebler. "Taking control (of our budget) doesn't make us accountable (to them)."

Students Arrested Over AA Decision

(NSNS) - Ten students were arrested when the University of California Board of Regents voted Jan. 18 not to review its controversial decision to end affirmative action policies throughout the state. However, student leaders said they will continue to fight the decision.

Kimi Lee, executive director of the UC Student Association (UCSA), said students were arrested for speaking beyond a one-minute time limit at the meeting, yet members of the faculty and administration who exceeded the limit were not arrested.

"The fact that they would arrest students is ludicrous," Lee said. "I don't see that as trying to have open communication. These students were non-threatening, just reading speeches. (The regents) are totally shutting us out."

California Governor Pete Wilson attended the meeting as a non-voting regent to reassert his view that affirmative action is unfair. Many students have accused Wilson of using the racially divisive issue to further his own political career at the expense of minority students who are most affected by the outcome.

"Racial preferences are by definition racial discrimination," Wilson wrote in an editorial to the *UC Daily Californian*. "They were wrong 30 years ago when they discriminated

against African-Americans. And they're wrong today, when they discriminate against Asian and Caucasian Americans."

Lee said Wilson's attendance at the meeting "just shows the politicization of the board and (Wilson's) own self-interest, because he never showed any interest in the UC before this."

Members of the UC faculty and administration have joined students in opposing the July, 1995 action, asserting that the sweeping decision was made by regents without staff input or consultation.

Some 2,000 UC professors have signed a petition against the decision, and faculty members have threatened an unprecedented "no confidence" vote and lawsuit against the regents.

"It's amazing," Lee said. "The faculty are organizing and fighting back. They've never done that before."

In addition, the American Association of University Professors has convened a committee to investigate the policies of the regents' decision.

The decision to rescind affirmative action was opposed by UCSA, which represents 150,000 students, as well as UC President Richard C. Atkinson and the chancellors and faculty Senates at all nine UC campuses.

Avalanche Kills Two in Idaho

(NSNS) - An avalanche on the southern slope of Galena Summit, Idaho, claimed the lives of Boston College roommates Peter Hall and Richard Reece, Jr. on Jan. 5.

According to official reports, the friends were trekking near the summit when the avalanche struck. Officials in Ketchum said that the avalanche carried the students 125 feet down the slope and trapped them under two feet of snow.

Reece was on his annual visit to Hall's house during their month-long winter break. The BC sophomores were both former hockey players in the Wood River Valley of Ketchum during grade school.

"They were the typical Boston College sophomores. They were good kids and they were kids everyone knew," said senior Michael O'Reilly, a dormmate. "They liked to have fun and they hit the books too."

Crossword Puzzle

Answers

(See page 5)

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NO EXIT

Mistakes! Sorry!

Ms. Paulette Crider's name was misspelled in the "Above & Beyond" Award.

Mary Ellen McGee was mistakenly titled director of administrative affairs -- she is the director of Student Affairs.

And yes, the rumor is true. The headline words 'calendar' and 'intramural' from the last issue were misspelled Colleen lost focus.

In the last issue of *The Sting* Bill Finnick reviewed Southern Tech's Players's production of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest". Due to a mistake on the publicist for the group, Mr. Finnick was given the wrong name for the lead actor. The part of Earnest was played by Trey Crump not Trey Camp. *The Sting* apologizes for this error.



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NO.	NAME	CLASS	HT	WT	B/T	HOMETOWN
Outfielders						
12	David Caithaml	FR		5'10	160	R/R Hiram, GA
2	David Carroll	JR		5'8	160	R/R Calhoun, GA
16	Aaron Griffin	SR		6'1	185	R/R Toccoa, GA
33	Todd Hewett	SO		6'3	220	R/L Peachtree City, GA
31	Tom Paciorek	FR		6'3	200	R/R Stone Mountain, GA
24	Byron Rhodes	FR		6'2	188	R/R Stockbridge, GA
Infielders						
25	Randy Black	SO		6'1	180	R/R Marietta, GA
17	Ben Bushlong	SR		5'10	195	L/L Calhoun, GA
29	Tony Caraballo	FR		6'	190	R/R Hinesville, GA
6	Brian Cochran	FR		6'1	175	R/R Fayetteville, GA
15	J.D. Genter	SR		6'	210	R/R Trenton, GA
8	Matt Griffin	SO		6'1	175	R/R Toccoa, GA
26	Jason Scott	SR		6'	200	R/R Ft. Oglethorpe, GA
Catchers						
30	DAvid Douglas	JR		6'1	205	R/R Dalton, GA
23	Scott Stire	SO		6'	180	L/R Marietta, GA
18	Jason Scott	SR		5'11	195	R/R Windsor, Ont
Pitchers						
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22	Roc Hughes	SR		5'10	185	L/L Douglasville, GA
9	Martin Maldonado	JR		5'11	190	R/R Marietta, GA
1	Michael Roberson	JR		6'	185	R/R Cartersville, GA
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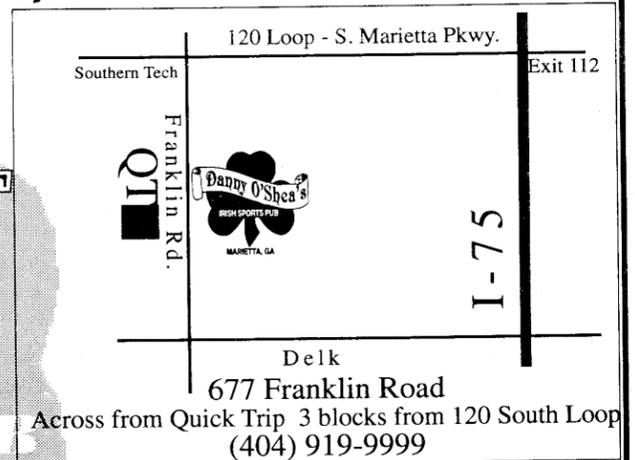
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WGHR is Making Changes and Adding DJs

By JASON M. HERR

The Southern Tech radio station is on a mission. Dave Dula, WGHR General Manager, and the entire staff at the radio station are continuing to feed the Student body and surrounding area with up beat and exciting programming.

Since the beginning of Fall

quarter the radio stations main goal has been to increase their visibility with the students and everyone else that can pick up 102.5 F.M. Recently the station conducted a general survey on campus to find out exactly what the students wanted to hear and when they wanted it played. Radio station D.J. T. P. said that the survey showed great inter-

est in the radio station on the part of the students and that many good requests for new types of programming were made.

In response to the survey many new things are happening at the radio station. Such things as a new live variety talk show that takes place in the student center on Fridays from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. **The R Show,**

which is a popular talk and music show has been moved to a new time slot. Look for host "R" and his show Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.

In addition to rearranging the schedule and adding new talk shows, the station is also continually looking for new talent to keep the flow of new sounds going

throughout the year. WGHR has also launched an advertising program to continue to remind students to listen to their radio station.

The invitation to listen to WGHR 102.5 is always open, so tune them in and support your school and fellow students. You can always call the station for requests and comments at 528-7300.

Challenge to the faculty:

I have placed a twenty dollar bill in the possession of *The Sting* editor, Colleen Desmond. This will be awarded to the first faculty member who can convince me that your recent vote on summer quarter was the correct action to take. If you are successful, I will print an apology. Contest ends March 1, 1996 at noon.

BILL GREVE

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-H.L. Mencken
critic 1942

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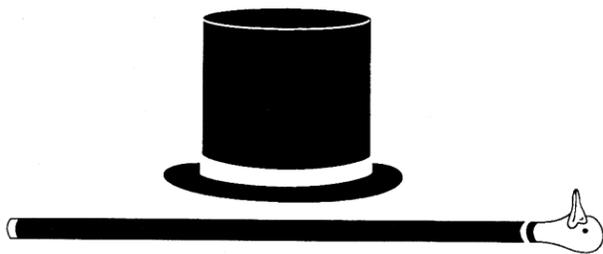
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Baptist Student Union

Basketball, Basketball. The undefeated (as of 2-7) BSU team has

had a great season so far. Every team has been a challenge to them. Good luck to all the teams in the league.

WINTER WARM-UP will be Thursday Feb 22nd at 7 PM in the Student Center. Featured speaker Aidan McKenzie - a Professional Soccer player - will be sharing his story. Along with former Falcon - Wallace Francis - we will music, fun, and fellowship.

This is a free public event, open to everyone. We hope to see you there.

GSPE

Georgia Society Of Professional Engineers

By STEVE PLEDGER

The test has two sessions, 8am to noon with 140 questions worth 70 points and 1 to 5pm with 70 questions worth 70 points. To pass, you need 70/140 points (50%).

- Purchase study guide with practice test and FE Handbook.
- Study regularly starting now for the test in April.
- Groups will meet every Sunday in MET lobby.
- Get good at your best subjects first. Use FE Handbook and write formulas as practice.

• Do practice test about two weeks before test. Plan your time for six passes per session:

1) First, do problems you can answer easily and check-mark the ones you pass over.

Do not stay too long on one problem.

2) Repeat above three more times or until you can't answer any more.

3) Fifth pass, do educated guessing - eliminate obvious wrong choices and guess at choices left.

4) Last pass, pick a letter like "B" for example and fill in the "B" choice for remaining questions.

Make sure all questions are answered. Chance will give you more points than spending your remaining time on one problem while questions go unanswered.

• Take quiet snacks and a lunch to the test (Remember, you will be testing four hours per session.), two calculators, and plenty of #2 pencils.



Tau Kappa Epsilon

By: 384

We are halfway through yet another quarter here at SCT, and drop day has come and gone.

We would like to say thank you to our sweethearts for a great dinner and for everything you do for us!!!

Everyone is looking forward to RCB on February 17, at the Chat-

tanooga Mariott. I don't think Tennessee will ever be the same again.

The social with the ΔΦΕ's went great even though we had to postpone it due to the Great Storm of '96.

Hey Sawyer, where's your steak? I would like to remind everyone that the chapter meetings have been changed to noon on Thursdays, everyone wear your colors and show support for the best fraternity on campus!!!

By the way, Buck what is that smell? Don't forget, on February 24 we are celebrating our local founding.

We would like to say congratulations to Jason Scott, Philip Rampey, and Bruce Harbin on their coming weddings.

Loved or hated, but never ignored!!!



Sigma Nu

The stress of school is already creeping up on us all. Relief is in sight for on Saint Patrick's Day weekend (March 15 and 16th) the Green Machine will be at the Sigma Nu House. You should be too if you need to let go and relieve the TENSION OF SCHOOL.

The Sigma Nu Knights are

number one among Greeks with two victories over Tau Kappa Epsilon and one over Pi Kappa Phi. The Knights lost to BSU by six points. The BSU boys must've prayed really hard before that game.

Who would have thought anyone could have so much fun in sub-freezing temperatures. Of course I'm talking about the Snowshoe ski trip.

That was the only good party that I know of where nothing got broke (except for a few egos).

Mid term is here. I hope everybody is hanging in there and sticking with it (or dropping it). Try to stay focused, not just in school but with every thing.

Last but not least, stay tuned for the next Sigma Nu article.

Sigma Nu Basketball Rules
Iota Pi 332

SOUTHERN TECH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

We wish to thank the staff for the article about us in the last *Sting* issue. We now have seven active members and have been gaining members all quarter.

The repeater, on 443.750 Mhz, is almost near completion.

The repeater is our biggest project, and should be on the air by early March.

If you would to find out more about Ham Radio or the club, feel free to contact Chris (hedwards@sct.edu).

73 de KF4BMG



Gamma Phi Beta

Buenos dias, chicas!! I hope everyone made it safely through the ice /snow, storm/drizzle kind of thing. And hopefully there weren't any major damages from the sisterhood retreat! However some of our women might need a license for skating.

Besides our life threatening activities, our sisters have been hard at work studying and putting out a search warrant for Missy. I think the professors are holding her captive after class!! Missy wants us to pray for her safe return. (just kidding, Current Affair!!)

TKE's had their formal on 2/10, I wasn't invited and that'so.k., reallyI'm fine. Pi Kap's had thier Nuts and Bolts party on 2/10, too. I won't reveal what happened at Hilary and Lorie's, but it was fun for everyone!! Sigma Nu's had thier annual trip to the ski slopes. Quintina ate a lot of snow and I don't think it was from the slopes!!

Everyone needs to get out the basketball games and cheer (or heckle) as Matt Duke and Sean Wells do so gracefully.

The baseball team has started the season with a game at Kennesaw 2/10, I hope it went off smoothly. Quotes for the week: "Hey Amy, want a pickle?" "Quintina, thirsty?" "Sad woman says hi to Lorie, Liz & Hilary." Happy V-day with love, from the Gamma's. #162 JSnow

The Organization page is open to any recognized organization on campus. Check out page 14 for submission requirements

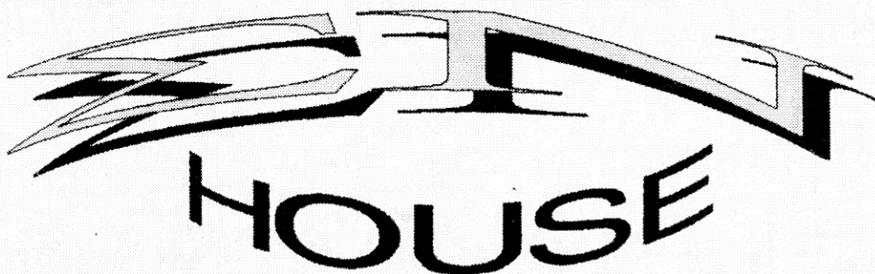
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EDITORIALS

Students Suffer in Real World

By KEVIN MARKS

Life in a perfect world. Have you ever wondered what it would be like if all life's annoyances suddenly vanished? Being a student at SCT would certainly be a new experience. To wit:

In a perfect world, it is no longer cliché to nuke one's lunch alongside fossilized food remains (verified by Carbon-14 dating). Accordingly, the microwave ovens in the cafeteria would be wiped out once per week, whether they needed it or not. In fact, in a perfect world, there would probably be twice the current number of units, and be owned by the school rather than an absentee, uncaring landlord. Furthermore, that same vending-machine corporate conglomerate that gives us undependable microwaves would offer more low fat snacks in their other machines.

In a perfect world, students would cease to unscrew the light bulbs over the tables in the Student Center. These same tables, in a perfect world, would also be wiped down once per week, whether they needed it or not.

In a perfect world, following a thorough washing of one's hands, paper towels would come out easily — one at a time — rather than shredding from being stuffed into the holder. Speaking of the privy, in a perfect world, stall graffiti would actually have a useful

message, like it did in the '70s, rather than the current batch of trite ramblings. I can remember my days at the University of Florida's *Little Hall*, where graffiti artisans penned Pulitzer Prize winning verbiage. Many times I was late for class because I had to finish reading the information. I am not condoning graffiti mind you, but it you must deface, at least show some creativity.

In a perfect world, the Plant Operation's ClubCar vehicles would *at least* be able to make the campus speed limit. In a perfect world, the food service area that serves donuts would open long before 10:30 am for us Homer Simpson types.

In a perfect world, lighting in the library would be controlled by sensing the amount of light outside, rather than the time of day. This would prevent the loss of those great study areas, adjacent to the upstairs windows, on rainy days.

Finally — and I know you will all agree — in a perfect world, professors would not drop the lowest test score or otherwise curve grades. This inane practice lowers the standards for all students on campus and makes a mockery of the learning process. School is not supposed to be easy nor is it designed to coddle the unmotivated. Grading would be based upon our performance, omitting the fudge factors and other slights of hand.

Kevin Marks, a perfect world SCT student, is a figment of Kevin Marks' real world SCT student's imagination.

Teach Me Something I Don't Know

By T.P.

Last quarter my Comp II professor (whose name I will refrain from mentioning because I happen to like him and because he's very engaging on the subject of writing) failed to grade and return three of my six essay assignments last quarter. After being instructed to rewrite the first three I received a D, a C and a C respectively and I only salvaged an overall grade of a C for the course. Just an *average* writer.

A recent conversation with said professor plunged me deep into the editorial mode. He twisted the handle on the proverbial knife which he had already thrust through the delicate veil of my sensitivity. To the very core of my creative being.

Upon inquiring about those finally grades he skillfully sidestepped the issue and informed me that I should be grateful he gave me the opportunity to correct my essays else they'd have been F's! All of 'em! I was flabbergasted. My ego was bruised. It hurt.

After several lengthy discussions regarding my *flagrant* use of fragmented sentences and unusual writing style, he stated that although I certainly had a flair for the language, there are **rules** to the English language; it's what *they* want; you're an *average* writer in this arena (composition); yada, yada, yada....

The rules of English are not carved in stone. They are fair game for exploitation and challenge! And I dared to challenge them *all!* After all what does composition mean but learning how to write...and what is the purpose of writing...so people will read it! To communicate! To motivate and inspire. To generate thought with meaning not thought of *how* something written is structured. **Who cares about the rules?** Did you enjoy reading it? Did you get anything from it? If so, how could it be deemed a failure? Not much subjectivity there.

I came to Southern Tech with the foolish notion that I might learn something new, fresh and exciting. That I might be challenged to expand my knowledge. Instead I'm met with the **RULES** to learning. I sometimes feel I'm having to *lower* my performance to meet an accepted *minimum* requirement as opposed to having my work looked at (and graded) from a new and open perspective. I'm convinced we should all write the way we speak. I believe this is a more appropriate way of communicating and it may also serve to spur more people to writing and enjoying it.

I've been writing for over twenty years. I feel I

have mastered the English language well enough to manipulate, embellish and abuse it to my own ends. (In other words, I think I know how to write) I'm not saying I'm any good. That's for you to decide.

Ever wonder why great artists, writers and forward thinkers are often not recognized in their own time? Not until many years *after* they die do the intellectuals of the day realize the work of innovators. And *I've* been called pompous! Ha. And these same sophisticates, caught up in their little system of rigid rules and requirements, not daring to go to the next level of understanding, are too blind to see the new thought put before their eyes. Instead they spend their careers trying to justify why they didn't recognize the sheer talent or genius of a former student, whose teachings they now profess! The ignorance! The pretentiousness! *...and pretending to be wise, they became fools.*

Fortunately I live by the words of some of history's most beloved philosophers and scholars (recognized as such after death) like: *A prophet in his own country is never heard; Genius is often misunderstood or To be great is to be misunderstood.* And I'm especially fond of Albert Einstein's *"Great spirits encounter violent opposition from mediocre minds."*

I'm not looking for vindication. God knows my ego occupies all usable space in my head. But if I fail the Regents test (something my professor predicted) I'll leave it to you, my readers, to explain how an illiterate failure of a writer, or, even worse, an *average* writer, became an editor at your college newspaper.

College seems to have become a place where you *endure the rules* as opposed to learning or creating new ones. I didn't come here for that. I'm 35 years old this week and I've been following OPR (Other People's Rules) all my life. Teach me something I don't know! And, hey, while you're at it, do you think you might grade my work in a timely fashion? (God bless the math professors) It's difficult to learn from a test when you don't know how accurate your answers were. Stop making excuses. I'm in charge. I'm paying for my education.....on *borrowed* money no less!

Or...we could dispense with all these rules. It'd be fine by me. Maybe we could actually learn something *new*. Something more than topic sentences and A, B, C's. Learning is a two way street. It doesn't take a genius to figure that out. Even I know that and I'm just an *average* student.

T.P. was never told that literacy was not a requirement for editorship.

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EDITOR'S EDITORIAL

Last week the faculty confirmed their support for professional organizations by passing the motion to remove one salary from the Student Activities Budget. Even if the vote is contested the message was strongly communicated to President Cheshier. The message is that the faculty agree that professional organizations need to be better supported.

Congratulations, faculty, and thanks for believing in the students that you so effectively teach. Now we students must use this opportunity to strengthen these groups which in turn strengthen us.

The SGA must make active professional organizations a budgetary priority. Departments need to encourage students to join their respective organization. These competitions are the best way to learn and the best way to promote Southern Tech.

ARAMARK's Reputation Precedes Them

To *The Sting*,

Since I enrolled in Southern Tech this past fall, I have sadly chuckled at the woes caused by ARAMARK Food Service. I feel qualified to speak on this subject due to having been an ARAMARK victim for 12 years now.

I was first gouged as a Georgia Tech freshman, off-and-on at Braves games, and now have

ARAMARK at my place of employment.

Through the years ARAMARK has always offered poor quality of food and service, but they have always made up for it with high prices. (That was sarcasm, not a typo.) Most of my fellow Techies swore off of ARAMARK just as soon as we used up our freshman food card, and most of my co-workers prefer the inconvenience of off-site

eating to the high prices of ARAMARK.

I don't know how ARAMARK manages to keep landing food contracts. You would think that their reputation would have caught up with them by now.

Like the Clinton presidency, they looked good at first, but deliver poorly once in place. I would imagine that ARAMARK probably had the lowest bid or

made the best looking offer to the school, but lowest bid and best value are two different things. Southern Tech's best option is to let the current contract expire and then find someone else to offer food service.

We the students would actually be better off with several fast-food joints making a mini food court in the Student Center.

The food would be consistently better, the prices cheaper,

and some variety available. And I hear that if you'll paint golden arches on the gym floor, the deal is even better.

Andrew Robinson

Thank You

Dear Faculty, Staff, and Students,

On behalf of Professor Jim Kling, we want to thank all of you who have remembered him with cards, notes, cartoons, thoughts, prayers, balloons, flowers, and gifts.

His surgeries went well and the outlook is very optimistic. Jim and all of our family have been so touched and encouraged by the outpouring of concern.

We sincerely thank each of you and ask for your continued prayers. Jim is making progress each day and we hope it won't be long until he returns to Southern Tech.

Jim Kling's Family

Southern Tech: Love It or Leave It!

To *The Sting*,

I just read your piece [*Students Left Out... Again*, Bill Greve] on page 10 of the January 30, 1996 issue of *The Sting*. I was offended, at first, by your characterization of the faculty at Southern Tech. I've always found that they were totally committed to meeting the educational needs of the students. If you don't believe it, compare them to faculty at any other school.

Now that I've calmed down, I can see both the humor and the sadness in your editorial.

What makes the piece humorous is that you made such a special effort to attack the faculty yet you obviously spent little or no time researching or even considering the facts.

I have a few questions to ask: Did you talk to only one faculty member? Did you actually talk to them or were you eavesdropping? Did you call the Academic Affairs office and ask any questions? (They are in the next building.) Did you contact the Moderator of the Faculty Senate? Were you at the Senate meeting? Does a reporter from

The Sting attend the meetings? Did you talk to the Vice Presidents? How about the Deans? The Department Heads? Staff? Anyone at all?

What were you thinking?

The sadness comes from the recognition that you, as a student, see the faculty as the source of all bad things.

Believe it or not, the faculty have a lot less control over the happenings at Southern Tech than you realize.

If your piece reflects your honest opinion of the fine, dedicated faculty we have here at

Southern Tech (the same faculty that have made Southern Tech the "Nation's Foremost Engineering Technology School") then you should end your misery and go to another school. I, for one, do not appreciate your malicious remarks.

Thomas R. Currin Ph.D.,
P.E., CET Department

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Tell Others About SCT

To *The Sting*,

Over the last two quarters, a lot of print has been devoted to the questions: Why is So. Tech's enrollment stagnant? and What is So. Tech's role in the university system? I would like to offer my observations on the matter.

The answer to the first question is pretty basic: advertise. I have lived here in Atlanta for 12 years and only last summer did I know what all Southern Tech had to offer. All I knew previously was that ST was in Marietta and offered technology degrees. Little did I know that ST offered four-year degrees, masters degrees or that classes were offered at night.

I could tell you, however, where DeVry was and what kind of classes they offered; the same goes for Shorter college. It may sound cheesy, but some radio and newspaper ads would go a long way to raising area awareness of Tech's offerings.

I would also mention that ST representatives should be visiting as many high schools as possible to raise ST's visibility among the

graduating seniors. I went to high school only two hours away and had never heard of Southern Tech when it came time for me to choose a college.

I have read opinions that Southern Tech should not be trying to offer the same degrees that are available only 15 miles away at Georgia Tech. While Southern Tech doesn't need to be trying to duplicate degrees like Aerospace or Nuclear Engineering, there is some room for overlap in popular degrees such as ME, EE, CE, and Computer Science.

That 15 miles is a big 15 miles when you factor in downtown traffic, cost of parking, and the hassle of being a Georgia Tech student (been there, done that).

Tech offers a smaller campus that is much more accessible, especially to commuter students. Southern Tech's smallness also makes it easier for ST to be a friendlier place where students aren't just one more bean in a coffee grinder; this has been a refreshing change from my undergraduate years downtown.

And the fact that ST offers night classes is a VERY big plus for

those of us who have to work during the day. Georgia Tech does not offer night classes and probably won't for quite some time; yet there is a great demand for technical classes offered at night, especially for master's programs.

Despite offering night classes, GSU is also downtown and an even bigger pain in the neck when it comes to admissions and enrollment.

So I would recommend that ST keep doing what it's doing, but offer more of the technical degrees and, carefully, offer more masters degrees.

Lastly, I fail to understand the anti-Georgia Tech sentiment that runs through *The Sting*.

Since we aren't sports rivals or anything, I don't understand the animosity. And since many of us Georgia Tech students are your target market for grad degrees, I find the snide anti-GT remarks to be rather counter-productive.

Andrew Robinson

MSCS candidate in about 1998 (if I'm lucky)

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Winning Streak Puts Hornets in Top Four

By TOMM PENDLETON

they've got what it takes to become GAC champions this season.

The Hornets claimed victory in 59-55 comeback win against Brewton-Parker College Saturday night. That makes three in row for Perides' Hornets.

"If they (the team) come and play hard on Monday night, play in sync like we've been, I know we can win. I know they'll be tired with only one nights rest but a win would put us in second place," said Perides.

"We had a lot of great athletes out there tonight," said an exuberant Perides following the win which puts Southern Tech well within reach of a GAC conference title this season.

The standings are tight and it's anyone's game. Only the first four teams will have home court advantage in the playoffs.

The Hornets seemed to lose their composure and went down early in the first half. They ran into foul trouble and were rushing the ball.

With Southern Tech's current record and if their winning streak and strategy continues Perides could lead his team into the finals in a strong position.

But Perides' pack regrouped at the half and came out in the second, as Coach Perides put it, "played hard and had excellent execution."

CURRENT GAC STANDINGS

North Georgia	7-2
Brewton-Parker	6-4
Berry	6-3
Southern Tech	5-4
Lagrange	5-6
Shorter College	3-6
Emmanuel	3-6
Peidmont	3-7

Standings as of 2/10/96.

1996 WINTER BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	RESULT	SCORE
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	WIN	80-62

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	RESULT	SCORE
FEB 3	SAT	*NORTH GEORGIA COLLEGE		
7	WED	*LAGRANGE COLLEGE HOME	WIN	
10	SAT	*BREWTON-PARKER	WIN	80-55
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.

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MARCH 2, 4, 6, 1996 DISTRICT PLAY-OFFS
MARCH 15-21, 1996 NAIA NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

95-96 Conference Basketball Stats

AS OF 2/4/96

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

TEAM	FG	FGA	PCT
Georgia Southwestern	818	1569	.521
Berry College	607	1209	.502
Brewton-Parker	610	1242	.491
Piedmont College	643	1321	.487
Shorter College	548	1140	.481
Southern Tech	526	1122	.469
Emmanuel College	648	1388	.467
North Georgia	613	1331	.461
LaGrange College	584	1385	.422

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

TEAM	FG	FGA	PCT
Shorter College	320	457	.700
Southern Tech	367	526	.698
Brewton-Parker	380	545	.697
Emmanuel College	410	597	.687
Berry College	299	441	.678
North Georgia	346	525	.659
Georgia Southwestern	376	602	.625
Piedmont College	344	552	.623
LaGrange College	232	393	.590

3-PNT FG PERCENTAGE

TEAM	G	3FG	3FGA	PCT
Shorter College	20	109	265	.411
Piedmont College	21	115	300	.383
Brewton-Parker	22	122	332	.367
Emmanuel College	22	177	484	.366
North Georgia	21	154	427	.361
Berry College	22	148	415	.357
Georgia Southwestern		24	153	.431
.355				
Southern Tech	24	61	188	.324
LaGrange College	21	150	464	.323

SOUTHERN TECH 1996 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Feb 23	Fri	TriState University, IN	2	Marietta 1:30 pm
Feb 24	Sat	Tennessee Wesleyan, TN	2	Marietta 1:00 pm
Feb 27	Tue	Kennesaw State	1	Marietta 2:30 pm
Mar 1	Fri	Anderson College, SC	2	Anderson, SC 1:00 pm
Mar 2	Sat	King College, TN	2	Marietta 1:00 pm
Mar 4	Mon	Tusculum College, TN	1	Marietta 1200 pm
Mar 5	Tues	Tuaculum College, TN	2	Marietta 1:00 pm
Mar 6	Wed	Viterbo College, WI	2	Marietta 1:30 pm
Mar 9	Sat	Anderson College, SC	2	Marietta 1:00 pm
Mar 10	Sun	Montreat College, NC	1	Marietta 2:00 pm
Mar 16	Sat	Georgia Southwestern	2	Marietta 1:00 pm
Mar 20	Wed	* Piedmont College	2	Demorest, GA 1:00 pm
Mar 22	Fri	Cornerstone College, MI	1	Marietta 1:00 pm
Mar 23	Sat	* LaGrange College	2	LaGrange, GA 1:00 pm
Mar 24	Sun	U. of Minnesota-Duluth	2	Marietta 1:00 pm
Mar 27	Wed	* Shorter College	2	Marietta 1:00 pm
Mar 30	Sat	*Berry College	2	Marietta 1:00 pm
Apr 2	Tue	Emory University	1	Atlanta 3:00 pm
Apr 3	Wed	* LaGrange College	2	Marietta 1:00 pm
Apr 5	Fri	* Emmanuel College	2	Marietta 1:00 pm
Apr 10	Wed	* Berry College	2	Rome, GA 2:00 pm
Apr 13	Sat	* Georgia Southwestern	2	Americus, GA 1:30 pm
Apr 17	Wed	* Brewton-Parker	2	Mt. Vernon, GA 2:30 pm
Apr 20	Sat	* Piedmoat College	2	Marietta 1:00 pm
Apr 21	Sun	Thomas College, GA	2	Marietta 1:30 pm
Apr 23	Tue	* Shorter College	2	Rome, GA 2:00 pm
Apr 25	Thur	Kennesaw State	1	Kennesaw 5:00 pm
Apr 27	Sat	* Emmanuel College	2	Franklin S. GA 2:00 pm
May 1	Wed	* Brewton Parker	2	Marietta 2:00 pm